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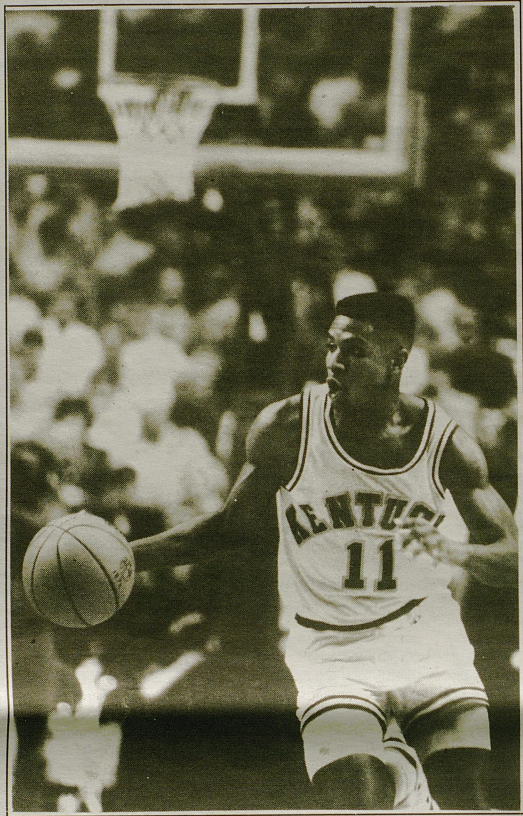
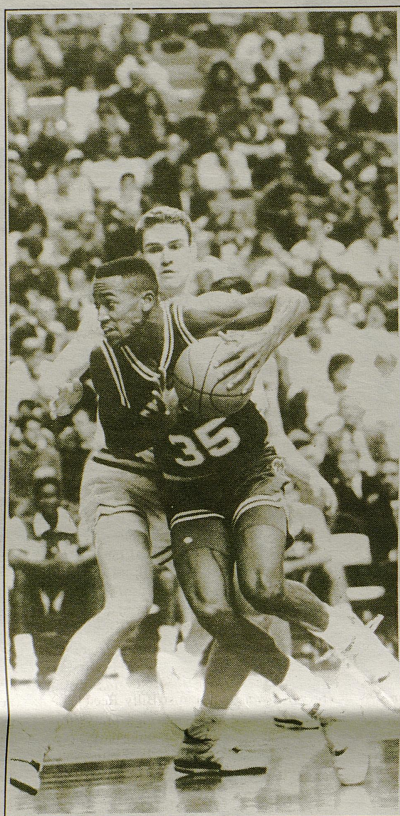
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RICK PITINO'S WILDCATS ON THE RUN



Kentucky center Reggie Hanson (left) drives on a Southwestern Louisiana defender in Friday night's second game. The 'Cats improved their record to 5-2 with an 88-71 win. For more on that game please turn to page 7. Due to the Christmas holidays, game coverage of the UKIT championship was cut short. Guard Sean Woods (right), the key figure in Kentucky's first-round win over USL, starts a fast break during a win over Furman earlier in the week. Please see page 5 for the complete Furman-UK game story. Also, Woods is this week's Wildcat TCP feature (pages 16-17).

photos by Steve McFarland

USL outguns 'Cats 116-113 to win UKIT in OT

Southwestern Louisiana ran its slate to 7-0 with a thrilling 116-113 overtime win over Kentucky, 5-3, to capture the 37th annual UKIT. USL overcame a six-point deficit in the final two minutes to capture the title after trailing 113-107 in the final 1:40 of overtime.

UK missed two chances to win the game in regulation and then blew a number of others to ice the game in overtime. "We celebrated too early," Pitino, who suffered his first loss at Rupp Arena, said. "This was a big, big loss because we had the game."

It was close all the way, although UK got only 18 minutes of action from Reggie Hanson, in foul trouble much of the night. All told, 11 players in the game scored in double figures.

John Pelphrey led the 'Cats with 24 points. Other double figure scorers were Derrick Miller with 19, Jeff Brassow with 18, Deron Feldhaus with 17, Hanson with 13 and Sean Woods with 12.

Several records were set in the race-horse game including an NCAA mark for three-point field goal attempts. The two teams fired a total of 84 three-point missiles and hit on 24. UK shot 15 of 53.

The all-tourney team: Sydney Grider (MVP, USL), John Pelphrey (UK), Sean Woods (UK), Kevin Brooks (USL), and Louis Banks (Cincinnati). UC won the consolation game over Portland.

In the next TCP, there will be a play-by-play of the USL game plus further info and pictures from the UKIT championship.

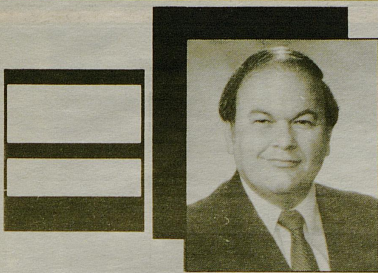
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02	ALLEN, BOB	10	4/10	0/0	2/2	1	1	1	0	0	45:00
03	BECKON, KEVIN	13	5/11	1/3	4/4	1	1	1	0	0	45:00
11	GRIDER, SYDNEY	23	4/14	1/4	7/10	3	2	0	0	0	36:19
12	MICHELLE, AARON	7	1/6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	44:18
20	HILL, TOM	3	1/3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	15:00
19	JONES, TYRONE	0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	2:36
34	CONSIDING, MARK	1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	2:36
23	PELPHREY, JOHN	24	11/24	4/11	7/8	1	4	0	0	0	2:25
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3-PT FG		1ST HALF 4/14	28.6%	2ND HALF 5/17	29.4%	GAME		9/31	29.0%	REBOUNDS	
FREE THROWS		1ST HALF 17/15	76.1%	2ND HALF 14/17	82.4%	GAME		25/32	78.1%	8	

HOME (Last Name, First)		TOT	FG	3-PT	FT	REB	AST	STP	BLK	S	TIME
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10	BREIDHAUS, JEFFREY	7	1/6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	39:11
15	HANSON, REGGIE	13	5/11	1/3	4/4	1	1	1	0	0	38:19
04	MILLES, BERRY	2	0/4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	40:24
11	WATKINS, SEAN	12	5/11	1/3	2/2	0	0	0	0	0	28:14
13	DAVIS, LEON	1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	22:15
14	BRASSOW, JEFF	18	4/10	0/0	7/8	0	0	0	0	0	21:13
12	FRANKS, RICHIE	1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	17:24
22	BEAULIEU, NEREN	1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	3:21
TEAM REBOUNDS (INCLUDED IN TOTALS)											
TOTALS		53	15/53	4/12	17/21	24	11	12	2	1	43:00
TOTAL FG		1ST HALF 19/43	44.2%	2ND HALF 24/50	48.0%	GAME		43/103	41.7%	HEADBALL	
3-PT FG		1ST HALF 6/25	24.0%	2ND HALF 9/28	32.1%	GAME		12/33	36.4%	REBOUNDS	
FREE THROWS		1ST HALF 17/19	89.5%	2ND HALF 17/19	89.5%	GAME		17/19	89.5%	8	

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Can UK avoid post-Christmas blues in UL & UNC?

If Kentucky fans believe the very worst is behind them after the 55-point drubbing inflicted by Kansas earlier this month, then they apparently are ignoring the very real possibility of post-Christmas blues, a la games this week with national powers North Carolina and Louisville.

