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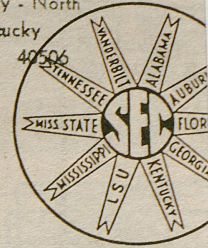


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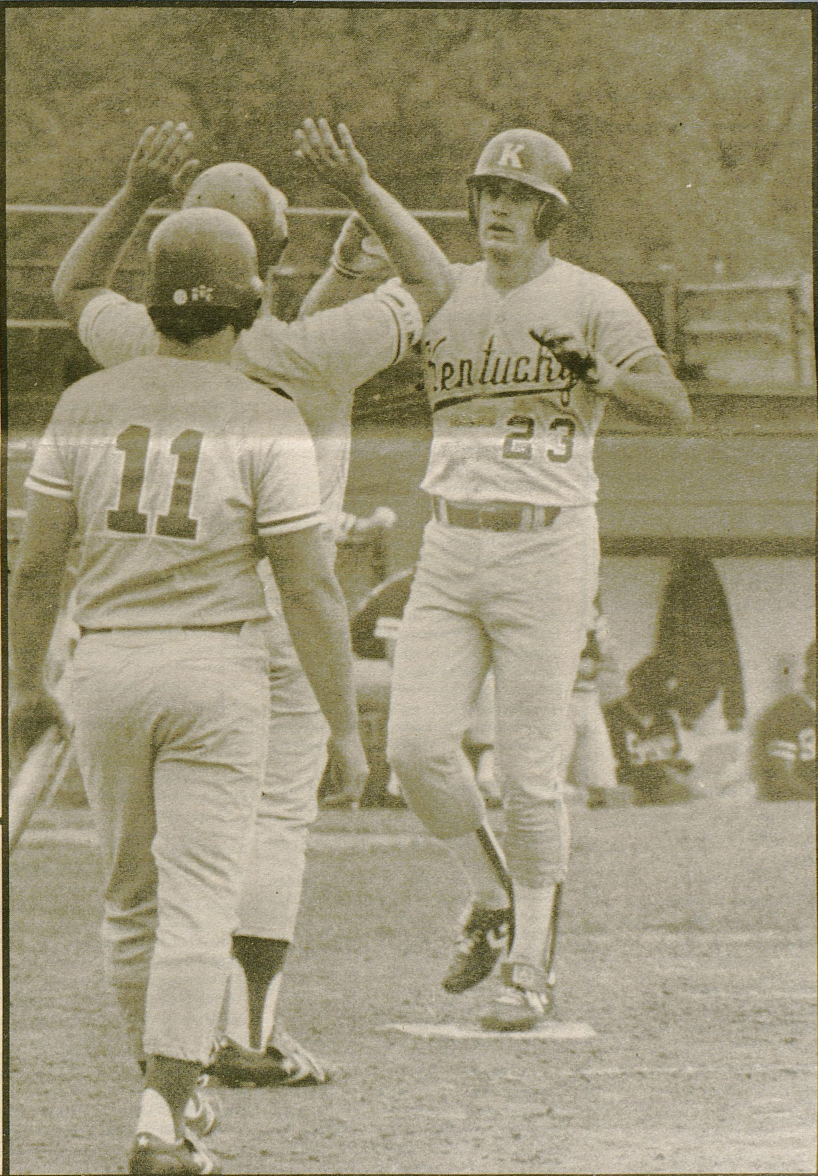
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Reviewing Sutton's Magnificent Seven

From Santa Ana, Calif., To Pensacola, Fla.,
 Young Cage 'Cats Pave Way To Lexington

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Much has been written and said about the incoming crop of freshmen that Eddie Sutton and his staff will have to work with next season. Many have called it the best group of recruits in the country, and one of the most talented in Kentucky basketball history.

Here's a closer look at each of the seven signees:

Johnathon Davis: The 6-foot-8, 180-pound forward from Pensacola, Fla., averaged 15.1 points, 10.0 rebounds, 5.7 blocked shots and 1.8 steals per game in leading Pine Forest High School to a 17-11 season. He hit 59 percent of his shots from the floor. In one game, Davis had 24 points, 15 rebounds and 12 blocked shots. An excellent jumper, Davis broke his high school's high-jump record with a leap of 6-foot nine-inches. Davis is an outstanding student who plans to major in computer science at UK.

LeRon Ellis: The 6-11, 225-pound forward-center from Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., is considered one of the top big men in the country. Ellis averaged 23.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 4.0 blocked shots, 2.0 assists and 2.0 steals per game last season in leading Mater Dei to a 31-1 record and the California state championship. In the state title game, Ellis scored 28 points, pulled down 15 rebounds and blocked seven shots. Ellis was named California's Player of the Year, and has been named to virtually every prep All-America team. He is the son of former NBA player LeRoy Ellis. LeRon played in the Dapper Dan and Derby Classic All-Star games this spring.

Deron Feldhaus: The 6-7, 205-pound forward from Mason County High School in Maysville, Ky., averaged 23.6 points and 10.3 rebounds in leading his team to a 31-3 record and an appearance in the quarterfinals of Kentucky's Sweet 16. Feldhaus shot 57 percent from the floor and 73 percent from the foul line as a senior. He earned all-state honors as a junior and senior and was a leading contender for Mr. Basketball honors this year. His father, Allen Sr., played at UK from 1959-62 and was his high school coach. Feldhaus participated in the Derby Classic and will play in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star games.

Eric Manuel: The 6-6, 200-pound guard-forward averaged 24.0 points, 7.9 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 4.0 steals a game for Southwest High School in Macon, Ga., this season. He was named to nearly every first-team All-

America squad and was the Georgia Player of the Year. The three-time all-state selection played in the Dapper Dan and McDonald's All-Star games this spring. Manuel is considered a swing man, having played primarily in the frontcourt in high school, but may very well see action as a guard in college. His season highs this season included 40 points in one game, 20 rebounds in another and 16 assists in another.

John Pelphrey: The 6-7, 180-pound forward from Paintsville High School in Paintsville, Ky., averaged 20.1 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists in earning Mr. Basketball honors in Kentucky this season. He led the Tigers to the semifinals of the state tournament. Pelphrey was an all-state selection and a member of the first-team all-tournament in the Sweet 16 this year. He finished his four-year high school career with 2,477 points and 1,316 rebounds. He played in the Derby Classic All-Star game and will be a part of this year's Kentucky-Indiana Series, wearing the traditional jersey No. 1, which signifies Mr. Basketball.

John Pittman: The 7-1, 262-pound Pittman averaged 20.7 points, 16.3 rebounds, 6.0 blocked shots and 2.8 assists in leading his Terry High School team to a 25-7 record. The Rosenberg, Texas, product was a member of almost everyone's prep All-America team. Season highs included 40-points versus Houston Lamar and 25 boards against Willow Ridge. He shot 53 percent from the floor and 64.8 percent from the line. Pittman played in the Texas Shootout and Derby Classic All-Star games. Wildcat observers compare Pittman's playing style to that of former Kentucky All-American Melvin Turpin.

Sean Sutton: The 6-1, 175-pound son of UK coach Eddie Sutton averaged 19.2 points and 5.3 assists a game last season in leading Lexington Henry Clay to a 22-4 record and a No. 1 ranking in the state for most of the season. Sutton shot 56 percent from the floor and 72 percent from the free throw stripe. After being named the Sophomore of the Year in Arkansas, Sutton migrated to Kentucky and picked up where he left off, earning all-state honors as both a junior and a senior. He played in the Dapper Dan and Derby Classic All-Star games this spring. In the Derby Classic, Sutton scored a game-high 19 points in leading the South squad to victory, earning Most Valuable Player status in the process.

Proposition 48 Update: Five of Kentucky's seven freshmen have met the NCAA's Proposition 48 guidelines for freshman eligibility. The two who have not, John Pittman and Eric Manuel, took the ACT test on April 11 and should receive the results sometime in late-May or early-July.

Under new NCAA legislation, a student-athlete who fails to meet the Proposition 48 guidelines automatically loses his first year of eligibility, regardless of whether he is on athletic scholarship. Last season, if a student-athlete did not meet the guidelines and did not receive athletic financial aid, he did not lose that year of eligibility. Under the new rules, that is not the case.

Wildcat Notes

UK coach **Eddie Sutton** will coach in the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival July 12-23 in Chapel Hill, N.C. Sutton will be assisted by John Kresse of College of Charleston and Buck Van Juss of Dobyns Bennet (Tenn.) High School. Other head coaches in the Festival include Jud Heathcote, Michigan State (North team), Lefty Driesell, Maryland (East team) and Andy Russo, Washington (West team).

Kentucky guards **Ed Davender** and **Rex Chapman** have been invited to tryout for the team that will represent the United States in the Pan American Games Aug. 7-23 in Indianapolis, Ind. The tryouts will take place at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 14-19. Louisville coach Denny Crum is the head coach for the U.S. team.

UK assistant sports information director **Brad Davis** has been appointed to the NCAA Basketball Media Coordination Committee. The primary responsibility of the committee is to handle all media arrangements for the NCAA basketball tournaments, including the Final Four. NCAA vice president Dave Cawood oversees the committee, which also includes Roger Valdiserri of Notre Dame, Rick Brewer of North Carolina, Ralph Carpenter of Texas A&M, David Housel of Auburn, Don Bryant of Nebraska, Tim Tolokan of Connecticut, Bill Hancock of the Big Eight Conference and Doug Elgin of the Sun Belt Conference.

Davis also has been appointed to the press staff handling the media functions at the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival and will join Wildcat head coach Eddie Sutton in Chapel Hill.

According to a recent addition of *The Birmingham News*, Kentucky has the second-highest graduation rate in the Southeastern Conference over the last decade. The paper reported that UK graduated 20 of 33 lettermen during that time for a percentage of 60.6 percent. Only Vanderbilt graduated a higher percentage of student-athletes over the time period, as 64.9 percent of the Vandy players received degrees.

"Naturally, we are pleased to rank so high," said UK coach **Eddie Sutton**. "We have always stressed academics here and that speaks highly of our program."

"I might add that those figures include players who did not complete their four years here, so in reality, our graduation rate is actually higher than those figures reported."

Sutton and his staff will conduct their annual **Wildcat Basketball Camp** during the three one-week sessions this June. The first session is June 7-12, the second session is June 14-19 and the third session is June 21-26. The cost for the overnight campers is \$240. Among the speakers at the camp will be former Wildcat greats **Sam Bowie**, **Dan Issel**, **Kyle Macy**, **Kenny Walker** and **Roger Harden**. For more information on the Wildcat Basketball Camp, contact the UK Basketball Office at (606) 257-1916.

Kentucky Basketball Signees

| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Pts. | Reb. | Hometown, High School |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|------|------|------------------------------|
| Johnathon Davis | F | 6-8 | 180 | 15.1 | 10.0 | Pensacola (Fla.) Pine Forest |
| LeRon Ellis | C-F | 6-11 | 225 | 23.0 | 10.0 | Santa Ana (Calif.) Mater Dei |
| Deron Feldhaus | F | 6-7 | 205 | 23.6 | 10.3 | Maysville (Ky.) Mason Co. |
| Eric Manuel | F-G | 6-6 | 200 | 24.0 | 7.9 | Macon (Ga.) Southwest |
| John Pelphrey | F | 6-7 | 180 | 20.1 | 10.5 | Paintsville (Ky.) High |
| John Pittman | C | 7-1 | 262 | 20.7 | 16.3 | Rosenberg (Texas) Terry |
| Sean Sutton | G | 6-1 | 175 | 19.2 | 2.7 | Lexington (Ky.) Henry Clay |



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Wildcat Football Fans Hoping For Better Days

It's been a couple years since Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats enjoyed the fruits of a golden harvest and a trip to postseason action, but to the 20,000-plus Big Blue fans who turned out for the annual Blue-White spring game, glory days are just around the corner.

With a strong promotional effort put forth by UK athletics director Cliff Hagan and assistant athletics director Gene DeFilippo UK surpassed its goal of 20,000 fans, who, by the way, weren't disappointed.

Although numerous front line players were held out of action because of injuries, fans left Commonwealth Stadium with high hopes and strong expectations for a new year.

A year ago the Wildcats struggled to a 5-5-1 season which had its normal peaks and valleys.

Record-setting quarterback Bill Ransdell is going, but Claiborne is confident that Kevin Dooley is capable of stepping into Ransdell's big shoes.

And many of the 20,000 or so Wildcats fans at the spring game are convinced junior college transfer Glen Fohr is not only qualified, but ready to give the No. 1 offensive unit a shot from day one.

To say Fohr's arm had fans cheering for more by air and less by land would be an understatement.

Regardless of the quarterbacking situation, Kentucky should have a stronger offensive unit this time around. UK has perhaps its finest backfield in the past 10 to 15 years. It's difficult to recall a backfield with more potential than one including the likes of Ivy Joe Hunter, Al Baker, Kevin Dooley, Mark Higgs and Andy Murray.

Kentucky's kicking game should be solid and the defense should be stronger than a year ago. If there is a suspect area, it could be that of the offensive line which just hasn't performed up to expectations in recent years.

Those who are charged with the responsibility of opening holes for the UK running backs will be young, but the line should still perform at least as well as it did a year ago.

All in all, Kentucky should be a better team this time around.

Of course 1987 will not be an easy one for the Wildcats. Certainly a lot is on the line. No one denies the fact that of the next two seasons facing Kentucky, this fall is more to UK's liking than the one which follows and includes the likes of Auburn and Alabama.

With the sparkling, new Erv Nutter Football Complex nearing completion at the Shively Sports Center, there's an air of optimism around the Kentucky football program.

Just a few weeks ago Hagan created a new title of promotions and marketing director and hired a young, dynamic man (DeFilippo) with a football background to inject some new pizzazz into the public-relations image of the program.

The result?

A surprising 20,000-plus turnout for the annual Blue-White spring game, one of the top three attendance marks in the football-oriented Southeastern Conference.

Yet despite all the positive signs surround-

ing the Wildcat football program, the success of any sport is always measured in the number of wins and losses accumulated by a team.

And Kentucky desperately needs a 7-4 record to go along with a postseason bowl trip to right this unsteady ship that began swaying a bit after back-to-back trips to the Hall Of Fame Bowl back in 1983 and 1984.

Jerry Claiborne is no loser, but unless the 'Cats respond with a winning mark this season, it's going to be nearly impossible to fashion a winning mark in 1988 because both Auburn and Alabama join the likes of Georgia, LSU, Florida and Tennessee along with Vanderbilt and Mississippi State on the Wildcats' conference schedule.

So this is the year if the 'Cats hope to make a dent in the SEC. Only time will tell.

While we're on the subject of future SEC football schedules, we'd like to take just a moment to provide you with some food for thought.

What I'm about to discuss is a topic I talked about to the Lexington Wildcat Club nearly a year ago. It's a topic many of you devout SEC fans probably would just as soon not hear about. But here goes anyway.

As you are well aware, the SEC will go to a seven-game league schedule beginning next season. The rationale behind the change is that it will provide each school with an additional SEC game which should attract a larger crowd (more money) than a traditional non-SEC game.

Sounds reasonable enough, doesn't it?

Yes, but no.

Sure, a game at Oxford between Ole Miss and Florida will mean a large gate for Ole Miss, but wouldn't a victory over a North Texas State be more valuable with 10,000 less patrons than a loss to Florida with an additional 10,000 fans?

After all, with six league games, teams like Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and yes, even Kentucky have a much better chance at going 7-4 or 6-4-1 and going to a minor bowl. What you're going to have with the new seven-game schedule is a lot of 7-4 teams now going 6-5 and staying home for the holidays.

Two of Kentucky's last three bowl trips came in seasons when UK finished the regular season at 7-4 and 6-4-1. Had the Wildcats been forced to play seven SEC games in 1976 when the 'Cats were 7-4 the opponent would have been either Auburn or Alabama.

The SEC has established an outstanding winning percentage against competition outside the conference, something better than 80 percent. Now, the SEC (the schools themselves made this decision) has decided it makes a great deal of sense to trade a winning percentage of 80 percent for one of 50 percent (since the seven non-conference games will now be traded for seven SEC games).

Where's the logic?

Of course, the Alabamas, the Auburns, the Georgias could care less. They'll beat up on the bottom teams anyway. But I believe it will

be costly to the Alabamas in the long run.

Since the SEC has a profit-sharing policy with all 10 schools, every school will be hit in the pocket book when the league has fewer teams in the postseason bowls.

The real cruel blow to the Alabamas and Georgias of the SEC will come, however, when the SEC discovers that the annual high national rankings will evaporate as the SEC teams beat up on each other with a seven-game schedule.

Sure, the powers will win most of the time, but it's doubtful that they'll go through a seven-game schedule without a loss, or just one for that matter.

In the end, the SEC will realize it made a terrible scheduling decision. But before those decision makers finally accept the inevitable, it could crush any hopes of a Kentucky, or an Ole Miss, or a Mississippi State or a Vanderbilt being competitive in major college football.

This is why Kentucky officials should have the courage to undertake a study to see what directions the University of Kentucky should seek during the next decade.

It would be easy to say Kentucky should bolt the SEC and wing it as an independent. You could point to Notre Dame, and then Penn State, and then Miami and even Pittsburgh and Florida State. But it's not that easy.

There's a case to be made for most of those schools on football alone, but one must consider the entire UK athletics program.

No doubt about it, the SEC has been good to Kentucky over the years. It's tradition. And no one cherishes tradition more than me. But I don't believe in beating my head against a brick wall after undergoing a few hundred pints of blood transfusion.

Kentucky football cannot compete consistently against a seven-game SEC schedule period. Why? There are six of them. You start with Alabama, go to Auburn, make a visit to Florida, journey over to LSU, make a stop in Georgia and stop by Neyland Stadium on the way of I-75.

Realistically, with only a six-game SEC card, Kentucky could compete in this league, every once in a while upset some of the very big ones and go 7-4 or even 8-3.

Unfortunately, Kentucky is in a league loaded with pro teams and the Wildcats just don't have the ammunition to fight back. UK is the northernmost school in the SEC. Most of UK's successful recruiting outside the Commonwealth is in the North where the Wildcats hardly ever play.

It probably will never happen but what Kentucky sports needs most right now is a spot in the Big Ten. Today, the Wildcats could compete for No. 4 today. In the SEC, seventh place is about as high as we can aim for.

Kentucky would become the southernmost school in the Big 10. That would be a nice recruiting edge in itself when selling the program to players from Ohio and Michigan.

Proponents of the SEC in the past have pointed to the huge bowl pay-offs to Kentucky as a result of several SEC schools' participation in bowls. At one time, this was a valid

point, but there have and will be two changes.

First, with the arrival of seven league games, there will be fewer SEC teams qualifying for postseason bowls because there will be less impressive records. Secondly, the Big Ten now has more bowl teams. Up until a few years ago, the Big Ten prohibited any school from accepting a bowl invitation other than the automatic bid to the Rose Bowl. That has changed and the Big Ten now sends as many as five teams to the bowls. Add to that the fact that the Rose Bowl sometimes pays more to the Big Ten than most conferences receive from as many as four bowl games.

Kentucky basketball, which has long been nothing more than a hefty payday for opposing schools in the SEC, would benefit just as much when competing against the likes of Indiana, Ohio State, Michigan, etc. What a television package the Big Ten would have with a Kentucky basketball team in it!

Of course, the Big Ten already has 10 members and that in itself is one of the problems in the SEC. The best conferences are those which have eight members.

Rumors flourished several years ago that the Big Ten would have welcomed an inquiry from Kentucky when several Big Ten members were upset with the lack of emphasis placed on athletics at Northwestern.

Like I said it'll probably never happen, at least in my lifetime, but I'd love to see officials at the University of Kentucky at least take the time to check out some options.

I've got this funny feeling we're going nowhere fast on this train which has tracks but no wheels.

May is final exam time around most college campuses, but the hottest topic around Wildcat Country right now are Keith Madison's Bat Cats who are making some big waves in the Southeastern Conference stretch drive as postseason tournament action nears.

Hot off a three-game sweep of Mississippi State, the Wildcats head to Athens, Ga., this weekend with sights on improving their league mark heading into the playoffs set for May 14-18.

Although a relatively young team, Kentucky has been on a league-wide tear recently, having won seven of its last nine, and capped it with a dramatic 5-3 come-from-behind victory over Mississippi State Sunday on Mitch Knox's tremendous home run.

Kentucky staked a claim to a playoff spot (the SEC's top six regular season finishers advance to the SEC tournament at the site of the league champion next weekend) with its sweep and improved its league mark to 14-10 in a game televised by WKYT-TV, Channel 27.

But the regular season isn't over just yet. The Wildcats can play a key role on determining the site of the postseason tournament as the 'Cats close out the regular season with a three-game series at league-leading Georgia this weekend.

Should Georgia finish first, Kentucky will be making a return trip to Athens a week later. However, Kentucky could change all

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Dueling Quarterbacks

UK's No. 1 QB, Dooley, Holds His Ground, But No. 2 Man, Fohr, Is Impressive Despite His Blue Squad Losing 17-13

By Mike Estep

Last Saturday in UK's Commonwealth Stadium, Jerry Claiborne's football Wildcats staged their final scrimmage game of the spring, and many of the 20,235 who passed through the turnstiles for the annual Blue-White game came to get a look at the two quarterbacks who will be battling to take over for Bill Ransdell.

They weren't disappointed. UK's No. 1 QB going into the spring, Kevin Dooley, and his backup, junior college transfer Glenn Fohr, both looked sharp during the intrasquad scrimmage. Fohr put the best numbers on the board—throwing for 280 yards and two touchdowns, hitting on 17 of 25 attempts through the air—and Dooley guided his White team to a 17-13 win.

Claiborne said that those numbers tend to be distorted somewhat because the Wildcat defense was playing basic coverage all day, but still said he was pleased with the performances of his two quarterbacks.

"Glenn Fohr threw the ball exceptionally well on the one drive that moved (the Blue) to a touchdown," Claiborne said. "Then again he hit the long pass for one touchdown. I think Glenn has certainly had a good spring practice and has improved. Not being a backup (dropback) quarterback in junior college, he was kind of a run-and-shoot quarterback. I think he's picked up the offense pretty well."

"Kevin Dooley has had a good spring practice, too. But he was the victim of some dropped passes, especially in the first half. That hurt their chances. But again, Kevin moved 'em in for touchdowns, and that's the thing you're looking for."

Hunter, Bilberry, Higgs Lead Ground Attack

When Fohr and Dooley weren't busy filling the air with footballs, Ivy Joe Hunter, Darren Bilberry and Mark Higgs were showing they could run with the pigskin. Hunter scored a pair of touchdowns on the ground and was the game's leading rusher with 74 yards on 18 carries. Bilberry put the finishing touches on a fine spring by picking up 58 yards on 11 carries. And although Higgs had to leave the game in the third quarter due to a sprained ankle, his 33 yards rushing was tops for the Blue team.

"I thought Ivy Joe Hunter and Darren Bilberry both ran very well," the coach said. "Hunter has had a good spring the entire spring. Bilberry started out slow but has come on strong the last half of spring practice. We're hoping Darren will pick up next fall where he left off, because I felt like he had a good game today. He caught the ball well, and he also made some crucial runs. So I was very pleased with those two today."

While Claiborne was pleased with the passing of the two quarterbacks and the ground game, there were some drawbacks. The two teams were penalized 10 times for a total of 77 yards, and the Wildcat receivers were unable to hold on to many catchable passes.

"We got some penalties that hurt both teams," he said, "and we were trying to get through the game without those penalties. And we had some crucial dropped passes, too."

It was the dropped passes that have Claiborne and his staff concerned. Of all the phases of the game, Claiborne said it was the receiving corps that has been the most disappointing this spring.

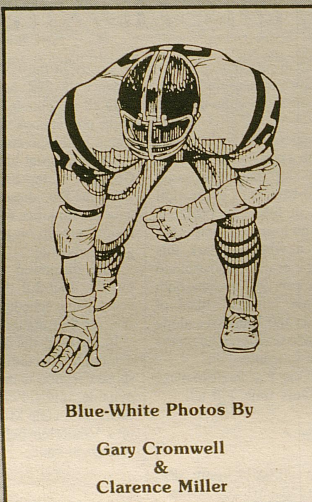
Wide receiver Dee Smith and split end Jimmie O'Neal were bothered by injuries and missed quite a bit of practice time. O'Neal has been slowed down all spring, and a sprained ankle kept Smith out of the Blue-White game. On top of that, tight end Joe Curry was kept out of practice all spring while he recovers from the knee surgery that was performed last season, the fourth time he has gone under the knife for repair to his left knee.