Usually, teams look forward to non-conference foes during the month of December, a time right before the annual league wars begin for real.

For Kentucky, these games most likely will be viewed as a no-win situation for both Carolina and Louisville. UK's foes in both games will be heavy favorites. In other words, there will be no pressure on the 'Cats. Even an embarrassing record-setting loss seems pretty much out of question, thanks to the Kansas contest.

But unlike normal times, these two games will mean significantly less than what they once did.

Yes, Louisville fans are keeping the "Ma Bell" lines hot to Lexington in hopes of talking UK fans out of their tickets, in hopes of finally seeing a Cardinal victory in Rupp Arena, perhaps even a very lopsided one.

But to even the most serious U of L or Carolina fan, it will be difficult to gain a great deal of satisfaction from a victory this season. Fact is, both clubs will have to perform major blowouts before they'll be given passing marks by fans and media alike.

But Kentucky isn't the only club not enjoying its usual success. Louisville is going about its job in the usual winning fashion and appears to be on target for a strong finish after a disappointing stretch run last season.

On the other hand, fans are becoming restless in Carolina Heaven (as some call it). At one point recently, Dean Smith's Tar Heels stood at 4-4, the worst start in as far back as one can remember.

Sure, the opposition has prime beef this season, but some of the national recruiting experts have been saying the past few years that Carolina's talent has been gradually declining.

The early departure of J.R. Reid to the pros this season kinda put an exclamation mark to the trend. Now, Carolina is just among a list of good teams and, for the first time in years, dropped out of the Top 25 poll when the club dropped to 4-4.

When the college hoop schedules were announced last spring, there was considerable cheer in Carolina that the Tar Heels would not only pass Kentucky on the all-time college hoops victory list this season, but might turn the trick when the two clubs get together in Louisville.

Kentucky figured to have a losing record and Carolina expected to own a much better mark at this period in time. It didn't happen that way and now Carolina will have to wait at least later into the season before the Tar Heels grab the top spot.

Louisville, for the second year in a row, will make up some valuable ground on UK in the rejuvenated "Dream Game"

series that was resumed back in December of 1983.

Until the NCAA scandal rocked the UK program last October, Kentucky owned a commanding 4-1 mark since that historic first game in Rupp Arena.

After this week, UL will narrow the series to 3-4 and then should be able to even the war when the game returns to Freedom Hall next season.

That could set the stage for a very big game year after next at Rupp Arena when Rick Pitino will be allowed to ink his first full crop of signees without NCAA recruiting limits.

But that's two years away and right now, Louisville has to be licking its chops.

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IN A UNIQUE move to provide live coverage to UL fans back in Louisville since the game is banned from live television as a result of the NCAA probation against UK, the contest will be shown on live, closed-circuit screens at Freedom Hall.

Louisville officials sought and received permission from the NCAA for the arrangement, citing the loss of television and the fact that the game is played on UK's home floor where UL's ticket allocation is limited to about 250 tickets.

Also citing a loss of television revenue, Louisville requested and received permission to charge admission at \$16 each for those watching the game in Louisville.

Kentucky reportedly will not benefit from any of the revenues from the telecast.

Kentucky, to the credit of athletics director C.M. Newton, supported Louisville's request to the NCAA and agreed that it was unfair to the Louisville program and fans that a UL game could not be shown because of the UK probation.

Actually, the NCAA probably did UK a favor rather than penalizing the Wildcats by banning them from live television this season. Example? Think of the UK-Kansas game being shown from coast-to-coast!

Kentucky's live television ban is for one season only.

For viewers who follow the 'Cats via tape-delayed television coverage over the Kentucky Television Network, you'll be able to watch the game at the usual time of 10:30 p.m. Saturday. The UK-North Carolina game will also be tape-delayed on game day at 10:30 p.m. over the same network.

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THE SEARCH GOES on for a new football coach at the University of Kentucky.

It was back to square one when Denver Broncos assistant Mike Shanahan turned the job down last week. Now, there are about as many candidates as there are

playing positions on a football field.

Among those interviewed last week were Eastern Kentucky University's Roy Kidd, Northern Illinois' Jerry Pettibone, ex-Pittsburgh coach Mike Gottfried and ex-Memphis coach Richard Williamson.

There are some close to the scene who felt Kentucky would have a coach hired before Christmas. It now may be mid-January before Newton is able to hire the man he wants.

One name mentioned very little has been that of former UK great and current Louisville coach Howard Schnellenberger, who according to Newton back when Jerry Claiborne first retired was one of some 10 people on his initial list of of top people to be contacted for interviews.

The week Shanahan turned the job down, Howard told *Danville Advocate* sports editor and *TCP* columnist Larry Vought he had never been contacted by UK in any way concerning the job.

Yet, a couple days later (at a time when it appeared UK was on the verge of striking a deal with Shanahan), *Lexington Herald-Leader* columnist Billy Reed quoted Newton as having high praise for Howard and saying UK would have been interested in talking with the Louisville coach had he been interested in the job.

At the time, it seemed unimportant since most everyone was expecting Shanahan to accept the deal.

At least two of Howard's closest friends in Louisville have said privately that they believed he would accept the job if it was offered to him.

For obvious reasons, Howard wouldn't, or couldn't, go through an interview process. And for some unexplained reason, Newton, who is calling the shots of hiring a new coach, has not contacted the man.

Which brings us back to the original issue. Who will be the new coach?

The only right way to answer this question is to be honest and simply say, "I don't know. Probably the only person who knows the answer is the man who will make the decision and that's C. M. Newton."

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Unless politics get involved. The Shanahan deal was being developed under the Newton law of being the sole "hiring and firing boss" of UK athletics under the orders of president Dr. David Roselle.

Just 24 hours before Shanahan passed on the UK pact, Roselle announced his resignation as president of the university. This could have far-reaching implications in athletics and perhaps as soon as the hiring of a football coach.

The reason Newton has enjoyed full control of the program is because that's the way Roselle wanted it. And what the UK president wants, he gets (as far as athletics are concerned) because all action must be approved by the UK Athletics Association Board of Directors. The

directors are appointed by the university president.

Here's where the plot thickens. It's no secret in this state that there was a tremendous war between Roselle and Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson. And regardless of what you hear on television and radio or read in the daily newspapers, there is no question who won—the governor.

This also means Dr. Roselle's control over the athletics board has been diluted drastically. When the board members are reappointed in the future, the person who succeeds Roselle as UK president will have no say-so unless, of course, he is Wilkinson's hand-picked choice for that position. In other words, even if the new president also should be at odds with Wilkinson, which is highly unlikely, the board members still could be free to challenge any proposed coaching candidate.

Fact is, the board members are probably more concerned about who will be the new president than who will be the new football coach. This means the governor could have some very strong influence on the selection of a new coach (if he so chooses) by merely dropping a hint here and there.

And since the governor (again, don't believe everything the big media boys try to brainwash you with) will most certainly have a strong voice in the selection of a new president, you can rest assured some of those athletic board members would be more than willing to side with the governor against either Roselle or even Newton when it comes to hiring a new coach.

It could very well be that for the first time since the UKAA was established almost 50 years ago, a new coach will be truly considered and hired by the athletics board rather than just receiving a rubber stamp as has been the case in the past.

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POLITICS HAVE DEFINITELY entered the picture although you'll get arguments to the contrary. Let's just consider three of the candidates.

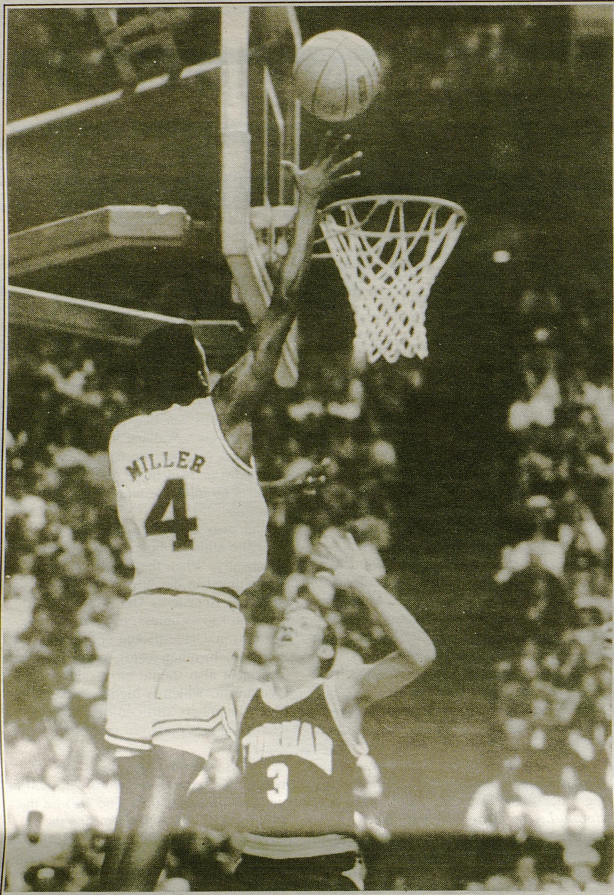
•The Kidd connection. Already, WKYT-TV, Channel 27, the official UK sports connection that has exclusive television rights to all UK basketball and football activities as well as the game rights, has openly endorsed Kidd as the successor to Claiborne.

And Channel 27's sister media outlet, Radio Station WVLK, was promoting Kidd as the man for the job during its afternoon show last Thursday.

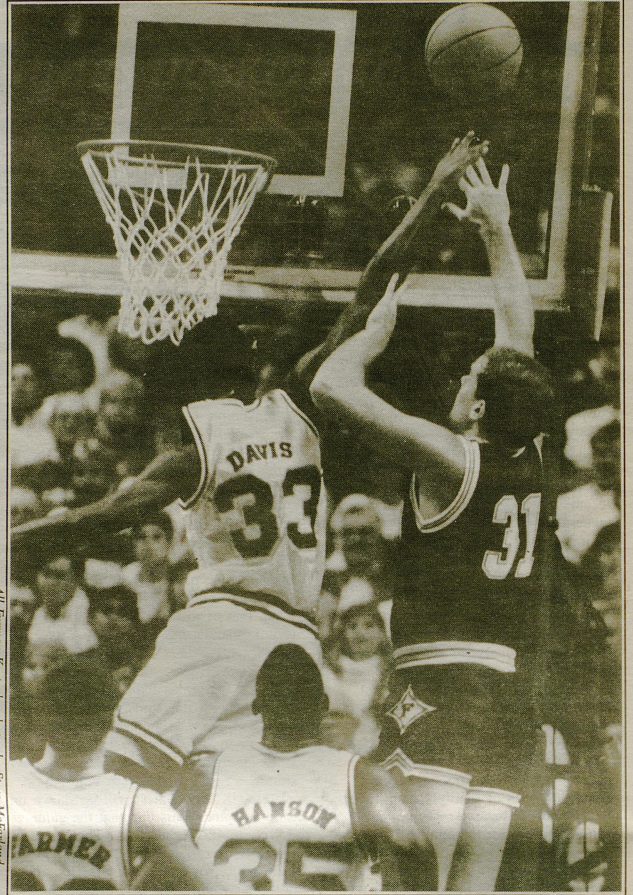
This could be significant because WVLK enjoys the same exclusive rights for radio that WKYT has for television. The coverage also includes the lucrative coaches' weekly, pre-game and post-game radio shows.

•Then there is the Gottfried connection.

He obviously has powerful support (Continued on page 26)



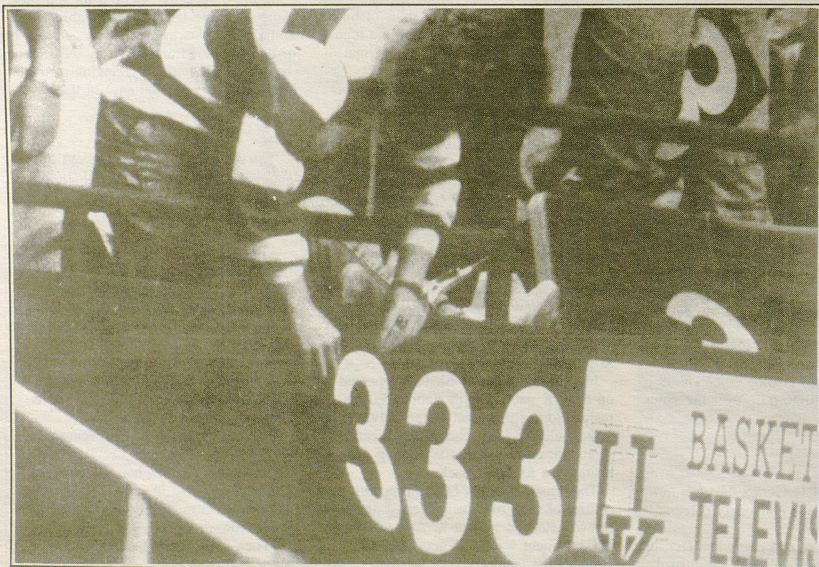
UP, UP AND AWAY: Taking his offensive skills inside, senior Wildcat guard Derrick Miller drives against Furman's David Stamey. Miller scored a game-high 21 points, 18 coming in the first half.



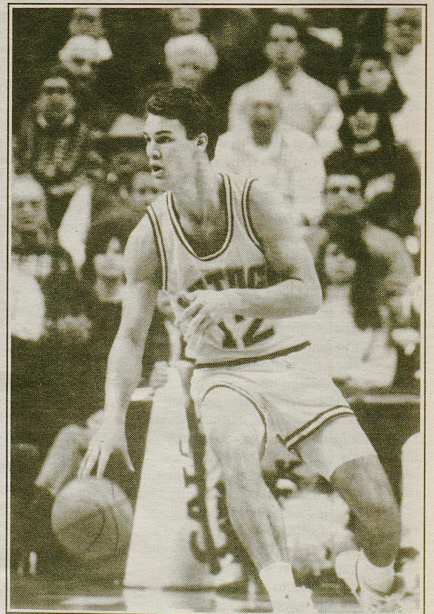
All Furman-Kentucky photos by Steve McFarland

REJECTION: Reserve Johnathon Davis sends Tom O'Donnell's short jumper away from the cylinder. Davis blocked three shots, scored six points and grabbed six rebounds in 15 minutes of action.

KENTUCKY 104, FURMAN 73



THREE MADNESS: A Wildcat fan places a three-point sign for one of the 'Cats' NCAA record-tying 19 treys against Furman. Walkon Junior Braddy drilled the final three-point shot of the evening.



A NEW DERON: Last season forward Deron Feldhaus took only six three-point attempts. Against Furman he found the target three times on six tries.