"Jimmie O'Neal has been hampered, and Dee Smith didn't even play today," Claiborne said. "Both of those didn't practice the last week. And they are our two fastest receivers."

And the receivers that have been healthy enough to play have had a bad case of butter fingers. Several times in Saturday's game Dooley and Fohr delivered the ball on target, only to have it fall to the ground as a harmless incompleteness.

"We've just been dropping the ball," Claiborne said. "And we've worked on catching the ball as much as anybody—we've worked at it before practice, we've worked on it after practice. They've just got to continue to get soft hands. That's a thing that has us very concerned."

"And it's concerned us throughout spring practice. This has been a problem, dropping passes. Our receivers, when they go home for the summer, I hope that they'll work hard. And not only our receivers, but also our defensive backs. We just have had a hard time catching the football. And that's been one of our problems throughout the entire spring. But this is something, though, that



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Gary Cromwell
&
Clarence Miller

I still think that our players, if they'll work at it hard enough on their own in the summer months, can improve."

Claiborne said he was mainly interested in watching the offense in Saturday's scrimmage, to see what kinds of mistakes they made, but he did say that guard John Shannon caught his eye several times.

"I saw John Shannon a few times today," he said. "I remember seeing No. 91 a few times."

The decision was made in the off-season to move Shannon from tackle to guard, and Claiborne said it has paid off.

"It's made us a stronger team," Claiborne said of the move, "because now we've got (Oliver) Barnett and (Jerry) Reese on the football field at the same time, and one of them would have been on the bench if we hadn't made the move."

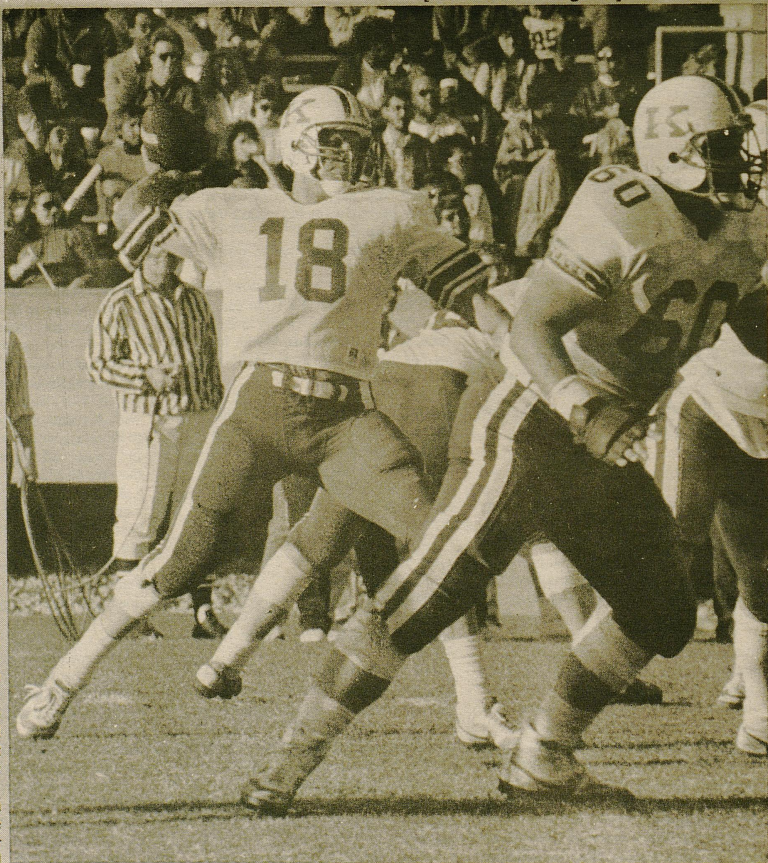
Claiborne also had to be pleased with the defensive play of linebacker Jeff Kremer. The senior linebacker was in on a game-high 14 tackles, 13 of them unassisted.

Kicking Game Still Needs Some Work

Kicker Joey Worley was perfect, hitting two extra points and nailing a 48-yard field goal, but like last season, the punters were plagued with inconsistency. Jeff Nelson punted just one time for the Blue team and netted only 22 yards. Jay Tesar punted three times for a 45-yard average, but Claiborne said that figure was a bit deceiving.

"It's very inconsistent," Claiborne said of the job turned in by the punters. "It's still inconsistent, they can kick one out of the stadium, and then next . . . (Tesar) got a 54-yard kick, but it was

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Senior Kevin Dooley Photographed In Perfect Form

Two QB Hopefuls Emerge From Spring Drills

Dooley, Fohr Leading Candidates For Top Job

Way back on March 25, when Jerry Claiborne's Kentucky football team was just kicking off spring practice, there were no less than five candidates for the starting quarterback job left vacant by the graduation of Bill Ransdell. Look at the roster and there they were: Kevin Dooley, Eric Green, Chuck Broughton, Bill Allen and Glenn Four.

The UK coaching staff was hoping two of the handful would step forward this spring and prove they could do the job.

"We think the talent is pretty even there. It's just a lack of game experience is what we're hurting at at that position," quarterback



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coach Jerry Eisaman said early in the spring. "The potential is there; we've got the kids who can do it. Now we're going to see who rises to the top and gets the job done.

"I have confidence. I think we'll find one or two that will come to the top. We always have."

If last Saturday's Blue-White scrimmage was any indication, they've done it again.

As the final seconds ticked off the Commonwealth Stadium clock, bringing down the curtain on the spring campaign, two quarterbacks stood head-and-shoulder pads above the rest.

With their performances throughout spring drills, punctuated with their play last Saturday, it looks like either Dooley or Fohr will be the starter next fall.

Fohr connected on 17 of 25 passes in the final scrimmage, for 280 yards and a pair of second-half touchdowns. Combine that with his solid play throughout the spring, and Fohr has solidified his place as the No. 2 QB behind Dooley, completing an improbable move up the totem pole. And while Dooley lost the battle of the statistics—he was 10 of 19 through the air for 79 yards before leaving the game with a minor shoulder injury—he won the war, leading the White team to a 17-13 win.

You Already Knew About Dooley. . .

You had to expect Dooley to be there. He was the capable backup to Ransdell for each of the last two seasons, and was as good as gold in leading UK to back-to-back wins against Clemson and Mississippi State two seasons ago when Dollar Bill was sidelined with an injury. Because he worked hard at increasing both his strength and his speed in the winter workouts leading up to spring practice, Dooley was honored with the team's Outstanding Offensive Back award. His success continued right on through the recently-completed spring practice. Dooley left the drills the same way he came in—listed as the No. 1 signal caller on the depth chart.

While it was fairly easy to forecast that Dooley would be in the running for the job—UK's coaches have said all along that he's the man to beat out for the position—when spring practice started, no one could have projected that Fohr, the junior transfer from Hudson Valley (N.Y.) Community College, would have made such a quick jump into contention.

Even Fohr himself wasn't sure he could pull it off. "I wasn't really sure what I could do," Fohr said. "But I felt that if I had good coaching and I tried my hardest, I could at least play with some practice. But I didn't figure I could step right in like this.

"I watch a lot of football on TV, and I see the players and say, 'Wow, how can they do that? They're such superior athletes.' And here I am. It's like I don't believe I'm on the same field with them sometimes."

. . . But Where'd This Other Guy Come From?

But there he was, the unknown quarterback that no other Division I team in the country was willing to sign, contending for the No. 1 quarterback spot after having less than a month of on-the-job training in his new setting.

What he lacked in the way of quantity practice time, he made up in quality.

"We didn't know all that much about him, except what we saw on film," Claiborne said following the Blue-White game. "But we wouldn't have signed him if we didn't think he could help us, we wouldn't have signed a junior college quarterback if we didn't feel like he would help us this year. We think that he came along very, very well. We're pleased with the way he has performed, today

especially."

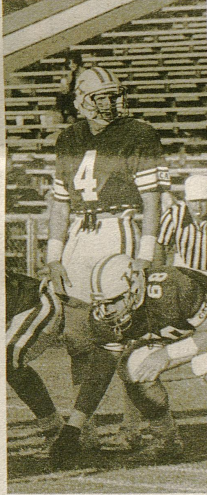
The reason Claiborne was so pleased is because Fohr performed more like a seasoned veteran this spring than the newcomer to the system that he is.

"Each day I'm feeling a little bit more comfortable, feeling that I know what I'm doing out there," Fohr said. "I'm just working on getting 100 percent. I feel like it's coming along alright, but I've still got a lot of work. I've got a lot of plays to learn, too. I only had 20 days to learn basic plays, and that's what we ran here today was basic plays. I gotta get my steps down and get smooth with the backs, make that smooth handoff and that smooth amount of steps, so that we jell and look good.

"Every day I feel a little more confident, it's just been growing on me. I feel that I've got the respect of most of the fellas now. They seem to listen up to me. In the second half when we started hooking up and driving the ball, I could just see 'em staring into my eyes in the huddle and they were just like following me all the way. It felt real good."

It looked real good, too. After falling behind 17-0, Fohr engineered two scoring drives in the second half to bring the Blue team back into the ballgame. With just under a minute to play in the third quarter, Fohr rolled to his left and found receiver Tim Jones wide open in the back of the end zone for a seven-yard touchdown pass, capping a 95-yard drive in which the junior quarterback completed seven of nine aeriels. And then the next time the Blue had the ball, Fohr found Jones again, this time for a 54-yard TD strike.

If Fohr made it look easy, and he did, both he and Claiborne



Dooley (left) And Fohr Battle For QB Spot

had a reason for it. Because of the limited practice time in the spring and because of the possibility that a few enemy scouts were liable to be milling around along with Yogi Bear and the rest of the 20,325 in attendance, the UK defenses went exclusively with only a few basic coverages.

"That has me worried, we had only a basic defense out there," Fohr said, without the slightest hint of worry in his voice. "Anybody can do good against basic defenses. It's what gonna happen when a different team comes in with different defenses and they throw it all at you. That's what I'm worried about, how I'll react then."

Because of Dooley's experience then, Claiborne said that if UK's home opener with Utah State were scheduled for next week, instead of Sept. 12, the fifth-year senior from Cincinnati would be the starter.

"If we were playing next Saturday, Dooley would probably be our quarterback due to experience," the coach said. "And again, he was the winning quarterback (in the scrimmage). But we don't play next Saturday, so we'll have to wait until next fall."

Which gives Fohr all summer to prepare himself to make a run at the top spot, something he says he sees as a challenge, and something he says he's looking forward to.

"Yes," he said, "I like all kinds of challenges pretty much. I'm just trying to keep a cool head about it, and see what happens."

Kevin Dooley will have a big say-so in the matter, but if it keeps happening the way it has so far, Glenn Fohr could be spending a lot of time on the field with those guys he's been marveling about on TV.

Four Wildcats Among All-Stars Selected For Kentucky-Indiana Series

Four future University of Kentucky athletes were among those named to the 11-man Kentucky All-Star basketball team that will challenge the Indiana All-Stars in the annual summer classic.

Leading the way was Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, John Pelphrey of Paintsville, who signed to play for UK during the April signing period. Two of Pelphrey's future teammates at Kentucky—Deron Feldhaus of Mason County and Sean Sutton of Henry Clay—along with Paintsville's Joey Couch who will play football at UK, will also take part in the series.

This year's Kentucky-Indiana All-Star Classic games will be played June 20 at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis and June 27 at Freedom Hall in Louisville. For ticket information contact Kay Lutes, Executive Director of the Kentucky Lions Foundation, at (502) 583-0564.

1987 Kentucky Boys' All-Stars

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| John Pelphrey | Paintsville |
| Joey Couch | Paintsville |
| Matt Eittutis | North Hardin |
| Kevin Ellery | Washington Co. |
| Deron Feldhaus | Mason Co. |
| Desmond Porter | Pleasure Ridge Park |
| Ernest Rakes | Boyd Co. |
| Prince Stewart | Lafayette |
| Sean Sutton | Henry Clay |
| Donald Tivis | Paducah Tilghman |
| LaMonte Ware | Hopkinsville |

Head coach: Marvin Merideth, Russell
Assistant: Charles Baker, East Carter

Tennis



Lady Kat Tennis Player Swings Her Way To SEC Title; UK Finishes 2nd

Lady Kat sophomore Sonia Hahn, ranked second in the nation, defeated Florida's Shaun Stafford last month (April 26) in the finals of the SEC women's tournament held in Lexington.

Hahn won the individual championship with a 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Despite losing the first set Hahn felt confident she could take home the top prize, as she entered Sunday afternoon's final believing she could win. "I woke up this morning and I just had a feeling that I was going to play well," said Hahn.

With a score of 29, Florida, the nation's top-ranked squad, lived up to its billing by winning the event. UK, No. 11 in the country, came in second with a score of 24, followed by Georgia with a team total of 22.

UK was able to finish second because of its outstanding team play. Besides Hahn's top finish, two other Lady Kats helped the team's cause by virtue of their top six finishes.

Those two UK players who had excellent showings were sophomores Chris Karges and Caroline Knudsen.

In doubles competition Hahn and junior Tamaka Tagaki were defeated in the finals by the conference's top-seeded team, Florida's Kathy Goodrich and Jill Hetherington, 6-2, 6-2.

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But Most Important You Get

The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

'Cats Still Have No. 1 Recruiting Class

Georgia, Florida Also In Top 23

Most observers felt that Kentucky had the best cast of players back in November when the Wildcats inked six players and there is no doubt that Kentucky still has the best cast of cagers after the April signing period as the staff of coach Eddie Sutton inked Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, John Pelphrey of Paintsville.

According to Dave Bones who runs *Cage Scope Scouting Service* out of Toledo, Ohio, Kentucky signed six players who are found in his top 100 seniors. No other college comes close to this number of top 100 seniors.

Here's a look at colleges that signed three or more. These colleges head the field and the number in parenthesis indicates the



Rick Bolus
Cats' Pause Columnist

number of top 100 players each inked:

| School | Total Recruits |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Kentucky (6) | Seven |
| 2. Ohio State (3) | Three |
| 3. N.C. State (3) | Four |
| 4. Pittsburgh (3) | Five |
| 5. Michigan (3) | Three |
| 6. Indiana (2) | Three |
| 7. Iowa (2) | Four |
| 8. Kansas (2) | Four |
| 9. Oklahoma State (2) | Six |
| 10. Georgia (2) | Five |
| 11. Oklahoma (2) | Seven |
| 12. Florida State (3) | Five |
| 13. Duke (2) | Three |
| 14. South Carolina (2) | Four |
| 15. Arizona (1) | Three |

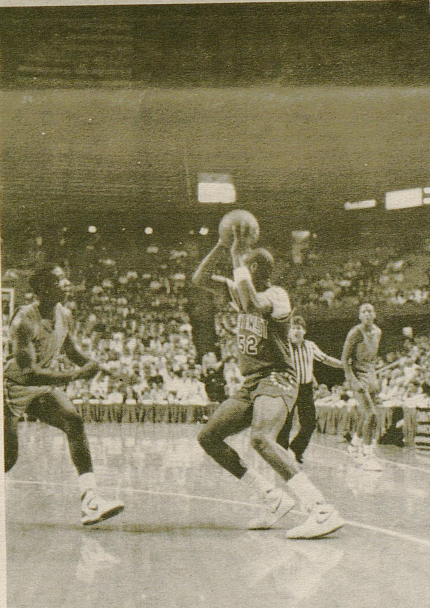
Here's a look at the schools that signed only two recruits or less, but still landed some of the Top 100 players:

1. Louisville (2)
2. Georgia Tech (2)
3. North Carolina (2)
4. Maryland (2)
5. Nevada-Las Vegas (2)
6. Michigan State (2)
7. Missouri (2)
8. Florida (2)

Now a closer look at where the nation's top 100 seniors, according to Bones, will be playing next year:

| Player | Ht | Hometown & School | College |
|---------------------|------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Dennis Scott | 6-6 | Oakton (Flint Hill) Va. | Ga. Tech |
| 2. Marcus Liberty | 6-8 | Chicago (King) Ill. | Illinois |
| 3. Eric Manuel | 6-6 | Macon (Southwest) Ga. | Kentucky |
| 4. Rodney Monroe | 6-4 | Hagerstown (St. Maria Goretti) Md. | N.C. St. |
| 5. LaBradford Smith | 6-4 | Bay City (Bay City) Texas | Louisville |
| 6. Sean Higgins | 6-7 | Los Angeles (Fairfax) Calif. | Michigan |
| 7. Jerome Harmon | 6-4 | Gary (Wallace) Ind. | Louisville |
| 8. Brian Shorter | 6-5 | Mouth of Wilson (Oak Hill) Va. | Pittsburgh |
| 9. King Rice | 6-0 | Binghamton (Central) N.Y. | No. Carolina |
| 10. Perry Carter | 6-7 | Pittsfield (Central Inst.) Maine | Ohio St. |
| 11. Rick Fox | 6-7 | Warsaw (Warsaw) Ind. | No. Carolina |
| 12. Greg Koubek | 6-6 | Clifton Park (Shenendowa) N.Y. | Duke |
| 13. Larry Johnson | 6-6 | Dallas (Skyline) Texas | SMU |
| 14. Mark Macon | 6-8 | Saginaw (Buena Vista) Mich. | Temple |
| 15. Treg Lee | 6-8 | Cleveland (St. Joseph) Ohio | Ohio St. |
| 16. Anthony Tucker | 6-8 | Washington (McKinley) D.C. | Georgetown |
| 17. Jay Edwards | 6-4 | Marion (Marion) Ind. | Indiana |
| 18. David Whitmore | 6-4 | Playa Del Rey (St. Bernard) Calif. | Ga. Tech |
| 19. Barry Young | 6-7 | Ellicott City (Mt. Hebron) Md. | UNLV |
| 20. Johnny Pittman | 7-0 | Rosenberg (Terry) Texas | Kentucky |
| 21. Chris Corchiani | 6-8 | Hialeah (Miami Lakes) Fla. | N.C. St. |
| 22. Eli Brewster | 6-4 | Columbus (Wehrle) Ohio | Ohio St. |
| 23. Lyndon Jones | 6-2 | Marion (Marion) Ind. | Indiana |
| 24. LeRon Ellis | 6-10 | Santa Ana (Mater Dei) Calif. | Kentucky |
| 25. Richard Dumas | 6-7 | Tulsa (BT. Washington) Okla. | Oklahoma St. |
| 26. Brian Williams | 6-10 | Santa Monica (St. Monica) Calif. | Maryland |
| 27. John Crotty | 6-1 | Lincroft (Christian Bros.) N.J. | Virginia |
| 28. Mike Maddox | 6-7 | Okla. City (Putnam City No.) Okla. | Kansas |
| 29. Bobby Martin | 6-8 | Atlantic City (Atlantic City) N.J. | Pittsburgh |

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| 30. David White | 6-5 | St. Petersburg (Boca Ciega) Fla. | Florida St. |
| 31. Brian Garner | 6-2 | Milwaukee (Washington) Wis. | Iowa |
| 32. Clay Buckley | 6-10 | Berwyn (Conestoga) Pa. | Duke |
| 33. Chris Watts | 6-3 | Trumbull (St. Joseph) Conn. | Providence |
| 34. Jesse Hall | 6-2 | Venice (Venice) Ill. | Michigan St. |
| 35. Bennett Jackson | 6-8 | Blenheim (Blenheim) S.C. | So. Carolina |
| 36. Sean Miller | 5-11 | Beaver Falls (Blackhawk) Pa. | Pittsburgh |
| 37. Elliot Perry | 5-11 | Memphis (Treadwell) Tenn. | Memphis St. |
| 38. Rodell Davis | 6-4 | Havay (Thornton) Ill. | Iowa |
| 39. Mike Polite | 6-7 | Daytona Beach (Seabreeze) Fla. | Florida St. |
| 40. Delino DeShields | 6-1 | Seaford (Seaford) Del. | Villanova |
| 41. Johnny Gwynn | 5-11 | Hyattsville (DeMatha) Md. | Undecided |
| 42. Gerald Madkins | 6-4 | Merced (Merced) Calif. | UCLA |
| 43. Anthony Advent | 6-8 | Newark (Shabazz) N.J. | Seton Hall |
| 44. Mark Georgeson | 6-10 | Huntington Beach (Marina) Calif. | Arizona |
| 45. Keith Gailles | 6-8 | Michigan City (Rogers) Ind. | Loyola (Ill.) |
| 46. Sean Green | 6-8 | Mouth of Wilson (Oak Hill) Va. | N.C. St. |
| 47. Jim Horton | 6-8 | Columbia (Rockbridge) Mo. | Missouri |
| 48. Steve Smith | 6-5 | Detroit (Pershing) Mich. | Michigan St. |
| 49. Thomas Jordan | 6-8 | Baltimore (Lake Clifton) Md. | Oklahoma St. |
| 50. Livingston Chatman | 6-7 | Lakeland (Kathleen) Fla. | Florida |
| 51. Chris Seter | 6-8 | Brookfield (Central) Wis. | Michigan |
| 52. Aubrey Boyd | 6-5 | Macon (Southwest) Ga. | Florida St. |
| 53. Barry Manning | 6-4 | Columbia (Eau Claire) S.C. | Undecided |
| 54. Cedric Lewis | 6-7 | Washington (Arch. Carroll) D.C. | Maryland |
| 55. Marshall Wilson | 6-8 | Carnesville (Franklin Co.) Ga. | Georgia |
| 56. Tim Singleton | 6-1 | New Orleans (Carver) La. | Notre Dame |
| 57. Dale Davis | 6-8 | Toccoa (Stephens Co.) Ga. | So. Carolina |
| 58. William Tomlin | 6-0 | Bridgeport (Harding) Conn. | Undecided |
| 59. Robert Johnson | 6-6 | Des Moines (Lincoln) La. | Iowa St. |
| 60. Bryant Lancaster | 6-3 | Valley (Valley) Ala. | Alabama |
| 61. Bill Heppner | 6-8 | Crystal Lake (Central) Ill. | DePaul |
| 62. Kurt Miller | 6-2 | Ogden (Kurt Lomond) Utah | Undecided |



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| 63. Lyman DePriest | 6-5 | Highland Park (High) Mich. | Connecticut |
| 64. Murray Williams | 6-6 | Torrington (Torrington) Conn. | Undecided |
| 65. Lance Kroll | 6-8 | Tulsa (Nathan Hale) Okla. | Oklahoma |
| 66. Rick Butler | 6-7 | Huntington Beach (Oceanview) Cal. | Kansas |
| 67. Doug Smith | 6-8 | Detroit (Mackenzie) Mich. | Missouri |
| 68. Deron Feldhaus | 6-7 | Atlanta (Washington) Ga. | Kentucky |
| 69. Eric Wilson | 6-10 | Detroit (Henry Ford) Mich. | Minnesota |
| 70. Elmore Spencer | 6-10 | Atlanta (Washington) Ga. | Georgia |
| 71. Zane Arnold | 6-7 | Birmingham (Parker) Ala. | Undecided |
| 72. Brian Banks | 6-7 | Chicago (DeLaSalle) Ill. | No. Illinois |
| 73. Ruyce Glass | 6-3 | Hialeah (Hialeah-Miami Lakes) Fla. | Florida |
| 74. John Pelphrey | 6-7 | Paintsville (Paintsville) Ky. | Kentucky |
| 75. Mike Cottrell | 6-1 | Cullowhee (High) N.C. | Western Carolina |
| 76. Sean Sutton | 6-1 | Lexington (Henry Clay) Ky. | Kentucky |
| 77. Dan Alo | 6-5 | Ellwood City (Lincoln) Pa. | St. Bonaventure |
| 78. Ron Reese | 6-8 | Franklin (Franklin) Va. | Virginia Tech |
| 79. Desmond Porter | 6-3 | Louisville (PRP) Ky. | Cleveland St. |
| 80. Ralph James | 6-5 | Jamaica (Molloy) N.Y. | Undecided |

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Terry Hall Resigns From Lady Kat Post

Last month (April 13), University of Kentucky Lady Kat basketball coach Terry Hall turned in her resignation to athletics director Cliff Hagan.