Wildcats rout Furman 104-73

Record-setting UK breaks game open early with runs of 18-0 and 25-2 midway through first half

by TCP managing editor Russell Rice

Three-point-shot records continued to fall, with promises of more of the same, as "Pitino's Pistols" bullseyed 19 of 47 long-range attempts and the University of Kentucky cruised to a 104-73 win over Furman in Rupp Arena.

Returning to action after a 10-day layoff following a 55-point (150-95) loss to Kansas that set modern-day records for points scored and margin of victory against a UK team, the Wildcats racked up their third 100-point game of the young season while upping their record to four wins at home and two losses on the road as they entered their Christmas holiday tournament.

In burying Furman under a barrage of three-pointers, coupled with an aggressive defense, the Cats posted the following marks:

- NCAA record for three-point attempts (47), besting their own mark of 41 set against Tennessee Tech. It was the third straight game in which they reached or surpassed 40 attempts.
- Equalled NCAA record of 19 three-pointers shared by Valparaiso and St. Francis, Pa.
- Beat SEC record of 18 three-pointers that they set against Tennessee Tech.
- NCAA record for the number of players (eight) hitting three-pointers in a game. The old record was seven, set twice by Arizona (1987 and 1988) and Loyola-Marymount (1988).
- NCAA record for most number of treys attempted by both teams (67), breaking record of 57 set during UK's loss to Kansas at Lawrence.

Senior guard Derrick Miller led the onslaught with five three-pointers in 13 attempts. Richie Farmer hit four of seven, Deron Feldhaus three of six, John Pelphrey two of six, Scott Brassow two of seven, Reggie Hanson one of one, Sean Woods one of two and Nehemiah Braddy one of four.

The number could have been nine, except that Johnahan Davis missed his only long-range try, which gave him two air balls in two attempts this season.

When asked about Davis' off-the-mark shot, Wildcat coach Rick Pitino likened the 6-foot-6 sophomore forward to Kenny Walker, former Wildcat All-American who played for Pitino the last two seasons with the New York Knicks.

"He wants to make one," Pitino said of Davis. "Kenny Walker was the same way. Finally Kenny made one to get over the hump and we got him back inside."

"The records will be broken by us," Pitino said. "We'll break our records. Someone will break ours. They'll all be shattered as time goes by as people realize...well, anyway, they'll all be shattered."

Furman coach Butch Estes, still reeling from the onslaught, said he didn't mind the threes; he was just glad Pitino called off the press. "If they had kept pressing," he said, "that might not have been in the best light."

"I've never seen anything like that three-point shooting," he added. "Amazing. It was quite an exhibition."

While Pitino hinted that the three-point line (19' 9") might be too close, Estes said, "What it may do is make the NCAA think how close

UK-FURMAN ITEMS NOT TO GO UNNOTICED:

- With the crowd begging for a three-pointer on UK's last handful of offensive possessions, freshman walk-on Junior Braddy obliged, tossing in a turnaround 22-footer with 14 seconds left that tied one NCAA record and broke another. Braddy's shot gave UK 19 threes, tying UK with Valparaiso and St. Francis, Pa., for most made in one game, and gave UK the new record for most players making a three in one game with eight, breaking records held previously by Arizona and Loyola-Marymount. The 19 threes is also an SEC record.
- Kentucky attempted 47 three-pointers for the game, a new NCAA record.
- The two teams combined for 67 three-point attempts, also a new NCAA record.

the (three-point line) is. But there's no question that from an offensive standpoint it's a great way to play. At least from a player's standpoint."

Pitino said the Wildcats aren't likely to be bombing from outside so often once he gets more inside players.

"Actually, the three is supposed to enhance the low-post game," he said. "You set up the shot by passing inside and kicking it out. And ideally (because the teams can't collapse inside because they're wary of the return pass outside) that should get you 18 to 20 shots a game against single coverage for your inside people."

The three-point onslaught began with a 21-footer by Feldhaus that tied the game at 7-7 with 16:42 on the clock. The Wildcats

came out sluggish, throwing the ball away on the game's first possession. With the score tied at 2-all and less than a minute gone, Pitino called a timeout.

He explained later that he never worries about television or radio timeouts, calling them instead whenever he deems it necessary.

Furman went ahead, 7-4, on a four-footer by Bruce Evans and a three-pointer by Chris Bass. Miller scored on a layup and Feldhaus started the three-point onslaught with a 20-footer, which was followed by another Miller layup.

Furman answered with a layup by David Stamey, a short goal by Derek Waugh and a three-pointer by Tracy Garrick for a 14-9 lead; then UK scored seven straight points

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UK-Furman play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Furman
19:30		0-2	Evans follow
19:04	Hanson layup	2-2	
18:06		2-4	Evans 10 ft.
17:08		2-7	Bass 21 ft.
16:40	Miller layup	4-7	
16:16	Feldhaus 21 ft.	7-7	
16:05	Miller layup	9-7	
15:52		9-9	Stamey follow layup
15:26		9-11	Waugh 3 ft.
14:08		9-14	Garrick 20 ft.
13:41	Hanson 4 ft. drive	11-14	
13:27	Brassow 20 ft.	14-14	
12:49	Brassow 16 ft.	16-14	
12:21		16-16	Williams dunk
12:06	Woods 12 ft.	18-16	
11:29	Pelphrey FT, FT	20-16	
11:11	Brassow 20 ft.	23-16	
10:36		23-18	Evans 4 ft.
10:19	Woods driving layup	25-18	
9:28	Davis 6 ft.	27-18	
8:04	Miller 20 ft.	30-18	
7:57	Miller 22 ft.	33-18	
7:21	Miller 24 ft.	36-18	
6:56	Pelphrey layup	38-18	
6:24	Farmer 21 ft.	41-18	
5:28		41-20	Evans 6 ft.
5:08	Miller 6 ft.	43-20	
4:54		43-22	Stamey layup
4:46	Woods FT, FTA	44-22	
4:38	Brassow FT, FTA	45-22	
4:27		45-24	Williams FT, FT
4:05	Miller 21 ft.	48-24	
3:46		48-26	Williams 8 ft.
3:34	Woods 16 ft.	50-26	
3:24		50-28	Stamey layup
3:06	Hanson 21 ft.	53-28	
2:38	Farmer FTA, FT	54-28	
1:01		54-29	Waugh FT, FTA
:32		54-32	Garrick 21 ft.

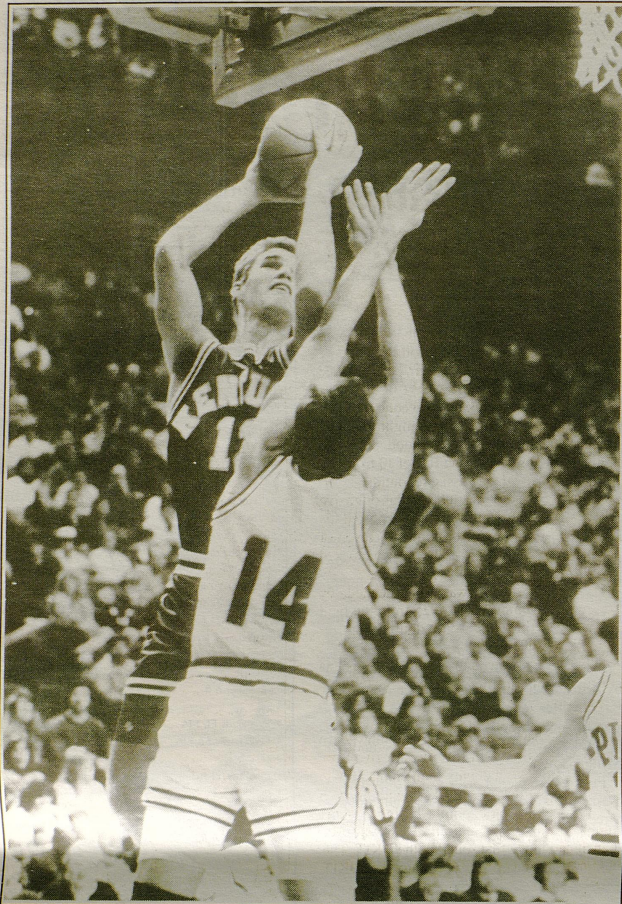
HALF		54-32
19:49		54-34 Bass 14 ft.
19:09	Hanson FT, FT	56-34
18:44	Pelphrey 21 ft.	59-34
18:25		59-37 Garrick 21 ft.
17:50	Woods 12 ft.	61-37
17:15	Woods 20 ft.	64-37
16:42	Woods layup	66-37
16:20		66-40 Hines 20 ft.
16:03	Woods layup	68-40
15:40	Feldhaus 21 ft.	71-40
15:23		71-42 Evans 6 ft.
15:05		71-45 Henderson 20 ft.
14:45	Feldhaus 20 ft.	74-45
13:30		74-47 Evans 6 ft.
12:45		74-48 Evans FT, FTA
11:58	Davis 4 ft.	76-48
10:37		76-50 Waugh FT, FT
10:20		76-52 Bass 3 ft.
9:57		76-53 Garrick FT, FTA
9:38	Farmer 21 ft.	79-53
9:25	Farmer 20 ft.	82-53
8:58		82-55 Garrick 16 ft.
8:17	Pelphrey layup	84-55
8:12		84-57 Evans 4 ft.
7:48	Pelphrey 22 ft.	87-57
6:42		87-59 Garrison FT, FT
6:27	Farmer 20 ft.	90-59
6:06	Miller 21 ft.	93-59
5:43		93-61 Evans follow layup
5:32	Davis 3 ft.	95-61
5:03		95-63 Williams 3 ft.
3:39		95-65 Garrick FT, FT
2:40	Pelphrey FTA, FT	96-65
2:12	Brassow layup	98-65
1:43		98-67 Stamey 6 ft.
1:43	Pelphrey FT, FT	100-67
1:31		100-69 Vorel 7 ft.
:31		100-71 Edwards FT, FT
:14	Braddy 22 ft., FT	104-71
:02		104-73 Vorel 6 ft.

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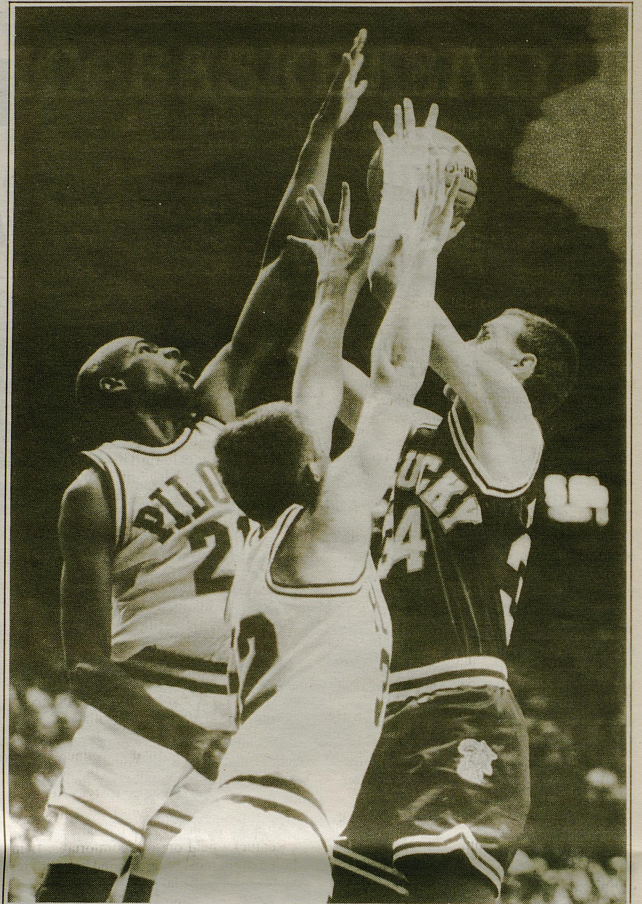
OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE: Date 12-19-89 Site Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)		TEAM		RECORDS		PTS		REB		AST		STL		BLK		MIN	
No.	Name	FG	FTA	FT	FTA	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	M	MIN				
Furman (2-5)																	
15	Garrick, Tracy	4	7	2	3	3	4	1	1	2	1	14	2	1	0	0	21
42	Crasby, Jerry	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	6
22	Evans, Bruce	8	12	0	0	1	5	5	6	1	1	17	1	0	0	4	25
23	Hanson, Hal	1	6	1	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	3	4	0	0	21
25	Bass, Chris	3	9	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	6	0	2	25
03	Stamey, David	4	8	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	2	3	0	1	14
51	Williams, Brent	3	4	0	0	2	5	0	5	1	1	8	0	3	1	0	17
25	Waugh, Derek	1	5	0	0	3	4	3	4	7	2	5	1	2	0	1	17
22	Hines, Steven	1	4	1	4	0	1	0	4	4	2	3	0	0	1	0	17
20	Garrison, Neal	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	3	2	4	7	0	1	18
31	O'Donnell, Tom	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	10
26	Lindson, Mark	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
22	Vorel, Tim	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
24	Edwards, Brian	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)																	
TOTALS		27	61	16	30	13	27	12	27	40	19	173	16	30	8	10	200
TOTAL FG % 1st Half		46.4%		2nd Half		48.4%		Game		44.9%		Deadball					
3-PT FG % 1st Half		37.5%		2nd Half		25.0%		Game		30.0%		Rebounds		3			
FT % 1st Half		75.0%		2nd Half		50.0%		Game		44.1%							
HOME (Last Name, First)																	
No.	Name	FG	FTA	FT	FTA	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	M	MIN				
24	Pelphrey, John	4	9	2	6	5	6	2	6	2	3	15	6	5	1	4	29
12	Feldhaus, Deron	3	6	2	4	0	0	1	4	5	0	9	1	1	0	1	22
25	Hanson, Reggie	3	6	1	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	9	2	3	1	4	22
04	Miller, Derrick	8	21	5	13	0	0	0	2	2	1	21	3	4	0	1	38
11	Woods, Sean	7	8	1	2	1	2	0	3	3	2	16	6	2	0	0	19
22	Farmer, Reggie	4	8	4	7	1	2	0	3	3	2	13	5	2	0	3	18
14	Brassow, Jeff	4	10	2	7	1	2	3	2	6	0	11	3	2	0	4	20
23	Braddy, Nehem	1	5	1	4	1	1	0	5	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	12
23	Davis, John	3	4	0	1	0	1	2	4	6	0	6	0	1	3	0	16
42	Barks, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
25	McGee, Skip	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
20	Cooper, Terry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)																	
TOTALS		37	78	19	47	11	16	13	34	44	20	104	26	22	5	18	200
TOTAL FG % 1st Half		47.4%		2nd Half		47.2%		Game		47.4%		Deadball					
3-PT FG % 1st Half		37.5%		2nd Half		43.8%		Game		40.4%		Rebounds		4			
FT % 1st Half		55.6%		2nd Half		85.7%		Game		68.3%							
OFFICIALS: P. Andrejowski, Wally Tanner, & M. Thibodeaux																	
Technical Fouls: Furman bench																	
Attendance: 22,841																	
SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 2nd OT OT FINAL																	
Furman 22 41 73																	
Kentucky 54 50 104																	



UK forward Deron Feldhaus, who scored 14 points, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and dished out four assists, goes up for a short jumper over Portland's Grant Tracy.