During her seven years as head coach Hall guided the Kats to a 138-66 won-loss slate. However, it was during her last four seasons which brought Hall to her resignation. Hall's 66-47 mark through the '84-'87 seasons was considered somewhat disheartening because potentially, the Lady Kats had the makings to be Southeastern Conference title contenders. In SEC competition, however, her teams recorded a 13-29 mark during that four-season span. Only once during those final four seasons did Kentucky earn an NCAA bid.

In a letter to Hagan, Hall wrote, "It is with deep regret that I submit this letter but I feel that I have been unable to uphold the rich tradition of UK basketball. I thank many people for the opportunities afforded me. I have sincerely enjoyed my years here and will cherish the memories at Kentucky."

Looking back on the bright side of her tenure... in Hall's first season at Kentucky (1980-81) she guided the Lady Kats to a 25-6 mark. On that team were sophomore stars Valerie Still (all-time leading scorer in UK history), Lea Wise and Patty Jo Hedges.

The next season, UK captured the SEC Tournament, finished 24-8, and was within one victory of going to the Final Four.

Enthusiasm started to pick up as in her third season the Lady Kats drew a Memorial Coliseum crowd of 10,622 for their game with tradition-rich Old Dominion. UK won the contest 80-66 and at the time held an NCAA record for the biggest crowd to witness a women's basketball contest.

Times, however, started to get tough. Following a 23-3 mark in '83, UK lost in the first round of the SEC Tournament and was eliminated by Indiana in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, which was hosted by the Lady Kats.

Only in '86 would UK return to the NCAAs, but was knocked out of further play by host Drake in the first round of the Midwest Regionals.

In Hall's last season her team finished with a 17-11 record.

Before she came to the University of Kentucky, Hall coached at Louisville (1975-80) and Eastern Kentucky (1974-75). She recorded a 14-6 record at Eastern, while at Louisville she compiled a 79-54 five-season slate.

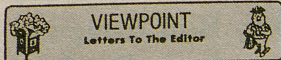
Hagan said the position would be filled as quickly as possible.

Gardner Suspended From Football Team, Will Be Allowed To Regain Scholarship

Kentucky defensive end Carwell Gardner, who last season was selected to the Sophomore All-American Team by the *Sporting News*, has been suspended (disciplinary reasons) by head coach Jerry Claiborne.

According to a Lexington paper's reports, Gardner's suspension stemmed from an incident when he, brother Donnie Gardner and defensive back David Johnson got in an argument with one of the assistants during an April 17 spring practice session. The three players, who were already out of action because of injuries, were participating in common exercise drills. However, the three players were asked to do additional workouts. This all led to a verbal altercation involving Johnson, the two Gardners and the UK assistant who assigned the extra work.

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No More Excuses

Dear Sir:

These are disturbing times for Wildcat fans. We've just witnessed Indiana claiming its fifth national title, and its *second* in this decade. Last year, of course, U of L awarded its fans with a similar feat. Where will it all end? How much longer must we wait, as we suffer the ignominy of seeing IU and U of L (as well as other top programs) achieve glory while we're left with the embarrassment and broken dreams? Of course, we've all pegged our hopes on what should be a great season next year (on paper, we look devastating), but it's getting late!

The warning sounded by Messrs. Williams, Weber and Lavengood in the April 4 *Cats' Pause* is a timely one indeed. Yes, "Cat fans, it's true. The hallowed UK tradition is slipping. Believe me (a UK fanatic among UK fanatics), the signs are easy to read. I've been optimistic to the point of blind faith, but the last two NCAA tourneys have provided me with a rude awakening.

Question: What are the top five college basketball powers in the U.S.? By any measure, and according to most "experts" they are UK, U of L, IU, North Carolina and Georgetown. In the 1980s, the "Big 5" have a combined record of 87-31 (73.7 percent) in NCAA action. They have accounted for a total of 12 Final Four appearances, and six of the eight national titles in this decade!

Here are their stats, school by school:

U of L: 19-4 (82.6 percent) in six appearances, four Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

Indiana: 16-5 (76.2 percent) in seven appearances, two Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

North Carolina: 20-7 (74.1 percent) in eight appearances, two Final Fours, ONE TITLE.

Georgetown: 21-7 (75 percent) in eight appearances, three Final Fours, ONE TITLE.

Kentucky: 11-8 (57.9 percent) in eight appearances, one Final Four, ZERO TITLES.

So kids, which school doesn't belong? Even though most experts still refer to UK as one of the "Big 5" (and, it must be pointed out, in many ways it still is), its recent NCAA tourney performances are beginning to catch up with it. NCAA success equals fame, fortune (ask Cliff Hagan about this one) and glory, three elements sorely lacking in recent years for UK.

Now, one might be tempted to reply that although UK may not have done quite well lately, its tradition still stands above all others. Well, this is small consolation. Traditions CAN die; just ask UCLA. Let's take a look at the Bruins. From 1967 through 1976, UCLA appeared in EVERY Final Four and won eight of their 10 titles! Now that's dominance! But, from 1977 through 1987, they have won just nine games in only seven appearances, with five of those coming (and later being forfeited) in 1980. After a decade of posting numbers like these, only an idiot would still say UCLA is a true "national power." This brings us to one of the sport's most revered axioms: "It's not what you've done, but what you have done *lately!*" And, like the Bruins, UK ain't done much lately.

"Not done much?" you might say. Why in the 1980s UK has won five SEC titles, two SEC tournament titles, been to the Final Four and made the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen five times! Not much? Well, folks, it's all relative. Surely, these are fine numbers. But, as we've seen, they pale in comparison to the success that the rest of the "Big 5" have enjoyed. Listen people, we shouldn't measure our success against anything but the HIGHEST standards. WE ARE KENTUCKY!! That's always meant so much to me, but it's beginning to sound awfully trite.

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Final, Final Thoughts On Final Four

Give Brown, Knight & Boheim Credit

What can you say about this year's Final Four? Exciting teams, record attendance and a championship game that was very entertaining. Indiana is the King of the college basketball world. Syracuse, Providence, and UNLV all had great seasons. It's hard as a player to accept defeat once you reach the Final Four. When you lose, you feel as though the season has been a disappointment. After the losers realize what they have accomplished, the hurt won't really feel as bad.

My picks for the Final Four were Georgetown, North Carolina, Indiana and Iowa. I had picked North Carolina to win it all. So



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Cats' Pause Columnist

much for predicting the Final Four. Because someone lit a flame under Rony Seikaly, Syracuse beat a good solid North Carolina team.

As we know, Providence shot the three-pointer all night long against Alabama. One thing that I couldn't understand about that game was why didn't Alabama make Providence shoot the three-point shots with more difficulty? It was the first time that I could remember a Wimp Sanderson team looking confused defensively.

Coach Rick Pitino has done an excellent job with the Providence program. His team's full-court pressure and up-tempo offense will make a lot of good players want to play for coach Pitino. To be honest, Providence should have lost against Austin Peay. Coach Lake Kelly's squad only had to hit a free throw with two seconds to win the game. Unfortunately for the Gobs, they missed and the game went into overtime. It's very difficult to see a young man miss under those circumstances. It's something that he will always have to live with.

Boy, if someone would have told me that Iowa was up on any team in the country by 19 points, I'd think there would be no way that they could get beat. The way that Iowa plays defense, along with the up-tempo offense, that just couldn't happen. Well, someone didn't tell that to Nevada-Las Vegas. The Runnin' Rebels finally got into the game and came back for a victory. I just felt that Iowa had too many athletes for UNLV to compete against.

Man, was I wrong!

I still believe Iowa got a little conservative in the second half.



The General, Bob Knight, Proved His Worth

It could have been the combination of UNLV's tough defensive pressure and Iowa trying to protect a lead instead of buiding on it. An exciting game with super athletes on both teams.

Opportunity Was There For Cinderella Tigers

Speaking of a super effort, how about those Tigers from LSU. They should have been in this year's Final Four. Indiana fouled freshman Fess Irvin who missed a front end of a one-in-one situation. If Irvin makes the free throws LSU ends up in New Orleans.

A lot of people really give LSU coach Dale Brown a hard time. I think that he is a player's dream. He cares about his players and makes them believe that they can beat anyone. Don't you think that Brown is one of the best motivators in the country?

I really hated to see LSU lose against Indiana. If LSU had won that game, I honestly believe Dale Brown's club would have won the national championship. As wild as LSU fans are, they probably would have blown the roof off the New Orleans' Superdome. I'm not sure how many hoop fans the Superdome holds but I'm willing to bet that Dale Brown would have had the place sold out.

Another coach that upsets a lot of people is Indiana's Bobby Knight.

While more than a fair share love to hate Knight, the bottom line is that the guy can coach. He gets the most out of his players and



Oh, If Only Dale Had Got To New Orleans

they respect him as a man and a coach. He's not only guided an Olympic team to the gold, but he's also won the NCAA championship three times, and is a man respected by his peers. What more can you say about a collegiate coach?

You dream about hitting the winning basket to win a championship. Keith Smart made a dream come to reality. I said earlier in the year that Keith Smart was the type of player that Indiana was missing the past couple of seasons. He is super quick, an excellent leaper and just has super athletic ability. Next year he is going to be the scoring guard on the Hoosiers' squad. I think this young man will be playing in the NBA after next season. After playing under Bobby Knight for two seasons, he will be good enough to be a high draft pick.

Indiana had a very good offensive team, but not as solid on the defensive end. That's very uncharacteristic of a Bob Knight-coached team. This is why I give all the credit in the world for being able to bring home a national title.

Runnin' Rebels Didn't Scare Ol' Bobby

Against UNLV you would think that Indiana would want to try and slow the pace of the game, say into a half-court battle. Because the Hoosiers were using a fast-pace gameplan throughout the tournament, the battling bunch from Bloomington didn't change its style. That's a tribute to not only the team—for being able to beat Nevada-Las Vegas at its own brand of basketball—but to the coach as well.

Whether you like him or not, Bobby Knight directed his Hoosiers to the coveted Division I NCAA Title. And that's something you can never take away.

The Orangemen of Syracuse played great throughout the tournament. Going into the finals is something that this squad can always be proud of. I guess the way they lost has to be one of the toughest things for a losing team to go through, especially in THE final game of the season. If the Orangemen had cashed in on their free throws, the national title would have been theirs. But to say the least, that was a very, very big 'IF'.

With Sherman Douglas, Rony Seikaly and Derrick Coleman returning next year, Syracuse should be a force in the Big East as well as on a national level. Coach Jim Boheim hopefully will then get the respect he deserves.

If there is one thing that I have learned during the tournament: hitting your free throws is vital. If Austin Peay makes free throws, Providence is eliminated. If LSU makes its free throws, Indiana is eliminated. If Syracuse makes its free throws the Orangemen become national champs.

For all of you young kids out there who one day hope to be playing for your favorite high school or college team, please work on your free throw shooting. It could make the difference in winning it all or being second best.

Playoff Bound

Knox's Eighth-Inning Heroics Clinch SEC Playoff Spot, Help UK Complete Three-Game Sweep Of Mississippi State Bulldogs

By Nick Nicholas

With one solid 'clank' of his aluminum bat, Wildcat first baseman Mitch Knox quickly turned a 3-3 ballgame into a two-run cushion against Mississippi State.

Knox's heroics, a two-out eighth inning no-doubter over the left-centerfield fence, enabled Kentucky to pull out a 5-3 victory over the Bulldogs at UK's Shively Field last Sunday. With the win the Bat Cats swept the Bulldogs, defeating the visitors 2-1 and 10-7 the day before.

Televised by Lexington's WKYT the contest also was played before 784 fans, UK's largest crowd of the season.

The big news, however, is that Keith Madison's ballclub is automatically assured a spot in the six-team double-elimination SEC Tournament May 14-18.

Asked if he thought at the beginning of the season his club would be in position to qualify for a conference playoff spot, Madison replied, "I think these guys have played up to their potential and have done a good job. We're right where I was hoping we could be.

"If we can go into the SEC Tournament and play well... if you win it you get an automatic bid (NCAAs), but if we win two or three

so badly he was just a little over anxious."

Knox, one of two UK seniors playing in their final game before the home folks, entered the contest with a team-leading .383 average, including 14 round-trippers. Though State's Tracy Jobs had forced Knox into grounding out three straight times, the Wildcat veteran jumped on a Jobs' 2-2 curveball and drilled it over the fence.

"It was my last at-bat at home... it felt pretty good," said Knox afterwards. "I've enjoyed my career here."

"Mitch just unloaded on it," his coach said afterwards with a slight grin on his face.

Senior reliever Steve Culker (4-0) picked up the win as he kept the 'Dogs at bay for the final one-and-two-third innings. Culker was impressive, giving up only a two-out single in the last frame.

Through the first seven-and-a-half innings Mississippi State was in good shape to avoid a sweep.

Without the aid of a base hit the Bulldogs grabbed a 1-0 lead in their first at-bat. Leadoff batter Burke Masters coaxed a walk off UK starter Doug Sutton and later took second on a wild pitch. Masters advanced to third on a ground out and eventually scored

UK starting pitcher was able to no-hit the visitors for the first four innings. In the fifth, MSU then jumped on the sophomore right-hander for two hits and two runs.

State's Richard Grayum smacked a game-tying home run over the left-centerfield wall Sutton, who was obviously shaken up, threw seven straight pitches out of the strike zone to the next two hitters. By taking a 3-2 pitch for a walk, State's Ron Winford joined teammate Mike McCraney on base.

Sutton appeared to get out of the jam when he forced the next batter, Masters, to ground into a 6-4-3 double play. That wasn't the case, however.

Dan Parado's timely connection over Knox's head scored the go-ahead run. And with Jobs baffling the 'Cats' batters, things looked dim for the home team.

After Riemann's single in the fourth, Jobs proceeded to retire the next nine UK batters, three via the strikeout.

Kentucky blew a golden opportunity in the seventh. With one out, Marshall reached second base when he drilled double. It was UK's first hit since Riemann's fourth-inning hit. Buchanan, meanwhile, unwisely took a 3-2 pitch for a third strike, and then Blythe

at 3-all when Chris Estep lofted a sacrifice fly to left field, enabling Shumpert to cross the plate.

Next up, 27-year-old Mitch Knox. When Knox connected on his home run blow, MSU's left fielder took a couple of steps back and then watched the ball hook over the fence.

"It was a solid hit," said Knox. In baseball terminology, it was definitely a no-doubter.

Before the start of UK's final home series of the '87 campaign, Madison and the 'Cats were hoping for two wins against traditionally tough Mississippi State, especially with league-leading Georgia next on tap. They accomplished that goal with Saturday's twin-bill sweep. Sunday's thriller, though, gives UK high hopes in the upcoming SEC Tournament.

"We were just hoping to take two out of three," said Knox. "We needed to take two out of three to stay in playoff contention."

"This (win) will give us a lot of confidence going into the Georgia series," said Madison. "Georgia has great ballclub; they will be the best team we've faced this year. But, we're peaking and I think we're going to do a good job against them."

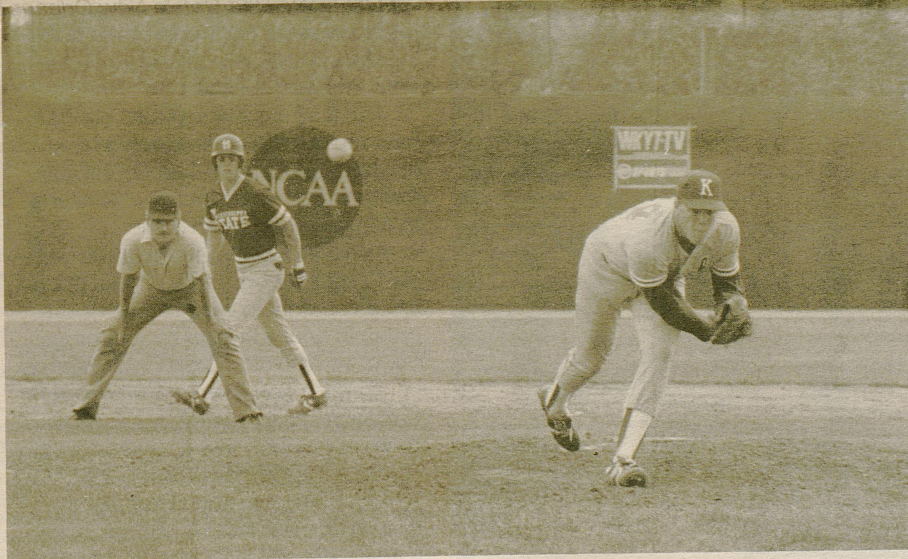
In Saturday's first game, Kentucky starter Tom Deller (5-4) quieted State's bats as UK opened the pivotal series with a 2-1 win. Deller pitched six and two-third innings and allowed only one run on four Bulldog hits.

Terry Shumpert's home run in the third tied the score and UK went ahead for good when Shumpert scored on a wild pitch in the fifth inning.

In the nightcap, the Bat Cats bolted out to a 10-1 lead and held on for a 10-7 win. Kentucky built its nine-run cushion with the help of solo home runs by Mitch Knox (14) and Billy White (6) and a seven-run fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth, State's freshman shortstop Billy Mitchell drilled a grand slam off of winning pitcher Matt Coleman. It was Mitchell's first collegiate round-tripper.

UK stopper Steve Culker, meanwhile, came out of the bullpen to get the last out of the game.



UK Righthander Doug Sutton Delivers A Pitch In Sunday's 5-3 Win Over Mississippi State

ballgames and with our (overall) record and the teams we've beaten then we could very well get an at-large bid."

Kentucky, 35-12 and 14-10 in league competition, closes out its SEC season this weekend with a three-game set with Georgia in Athens. The loss drops State to 31-20, 10-13 in SEC play.

Sunday's win, thus, sends Kentucky into the playoffs for the third time during Madison's career. Not until Knox crossed the plate in the eighth inning did smiles turn up in the Wildcat dugout.

"Mitch did not look good at the plate early in the game," said Madison. "He has had a great year but the guy was throwing curve balls down and Mitch was wanting to hit them

when John Mitchell grounded out to shortstop. The score stayed that way until the second when UK pushed two runners across the plate.

Designated-hitter Darin Riemann opened the second-inning with a shot up the middle. The next batter, Louisville product John Marshall, hit a single past the glove of John Mitchell, MSU's first baseman. Both runners moved up when Jobs uncorked a wild pitch. Following a short fly ball by Robbie Buchanan, the stage was set for outfielder Mark Blythe to knock in the 'Cats' first two runs of the afternoon.

He lined a two-run double high off the wall in right-center. Blythe's seventh two-bagger of the season gave Sutton a one-run lead. The

harmlessly grounded out to second.

In the top of the eighth, MSU blew a chance of its own to add an insurance tally. Against reliever John Hudson, Parado lashed a double off the left-field wall.

Hudson quickly ended State's surge by forcing Mitchell to ground out and striking out outfielder Jody Hurst. Culker then came on to get the third out of the inning.

Time was running out for the Bat Cats. Seven of their nine lives (innings) were in the history books. Only two innings remained.

All-America candidate Terry Shumpert got things going in the eighth with a one-out walk. Sam Taylor then stroked a double into right field, putting Bat Cats at second and third with one out. And UK tied the score

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| Mike Martin, Wes Johnson (5), David McMahon (5) and Barry Winford. Matt Coleman, Steve Culker (7) and Robbie Buchanan. W—Coleman, 5-2. L—Martin, 9-5. HR—MSU, Scott Mitchell (1); UK, Mitch Knox (14), Billy White (6). | |

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DeFilippo Sees Prosperous Future For UK

Both In Basketball And Football

Lately, Gene DeFilippo has been an extremely busy man. As one of UK's assistant athletics directors in charge of fund raising, marketing and promotions his objective is to help the Wildcat athletic programs flourish economically while hopefully enjoying success on the playing fields.

Replacing the retiring Frank Ham, who has been assistant athletics director since 1975, DeFilippo will have some big shoes to fill. However, the 37-year-old DeFilippo is a motivated self-starter who says his previous coaching experiences in college football have helped him during his profession in the administration field.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

The former Tennessee, Youngstown State and Vandy football assistant was hired by UK athletics director Cliff Hagan following a two-and-a-half year stay at South Carolina-Spartanburg, as athletics director.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the personable DeFilippo in his office and ask him questions involving University of Kentucky athletics. Here is part of our conversation:

The Cats' Pause: You've held an administrative position for the last several years. Why did you get out of coaching?

DeFilippo: I got out of coaching for a couple of reasons. Number one was that the recruiting really got to me. Let's be honest about it, it was tough to recruit and you were always gone. It was very tough. I also wanted to spend some time with my family.

I realized down the road my chances of becoming a major college head football coach were not real good. I had a much better chance in athletic administration. (Vanderbilt athletics director) Roy Kramer always told me that you can't coach forever. . . you have to get out sometime. I made the decision to get out sooner rather than later.

TCP: Could you define your responsibilities as a UK assistant athletics director?

DeFilippo: My responsibility is being the assistant athletic director in charge of fund-raising, marketing, and promotion. What Mr. Hagan has asked me to do is spend a great deal of time with fund raising, and develop a state-wide network that is very similar to the IPTAY (I Pay Thirty A Year) Club at Clemson. Our objective is to get a great deal of people to contribute a little bit of money. He (Hagan) is going to give the help in the way of support, people, personnel, and freeing up our coaches so they barnstorm every spring.

TCP: What are the keys to building a solid fund raising program in a Division I athletics program?

DeFilippo: Number one is that you have to have a state where sports are very, very important. In the Northeast for example, athletics are not near as important as they are to the people in the Southeast. I love the Southeast because athletics are important to them. In Kentucky, basketball is very important and I think football is very important as well. I was jealous of the Kentucky fans while at the other places I've been because I think they are the best fans in the country. So, the secret is having fans who care and love their university, and ours do. Then we must go out and let those people understand our needs, and let them understand that their \$30, \$40, or \$50 contributions are very important to the program. . . and that they can become a part of the program by giving to us.

TCP: In the past UK has never gone out of its way or done much work in promoting its athletic programs. What do you plan on accomplishing in this area?

DeFilippo: Well, it's still early yet. We—Cliff Hagan, Larry Ivy, Frank Ham and myself—are all looking at the best way for us to advance. I really don't know exactly the plan we're going to take, but we would like to go the IPTAY way.

We have done a lot of fund raising here. The Nutter Center and Wildcat Lodge are some examples. We want to do more fund raising and get more people involved in our programs. If we had a goal it would be that.

TCP: There are only a handful of athletic programs around the country that have both successful basketball and football programs on a national level. Iowa, Alabama, UCLA are some schools that come to mind. Can UK reach this same level of success in football and basketball?

DeFilippo: It can be done. In the past there are four or five that have gotten it done. But I think you are going to see other teams coming up now, with parity in both football and basketball. Boston College and LSU can be other examples.

I think there are more schools which are going to have good football and basketball programs. I believe we will be in that category. We have the right guy in charge of our football program. There's not a finer coach in the country than Jerry Claiborne. I've had the opportunity to coach against him for five years. His defensive scheme is one of the best in the country, and it has been one of the reasons for his success.

TCP: When you were at Tennessee you coached against Claiborne, who was at Maryland at the time, during the 1974 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn. What do you remember from that game, which was won by Tennessee 7-3?

DeFilippo: The thing that strikes me the most about that game was the play of Randy White (now All-Pro defensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys). I coached major college football for 10 years and that's the greatest single performance I've ever seen by any individual. That includes Herschel Walker, when he rushed for 273 yards against us at Vanderbilt. Randy White was all over the football field. We could not stop him. We were coming out of the huddle and checking away from him because he was so dominate.

There was not much offense in the game. We were fortunate to go ahead 7-3 late in the game. Maryland came back when Frank Russell caught a pass in the end zone, but an SEC official ruled it was no good. Later the film proved that Russell did indeed come inbounds and there was a great deal of controversy surrounding the play. The official did miss it, but in his defense it was an awful close play. That was a critical game for coach (Bill) Battle at the time. Of course, it was a big game for coach Claiborne at Maryland because he was starting to build that program.

TCP: Could you tell us what transpired when Battle was let go at Tennessee?

DeFilippo: There's not a finer man in the country than Bill Battle and I think everyone could agree with that. Coach Battle was tied up in a thing that was very difficult. First of all, he was an Alabama graduate and some of the people at Tennessee never forgave him for that. He also had difficulty beating (Paul) Bear Bryant at Alabama. He beat coach Bryant in their first game and then for the next five years was unable to beat 'Bama. He also didn't have a good record against Auburn but was beating everybody else. One thing that turned the fate against coach Battle was a game against Georgia in 1974. We were 5-1 or 6-1 at the time, and had Georgia down 31-28 with 2:30 left in the game. We were at our own 32-yard line and coach Battle called for a fake punt on fourth down. It was a great call at the time because nobody ever expected it. But our upback missed a block and we did not make the first down. As a result we were tackled for a loss and Georgia quarterback Andy Johnson scored on a keeper. . . we lost 35-31. If we make the block coach Battle would have been a hero. He took a lot of criticism for that call. That was a crucial game for us. Then the next week we lost to a mediocre Ole Miss team on the road and everthing from then on was going bad. A lot of people forget that Bill Battle had a record of 59-22 at Tennessee, and won four bowl games. So that's not a bad job at all.

TCP: What are your impressions of Commonwealth Stadium?

DeFilippo: I think Commonwealth Stadium is a tough place to play. The fans are always noisy and stay till the final gun; the fans get behind the Wildcats. It's a beautiful stadium and a great setting to watch college football.

TCP: Cliff Hagan has indicated that expanding the stadium is the next big project in store for the UK program. What are your thoughts on possibly expanding the stadium?

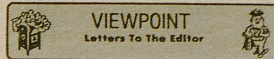
DeFilippo: Coach Hagan said in the paper that he would seriously consider stadium expansion. But he never gave a definite timetable. He just said he would look into it. He was also very concerned that if we had more tickets—would we be able to sellout the stadium? Right now we are close to selling out the stadium, but he wants to keep tickets at a point where they are a little bit scarce.

I think that's good. So, you would rather have a sell-out at 58,000 than have some empty seats at 72,000. You also have to consider the cost and other things. It's something he is very serious about at this time.

TCP: How are football season ticket sales going right now?

DeFilippo: We hope to average 57,000 to 58,000 fans per game this year. We are going to step up our marketing and promotions for football. We are going to run some season ticket ads through Sears. We are also going to run some radio-TV spots with some advertising. We are excited about the fall and I think we are going to have a good football season. I would like to see 58,000 scream-

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Distaste For WLW

Dear Sir:

The decision to award Kentucky basketball broadcast rights to the 50,000 watt Cincinnati station WLW is doing the UK program more harm than good. Bob Trumpy usually precedes the broadcasts with his sports talk show. He is an obvious Kentucky basketball hater, although he will deny that and then call Kentucky fans "Blue Mafia," and justify that by saying he wasn't the one who first used the term.

After listening to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* investigative reporters, he commented that if the Kentucky basketball program was not penalized, something was wrong. Since then, he keeps alive the crusade by pointing out that there have been strong allegations against the Kentucky basketball program which have not been answered.

Bill Cunningham normally follows the Kentucky broadcasts and he holds nothing back about his dislike of Kentucky basketball, and readily agrees with Indiana callers who call the Kentucky program shady.

Indiana followers have happily discovered that they can use the WLW talk shows to say negative things about the Kentucky program, while bragging about their own.

The WLW station calls itself the "Big One" and gives the impression that it is doing Kentucky fans a favor by carrying Kentucky basketball, and that by doing so, it cuts into its precious radio time. Cunningham responds to a long distance Kentucky fan who called to tell him he appreciated the broadcast and politely asked Cunningham why the postgame Eddie Sutton show wasn't on, by saying that if it were up to him, none of the broadcast would be aired by the station, and that in his opinion, anything following the ballgame is repetitive and unnecessary. But for a Kentucky fan who has considered the coach's comments an important part of the program since Rupp, it is very necessary, and very much missed.

The WLW station openly hopes that Xavier basketball following grows large enough so that they can carry Xavier exclusively. I hope so, too. The Kentucky Basketball Network would serve its listeners better by an agreement with WHAS, even under their conditions. Even Jock Sutherland would be easier to take than the above named Bobby Knight scyophants in Cincinnati.

Next fall Trumpy will interview Eddie Sutton on his show and talk to him like a long lost friend. He did the same thing with Joe B. Hall. It's hypocritical, to say the least. He talks to Bobby Knight each fall, too. If he insinuated the things about the Indiana program that he does about the Kentucky program, I doubt that Bobby Knight would talk to him. Eddie Sutton, of course, is more diplomatic than that.

Some call it class. Does having class, though, mean you take abuse?

Sincerely yours,

C.J. Cristofield
Cincinnati, Ohio

From Down Under

Dear Sir:

I am a devoted 'Cat fan, with quite an extensive collection of basketball games on video tape. Having these tapes helps provide that much-needed dose of Big Blue medicine during the off season. Although my collection includes many very memorable games, I want very much to obtain a copy of the 1978 NCAA championship game against Duke. Do

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VIEWPOINT
Letters To The Editor



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you know of any way to get a hold of such? Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

I've recently spent six months living in Australia, where I had *The Cats' Pause* delivered to me. I'd just like to say "Good-on-ya" (thank you in Australia for keeping me up-to-date on the 'Cats).

I'm certainly looking forward to the 1987-88 season, and I think the '88 NCAA championship would be a great way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 'Cats' '78 accomplishments!

Thanks very much!

Sincerely yours,

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(Editor's note: Julie, we will print your address and phone number and hope that a UK fan out there will be able to provide you with the tape of the '78 championship game. Good luck.)

Didn't Like Atlanta

Dear Sir:

My wife and I just returned from the (SEC) tournament in Atlanta. I can't tell you how disappointed we were in the actions of Eddie Sutton, not letting the team sign autographs and meet the fans, especially children, who idolize these boys. I can't understand how he thinks signing autographs can break their concentration. Evidently, it didn't affect Auburn and Georgia that way! Sonny Smith's team and Hugh Durham's team were very cooperative in signing autographs and meeting the people. My compliments to these coaches who understand how important the fans, especially the young fans, are to the game of basketball. If the fans weren't there who would care who won or lost? I hope this letter will show coach Sutton how important it is to the fans, especially those fans who can't get tickets in Rupp, to be able to meet and mix with their favorite team. We enjoy *TCP* every week, keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Joe E. Greer
Hickman, Kentucky

P.S.—I hope the tourney never returns to Atlanta. The Omni staff and employees were the rudest ever.

Wildcat Suspended

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The assistant's name was not given.

According to the reports, the apparent reason to singling out Gardner comes from his inability to get along with the coaching staff.

Gardner did not play in the Blue-White game and currently is without a scholarship. However, he will be given a chance in the fall to earn it back.

The Louisville Trinity product said he'll stay at UK and work hard in hopes of getting back his scholarship. Gardner, 6-foot-2, 213 pounds, lately has been having trouble with his right shoulder.

Already, defensive end is where the Wildcats are hurting at the most. Gardner and junior Jay Dortch are the only two experienced returnees to hold down the left and right defensive end slots in Kentucky's wide-tackle-six alignment.

Injuries Slowing Down Baker's Career

Still, Al Should Be 100 Percent For Opener

Few running backs possess the size and speed of University of Kentucky freshman Al Baker.

"There is a load of potential and ability in that body," said UK assistant coach Greg Nord. "He has the power you want in a fullback and the speed of a halfback. It's a rare combination."

Injuries, though, have kept Kentucky fans from seeing just what the 5-11, 226-pound Baker can do. A broken ankle in UK's third game sidelined him for the remainder of the 1986 campaign and he's missed most of spring practice with a

knee injury. He wants to get better.

"This spring he's been at all of our meetings and at every practice. He's learning by watching but that is different than learning by doing.

"One big thing he could have learned in spring practice is what cuts would and would not work. Moves and cuts that produced touchdowns in high school don't work at this level against bigger, faster players. You can't make the same moves in this league that you could in high school. Al needed to experience more of that."

Surgery apparently will not be needed to restore Baker's left knee to full strength. Instead, he will follow a rehabilitation program of specific exercises under the guidance of trainer Al Green.

"He should be able to come back 100 percent if he works hard enough," said Green.

Nord has no doubts that Baker will do just that. "I'd be both very surprised and disappointed if Al was not ready to go full speed in August," said Nord. "He wants to be the best football player he can possibly be and he'll work to make sure he's ready. If hard work is all he needs, then Al will be ready."

If he is ready for the 1987 season, he should team with Mark Higgs, Ivy Joe Hunter and Andy Murray to give UK a talented backfield.

"We do feel good about our backfield situation," said Nord. "We have some good players but they all have room for improvement. We have things we must do better to be successful. However, the overall talent is there to have an outstanding backfield."

JUNIOR COLLEGE transfer Glenn Fohr was one of the most pleasant surprises during spring football practice at Kentucky.

"He has really been a pleasant surprise," said UK quarterback coach Jerry Eisaman. "He has understood things we have tried to tell him because he's a quick learner. He has learned things some kids haven't picked up in two years."

Fohr, who completed 13 of 18 passes for 130 yards during one scrimmage, led Hudson Valley (N.Y.) Junior College to a 5-4 mark in 1986. However, Kentucky was the only Division I school to offer a scholarship.

He has had to learn a new system since enrolling at UK in January and still doesn't know the names of all of his teammates. But that has not kept him from moving ahead of Eric Green, Bill Allen and Chuck Broughton into the number two spot behind veteran Kevin Dooley.

"We didn't expect him to move up so fast but he has really performed well," said Eisaman. "He has a strong arm and has the ability to throw on the run. He's also shown he can move a team."

Dooley, though, apparently has won the number one job after serving as Bill Ransdell's backup the last two seasons.

"He has looked good against some good competition," said the UK assistant coach. "His leadership has been excellent and he knows and understands our system."

RUNNING BACK Mark Higgs won't reveal his goals for the 1987 season, his final one at Kentucky. However, it's no secret that he would like to break more long runs.

"I'm working on my moves in the open field because I want to have some more long runs," said Higgs. "Last year we didn't get a lot of long runs and it hurt us."

Last season his longest run was 24 yards against Virginia Tech. It was his only run over 20 yards.

That was quite a letdown for Higgs, who had scoring runs of 84, 76 and 41 yards his first season at Kentucky.

"I've worked hard on my speed and all my skills," said Higgs. "I want to be a big-play guy again and put some excitement in the offense."

If he can, it would give the entire offense an emotional lift. "It would really mean a lot to us if Mark could break some of those long runs again," said offensive guard Brad Myers. "But just because he didn't have any long runs last year doesn't mean he didn't run well."

"Maybe he didn't get enough downfield blocks to have those big runs. Most long runs have a great effort by a wide receiver or somebody to make a downfield block or two. We know if we give Mark the chances, he'll deliver."



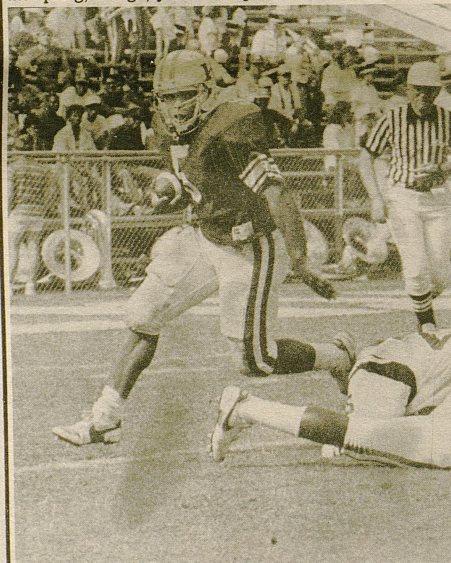
Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

knee injury.

"We were really counting on Al for a lot of help, especially next year," said Nord. "Unfortunately, he's just not had a lot of practice time and that is something a freshman really needs. He got to practice about one month in the fall and had about two or three days this spring.

"He needs to work on his blocking just like most freshmen do. Sometimes in the fall you can't spend a lot of time on fundamentals because you are getting ready to play games. In the spring, though, you can stop a drill and show a player



UK Staff Hopes Baker Is Better Than Ever

what he needs to be doing. Those little fundamentals start becoming second nature in the spring. That's what Al is missing."

Baker rushed for 5,350 yards in his career at Trigg County High School. He was rated as the top prospect in the south and the second best in the nation by the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution" after his senior year.

The talented Baker was also a state high school weightlifting and track champion. He won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes at the state track meet. This spring he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.46, 4.54 and 4.55 seconds for pro scouts at UK.

He saw limited action last season at Kentucky before being injured. He gained 64 yards in 15 carries with a long run of 14 yards before breaking his ankle at Cincinnati. However, he still has four years of eligibility remaining.

"The injury last fall and now the one this spring have been major disappointments to Al," said Nord. "However, he is a

'Ups & Downs' . . . A Part Of Spring Ball

Dropped Passes, Penalties Worry Claiborne

Ups and downs. With the 1987 Blue-White game officially ending another spring session, there were some positive as well as negative points to consider.

First, the positive assessments.

*Glenn Fohr: His ability to adapt and progress in a new system had to be somewhat of a surprise to Jerry Claiborne and his staff. Fohr, though against a limited defense (no stunts), completed 17 of 25 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns.

Stepping up from the junior college ranks to the Division I level



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

is altogether a new height which he had never before experienced.

"Glen Fohr threw the ball, I thought, exceptionally well," said Claiborne about his No. 2 quarterback. "Glenn has certainly had a good spring practice and has improved. Not being a backup (drop-back) quarterback in junior college, he was kind of a run-and-shoot quarterback, I think he's picked up the offense pretty well."

Fohr realizes this game will in no way compare to what he possibly could face when Sept. 12 rolls around. Still, a gallant second-half effort by Fohr and his Blue teammates almost spelled victory for the Blue squad.

Impressive statistics are nice but winning is most important. Right, Glenn?

"I'm just trying my best," said Fohr. "I don't worry about numbers, you know, how many completions and stuff like that. I hardly look at that stuff. I just go out there and try to have fun and win some ballgames."

*Kevin Dooley: His performance wasn't as eye-catching as Fohr's, but Kentucky's No. 1 man at the helm did lead his White team to a 17-0 advantage in the first half. He later was forced to the sidelines where an icebag was awaiting his injured shoulder after a second-half sack.

Confidence. That's all this fifth-year senior needs. Two seasons ago that wasn't a problem, as he replaced an injured Bill Ransdell and guided UK to impressive wins over Clemson and Mississippi State.

Then came an unforgettable rainy evening in Baton Rouge.

Unable to put a single point on the board two seasons ago at LSU, Dooley's confidence sank into the muddy turf at Tiger Stadium following UK's 10-0 setback. He definitely took the loss too seriously, as Dooley blamed himself and no one else.

Now, behind No. 18 there appears to be a different Kevin Dooley. He was the first-string quarterback for the Kentucky Wildcats at the beginning of the '87 spring session and remains that way today. With a litter of inexperienced 'Cats nipping at his feet, Dooley has to believe that he *can* get the job done.

His teammates are confident that he *can*.

"Kevin definitely carried our team today," said White teammate Ivy Joe Hunter. "He's a leader, he knows what to do in certain situations. We just need that leadership in the huddle and we got that from him."

*Ivy Joe Hunter: According to Claiborne, Hunter had a solid spring session. It showed, too. Against the Blue team, the junior-to-be rambled for 74 yards on 18 carries (4.1 yards per carry) and two touchdowns. He also was on the receiving end of four passes netting 39 yards.

Kentucky's lack of execution inside the opponent's 20-yard line last season was a problem for the Wildcats and their coaching staff. But Hunter's two short touchdown runs should help erase the dreadful nightmares of last season and give hope for the future.

His first score came when soared up the middle over a pack of would-be defenders. Later, Hunter's second score came when he carried the ball seven yards and across the Blue's goal line.

"This spring we moved the ball well around the field, but weren't able to put it in as much as we would have liked to," said Hunter. "When we get it down there (inside the opponent's 20-yard line) . . . the thing for us to do is to get it in the end zone. It doesn't matter how far down the field you drive if you don't score."

Hunter, a speedy back who has had his share of injuries in the past, stayed away from the injury bug which recently invaded the Wildcat camp. This particular injury bug left a vicious bite on many players, among those runningback Al Baker.

"It's been a rough spring, there's been a lot of people hurt," said Hunter. "I'm just glad that I was able to play today."

And play he did!

*Overall effort: Both units in the Blue-White intrasquad scrimmage showed signs of aggressiveness, an intangible the UK coach will be looking for come Sept. 12.

"It looked like they went after each other pretty good," said Claiborne. "And I thought that phase of our spring practice has been good. We have been an aggressive football team this spring. There was some real good aggressive hitting out on the field today, and we're proud of this."

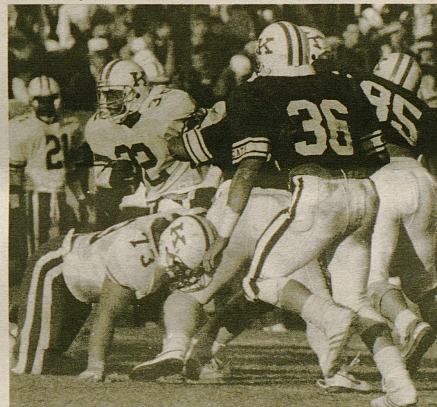
Defensively, for most of the evening both teams converged to the ball with authority. The White squad recovered two fumbles and picked off one pass while the Blues had a fumble recovery and an interception.

Jeff Kremer (Blue) and John Shannon (Blue) contributed plenty of hard hits to White ballcarriers. Kremer, a senior linebacker, had a game-high 14 stops, 13 of which were unassisted. "I know he was trying to fire up the whole team," said Claiborne. "He made some good plays on the goal line. . . I noticed that."

Shannon recorded nine stops, including one quarterback sack.

Now, for the negative assessments:

*Dropped passes: Glen Fohr's first pass of the night, a long heave to an open Tim Jones, was mishandled and dropped inside the White's 10-yard line. A few more should-have-beens turned into in-



Hunter Stayed Away From Injury Bug

completions, especially by the Whites. But this wasn't new news to Claiborne.

"You don't know what would have happened if we'd have caught the first pass, the long pass that was thrown when the Blue had the ball. This has concerned us throughout spring practice. This has been a problem, dropping passes."

"Our receivers, when they go home for the summer, I hope that they'll work hard. Not only our receivers, but also our defensive backs. We just have had a hard time catching the football. And that's been one of our problems the entire spring."

*Penalties: Offside penalties in particular were aplenty during the game and damaging. One which quickly comes to mind is the five-yard miscue in the second-quarter which forced Joe Worley (White) to kick a 48-yard field goal instead of from 43. "We got some penalties that hurt both teams," said Claiborne, "and we were trying to get through the game without those penalties."

*Kicking game: Although Jay Tesar was credited with a 54-yard boot, the ball actually rolled, bounced and sputtered for about 30 yards. Thus, his 45-yard average—three boots for 135 yards—is somewhat misleading. Jeff Nelson punted only once (22 yards) but dropped a first-quarter snap and was smothered for a loss by the Whites.

To say the least, Claiborne wasn't too happy with the performance of his two punters.

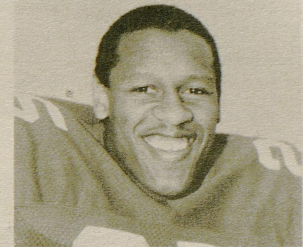
"It's still very inconsistent," he said. They've got good legs; they'll kick one out of the stadium, and then (pause) we get a 54-yard kick but it's not a good kick. It was so bad the short man couldn't field it and then it rolled for 30 yards. They just need to concentrate. It's a lot like dropping passes—you've got to concentrate and catch the ball and you've got to concentrate when you kick the ball.

"I was pleased with Joey when he hit that 48-yarder. We also

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Fifth Round Is Charm For UK's Logan and Mayes; Jets Pick Ransdell

Both Marc Logan and Tony Mayes will get the opportunity they wished for—a shot at NFL careers. The two former Kentucky Wildcat players were both chosen in the fifth round last week (April 28) during the annual



Marc Logan—Bengals

National Football League draft.

Logan, who played both fullback and tailback as a senior, was chosen by AFC Central representative Cincinnati. Tampa Bay selected Mayes, a Paintsville product.

Now, it's up to them to give it all they've got.

Marc Logan—A couple of months ago one pro scout timed Logan in the 40-yard dash in less than 4.3 seconds. Lately, though, he's trying to get back to 100 percent status following a recent hamstring pull. The Bengals held a mini-camp, which Logan was scheduled to attend, for rookies, free agents and one-year members during the first weekend in May.

While completing his career with 3,030 all-purpose yards, in '86 Logan rushed for 546 yards on 109 carries (second best on team), caught 20 passes for 155 yards (fourth best), and tacked on 36 points (third best). Logan, who graduated from Lexington Bryan Station High School, was a four-year letter winner for Jerry Claiborne's program.

He's best remembered for his two touchdowns against Wisconsin in the '84 Hall of Fame Bowl. And while UK was collecting the team trophy for winning the postseason contest, Logan was carrying around the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Tony Mayes—It may be fate that Mayes



Tony Mayes—Bucs

was selected by a Florida organization, the Tampa Buccaneers. Last season against the University of Florida, the Wildcat cornerback was at his best—breaking up four Kerwin Bell attempts, and causing and recovering a fumble near the end of the game which secured UK's 10-3 upset victory.

According to reports Mayes, a former running back, is in the best condition of his career. The day after he was drafted, Mayes was scheduled to fly to Tampa Bay for its mini-camp. If he makes the squad he will be

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Sean Sutton Wheels And Deals For 19 Points En Route To MVP Honors In McDonald's Derby Festival Classic

With some mighty flashy play, Kentucky Wildcat signee Sean Sutton dazzled the 19,041 in attendance at Freedom Hall during last month's McDonald's Derby Festival Classic, which was won by the South 121-94.

Sutton turned in a "Most Valuable Player" performance by leading the South with 19 points and six assists. He drilled eight of 12 from the field including one of two from three-point range. Also joining in bashing the North All-Star squad were future UK teammate LeRon Ellis and Louisville PRP's Desmond Porter with 18 points, respectively.

Porter has signed a letter-of-intent to play with Cleveland State.

The North was paced by Thomas Jordan with 14 points, followed by three players with 13 apiece. Jerome Harmon, Barry Young and Mike Massucci all chipped in 13. Harmon was the big attraction on the evening. Not only was his dunking show a treat to the record crowd but his college choice was still up in the air.

Entering the game his top three choices were Purdue, Louisville and DePaul. However, at halftime during the finals of the dunking contest, he raised a No. 1 signal to the crowd while chants of "U of L, U of L" followed.

A couple of days later, the sky-walking Harmon made it official by announcing he would attend the University of Louisville.

Chants of "Go Big Blue" also filled the arena.

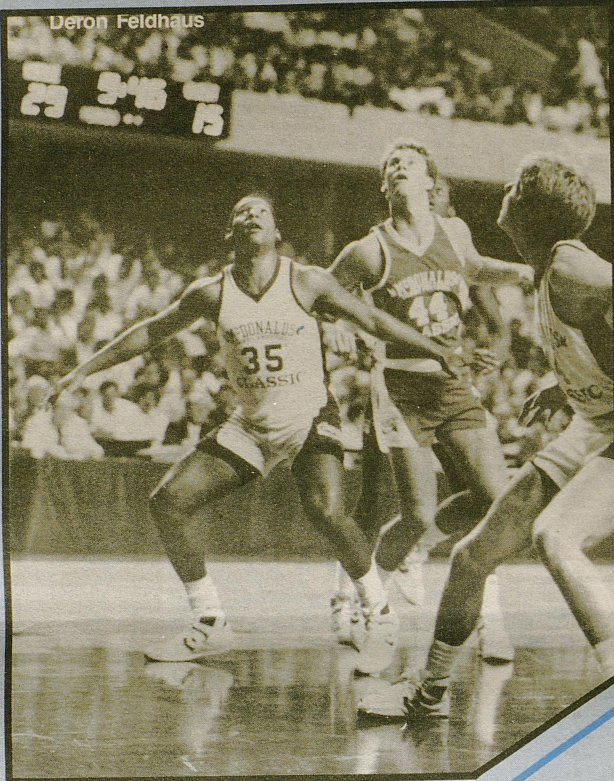
For University of Kentucky fans the game featured six of its seven signees. Only Macon (Ga.) Southwest star Eric Manuel did not play.