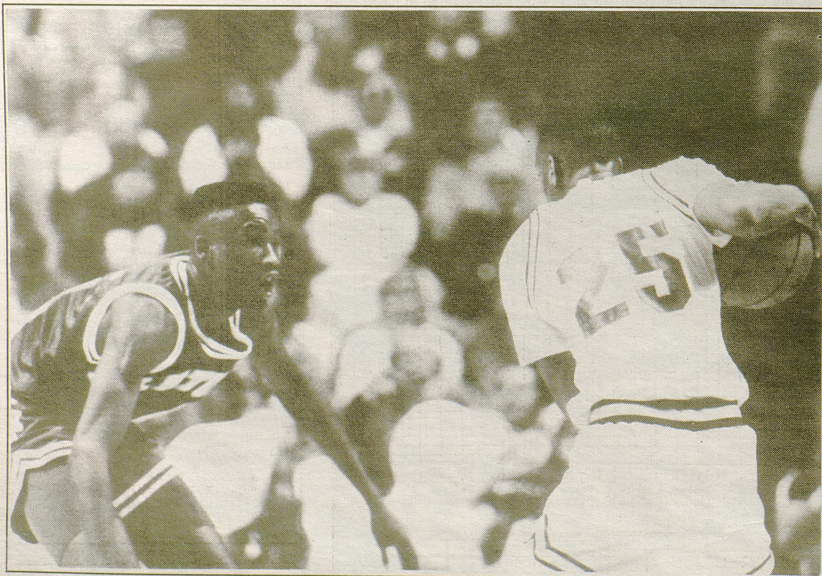
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Wildcat forward John Pelphrey moves inside to power this one up as Portland's William McDowell (21) and Matt Houle apply the defense. Pelphrey scored 17 points and snared six rebounds.

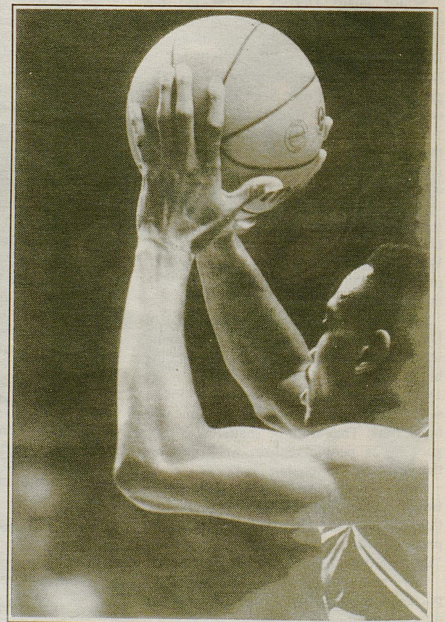
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KENTUCKY 88, PORTLAND 71



Kentucky guard Derrick Miller, who came up with a pair of steals and 12 points, defends Pilot guard Josh Lowery. Lowery led all scorers with 27.

photo by Steve McFarland



Kentucky's Reggie Hanson, one of five Wildcats in double figures in scoring with 17 points, looks for an open teammate.

photo by Steve McFarland

UK OPPONENT SCOUTING REPORT

Louisville Cardinals & Georgia Bulldogs

'Cats host U of L, then hit road to Athens

Cards have 12 days to get ready for 'Dream Game IX'

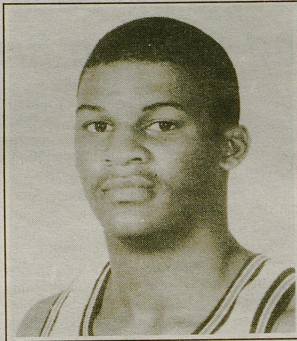
LOCATION: Louisville, Ky.
FOUNDED: 1798
ENROLLMENT: 22,000
NICKNAME: Cardinals
COLORS: Red, Black & White
CONFERENCE: Metro
HEAD COACH: Denny Crum
CRUM'S RECORD VS. UK: 3-5
SERIES RECORD: 14-6, UK
FIRST MEETING: 1913
SERIES RECORD AT UK: 8-1, UK
SERIES RECORD AT UL: 4-3
SERIES RECORD, OTHER SITES: 2-2
1988-89 OVERALL RECORD: 24-9
1988-89 CONFERENCE RECORD: 8-4
1988-89 CONFERENCE FINISH: 2nd
POSTSEASON PLAY: 2-1 in NCAA

PROBABLE STARTERS

G — LaBradford Smith (13.8 ppg., 3.1 rpg.)
 G — Keith Williams (7.9 ppg., 3.4 rpg.)
 C — Felton Spencer (14.7 ppg., 10.6 rpg.)
 F — Everick Sullivan (16.0 ppg., 4.1 rpg.)
 F — Tony Kimbro (5.2 ppg., 5.4 rpg.)



Coach Denny Crum



LaBradford Smith

1989-90 LOUISVILLE ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/JC)
11	James Brewer	G	6-3	190	So.	Bardstown, Ky. (High)
5	Mike Case	F	6-6	200	Fr.	Pendleton Heights, Ind. (High)
10	Shannon Fraley	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Somerset, Ky. (Pulaski Co.)
32	Jerome Harmon	G	6-4	190	So.	Gary, Ind. (Lew Wallace)
12	Craig Hawley	G	6-5	200	Sr.	Noblesville, Ind. (High)
30	Cornelius Holden	F-C	6-7	205	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw)
15	Todd Howard	G	6-0	165	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)
44	Tony Kimbro	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Louisville, Ky. (Seneca)
33	Jason McClendon	G	6-9	200	Jr.	Naples, Fla. (Edison CC)
23	LaBradford Smith	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Bay City, Texas (High)
24	Troy Smith	F	6-8	190	Fr.	Ft. Knox, Ky. (High)
50	Felton Spencer	C	7-0	265	Sr.	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern)
34	Everick Sullivan	G-F	6-5	190	So.	Simpsonville, SC. (Hillcrest)
13	Derwin Webb	G-F	6-4	190	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence No.)
3	Keith Williams	G	6-4	185	Sr.	Louisville, Ky. (Seneca)

UL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

89	Chaminade (Maui Classic)	70
79	Missouri (Maui Classic)	82
83	Villanova (Maui Classic)	69
84	Notre Dame (Big Four)	73
104	CLEVELAND STATE	77
101	VANDERBILT	75
75	WESTERN	61
78	NEW MEXICO	49
93	AUSTIN PEAY	59
Dec. 30	at Kentucky	
Jan. 4	CINCINNATI	
Jan. 6	UCLA	
Jan. 11	at South Carolina	
Jan. 14	at Florida State	
Jan. 20	MEMPHIS STATE	
Jan. 27	at DePaul	
Jan. 29	SOUTHERN MISS	
Feb. 1	VIRGINIA TECH	
Feb. 4	at Ohio State	
Feb. 6	FLORIDA STATE	
Feb. 8	SOUTH CAROLINA	
Feb. 10	GEORGIA TECH	
Feb. 15	at Virginia Tech	
Feb. 17	at Virginia	
Feb. 20	at Memphis State	
Feb. 24	at UNLV	
Feb. 27	TULANE	
Mar. 1	at Cincinnati	
Mar. 3	at Southern Miss	
Mar. 8-10	Metro Conference Tourney	