Seven-footer Johnny Pittman impressed the crowd with his overall strength and size. He pounded the boards for seven rebounds while hitting on six of 10 from the field. In his first Kentucky appearance Pittman scored 12 points in 21 minutes of action.

Although he was only two of 12 from the field, Johnathon Davis pulled down 11 rebounds, second only to (South's) Livingston Chatman's 12 and (North) Richard Dumas' 11.

UK recruit Deron Feldhaus contributed

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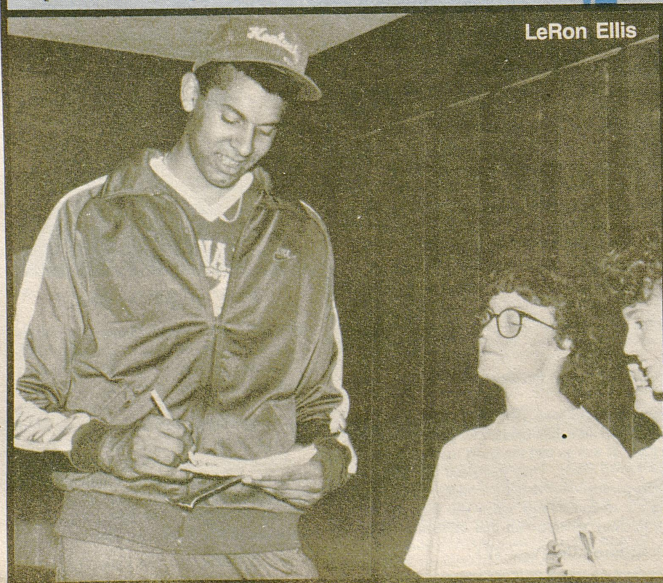
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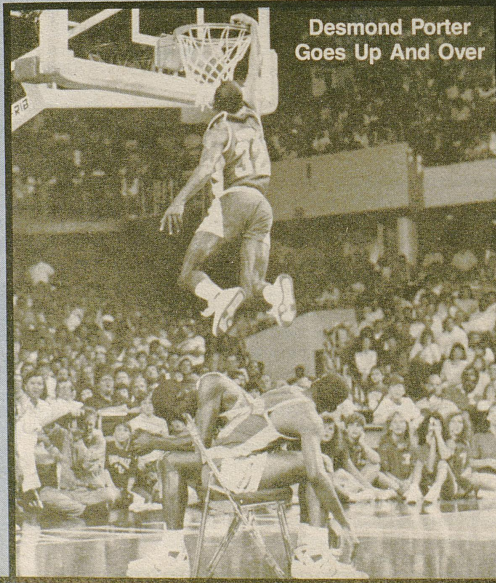
John Pelphrey & Coach Sutton



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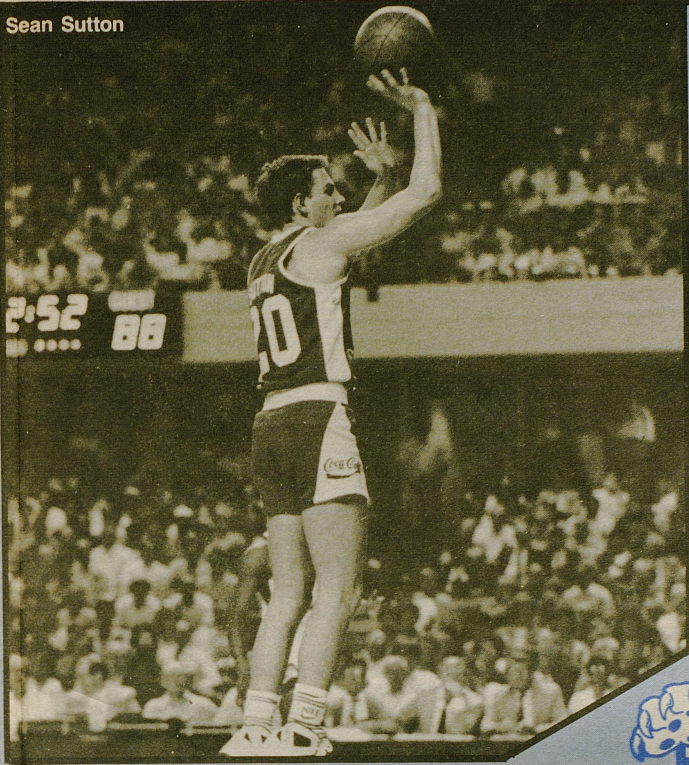


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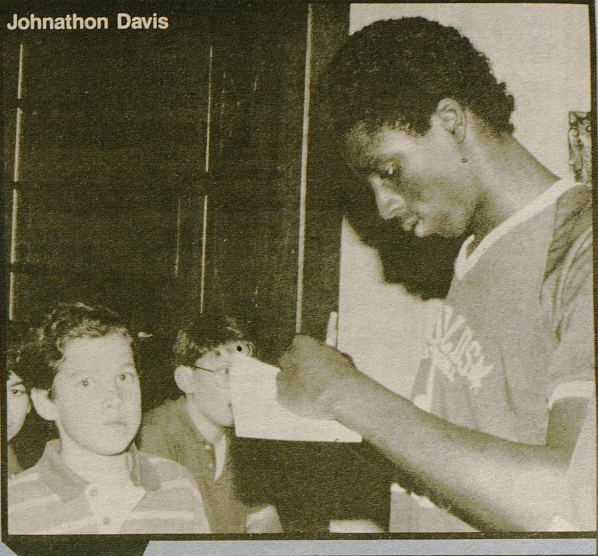


Desmond Porter Goes Up And Over

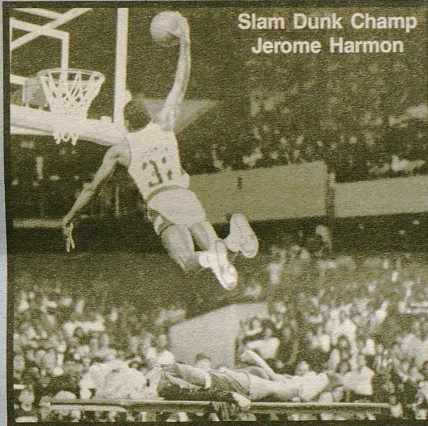
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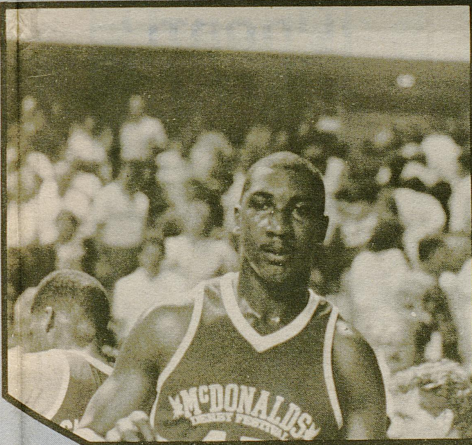
Johnathon Davis



Slam Dunk Champ
Jerome Harmon

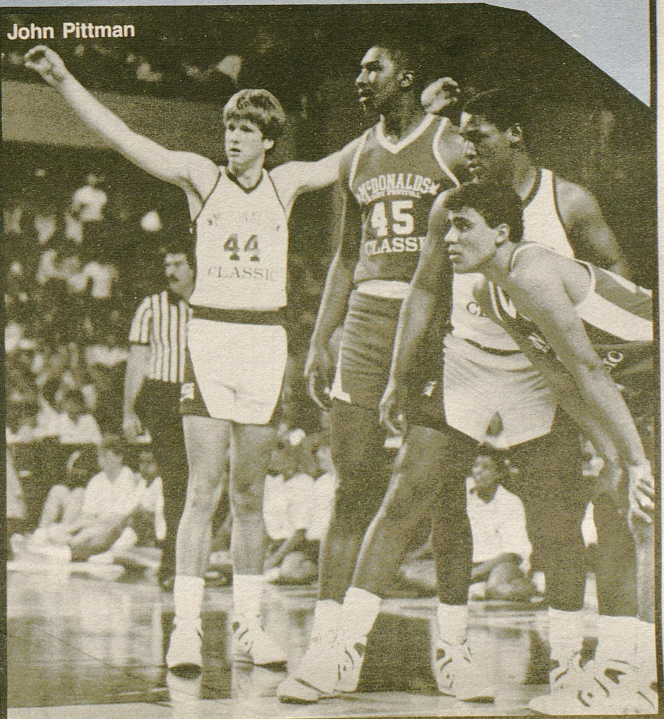


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In NCAAs, There's No Place Like Home

Vitale Hails Michigan To No. 1 Spot In '88

In response to a question posed by the Division I Basketball Committee, there were more than 50 schools which indicated they would be willing to host a first round regional knowing their team would not be a participant. And the chairman of that committee, Virginia athletics director Dick Schultz, says one of his major goals is to get every team to a neutral site for tournament games. Now, what possible reason can there be for any team at any time having the home court advantage in an NCAA tournament game? The fact that one team in the Final Four during the last two years began play with two first round games at home (LSU last year and

asked the NCAA to make game officials accountable by forcing them to answer reporters' questions following tournament games. On a less formal basis the coaches also discussed not scheduling games during those days in January when the NCAA holds its annual convention. The feeling is this would allow coaches to attend and be represented as a voice. Also a number of leading coaches favor organizing into a union and the presence of Larry Fleisher, head of the NBA Players' Association, during the weekend was duly noted.

Notre Dame guard David Rivers was named as recipient of the United States Basketball Writers' Association/Coors Light Most Courageous Award. This honors an individual in basketball who has demonstrated remarkable courage in an adverse situation. Rivers, as you recall, was nearly killed in an automobile accident last summer and then defied all the medical experts by returning to play for the Fighting Irish this season. Rivers was scheduled to be in New Orleans to receive the award, but two days before departing was admitted to a hospital in South Bend where it was determined he needed additional surgery to repair adhesions which had formed in the area of the original injury. Rivers spoke to writers from his bed and indicated he would follow a rigorous therapy program during the spring and summer months.

Sure he's noisy, but if you think about it what Dick Vitale says is most often both accurate and insightful. However, when he picks Michigan as the preseason No. 1 team nationally I suspect something in the cajun creole must have adversely affected his thought processes. In truth if Wolverine coach Bill Frieder gets his team to finish in the first division of the Big Ten he'll have turned in an outstanding coaching job. Has there ever been a better endorsement for the value of junior college basketball than Indiana's national championship this year? Those tiny campuses will be overrun with major college recruiters in the coming months.

I disagree with those who say parity is greater than ever in college basketball. Today there are about 35 programs which are geared up to win a national championship. If you look at recent Cinderella stories, even that of Cleveland State one year ago, you find these unknown teams may win a game, or two as the Vikings did, or even three, but sooner or later they'll bump into one of the Big 35 which is on its game and that's the end of the party. Also, understand this: Providence was not in the category of a "Cinderella." The administration at this school put together a financial package in excess of \$200,000 per year for its coach, the location is in an excellent recruiting area and there's the Big East's television exposure factor. All the tools are in the kit and the surprise, if there was one, came from the fact coach Rick Pitino got the team here a bit more quickly than might have been expected given the sickly condition of the program two years ago.

Well, Syracuse finally broke through the sound barrier and did well in an NCAA tournament. Despite the loss in the final, I think the program may now be ready to step into an elite category with Louisville and North Carolina as schools which tee it up every year with adequate equipment to compete for a national championship.

Even Crusty Ol' Bobby Knight Can Change!

A couple of years ago I wondered if Bobby Knight would ever get a team back to the Final Four let alone win another championship because he seemed to have been caught up in the swell of his own coaching genius. Looking at his recruiting efforts, I sensed he had come to believe in the infallibility of his sideline skills and that seemed an awfully dangerous way to view things. Given the quality of players arriving at Michigan, Purdue, Iowa and Illinois versus those at Indiana it seemed clear the Hoosiers just weren't equipped to compete—Bobby Knight or no Bobby Knight. But he learned and changed turning to, of all places the junior colleges. And rather than stifle the creative instincts of Keith Smart he sought to take advantage of them. Same with Dean Garrett, the big center. This team was, as Knight admits, not a dominant one, but it fit nicely, was very well prepared, and seemed to enjoy things a lot more than some other teams coming out of Bloomington.

I trust someone else has noted how much better LSU coach Dale Brown has fared in NCAA play since he junked the game plan he threw at Navy and David Robinson two years ago. Mentioning Robinson, he was in New Orleans during the Final Four accepting numerous Player of the Year Awards and it was impossible not to be impressed by his demeanor. Truly a nice kid. I hope he enjoys a long and successful NBA career, but I'm not among those who think that's a given.

Al McGuire's Sunday afternoon television special on the tournament was his best. Ever. And what about a headline or two concerning the fact not one player tested positively for drugs. Had it been any other way you can be sure the large type would have

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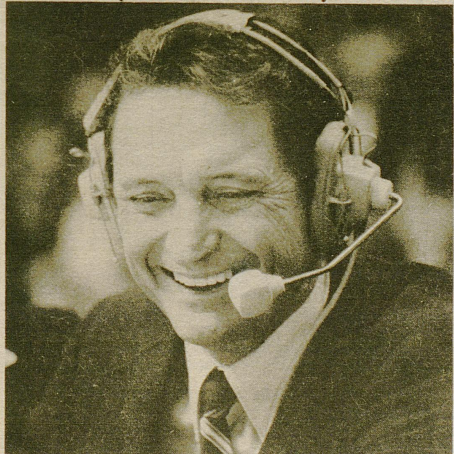
Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

Syracuse this year) indicates there is, in fact, something to be said for playing in familiar surroundings.

Another dilemma facing the committee is the matter of dome facilities for the Final Four. On one hand the presence of nearly 65,000 fans for the two sessions here in the Superdome underscores the tremendous interest in the event. "I believe we could play these games in Michigan's football stadium with 105,000 seats and sell it out," says Schultz. But for the purist this is the worst imaginable kind of place to play basketball. Of the 65,000 seats here probably no more than 10,000 could be considered better than adequate for viewing a basketball game. Still, the fans come and seem to enjoy. And next year in Kansas City once space for the media is taken and tickets are allotted to the coaches and participating teams there will be about 3,000 left for the general public and that's not a healthy situation either.

Three of the next five Final Fours will be played in domed football arenas (Seattle in 1989, Indianapolis in 1991 and Minneapolis in 1992) with stops at Denver and Kansas City where the arenas



McGuire Keeps Getting Better And Better

seat about 18,000. My prediction is the domed stadiums will be used in four of every five years with 25,000-seat arenas like those in Charlotte and Lexington to still have a chance to host the event. Currently there are about five cities which have both the domed stadium and adequate hotel space, but in the 1990s surely that number will expand.

Final Four. . . How Bad Do You Want It?

How fierce is the competition to host the Final Four? I'm told Dallas representatives have indicated to the NCAA they'll pay the lost revenues between having the games at a domed stadium and having them in the 17,000-seat Reunion Arena. What Big D will end up doing instead is putting up a domed stadium for the baseball team and then luring another Final Four.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches held some lively board meetings here during Final Four weekend. Among other things the group lashed out at critical television announcers and

Triple-A Redbirds Drop UK's Bat Cats In 20-11 Slugfest

Louisville's Redbirds, the Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, roughed up UK starting pitcher Steve Culkar for five hits and seven runs in the first two innings, and then held on to post a 20-11 win over the Bat Cats in an exhibition game played Wednesday, April 8 at UK's Shively Field.

The American Association Redbirds came to Lexington fresh off of an 8-2 whipping of their parent club on Monday, April 6, and picked up right where they left off. Ex-major leaguers Duane Walker and Skeeter Barnes paced the offensive show as the Louisville club touched up UK pitching for seven home runs and 20 hits.

After the Redbirds erupted for seven runs in the first two innings to take a 7-1 lead, Kentucky showed its muscle with a four-run third off of winning pitcher John Martin. UK put its first two men aboard in the inning when Billy White singled and Terry Schumpert walked. After a pair of strikeouts, Mitch Knox singled to drive in two and Darin Rieman followed with a two-run blast to center, his first of two round trippers on the day, to trim the lead to 7-5.

The home run derby continued. Louisville answered with four runs in the fourth on two singles, a double and catcher Tom Pagnozzi's second dinger of the day, to make it 11-5.

Vince Tyra held the Redbirds scoreless in the fifth, but Louisville pushed five runners across the plate on two hits and an error in the sixth to increase the lead to 16-6 and seemingly put the game away.

But Kentucky wouldn't quit, playing longball three times and scoring five runs in the bottom of the inning to rally to within five. After Rieman led off the inning with a solo shot over the right-field wall, David Ray reached on an error. Bobby Olmick and Sam Taylor then followed with home runs to close the gap to 16-11.

"We didn't expect to walk in and walk out with an easy win," Redbird manager Mike Jorgenson said. "That one kid (Rieman) really hit that ball. I'll give them credit, they didn't give up."

But Louisville struck for two more homers and four runs in the last three frames, and Dick Grapenthin, Bill Early and Greg Barger combined to hold Kentucky scoreless the rest of the way to preserve the win.

Wednesday, April 8

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SEC BASEBALL STANDINGS

(thru May 4)

| | Overall | SEC |
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| Georgia | 36-13 | 17-6 |
| Auburn | 36-11 | 17-7 |
| Florida | 27-22 | 14-9 |
| Kentucky | 35-12 | 14-10 |
| LSU | 35-14 | 10-9 |
| Alabama | 25-21 | 11-11 |
| Mississippi St. | 31-20 | 10-13 |
| Ole Miss | 24-23 | 10-14 |
| Vanderbilt | 26-22 | 7-17 |
| Tennessee | 15-24 | 3-17 |

REMAINING SEC GAMES

Saturday, May 9

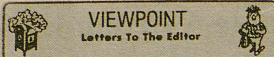
Alabama at Mississippi State (DH)
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Florida at Vanderbilt (DH)
Kentucky at Georgia (DH)
Tennessee at Ole Miss (DH)

Sunday, May 10

Alabama at Mississippi State
LSU at Auburn
Florida at Vanderbilt
Kentucky at Georgia
Tennessee at Ole Miss

Tuesday, May 12

Alabama vs. Auburn (Huntsville)



No Fair-Weather Fan

Dear Sir:

In two years at UK Eddie Sutton has probably seen and heard it all. This season's 18-12 record brought out all the fair-weather fans UK has, and also made most of them lose their memory. The '86-'87 season started with (Winston) Bennett going down and being out for the year, (Cedric) Jenkins going down and being out till late-January and Paul Andrews going down and being out for about three or four weeks. Mr. Sutton had to have tryouts for walk-ons to have enough players to even practice. All the fair-weather fans have said after this season UK had no offense, no defense and Eddie Sutton couldn't coach. Even Cawood Ledford said before all the players went down he thought they might win 18 games. Fair-weather fans' memories must be short. I think we had the same coach in the '85-'86 season. In '85-'86 UK won the SEC regular-season race, the SEC tournament and finished the season 32-4. Only two other UK teams have finished a season with more victories. That information came from the "gospel" (*The Louisville Courier-Journal*). I think Mr. Sutton (national Coach of the Year for '85-'86) did a great job with what he had. Good luck in '87-'88.

Always a UK fan, not a fair-weather fan,

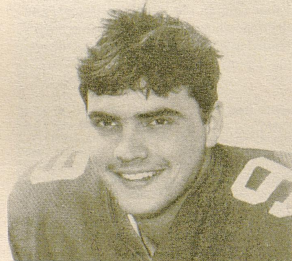
Harvey Carter
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ransdell Picked In 12th

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playing for former Alabama coach Ray Perkins, who was lured to Tampa Bay following last season.

Former University of Kentucky quarterback Bill Ransdell was a 12th round pick of the New York Jets. The Elizabethtown native told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* that all he wants is just a shot at making an NFL club. "As long as it's a tryout, that's good," said Ransdell, who owns a finance degree



Broadway Bill?

from UK. "I'm sure there's quite a few people who would like that chance. I feel good."

"The guy (who called Ransdell at 12:30 a.m. to notify him that he had been selected by the New York franchise) said the Jets usually keep only two quarterbacks, but that they might take a third this season," continued Ransdell. "He asked if I had ever held (for field goals or extra points). I said I could learn. I said I'd carry the water jug if that's what they needed. I said I'd line the field before the game. I'll do whatever I can."

Ransdell, the 327th player selected in the draft, is the holder of 17 Wildcat records and was the starting signal caller for the past three seasons. He plans to depart for a Jets' rookie camp on May 19.

Overall, the 335th player chosen, is the final selection in the draft, was LSU's Norman Jefferson. The defensive back was picked by the Green Bay Packers.

It Was A 'Sweet' 16 In 1987. . .

. . . But What's The Tourney's Fate In '88?

Basketball in Kentucky is more popular than ever before it seems.

Attendance figures from the 1987 Kentucky boys' high school state tournament last month reflect a healthy-than-ever interest in the state's basketball pride and joy, the Sweet 16.

Tom Mills commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association, reported that 148,184 fans attended the boys State Tournament at Rupp Arena, a number more than 12,000 higher than the previous record 136,035 (for a five-day tournament) set in Louisville's Freedom Hall in 1969. In the current four-day format, the old record was 128,590, set at Rupp



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Arena in 1982.

Comment Puts Louisville and Mayor Jerry Abramson on the spot, huh?

"I knew we'd be on the spot anyway, because Lexington and Scotty (Baesler, Lexington Mayor) do a wonderful job," Abramson said recently. "But we're not intimidated by the numbers. We'll be bringing fans into a new facility and into a community that's pulling together more now."

"I know we're still carrying baggage from the 1970s (declining attendance at the tournament)," he added, "But we're going to be more aggressive. We have some ideas we're going to go with."

But how can Freedom Hall, located so far from shopping malls and downtown Louisville, hope to be as successful as Rupp Arena and Lexington's downtown?

"We plan to overcome those things with less expensive hotels and motels, less expensive shopping and shuttle busses to downtown for the kids and their families," the mayor said.

Abramson added that *Kentucky Kingdom*, a "small Disney World-type" theme park under construction at the Fairgrounds, is expected to be operational by next March as well.

The 'Pelphrey paradox'

Interesting how the title "Kentucky's Mr. Basketball" could metamorphose a skinny, rawboned mountain kid from a "M" player (Rick Bolus brand) into a "supply side" hot college prospect.

But, along with a (recruiting) nudge from the University of Louisville, Pelphrey's acquired title was enough to make the rangy lad from Paintsville a Kentucky Wildcat last week even though UK had no scholarship to offer.

If Pelphrey is, as Alabama assistant coach Kevin Gray said, "just a puppy" and could be "the next Jim Farmer," then maybe UK has itself a nice player. We will see. But probably after a redshirt year.

Certainly Pelphrey will show up at UK as a legitimate student-athlete (replacing graduated Paul Andrews) since his record shows he can work the books as deftly as he works the high post.

As of now however, there is no place for him on the roster. But things could (will have to) change.

Sutton could not have known he would have a stable full of thoroughbreds when he did it, but the coach and UK would have been better served if the extremely well paid head man had volunteered to pay his son's way to college, then invite him out for the basketball team. Forget about the ego and pride-of-having-a-scholarship part. After all, a multitude of kids in Kentucky would "crawl to Lexington" for a chance to put on a blue and white uniform.

The "held back free ride" could call it a *Sutton Scholarship*, and saved for somebody like ... Kentucky's Mr. Basketball.

A. Ray Smith

Louisville Redbirds president A. Ray Smith may be getting a bit testy in his old age. Speaking to a group of Kentucky sports editors in Louisville earlier this month Smith was candid on a number of issues.

■ About Dwight Gooden's troubles: "Somebody asked me this week if I were an owner and knew a player like this was sniffing a little bit, what would I do? I said I'd probably keep him on, let him play."

■ About college basketball: "I think basketball has become a snob sport in Louisville. Not too many people can see it because they can't get tickets anymore unless they have a lot of money."