Home games in ALL CAPITALS

Georgia turning things around after dogging it in '88-89

LOCATION: Athens, Ga.
FOUNDED: 1785
ENROLLMENT: 27,200
NICKNAME: Bulldogs
COLORS: Red & Black
CONFERENCE: Southeastern
HEAD COACH: Hugh Durham
DURHAM'S RECORD VS. UK: 7-20
SERIES RECORD: 77-15, UK
FIRST MEETING: 1921
SERIES RECORD AT UK: 39-2
SERIES RECORD AT UGA: 22-10
SERIES RECORD, OTHER SITES: 16-3, UK
1988-89 OVERALL RECORD: 15-16
1988-89 CONFERENCE RECORD: 6-12
1988-89 CONFERENCE FINISH: 9th
POSTSEASON PLAY: none

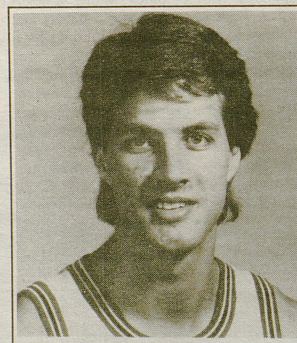
PROBABLE STARTERS*

G — Litterial Green (16.6 ppg., 2.9 rpg.)
 G — Rod Cole (7.9 ppg., 4.3 rpg.)
 C — Neville Austin (6.9 ppg., 6.6 rpg.)
 F — Alec Kessler (21.0 ppg., 10.4 rpg.)
 F — Marshall Wilson (15.7 ppg., 4.3 rpg.)

*scoring and rebounding averages through first seven games



Coach Hugh Durham



Alec Kessler

1989-90 GEORGIA ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/JC)
35	Neville Austin	F-C	6-10	215	Jr.	St. Croix, V.I. (Auburn, Ala.)
22	Rod Cole	G-F	6-4	185	Jr.	Conyers, Ga. (Rockdale Co.)
10	Shaun Golden	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Taylor, S.C. (Riverside)
11	Litterial Green	G	6-1	185	So.	Moss Point, Miss. (High)
23	Mike Harron	G	6-2	190	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Maris)
45	Jasper Hooks	F	6-9	225	Jr.	Warwick, Ga. (Connors St.)
25	Lem Howard	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Douglass)
33	Alec Kessler	F-C	6-11	230	Sr.	Roswell, Ga. (High)
12	Jody Patton	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Tifton, Ga. (Tift Co.)
15	Kendall Rhine	F-G	6-6	190	Fr.	Liburn, Ga. (Parkview)
44	Marshall Wilson	F	6-8	210	Jr.	Carnesville, Ga. (Franklin Co.)
34	Glen Owen	F-G	6-4	185	Jr.	Cartersville, Ga.
30	Dave DeWitt	G	6-1	165	Sr.	Savannah, Ga.

UGA SCHEDULE/RESULTS

91	BAPTIST COLLEGE	55
77	TCU (WKU Inv.)	72
76	at Western Ky. (WKU Inv.)	70
92	Central Fla. (Red Lobster Classic)	62
85	MERCER	57
89	at Georgia Tech	92
91	JACKSONVILLE	62
Dec. 28	Wisconsin (Tribune Classic)	
Dec. 29	Ariz. St./Manhattan (Tribune Cl.)	
Jan. 3	KENTUCKY	
Jan. 6	at Florida	
Jan. 9	at Alabama	
Jan. 13	VANDERBILT	
Jan. 17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	
Jan. 20	at Ole Miss	
Jan. 24	at LSU	
Jan. 27	TENNESSEE	
Jan. 31	AUBURN	
Feb. 3	at Kentucky	
Feb. 6	FLORIDA	
Feb. 10	ALABAMA	
Feb. 14	at Vanderbilt	
Feb. 17	at Mississippi State	
Feb. 21	OLE MISS	
Feb. 25	LSU	
Feb. 28	at Tennessee	
Mar. 3	at Auburn	
Mar. 8-11	SEC Tournament (Orlando)	

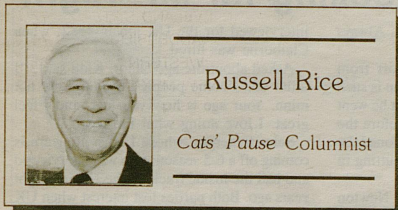
Home games in ALL CAPITALS

Wildcat fans in search of 50,000 watt station

Rick Pitino: Cawood, don't leave me

"Say it ain't so, Cawood!"

Wildcat basketball coach Rick Pitino drew enthusiastic applause from the ever-growing number of fans who remained for his post-Furman radio show in Rupp Arena



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

when he expressed private thoughts about the university, president David Roselle, athletics director C. M. Newton, Cawood Ledford and the Wildcat tradition.

Pitino told his radio audience he came to UK because of the tradition and that Newton and Dr. Roselle, especially the latter, were instrumental in his decision to leave the New York Knicks, who seemed in prime position to make a run at the NBA championship this year.

Pitino said he twice had refused overtures from UK, but had a change of heart after an approximately hour-long telephone conversation with Roselle, who told him that the three of them together could bring the shattered Wildcat basketball program back to life.

Now he notes that Dr. Roselle is leaving for the University of Delaware while Newton is considered "the" prime candidate to succeed Harvey Schiller as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

Breathing a sigh of relief that Newton has emphatically denied an interest in the SEC post, Pitino then mentioned rumors that Cawood Ledford, long-time Wildcat play-by-play announcer who is a legend in his own time, may be ready to join the over-the-hill gang.

"I want you to promise me, Cawood," Pitino said, "that you won't retire until we are in another Final Four."

After the applause had died, the ever-quick Ledford replied, "I won't hang it up until I get a shoe contract."

Let's go that one better, Cawood, and not pull the plug on the old mike until your Wildcat broadcasts once again can be heard over a 50,000-watt station.

If there's one continuing theme among 90 percent of the calls and letters flooding TCP as we enter the New Year, it's the weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth by those faithful "Big Blue" fans throughout the nation who have been deprived of listening to those broadcasts, which are one of their small joys in what too often is a dull and troubled lifetime.

The tone of those reader responses has varied from harsh criticism of the powers involved in the UK radio setup to pleas for a quick resolution of whatever problem exists between the university radio network and the high-powered stations.

We refuse to place blame for the loss of WHAS-Radio on the ever-present and very potent threat-in-Cardinal red just an hour and a half west on I-64, preferring to compliment an honored UK adversary for a well-orchestrated coup.

The Louisville station was coming under tremendous pressure at the time to give more consideration to the "local" university, and the emergence of U of L as one of the most successful basketball programs in the 1980's, along with the hiring of proven winner Howard Schnellenberger as football coach, made the Cardinal package even more attractive.

While the loss of WHAS also was a result of arrogance on the part of certain parties concerned and of a station manager whose career in Louisville was short and certainly not sweet (by UK standards), the ensuing loss of a Cincinnati-area 50,000-watt station surely must rest squarely with the university and the firm holding the contract rights.