■ About the St. Louis Cardinals-Pittsburgh trade, Andy Van Slyke for Tony Pena: "I think it's a good deal for both ball clubs. Just look at the record, there isn't going to be a team win a championship without a good catcher. Like last year, the

Mets had (Gary) Carter.

"But Van Slyke is a good player. You can play him in left field, center field, right field and first base. Even Whitey (Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog) couldn't screw him up."

'They said it'

■ John Pelphrey on being Mr. Basketball: "My teammates mean everything to me. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be here. They'll always be special to me."

■ Miss Basketball, Mary Taylor: "Getting Miss Basketball wasn't exactly a goal of mine when I started out, but I'm awfully proud to get it. It's a great honor that I'll take. This (basketball) has helped me get a chance for a college education. I'm the youngest of four children and I'll be the first to get a chance to go to college."

■ Reaction by Dick Vitale of ESPN after being drafted by the Jersey Jammers of the U.S. Basketball League: "I can't play a lick, but I can talk a good game," Vitale told *The Palm Beach Post*. "If they put me in basketball shorts, it's like putting Dr. Ruth in a bikini and having her walk on the beach. Everybody's in trouble."

■ Texas Rangers Manager Bobby Valentine is not interested in replacing Al Campanis as executive vice-president of the Los Angeles Dodgers. "For the record, I would not, under any circumstances, take the job with the Dodgers. Just as I would not accept a nomination for president from the Republican Party or the job as head football coach of SMU."

■ Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim on the 3-point shot: "I just don't want to watch 40 or 50 shots from that range. I want good



Allen Feldhaus—The Pressure's Now Off

basketball. But the writers like it, the fans like it, the players like it. A lot of the se people like X-rated movies too, especially the writers."

Comment But certainly no coach likes an X-rated movie, right Jim?

■ Through Chicago sports columnist Bob Logan, Temple Coach John Chaney had an angry reaction to McLain's disclosures. "He (McLain) has to be a rotten kid, don't trust him, or anybody on drugs. All my sympathies are with the coach (Rollie Massimino), because Villanova runs a first-class program."

■ Mason County Coach Allen Feldhaus on having coached his sons Allen, Willie and Deron: "It won't sink in until tomorrow. But I don't think people realize the pressure, the intensity that goes into it when you have three sons in your program. But tomorrow it will be like 20 pounds lifted off my shoulders. Now we can go out and play golf and fight, whatever. I really can't tell you what it's meant to me to have been able to coach my three sons. But it's over now."

Parting shot

☺ Randy Holtz (in *Basketball Times*) on Louisville Coach Denny Crum's complaints about not being invited to the NCAA's: "Yo, Denny, Some facts here. Your team finished 18-14, for Pete's sake. At midseason you were ripping them (his players) yourself for lack of guts and drive. And it's not like you didn't have your chances. Nope, Den, your guys didn't deserve it. Your Cards were jokers."

And so it goes. ■

UK Says 'No' To Perry Pelphrey Seventh Signee To Board Big Blue Ship

For the second straight year the University of Kentucky has signed the state's Mr. Basketball to a letter-of-intent. Paintsville's John Pelphrey told a crowd of 100 or so jammed in a local hotel banquet room (on April 14) that his "choice is the University of Kentucky."

"I grew up all my life thinking of the University of Kentucky and wearing the Blue," noted Pelphrey. "If you've got the chance, you have to give it a shot."

He joins this year's banner recruiting crop, which includes Jonathon Davis, Sean Sutton, Johnny Pittman, Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis and Deron Feldhaus.

Although the Cats' were able to scoop up the state's top senior performer, only a week before Pelphrey's signing did UK go after the 6-foot-7 forward. Already, Kentucky was one over the scholarship limit and it was thought the only player the Wildcats were interested in was Memphis product Elliot Perry, a possible starting point guard of future Kentucky lineups.

It strongly appeared that Vanderbilt and C. M. Newton would land Pelphrey. Also in the running for the prospect's services was Alabama. Then Louisville threw in its two cents worth. . . then came the selection of Pelphrey winning Mr. Basketball over Feldhaus and Kevin Ellery.

Vanderbilt, however, invested 18 months of its recruiting time into Pelphrey. And just when the Commodores appeared to be the frontrunner for Pelphrey, just when their pitch was ready to be snagged. . . up popped the Wildcats.

All along Pelphrey just wanted a chance to play for Kentucky. That's why he didn't make a commitment during the early signing period. He kept hoping that maybe, just maybe, Kentucky might come calling.

The Wildcats finally did. Sutton made it clear that UK's decision to sign Pelphrey was not because of the Mr. Basketball award or that Louisville was on the trail. According to Sutton, he was very aware of Pelphrey's play throughout the recent campaign and decided to offer him a scholarship.

"He's improved a great deal," said the UK coach.

"Coach Sutton and coach (James) Dickey said they wouldn't recruit a player if they didn't need him," said Pelphrey, whose red hair and loads of freckles etched on his face give the slender youth a Huck Finn look. "Even if they don't need me the most, I'm still thankful for the opportunity to go in and prove some things."

Already one of his goals had been accomplished—winning Mr. Basketball. Although a state championship escaped his grasp his third wish eventually came true—a chance to play for Kentucky. For John Leslie Pelphrey, two out of three isn't bad.

"I grew up all my life thinking of the University of Kentucky and wearing the Blue," echoed Pelphrey's feelings.

Pelphrey signing, the seventh by UK this

season, adds the second consecutive Kentucky Mr. Basketball to hitch aboard the Big Blue ship. Last season Sutton inked Owensboro Apollo standout Rex Chapman, the state's '86 Mr. Basketball. Also, current UK senior Winston Bennett won the coveted award in '83.

Pelphrey led his team to three trips to the state tournament, including a spot in this year's semifinals before being eliminated by Louisville Ballard. Once the 1986-87 was complete, his senior year totals featured 20.1 points and 10.5 boards per game. In three seasons he helped the Tigers record an impressive 97-33 won-loss mark.

During his four years at Paintsville he scored 2,477 points and pulled down 1,316 rebounds. His academic record isn't bad, either. Matter of fact, it's impressive. Pelphrey owns a lofty 3.69 grade-point average and scored a 25 on the ACT.

"We are delighted John has decided to join us at Kentucky," said Sutton, who labels Pelphrey as a swingman. "We followed him all season long and thought he made tremendous improvement as a basketball player."

While Pelphrey was signing up with the Wildcats, on the same day Perry, a 6-foot guard out of Memphis Treadwell, had decided on Memphis State. UK assistant Dwane Casey told Perry that UK was no longer interested in him following the McDonald's All-Star game in Philadelphia (April 12).

During his press conference to announce that he had decided to play for Larry Finch's Metro Conference team, Perry was asked what he would have done if UK had kept a scholarship open for him.

"I can't say right now, but it could have been a whole different story," he said.

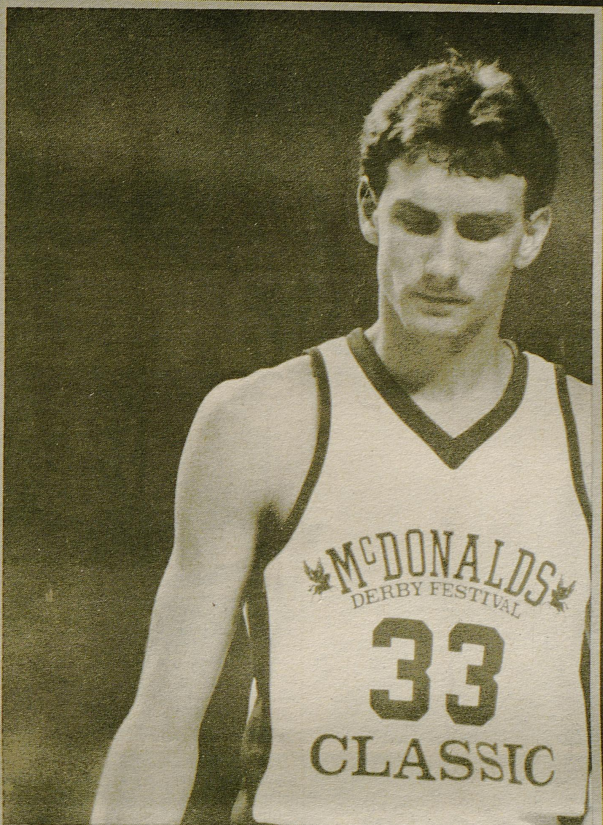
According to Sutton, UK withdrew its interest toward Perry because he has yet to pass Proposition 48. Two Wildcat signees—Eric Manuel and Johnny Pittman—have not passed their respective college exams. Sutton said that Kentucky couldn't afford to bring in a third player who has not yet passed the required guidelines.

"I don't know if image-wise it would help," Sutton told a Lexington newspaper.

With Ed Davender graduating following next season, Perry was thought by many to be the 'Cats' point guard of the future. Carrying a 34.5 ppg average for his senior season, Perry also is known for his tormentive skills on the defensive end.

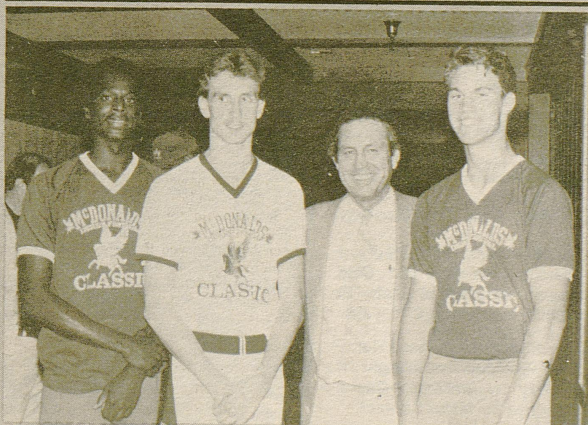
The Wildcat staff, meanwhile, is very happy and confident with someone taking over once Davender's college career is complete. There even may be a couple of new 'Cats willing to give it a shot next season.

"If we had to—and it's something I don't want to do—James (Dickey) and Dwane think Sean can play right away," said the Wildcat coach in reference to his son. "If Manuel qualifies, he could play the point, too."



'87 Kentucky Mr. Basketball Sets Sights On Big Blue

Wildcats

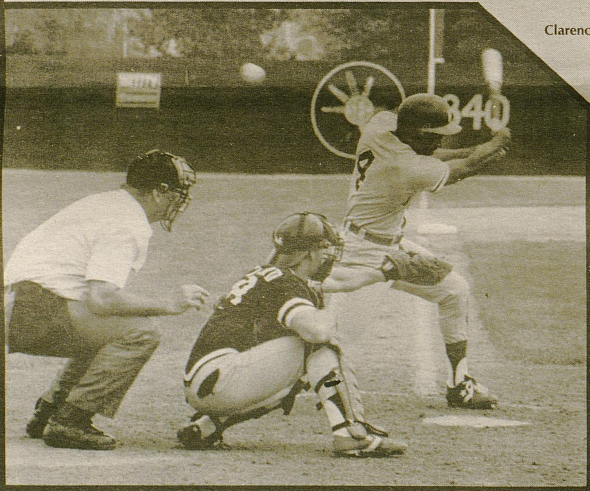


(L-R) Davis, Pelphrey, Coach Sutton And Feldhaus

Wildcats



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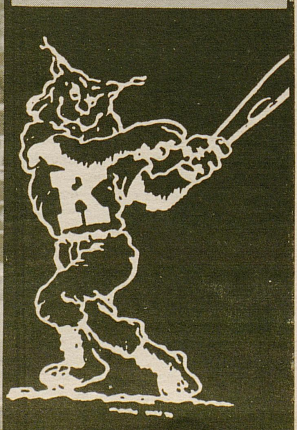
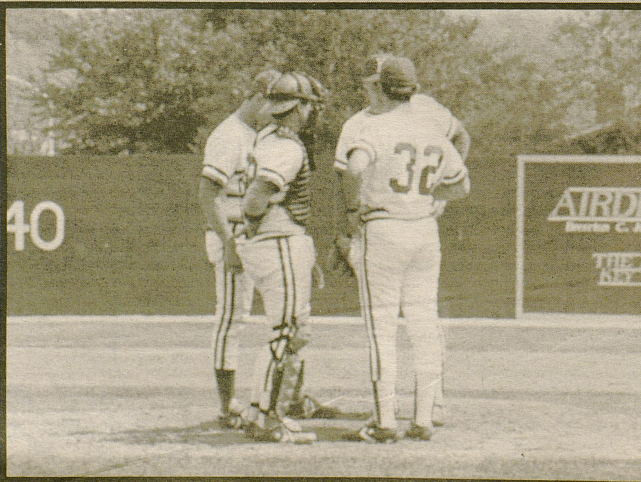
[A] UK Coach Keith Madison Watches As His Bat Cats Sweep Mississippi State To Qualify For The SEC Playoffs.

[B] Mitch Knox, 'Whose Home Run Provided The Margin Of Victory In Sunday's Game, Reaches To Make Contact.

[C] Second Baseman Terry Shumpert Spoils A Good Pitch From MSU Pitcher Tracy Jobes.

[D] Bulldog Catcher Barry Winford Takes A Strike.

[E] Madison Visits The Mound To Map Strategy During UK's 2-1 Victory In The Series Opener Saturday Afternoon.



Looks Like Vitale's At It Again!

College Hoops' Kingmaker? . . . Aw, C'mon!

Well, I see Dick Vitale has had a relapse of his constant problem, foot-in-the-mouth disease!

Vitale is the most regularly employed inept basketball broadcaster in the business. He has, however, chewed on more leather than A Man Called Horse and it appears he's been gnawing on his size 10s again.

The college coaches, meeting in New Orleans during the NCAA, issued a statement critical of TV analysts.

"So much of the attention is focused on the coach," said C.M. Newton of Vanderbilt. "It takes away from the game itself and it



Stan Torgerson
Cats' Pause Columnist

takes away from the players."

At that point Vitale nominated and elected himself as television's kingmaker.

"It's about time coaches realize that Billy Packer, Al McGuire and I sell them and the game of college basketball more than any other sport," said His Magnificence. "We make coaches into absolute superstars."

Pop! Right between the teeth with a wingtip.

Vitale, in one sentence, put himself on the level with the truly talented Packer and the knowledgeable, if opinionated, McGuire, neither of whom seem anxious to join the ESPN commentator on his self-constructed mountain top.

He also put on display for all to see, one of the world's most colossal egos when he, in effect, said that his words alone are sufficient to change Coach Humdrum into Coach Superstar.

Poor Johnny Wooden. Despite his 10 NCAA championships at UCLA, nobody thinks of him as a superstar. A great coach, yes, but a superstar, no. But then his teams played before nightly TV without commentary by Vitale.

And Adolph Rupp. He obviously will soon be forgotten along with his four NCAA titles. No TV. No Vitale.

Of course, the Kentucky legend will live on and coach Eddie Sutton's name will become a household word. Vitale, Packer and McGuire will see to it.

Whose Values Are More Important?

This outlook on college basketball endorses the Christians and the Lions theory of sports. To wit, the role of the players and the coaches is to entertain the spectators without regard to values or what might happen to themselves.

Hey, now, if you have to change the schedule for television, change it.

If you have to alter the starting time of a game and inconvenience thousands of people who bought tickets, tough! Let them be inconvenienced.

If you have to play 35 or 38 games to satisfy the tube's demands, play them even if you have to take the players out of school.

If you have to cheat in the classroom to keep them eligible, do it.

If you have to pay to get the best athletes, meet them behind the building and have their checks ready.

Hey, man, college athletics is show biz and the TV basketball commentators are P.T. Barnum.

College basketball is the greatest show on earth because TV made it that way.

Pardon me while I retch.

If you'll forgive some old-fashioned ideas instead of "new wave" thinking, I believe the athletes are students who are in college primarily to get an education.

I believe the coaches are by definition teachers and that, in the main, they are decent men.

I believe the vast majority of them are sincerely concerned with the future of their players and their success or failure when the glory days are over.

I have never heard a coach imply he would like to be a superstar nor have I ever met one who thought he was.

How can you be grateful to someone who claims he can make you into one you don't want to be?

Why should anyone imply you should be appreciative for being "sold" to the public when you are not for sale?

The coaches were right in their New Orleans statement.

The game and the players are what are important in college basket-

ball and neither needs a sideshow barker selling his own particular brand of patent medicine in order to draw a crowd.

Not For Broadcast

With all due respect to **Southern Mississippi** for winning the National Invitational Tournament, the NCAA has so completely overwhelmed the NIT, that *USA Today* ran the story of the Eagles' championship win over LaSalle in the lower right hand corner of page six. Meanwhile, the NCAA's Final Four had three pages of features and analysis in the same edition. . . Cliches are running riot again. Check this press release quote from new **Alabama coach Bill Curry**. "We will put the best 11 on offense, the best 11 on defense and the best in the kicking game on the field." Aw, come on, Bill! We would hardly expect you to go with your worst. But Curry still hadn't run out of trite statements. To continue. "Also, we will get folks ready to play. Fundamentals will be stressed. It's important to learn execution and fundamentals." Hard to disagree with that. Or to take it very seriously, either. . . Are we overemphasizing a bit? Since **Tennessee** agreed to play in the preseason Kickoff Classic against **Iowa**, its freshmen will be reporting on Aug. 6, the varsity a few days later, and two-a-days start Aug. 11. That means the Vols will be playing football a month before school even opens.

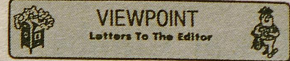
. . . Speaking of Tennessee, they are a perfect example of the "Keeping Up with the Joneses" complex in college athletics. Check this recent plea for alumni money by coach **Johnny Majors**. "We are involved in a tremendous building project. We are behind the majority of the schools in the Southeastern Conference and many schools in the surrounding areas in regards to football facilities. We're going to build a new football complex for workouts, weight rooms, offices and training rooms, and we're also going to refurbish our dormitory. We will also have a new press box next season." Note: coach Majors doesn't say the present facilities are inadequate. He says the Joneses have better ones. Now you know why there is more and more pressure to win. It's in order to get more and more TV money so the schools can spend more and more keeping up with other schools who are also spending more and more. . . Recruiting authority **Max Emfinger** said recently **Vanderbilt's**



His Magnificence, Dick Vitale

football recruiting class may be the best ever in the history of the school and would be challenging for the SEC championship in a couple of years if coach **Watson Brown** can come up with another class like that. . . **Pat Head Summitt**, coach of the **National Champion Tennessee Women's basketball team**, has led eight of her teams to the Final Four and has, in addition, coached the winning USA Olympic Team. Ms. Summitt is only 34 years old, leading one to wonder what new worlds she can conquer next. In her 13 years at Tennessee, Summitt now has a record of **319-102**. That's a 76 percent winning figure. . . Eight of the 10 SEC women's teams placed at least one player on the 1987 All-SEC women's 10-player squad. Only **Florida** and **Alabama** were shut out. . . It is really exciting to read that every senior **Vanderbilt** basketball player has graduated since **C.M. Newton** became head coach in 1981. For more: **Glen Clem**, **Randy Neff**, **Steve Reece** and **Bobby Westbrook** will get their degrees in May. I know winning is what college athletics is all about, but there are more ways to win than just on the scoreboard and the Commodore's 100 percent graduation rate makes them champions in my book.

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Speaking of UK's success in the SEC, I must digress. The following may come as a shock, or even two. First, UK continues to dominate this league! In the 1980s, UK is 119-43 (73.4 percent) against SEC competition, and has won the aforementioned championships. No other team is even close to these marks (look it up). So, even though UK will supposedly "never dominate" the SEC again, these figures clearly spell dominance to me.

But what pride can be gained from this? Shocker No. 2: The SEC is still not on equal footing, in terms of the NCAA, with the ACC, Big Ten, or Big East! Even the Metro, largely on the strength of U of L and Memphis State, has been more successful. Note these stats, c. 1980-87:

ACC: 68-35 (66 percent), six Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

Big East: 68-35 (66 percent), six Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

Metro: 30-11 (73.2 percent), five Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

Big Ten: 49-36 (57.6 percent), four Final Fours, TWO TITLES.

SEC: 46-34 (57.5 percent) four Final Fours, ZERO TITLES.

So, who cares about the SEC? Although it's made great strides in recent years, it's still (in the hearts and minds of most schools' fans) a football league. For an example, Alabama had its best team ever, yet sold out only two home games. I'm sick of hearing every year about UK's "chances" in the SEC race. If UK plays up to its potential, the SEC will fall into place. *Our* goals (as in national power) should always be national in scope.

What factors have caused this period of NCAA underachievement? Granted UK has entered three of the last six seasons without its top player (Bowie in '82 and '83, Bennett in '87). We've also seen many players slip away in the recruiting stage (Gunter Behnke, Harvey Grant, Ralph Sampson, Terry Mills, etc.). And there are the "busts." They're the chief culprits. When a school signs names like James Blackmon, Irv Thomas, Cedric Jenkins, Derrick Hord and Bret Bearup (all top 25 high school stars and collegiate disappointments), the expectations for success naturally rise. When those expectations aren't met time and time again, your reputation as a basketball power is tarnished. Tell me, is there *any* school that has seen more high school superstars (not just stars) flop so miserably in college? I'm not looking for a scapegoat in coach Joe Hall, coach Eddie Sutton, or anywhere else. I just believe that the fans in Kentucky deserve more from this program (and its players) than what they've received lately.

Those are the excuses. If there's one area UK fans have learned to excel in, it's here. But let's face it, enough is enough! There are no fans more loyal, supportive and giving than UK fans. Some may add demanding, but what great athletic team *doesn't* have demanding fans? It should be part of the territory. This is the BIG TIME. This is KENTUCKY!

Now, no more statistics, no more excuses. I, and thousands more like me, have poured out our hearts, souls and money in supporting and following our 'Cats. Our rewards? Watching on TV as U of L and IU, our two most bitter rivals, rack up four titles in this decade, while Hord, Blackmon and similar flops destroy the prestige of UK basketball. NOW is the time for the people of this state to rise up and DEMAND PAYMENT IN FULL! NO MORE EXCUSES. We'll have a powerful mix of experience, youth, size and talent next season. Who can honestly say any team in the nation will boast more ability?

With the exception of a few gutless players, I'm not indicting any coach, fan or ad-

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Oscar Combs

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that if the 'Cats could pull off a win or two in Athens this week.

While Kentucky still has visions of better things this weekend, the Bat Cats hammered the coffin shut on Mississippi State as far as 1987 is concerned.

State, which unveiled a sparkling new multi-million dollar baseball park this spring, had hopes of developing into a NCAA tournament contender by early spring.

It never arrived.

Time and time again, the Bulldogs stumbled out of the gate this season and Kentucky's sweep of Ron Polk's Bulldogs finally put the canines to sleep although State still must go through the motions this weekend in a three-game set against Alabama.

When Knox buried State with his long home run in the final game Sunday, it gave State a 10-14 league mark and insured the Bulldogs of a finish no better than seventh place in the SEC.

Four months ago, no one would have believed that State could finish worse than fourth in the SEC, let alone seventh or eighth.

Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton wrapped up his recruiting harvest by signing Kentucky's Mr. Basketball—John Pelphrey of Painsville.

All of Kentucky's seven signees have been participating in all-star games and several of them have enjoyed outstanding games.

Kentucky-bound signees blossomed in the annual Derby Festival Classic in Louisville where LeRon Ellis exhibited his many skills and Sean Sutton earned Most Valuable Player honors for his South team with 19 points and six assists. Johnny Pittman also was impressive.

Earlier, Eric Manuel scored 19 points in an outstanding effort at the Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh as did Ellis.

All of Kentucky's signees have indicated they'll move to Lexington and work here this summer while playing some pick-up games in hopes of getting an early start on their collegiate careers.

Sutton and assistant coaches James Dickey and Dwane Casey are already on the recruiting trails for the nation's top junior prospects.

There's still been no official word on the Proposition 48 situation concerning John Pittman and Eric Manuel. Both have taken their tests and are awaiting their scores.

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ministrator for UK's woes in the 80s. I write this on the behalf of hundreds of thousands of good souls, from Pikeville to Paducah, who ARE UK basketball, who burn inside while the other "powers that be" cut into the tradition of UK's pre-eminence on the college hoop scene. It's time for our "paper" All-Americans to give something back to these long-suffering masses. GIVE US NUMBER SIX IN 1988! AVENGE US! MAKE US PROUD TO YELL "GO BIG BLUE" AGAIN!

Before it's too late. . .

Sincerely,

Jeff Rozen
Lexington, Kentucky

Nick Nicholas

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were lacking consistency in that (placekicking) this spring. . .We were not consistent at all in our scrimmages when we kicked field goals."

Spring Notes

According to **Jerry Claiborne** senior defensive tackle **Jerry Reese** turned in a fine overall spring campaign. That's good news for Kentucky's defense. For UK's defense to be successful in '87, Reese needs to play up to his potential on a consistent basis. In '84 the Hopkinsville product had an outstanding freshman year after sitting out the season before with a broken ankle. During the 9-3 campaign he and paced the squad with five quarterback sacks. Since then Reese has been inconsistent—he'll look good on one play, not so hot the next. . .The UK coach indicated that **Kenny Willis**, a transfer from Centre College, possibly could handle the kickoff duties if Worley doesn't come through. Willis, though, has been having trouble with his shoulder coming out of socket. . .**Darren Bilberry** was impressive in the Blue-White game, rambling 58 yards on 11 carries and hauling in two passes for 23 yards. . ."Bilberry started out slow but came on strong in the last half of spring practice," said Claiborne. "We're hoping that Darren will pick up next fall where he left off." In reference to the Blue-White game Claiborne noted that the 6-foot-2, 198-pound fullback "caught the ball well and also made some crucial runs." . . Claiborne on his squad: "I feel good about this team, I really do. They've got a good morale." . . A couple of days prior to the spring game, senior **Brad Myers**, who recently switched over to the center position, talked "football" with TCP. Here's what he had to say: *About playing center, a position he hasn't played since he was a sophomore in high school.* "They (UK coaching staff) have told me that I'm there for good. I like it, it's a change. Coach (Claiborne) is always concerned about how we feel; he talked to me before he ever moved me. I told him 'Coach, I'll try and play anywhere.' Even if they moved me to linebacker I'd give it a shot. Whatever he thinks is best for the team. I know Coach well enough to know that he's going to do what he thinks is best. I just look at it that way." *About his biggest challenge he foresees in his new role.* "Definitely, steps. Especially against the '50' because the guy (defender) is so close you can smell his breath. You've got to snap the ball, then get off low and take a good step. It's a lot harder than it looks; I have to be more fundamentally sound at center than I do at guard." *About the progress of second- and third-stringers on the offensive line.* "I think a lot of guys made a lot progress. One of the backups at guard is **Scott Haire**. When they put Scott in the game he's always going to play hard. If it was up to him he would clear everybody out of the stands, get the referees off the field, and have a free-for-all for half-an-hour before we started. He always plays hard and aggressive. At tackle, I'm not even sure who would start right now. **Bo Smith** and **(Mike) Pfeifer** are going at it hard. Both have had real good springs. I could see them alternating games; they're both that good. You also have **Tony Mills** at guard. I think he's a great athlete and has made a lot of progress. **Jimmy Hill** is backing me up at center. He's really progressed a lot, especially this spring." *About the key for a successful season.* "The key is this summer. We need to keep the guys here and have them work hard. Everybody has different philosophies but I just believe that if you do things right and do them the way they're supposed to be done, then good things will happen to you. . .that may have been lacking in the last couple of years."

Rick Bolus

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| 81. Kevin Howard | 6-3 Atlanta (Douglass) Ga. | Undecided |
| 82. Vladimir McCrary | 6-5 San Antonio (Madison) Texas | Oklahoma |
| 83. Dan Bannister | 6-7 Minneapolis (North) Minn. | UNC-Charlotte |
| 84. Maurice Artis | 6-11 Killeen (Killeen) Texas | Undecided |
| 85. Eric Brady | 6-8 Mercer Island (High) Wash. | Washington |
| 86. Calvin Ward | 6-1 College Park (High) Ga. | UAB |
| 87. Roy Fisher | 6-7 Seattle (J.F. Kennedy) Wash. | California |
| 88. Colin Parker | 6-6 Toledo (St. Francis DeSales) Ohio | Xavier (O.) |
| 89. McArthur Phenix | 6-3 Detroit (Western) Mich. | Undecided |
| 90. Jeff Scott | 6-10 Cincinnati (Mount Healthy) Ohio | Miami (O.) |
| 91. Anderson Hunt | 6-2 Detroit (Southwestern) Mich. | UNLV |
| 92. Kirk Taylor | 6-2 Dayton (Dunbar) Ohio | Michigan |
| 93. Patrick Tompkins | 6-5 Waukegan (East) Ill. | JUCO |
| 94. Will Wood | 6-4 Commerce (High) Ga. | Ball State |
| 95. Stacy Arrington | 6-2 Chicago (Calumet) Ill. | No. Illinois |
| 96. Marcellus Wright | 6-8 Denver (Montbello) Col. | Oregon St. |
| 97. Tim Adams | 6-8 New Haven (Wilbur Cross) Conn. | Marist |
| 98. Russell Jarvis | 6-9 Cambridge (Flinge & Latin) Maine | Boston U. |
| 99. David Johanning | 6-9 Wichita (Carroll) Kan. | Clemson |
| 100. Jeff Graham | 6-2 Kettering (Alfer) Ohio | Ohio St. |

Wildcats

Larry Donald

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been trotted out. . .

The *Washington Post* sent six reporters to cover the Final Four which suggests to me there is an excess of people with whom he (sports editor) has no idea what to do with. One of the six, **John Feinstein** tells about the time this winter when he was autographing copies of his book, "Season On The Brink" in a Bloomingdale mall. "The (Indiana) players wanted to see me to say hello, but were worried about coming to the area where I was signing the book because they didn't want word to get back to Knight they'd seen me," he said. "So they got a student to carry a message to where I was and let me know." After the session Feinstein joined the players and had a nice conversation. . .In New Orleans, Knight was asked about the book, he said: "I haven't been interested in that book since Christmas a year ago." Others certainly have. Feinstein is headed toward \$2 million in income from the book and it's not yet out in paperback. . .

Funniest scene of the Final Four weekend was UNLV arriving with a police escort at the hotel. Observed **Jarvis Basnight**: "It's like coach said, that's probably the first time for some of us the police have been leading us instead of chasing us."

Editor's Note: Larry Donald was in New Orleans to cover March's Final Four

Todd Hallum

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ing fans every Saturday.

TCP: *In the past, there have almost always been some empty seats in the student section for UK football games. Are there any plans for rectifying this situation?*

DeFilippo: I've only been here two and a half months and I really haven't looked into the student area of tickets. However, there will be a formation of a student-athletic council composed of T. Lynn Williamson (UK cheerleader advisor), Rodney Stiles and student representatives and myself to get more students involved. I would like to get the students input and make them involved with our athletic programs. I don't think we have a better student section in the country for our basketball team, where they stand up the entire game. I'm looking forward to meeting with this student-athletic council.

TCP: *It seems ticket prices for collegiate sporting events are going up each year. Will athletic programs ever reach the point when your typical American family can't afford to go to games, thus, young people might not get acclimated to attending college games?*

DeFilippo: I believe going to games is habit forming. We've got to have a lot of kids going with their parents to games. We have to have them interested in going to see them. I would like to have fans say they haven't missed a UK game since they were three years old. People get in the habit in going with their parents. If we get to the point where families can't afford going to the games, where children can't go, that's going to hurt us in the long run.

TCP: *What is the future for UK athletics?*

DeFilippo: I'm an optimist. I think basketball will continue to be a tremendous program. I am impressed with the coaches we have and, of course Cliff Hagan. I have learned a lot from him already. I can honestly say that Kentucky has a tremendous future in all sports. We have a great city. We have a great academic program that was far better than I ever imagined. We have a great academic program that can attract a high quality student/athlete. I believe this program can't do anything but improve. I'm excited to be here. When I got here I told my wife that we were here to stay.

Stan Torgerson

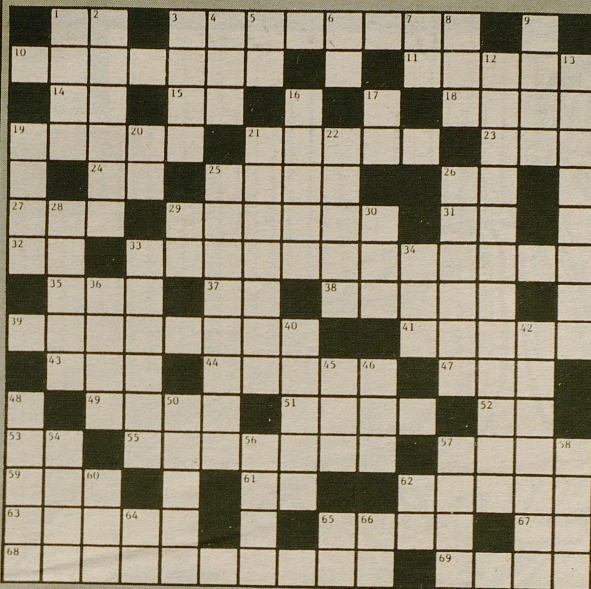
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The Last Word: Kentucky basketball coach **Eddie Sutton** in discussing the proposed reductions of college basketball scholarships from 15 to 13.

"There's no doubt if you have 13 scholarships instead of 15, you'd better make darn sure you sign 13 thoroughbreds and don't get a couple of jackasses."

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



BLUEGRASS HIGH SCHOOL STARS THROUGH THE YEARS (NO. 2)

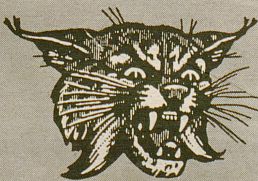
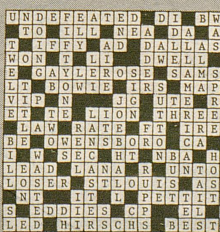
ACROSS

- 1 Initials of Mason County's Ronnie, who became a standout Cat
- 3 Pride of Fairview H.S.
- 10 Mike _____ school was Green Co. in the mid-'70s
- 11 Round, visorless cap
- 14 Abbr. for a Big Ten school
- 15 Initials of '50s Russell Co. star Todd
- 18 Stewart of Lex. Lafayette or standout Pendleton of Monticello
- 19 Chemical element
- 21 Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" of '66 played for Shelby Co.
- 23 _____ Bless America!"
- 24 Initials of early-'60s Ludlow star Creamer who became a Cardinal
- 25 Todd Ziegler played a big _____ in Jeffersonstown's success in '80s
- 26 Abbr. for a two-pointer
- 27 Hole-making tool
- 29 Brett of '60s North Hardin
- 31 2nd and 3rd of the five _____
- 32 _____ard Poole starred at Breckinridge in the early-'60s
- 33 _____ school was Ashland Paul Blazer
- 35 James went from Henry Clay to UK
- 37 Symbol for "silicon"
- 38 Jordan of Clark Co.
- 39 Jim was Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" before becoming a Hilltopper
- 41 Loose soil types
- 43 Lou. Male fans _____ Wesley Cox to cheer in the early '70s
- 44 Namesakes of Logan Co. star Tisdale
- 47 Compass abbr. _____
- 49 Restaurant's roster
- 51 Fireplace material
- 52 A _____ am dunk
- 53 Initials of Linner of Millersburg Inst. in the early-'80s
- 55 Cat Kenny or Cardinal Phil
- 57 Namesakes of one of "The Three Stooges"
- 59 Boxing match enders
- 61 Initials of father of '86-'87 prep star Sean
- 62 _____ institution
- 63 Oust _____
- 65 Key of Calloway Co. became a Cat
- 67 Symbol for "ruthenium"
- 68 Apollo's finest?
- 69 Ernie Whitus starred at Louisville _____ during the early '70s

DOWN

- 1 Nevada gaming city
- 2 62 Down starred at _____ Co.
- 3 Pelphrey of Paintsville
- 4 Abbr. for "entrance"
- 5 Initials of early-'70s standout Smith of Lou. Flaget
- 6 Initials of Lou. Eastern's Crook
- 7 Initials of Blackford of Versailles in the early '70s
- 8 Body part
- 9 See 1 Down
- 12 Was a Somerset Pulaski Co. standout
- 13 _____ school was Lou. Male in the '60s
- 16 Gay of Clark Co. of late '60s
- 17 Initials of early-'80s Fred of Henry Clay
- 19 This former Cat attended Covington Holmes
- 20 Initials of ML baseball star Cepeda
- 21 Darrell of Bristol
- 22 Farm animals
- 25 Larry of Bell Co. became a Cat
- 26 1st name of a 7-footer of Lou. Eastern
- 28 People of Wales
- 29 Steve _____rker and Jeff Jones teamed at Owensboro Apollo in the '70s
- 30 Misfortune
- 33 Todd May was the _____ of fine Virgie
- 34 Nothing _____
- 36 Dutch cheese
- 40 '80 standout Robert of Warren East
- 42 Leland _____ school was Lou. Manual
- 45 '50s Hazard star Smith
- 46 Distress signal
- 48 Lee teamed with J. Lamp at Ballard
- 50 James Jeter starred at _____ Hardin
- 54 Adore
- 56 Jump
- 57 Fix _____
- 58 _____ h: partly melted snow
- 60 2 three-pointers
- 62 Initials of former prep star Andrews
- 64 Initials of Cantrall of Ashland
- 65 Initials of Arterburn of Paducah
- Tilghman
- 66 SEC state abbr.

Last Week's Answers



Meet The Press

During Spring Ball... Dooley And Fohr Rise Above The Rest; Changes Seem To Make Kentucky A Stronger Unit

By Nick Nicholas



Recently, Jerry Claiborne entertained the state's media personalities at a press luncheon so he could answer questions they had about this season's spring workouts. Following is a recap of Claiborne's April 21st press conference held at Commonwealth Stadium's Wildcat Den.

Springing into action: Despite many injuries during this season's spring session, coach Claiborne was pleased with the way his players performed during the past month.

"We've had a very good spring practice," said the Wildcat coach. "We had a lot of fundamental work; not as much 11-on-11 as we normally have, but we had quite a bit of contact in the one-on-one drills, three-on-three drills... tackling practice and blocking down field (drills). Really, it was a *fundamental* spring practice."

"We worked hard at it! I think we're definitely a better football team now than we were when we started in the spring four and half weeks ago."

The changing of the guard... the defensive tackle... the defensive back: Along with every spring football session, changing a player from one position to another is a common happening. Last year a guard, senior Brad Myers has been switched over to the center spot, a position he last played as a sophomore in high school.

Defensive tackle John Shannon has been moved to a defensive guard slot. This allows UK to have three veterans in the starting lineup—Shannon along with senior Jerry Reese (DT) and up-and-coming star sophomore Oliver Barnett. These were just a couple of the changes which took place during month-long session. Here a rundown of the changes as described by Claiborne.

*John Shannon, from DT to DG: "John has come along very well."

*Brad Myers, from OG to Center: "We thought that Brad made the conversion real well, much faster than we thought. He's still got a lot of work to do on basic techniques."

*Brian McKenzie, from DE to TE: "Brian got injured—a sprained ankle. He was coming along very well at the tight end position. He's at a new position and coming along real well, but the work he missed... he came out yesterday and really had a hard time of picking up his pass routes. He's gotten behind."

*Chris Moga, from receiver to defensive back: "He got hurt on the fourth day of practice (broken leg) and missed the entire practice after that."

*Raynard Gover, from safety to receiver: "If we could just teach him how to get in motion and not start forward... last week we had a 50-, 40- and 18-yard pass all called back because he went in motion. I'm being kind of facetious when I say that too, because when you haven't played that position you're not used to coming in motion. Three different times Raynard got a little anxious and went in motion. But he's worked good at the wide receiver position. I think the things he needs to improve on can be worked out in the summer months. He made the switch pretty good; we're proud the way he worked this spring. "We're very proud of the people who switched positions... They've done a good job."

Quarterback quintet? At the beginning of spring ball, up to five Wildcat quarterbacks

had legitimate shots at replacing Bill Ransdell, UK's most prolific passer of all-time. Let's see, there were: Kevin Dooley, Senior; Chuck Broughton, Sophomore; Bill Allen, Junior; Eric Green, Sophomore; and junior college transfer Glenn Fohr.

Prior to the 1987 Blue-White game two players seemed head-and-shoulders above the rest, according to Claiborne.

"We've been pleased with two of our quarterbacks—Kevin Dooley and Glenn Fohr. I know everybody had a lot of eyes on them and I'm hoping they'll have a good night Saturday night for their sakes (Blue-White contest). They have done well—they've thrown the ball well, picked up their coverages pretty good. We've been pleased with them."

"But we've got from now to September 12th (UK's opener) to make a decision. We're not going to make a decision on just an intra-squad game. We're still working with all of those guys and they still have plenty of time to get good."

Broughton and Allen missed portions of spring practice because of nagging injuries.

Injuries... not to worry! Sure, Kentucky had plenty of injuries this April. Claiborne isn't about to trigger the panic button, however.

"We had about 17 injuries," answered Claiborne, when asked about the high total

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—UK's Jerry Claiborne

of players injured at one point. "But one day we could say we had 17 people miss practice and then we would call Florida and they had 28. So, we're not any worse off than other people."

"A lot of these injuries... they'll get over them."

Grrrrrr: Before the spring session got underway the Wildcat coach stressed that his defense must become more aggressive in '87.

According to Claiborne things appear to be headed in the right direction.

"I think we're a more aggressive football team, both offensively and defensively right now. We got good competition in our drills and when we did go 11-on-11 we did have good competition. I'm hoping that our defense can create more turnovers."

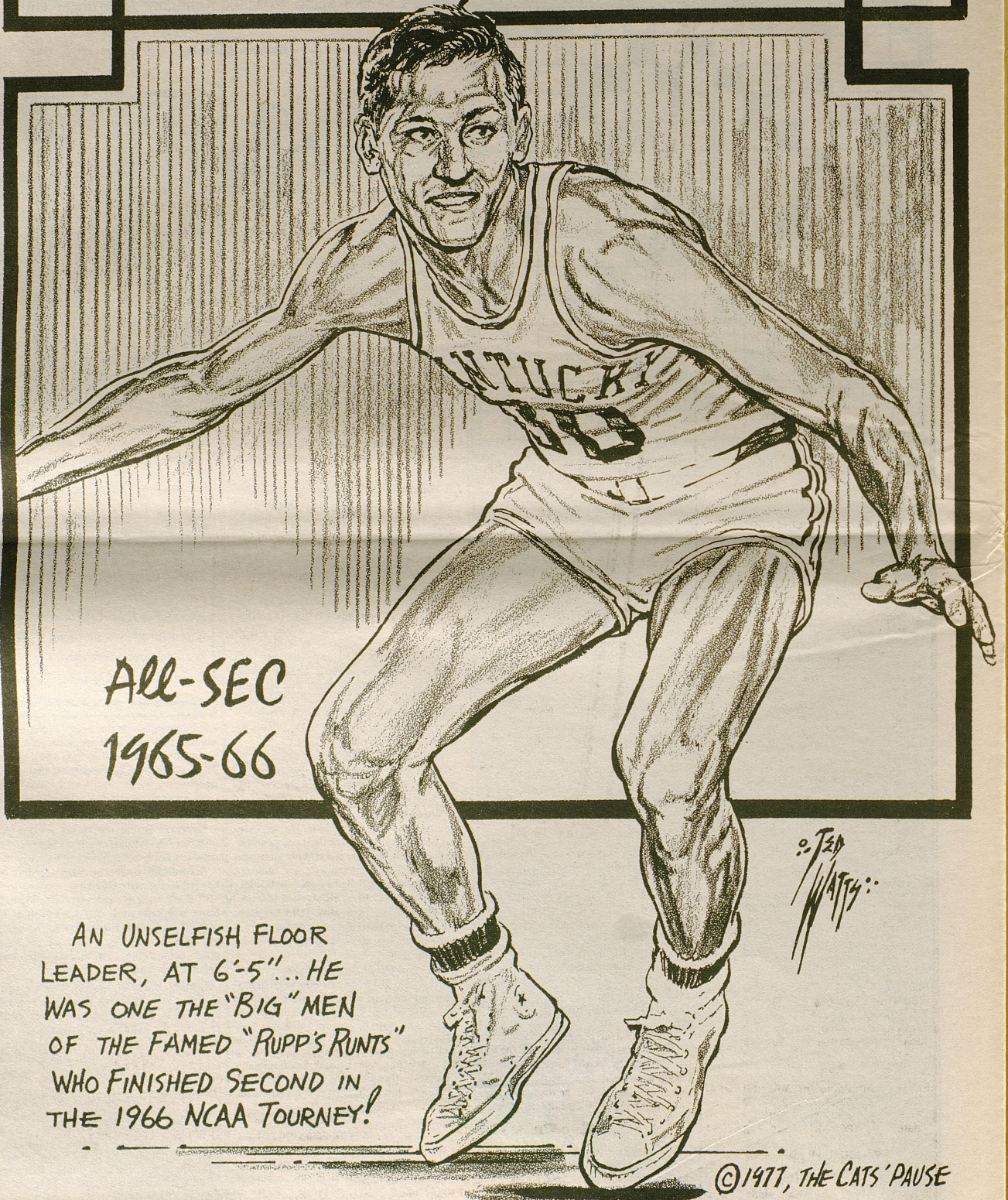
Getting back to basics: Another pre-spring goal for the 'Cats was to work, work and work on fundamentals. No more offside penalties. No more missed assignments. No more dropped passes.

For Claiborne and his staff, hopefully their fundamental clinic during the spring will pay off.

"We felt like that was one of our shortcomings," Claiborne said. "We also have some young players who haven't played a great deal. I know you play football 11-on-11, but again you put yourself at a great disadvantage when you don't do things basically sound. That's what we really tried to concentrate on this spring."

"I think it will pay off this fall."

Tommy Kron



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BLUE-WHITE SUMMARY

| | | | | | | |
|-------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Blue | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | — | 13 |
| White | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | — | 17 |

White—Hunter 1-yd. run (Worley kick)
 White—Hunter 7-yd. run (Worley kick)
 White—Worley 48-yd. field goal
 Blue—Jones 7-yd. pass from Fohr (Willis kick)
 Blue—Jones 54-yd. pass from Fohr (two-pt. conversion failed)

| | White | Blue |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 20 | 14 |
| Rushes/Yards | 46-234 | 20-54 |
| Passing Yards | 93 | 280 |
| Passes | 11-23-1 | 17-26-1 |
| Total Offense | 311 | 314 |
| Punts/Avg. | 3-45.0 | 1-22.0 |
| Fumbles/Lost | 2-1 | 2-2 |

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Blue Team

| Player | Att. | Gain | Net | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Hunter | 18 | 74 | 74 | 2 | 10 |
| Bilberry | 11 | 59 | 58 | 0 | 23 |
| T. Smith | 6 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 8 |
| Dooley | 6 | 41 | 26 | 0 | 14 |
| Knox | 3 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 8 |
| Allen | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Gover | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 46 | 234 | 218 | 2 | 23 |

White Team

| Player | Att. | Gain | Net | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Higgs | 10 | 34 | 33 | 0 | 7 |
| Murray | 5 | 16 | 13 | 0 | 6 |
| Mahan | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Bolden | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Green | 1 | -2 | -2 | 0 | -2 |
| Fohr | 1 | -3 | -3 | 0 | -3 |
| Nelson | 1 | -11 | -11 | 0 | -11 |
| Totals | 20 | 54 | 34 | 0 | 7 |

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

White Team

| Player | No. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|------------|-----|------|----|------|
| Hunter | 4 | 39 | 0 | 14 |
| Bilberry | 2 | 23 | 0 | 13 |
| T. Smith | 2 | 19 | 0 | 11 |
| Pennington | 2 | 15 | 0 | 8 |
| Gover | 1 | 11 | 0 | 11 |

Blue Team

| Player | No. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|----------|-----|------|----|------|
| T. Jones | 4 | 99 | 2 | 54 |
| Bolden | 3 | 61 | 0 | 32 |
| Murray | 5 | 51 | 0 | 15 |
| Hadrych | 2 | 40 | 0 | 22 |
| Meece | 2 | 20 | 0 | 16 |
| Mahan | 1 | 9 | 0 | 9 |

INDIVIDUAL PUNTING

White Team

| Name | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Long |
|---------------|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Tesar | 3 | 135 | 45.0 | 54 |
| Totals | 3 | 135 | 45.0 | 54 |

Blue Team

| Name | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Long |
|---------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Nelson | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 22 |
| Totals | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 22 |

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

White Team

| Player | Att.-Comp. | Int. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------|
| Dooley | 19-10-0 | 79 | 0 | 13 | |
| T. Smith | 3-1-0 | 14 | 0 | 14 | |
| Allen | 1-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 23-11-1 | 93 | 0 | 14 | |

Blue Team

| Player | Att.-Comp. | Int. | Yds. | TD | Long |
|---------------|----------------|------------|----------|-----------|------|
| Fohr | 25-17-0 | 280 | 2 | 54 | |
| Green | 1-0-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 26-17-1 | 280 | 2 | 54 | |

INDIVIDUAL FIELD GOALS

White Team

| Player | Att. | Made | Long |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Worley | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| Totals | 1 | 1 | 48 |

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UK's Walking Wounded

Expected back for Aug. 17 two-a-days

| Player | Injury | yes | no |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bill Allen | Hamstring sprain in spring game | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Al Baker | Fubluxation in left knee; no surgery required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Greg Baker | Arthroscopic surgery for bone chips in left knee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Eric Banks | Reconstructive surgery on left knee | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Mark Brock | Career-ending neck and shoulder injuries; will be placed on medical scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Chuck Broughton | Arthroscopic surgery for bone spur in right shoulder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Curry | Fourth surgery performed on left knee last season | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kevin Dooley | Bruised shoulder in spring game | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Anthony Gardner | Reconstructive surgery on right knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rich Hadrych | Arthroscopic surgery on right knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mark Higgs | Sprained right ankle in spring game | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doug Houser | Arthroscopic surgery for maniscus tear of left knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jason Larch | Fractured right thumb; sprained left knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chris Moga | Fractured right leg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Steve Phillips | Arthroscopic surgery on right knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mark Sellers | Torn ligaments in left thumb | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dee Smith | Sprained ankle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Paul Winter | Reconstructive surgery on left knee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

not a good kick. It was so bad the short man couldn't field it, and then it rolled for 30 yards. We've got good legs, but we've just got to get concentration. It's a lot like our dropping passes. You've got to concentrate to catch the ball and you've got to concentrate to kick the ball."

All in all, Claiborne said he was pleased with the effort his team displayed this spring.

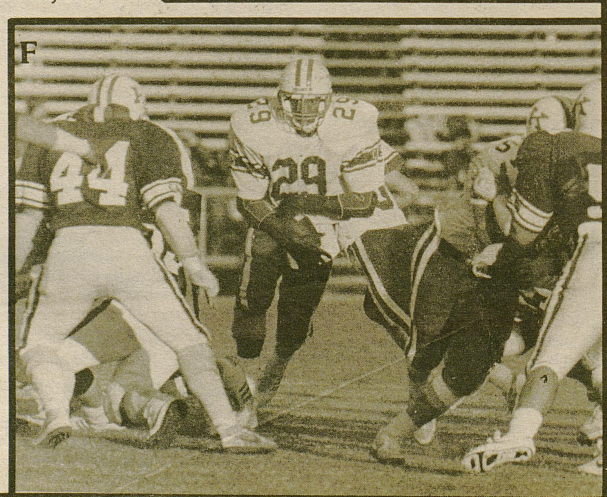
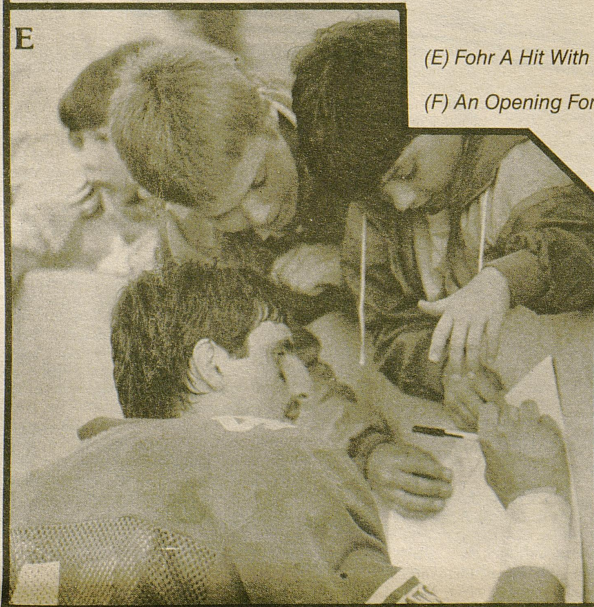
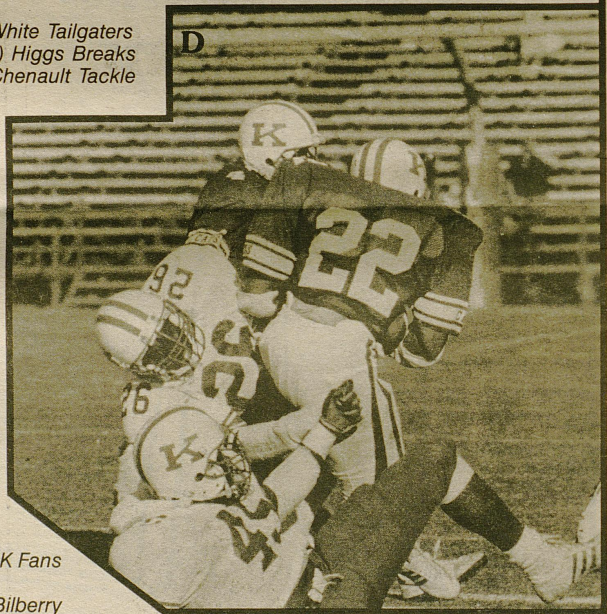
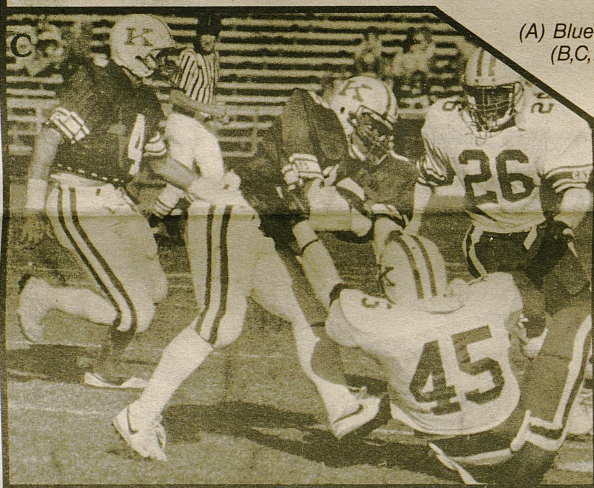
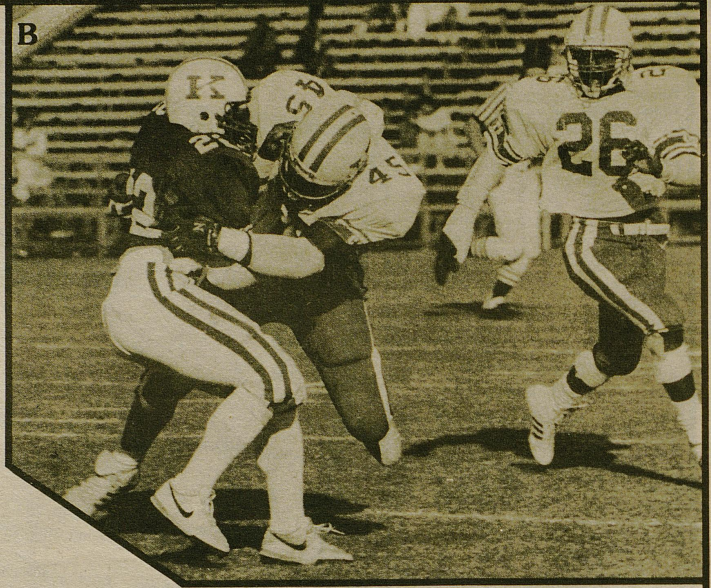
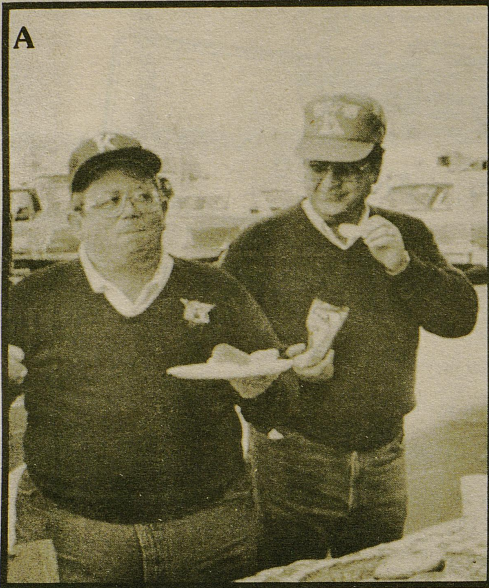
"I thought the hitting was good out there," he said. "I thought it looked like they went after each other pretty good. And I thought that phase of our spring practice has been good. We have been an aggressive football team this spring. I thought there was some real good aggressive hitting out on the field today, and we're proud of this."

"Overall, we felt like we've had a good spring practice. We were upset that some people who needed the work desperately, especially our defensive backs and some of our running backs, didn't get this needed work due to injury. And we feel like that everyone, though, with rehabilitation, will be ready to go this fall. When we put both these teams together we hope to have a good football team."

Blue-White Tidbits

This wasn't the first Blue-White scrimmage game, but it was the first to be promoted so heavily. **Yogi Bear** and some Kings' Island characters showed up, along with 20,325 other football fans. Other notables in attendance included Gov. **Martha Layne Collins**. . . At times this spring, Shively Sports Center has looked more like a Red Cross hospital than a football training complex. As many as 18-20

players have been sidelined at one point or another during the drills. But there were no serious injuries in the scrimmage game. Quarterback **Kevin Dooley** was removed from the game with a bruised shoulder, tailback **Mark Higgs** sprained an ankle, tight end **Mark Hadrych** was nursing a tender knee, but other than that, everyone else who played in the game left with a clean bill of health. . . The game was a contest of contrasts. The winning White team got the job done on the ground, racking up 14 first downs, 234 yards and both of its touchdowns carrying the football. The Blue team did most of its damage through the air, picking up 12 first downs, 280 yards and two scores with its passing attack. . . In addition to being impressive on the run, **Darren Bilberry** showed he can catch the ball as well. Bilberry reeled in two passes for 23 yards for the White team. . . **Tim Jones** had the best day of the receivers, with four receptions for 99 yards and two touchdowns, including a 54-yard TD catch and run in the second half. **Tim Bolden** (three catches for 61 yards), **Andy Murray** (five catches for 51 yards) and **Rich Hadrych** also caught the ball well for the Blue team. . . **Jeff Kremer** was the most active Wildcat on defense with his 14 tackles. **John Shannon** was in on nine stops, and **Mike Robinson** and **Tony Zigman** had seven. . . **Ron Robinson** of the Whites and **Craig Benzinger** of the Blues each came up with an interception. . . Who said it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game? Certainly not members of the losing Blue team. While the winners were enjoying steak for dinner, the Blue squad was dining on a diet of beans and weanies.



(A) Blue-White Tailgaters
(B,C,D) Higgs Breaks
Chenault Tackle

(E) Fohr A Hit With UK Fans

(F) An Opening For Bilberry

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*In absolutely terrible weather and in front of a rain-drenched crowd of 1,620 faithful fans, the Blue team defeated the White squad 26-14 in Kentucky's annual intrasquad scrimmage which concluded spring practice.

The Blue team scored the opening touchdown of the game on a 65-yard drive under the direction of quarterback Randy Jenkins, and never looked back.

Jenkins was 13 of 19 in passing for 230 yards and three touchdowns. He had no interceptions. Redshirt freshman quarterback Bill Ransdell threw for 105 yards, hitting on nine of 16 attempts.

In the rushing department, Lawrence "Choo Choo" Lee gained a game-high 76 yards on just five carries. Junior tailback George Adams racked up 58 yards on 12 carries.

Coach Jerry Claiborne, in his second year at Kentucky, said overall, he was pleased with

spring practice.

"We have had a good spring practice," he said. "I was pleased with the way they performed tonight, especially with the weather conditions. They have had a good mental attitude the entire spring and I think we will be improved."

*The Kentucky baseball team traveled to Knoxville hoping to keep its slim SEC playoff chances alive. But Keith Madison's Bat Cats were eliminated from the race as they could only gain a split from the homestanding Vols.

The Bat Cats lost the first game 4-3 in extra innings after blowing a three-run lead. Kentucky was just one out away from winning the first game, but Tennessee scored the tying run in the bottom of the seventh on a walk, a stolen base and a two-out RBI single. UK lost it in the eighth when a missed signal by a Wildcat pitcher allowed the winning run to score. Pitcher Paul Kilgus was saddled with the loss.

In the nightcap, a grand slam by John Sikes and good pitching from winner Jay Ray paced UK to an 11-3 win. The split brought Kentucky's SEC record to 4-8.

*Assistant basketball coach Bob Chambers resigned his post at UK after being with the program for three years. Chambers, who says he is leaving because of personal reasons, is expected to return to Bristol, Tenn., where he was a high school coach before coming to UK.

Five Years Ago

The Kentucky basketball team lost two of three games with division rival Tennessee at Shively Sports Center Field. The Bat Cats lost the first game of a doubleheader 9-7 on Saturday afternoon, and then edged the Vols 5-4 in the second game of the twinbill.

A throwing error on an attempted pickoff play by Jeff Parrett allowed the winning run to score from second base as UT slipped by UK 8-7 in the series wrap-up on Sunday afternoon. The Bat Cats fell to 16-28 overall and 6-14 in the conference after the weekend series.

*UK basketball signee Kenny Walker scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as his West team defeated the East all-stars in the McDonald's All-Star Classic held in Chicago, Ill.

*Kentucky senior Bill Sandry broke an SEC record and tied an NCAA mark with four home runs in a 21-4 Wildcat win over Eastern Kentucky at UK's Shively Sports Center.

*Led by sophomore tailback John Gay's 107 yards, the Blue team rushed for 257 yards en route to a 21-14 win over the White team in coach Jerry Claiborne's first Blue-White scrimmage game at UK. Quarterback Doug Martin orchestrated the winning attack, hitting 12 of 20 passes with one interception for 140 yards and one score.

*Kentucky Mr. Basketball Todd May of Virgie High School signed to a national letter of intent to play basketball in 1982.

"It's a great school and it's the state school," the 6-8 forward said. "I've always been a Kentucky fan. Quite frankly, I never thought I would be good enough to play at Kentucky, at least not before this year. In the end, I figured it would be good for me to stay home in Kentucky."

*TCP announced its 1982 all-state basketball team with 6-8 Virgie center Todd May leading the way. Other members of the first team were William Conner of Bryan Station, Chris West of Louisville Manual, Brett Burrow and Robbie Valentine of North Hardin, Joe Karr of Laurel County, Tim Tipton of Louisville Fairdale, James Johnson of Union County, Jeff Hall of Fairview and Keith Berry of Bryan Station.

*Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne announced the signing of three prep stars who will join the Wildcats next season. Napoleon Bell, a 6-3, 210-pound tight end from Columbus, Ohio; Guy Neal, a 6-1, 210-pound linebacker-tight end-punter from Hendersonville, Tenn.; and James Reichwein, a 6-4, 235-pound lineman from Hatboro, Pa., inked national letters of intent to play for the 'Cats in 1982.

*The Kentucky Lady Kat basketball team announced the signings of Leslie Nichols of Henry Clay and Karen Mosely from E.L. Bowsher High in Toledo, Ohio, to national letters of intent.

*A proposed matchup between Kentucky and Louisville in the Hall of Fame Tip Off Classic basketball game was called off because of what U of L officials termed as "scheduling conflicts."

*University of Louisville signee Billy Thompson of Camden, N.J. led The Cats' Pause All-American Prep Basketball Squad.

Other members of the team were Wayman Tisdale, Efreem Winters, Brad Daugherty, Benoit Benjamin, Richard Rellford, Alfonso Johnson and Curtis Hunter.

Six Years Ago

*The Kentucky basketball staff inked two high school prospects to national letters of intent. Mike Ballenger is a 6-3 guard from Jasper, Ind., who was a two-time all-stater and honorable mention All-America. Ballenger broke every school scoring record, scoring 1,433 career points and averaging 24.8 points per game as a senior. Troy McKinley is a 6-5 forward who led Simon Kenton High School to the Kentucky state title. McKinley averaged 25.3 points and 10.6 rebounds per game for the 29-5 team. He hit 62.3 percent from the floor and 82.1 percent from the foul line. Ballenger signed on April 8, and McKinley signed on April 20.

*Led by a super aerial attack and some impressive running, the Blue team completely dominated the White team by a 51-6 score in Kentucky's annual Blue-White spring football game. Since the Blue team was comprised of UK's first units on both offense and defense, it was expected they would win, but coach Fran Curci said he didn't think the Blues would be that successful, especially in the air. The score was 44-6 at the half. The Blue team finished with 497 yards and 27 first downs, with 348 of those yards coming in the first half. Both quarterbacks, Randy Jenkins and Terry Henry, were impressive. Passing better than he ever has, Henry hit eight of 15 passes for 139 yards; and also ran for a game-high 98 yards. Jenkins hit on eight of 13 passes for 78 yards. Sophomore Lawrence "Choo Choo" Lee gained 81 yards and had three receptions for 25 yards. Charlie Jackson led the White team with 74 yards on the ground. The one score by the White team came on a 59-yard scoring strike from quarterback Tom Boyle to receiver Eddie Simmons.

*For the second time in coach Keith Madison's three-year coaching career at UK, his Wildcat baseball team is headed for the SEC playoffs. The Bat Cats finished second in the Eastern Division to Florida. Kentucky has enjoyed its best season on the diamond ever, eclipsing nearly 20 school records, and the 37-14 record represents the most wins in school history. Power hitters Jeff Shartzer and Bill Sandry have led the offensive attack, while All-America candidate Jeff Keener has been sensational on the mound, fashioning a 12-1 record with a microscopic 0.56 ERA out of the bullpen.

Kentucky will meet Mississippi State in the first round of the double-elimination playoffs in Starkville.

*For the first time since Fran Curci and Joe B. Hall became head coaches at Kentucky, Bluegrass Broadcasting will not be producing the coaches' radio shows. The two coaches awarded full broadcasting rights of their "Big Blue Line" shows to the Kentucky Network after failing to reach an agreement with Bluegrass Broadcasting. Terms for the contracts were not revealed.

Seven Years Ago

*The youngest U.S. Olympic men's basketball team in history—featuring three freshmen from the past college season—was selected last week after four days of trials at the University of Kentucky. Included on the 12-man roster is Kentucky's Sam Bowie, who joins freshmen Isaiah Thomas of Indiana and Rodney McCray of Louisville on the team. The Olympic team will tour the country playing NBA All-Stars. Kentucky's Dirk Minniefield and Fred Cowan were also impressive throughout the trials, although they did not make the team.

Wildcat Quiz

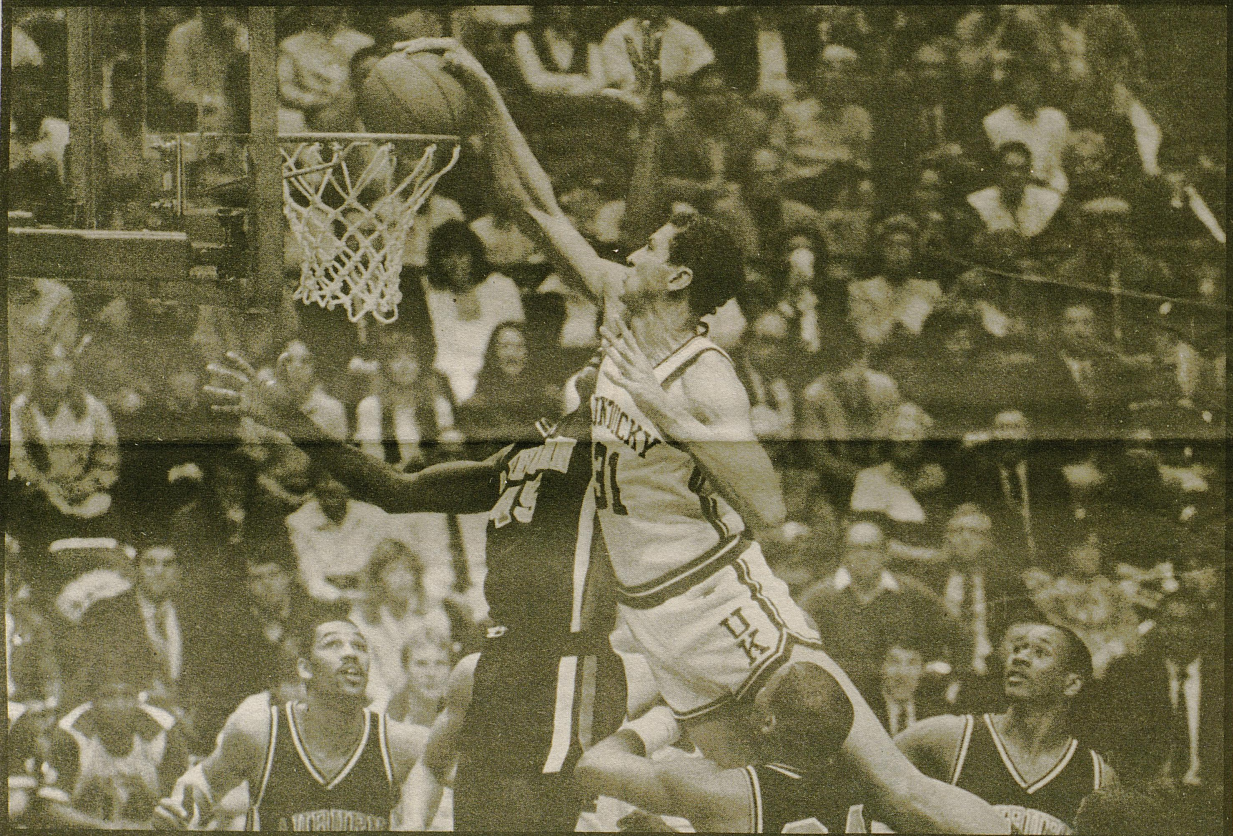
- Who was the last former Wildcat to play in a Super Bowl game?
 - George Adams
 - Frank LeMaster
 - Derrick Ramsey
 - Pat Donley
- Who was the last UK player to have three interceptions in one game?
 - Kerry Baird
 - Ron Robinson
 - Greg Long
 - Jerry Claiborne
- Who holds the UK school record for the most punt return yardage for a single season?
 - Brian Williams
 - Andy Molls
 - Doug Kotar
 - Chris Jones
- True or False? Quarterback Kevin Dooley has never thrown a touchdown pass for Kentucky.
 - True
 - False
- What UK player was named the "Outstanding Offensive Lineman" last year?
 - Mike Pfeifer
 - Brad Myers
 - Greg Kunkel
 - Sam Rotella
- True or False? UK running back Mark Higgs has gained over 1,500 all purpose yards (rushing and receiving) during his Wildcat career.
 - True
 - False
- Who owns the school record for the most punt returns in one season?
 - Cornell Burbage
 - Brian Williams
 - Noah Mullins
 - Mike Siganos
- What former Wildcat holds the UK record for best punting average for a season?
 - Larry Seiple
 - Ralph Kercheval
 - Jeff Nelson
 - Paul Calhoun
- True or False? No opposing defense was able to shut out Kentucky in 1986.
 - True
 - False
- Against which opponent does UK own its widest margin of victory?
 - Centre
 - Vanderbilt
 - Wilmington
 - Villanova



Answers

1. Derrick Ramsey; (New England, Super Bowl XX)
2. Greg Long; (48 in 1977)
3. Mike Siganos; (48 in 1977)
4. Paul Calhoun; (44.4 in 1984)
5. Greg Kunkel
6. True (Higgs enters the 1987 season with 1,587 all-purpose yards)
7. Mike Siganos; (48 in 1977)
8. Paul Calhoun; (44.4 in 1984)
9. True
10. Wilmington; (87-point margin)

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