If our memory is correct, there were assurances, either

real or implied, that the high bidder would deliver a 50,000-watt station, along with other outlets in hitherto untapped sections of the nation.

We keep hearing stories that the stations balked at accepting the complete package—pregame, post-game, coaches' shows, etc., all of which would be eagerly accepted by the Wildcat faithful while at the same time making the UK coaching positions more attractive to top people in the field.

That is all well and good, but right now those out-of-radio-range Wildcat fans gladly would settle for hearing Cawood and his backup people giving the play-by-play.

Our suggestion is that they keep those cards and letters coming.

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Meanwhile, Host Communications, holder of radio and TV rights for UK games, is making the radio games available on a "900" number (1-900-903-3700). The fee is 75 cents for the first minute, 45 cents each additional minute for the following games:

Jan. 10—Florida; Jan. 17—Alabama; Jan. 20—Tennessee; Feb. 12—at Florida; Feb. 17—at Alabama; Feb. 21—at Tennessee; March 5—at Notre Dame.

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Personal Message to Rick Pitino: It's been nigh on 30 years, coach, since the area print media took on the air-wave guys in a Sunday social softball game in the pasture of a local horse farm.

That was quite a physical sight, a group of typewriters-pounders and pencil-pushers vs. radio-TV types.

The most serious injury (ankle) was to one of the best writers on the *Herald-Leader* staff. Several others received bruises to both body and ego. Production suffered when those who were physically able went back to work on Monday.

You closed your pre-Furman TV show two weekends ago with a hope that nobody would get hurt in a charity basketball game in which you and your staff were to participate that night.

One player on the opposing media side later said,



Watch those full-court games, coach.

"My heart was in my mouth when I saw coach Pitino go down."

Thank goodness, the ankle injury was more painful than crippling. We realize that you are in great physical condition, coach, and the basketball game was a worthy cause.

However, take it from one who knows, the full-court game gets harder and harder as the years go by.

You are a valuable commodity. So please don't take any unnecessary risks.

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The Dec. 23 issue of TCP contained a full-page ad for the "C. M. Newton & Rick Pitino FANTASY CAMP," which is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 5-Thursday, Aug. 9 on the UK campus and at the Marriott Resort Hotel.

The top of the ad was illustrated by a picture of Pitino and Newton holding a basketball. Below the fold were inset photos of former Wildcat All-Americans Dan Issel, Cliff (What ever happened to him?) Hagan, Ralph Beard and Kyle Macy.

Similar to a camp that Pitino held up East before coming to UK, the local version is available on a limited enrollment basis for a fee of \$1,800, which includes all lodging and meals, golf tournament fees, UK uniform with name, picture with staff and video tape, and practice uniform.

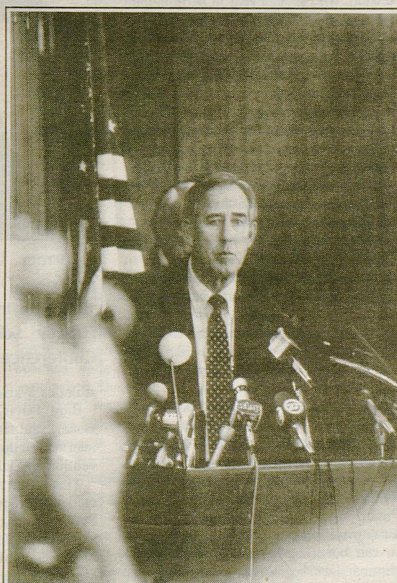
At first glance, the fee may seem high, but a closer look makes that trip into UK Fantasyland attractive for the Big Blue Basketball junkie who can afford the price.

One UK administrator, expressing surprise that Newton had lent himself to a part in what obviously may be interpreted as a money-making project, said, "They're all cut from the same cloth."

He meant, of course, that coaches, ex-coaches, athletes, ex-athletes, etc., never miss an opportunity to make a buck.

In defense of the coaches, we suggest that critics talk to John Ray, Fran Curci, Charley Pell, Jerry Faust and a host of their cohorts whose stock dropped drastically once they no longer were head coaches.

Who can blame a coach for following the unwritten rule, "Make the most of it while you can, because tomorrow you may be history?"



Newton...all coaches...like big bucks.

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Search for coach continues; C.M. Newton still looking for Mr. Right

With Mike Shanahan finding the University of Kentucky's offer one that he could refuse, the familiar names of Mike Gottfried, Roy Kidd, Howard Schnellenberger, not necessarily in that order, again popped up as UK renewed its quest for a new football coach.

Wildcat athletics director C. M. Newton had put aside all interviews and official contacts with other prime candidates while awaiting an answer from the Denver Broncos quarterback coach.

Shanahan gave that answer, a negative, in a telephone call to Newton at 11:25 p.m. Saturday, after the Broncos had returned from a victory in Phoenix.

Meanwhile, Gottfried, Pitt coach who reportedly lost interest in the UK job because he wasn't first choice, suddenly became "very much interested" after he was fired on Tuesday for disputes over academics, fiscal management and his handling of the public and press, not because of his coaching, according to athletics director Ed Bozick.

Gottfried, 26-17-2 in four seasons, was given the option of resigning after a closed-door meeting with Bozick on Thursday, Dec.

14, but he refused to quit, forcing forcing Pitt to terminate his contract. Formal announcement of the firing was delayed for four days because of efforts to work out a settlement of Gottfried's five-year rollover contract.

On Sunday after Shanahan's call, Gottfried called Newton and talked to the UK AD and president David Roselle about his status at Pitt and the UK vacancy.

"They (Roselle and Newton) were waiting to see what happens here," Gottfried said the day he was fired. "But at 4 p.m. today, it should be clear-cut that I'm out. I'm looking for a new career and I'm fighting for my life."

He said the next move was up to Newton, who has continued his announced policy of refusing to discuss Gottfried or any other candidate, saying only that he's doing his homework on several possibilities.

In addition to the differences of views between Gottfried and the Pitt administration, and his poor relations with the press, the coach has plagued by rumors of infidelity.

Godfrey's wife, Mickey, told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* that rumors about her husband's personal life are "absolutely not true" and "very sad...I know Mike better than

anyone, and he's a good family man. Always has been."

Gottfried received similar support from UK basketball coach Rick Pitino, who is such a good friend of the ousted coach that he went to Pittsburgh to address the team before the Panthers played Miami. Pitino mentioned the rumors on his Sunday show while putting in a plug for Gottfried.

Pitino said he had talked with Newton about his admiration for Gottfried.

"I'd love to see it for only one reason," Pitino said. "He'd be absolutely fantastic for Kentucky. Mike is a great football coach and an outstanding person."

"He's like a pied piper with high school coaches in recruiting," Pitino added. "He has great offensive and defensive schemes. His peers in the game things he's great"

Pitino predicts that Gottfried will "surface in the NFL someday."

Meanwhile, Roy Kidd, highly successful coach at Eastern, said he had talked to Newton on Monday after Shanahan's decision and was going to be interviewed for the job.

Kidd, 58, who just completed his 26th year as head coach of the Colonels (208-77-8), was

interviewed for the UK job in 1982, when Claiborne was hired.

Asked about the age factor, Kidd said, "I think that's some people's opinion and not mine. Your age is how you feel, and I feel great. I love doing what I'm doing."

Schnellenberger, whose Louisville team is coming off a 6-5 season, also was interviewed and had the inside track on the UK job eight years ago. Both parties lost interest when UK received and rejected some of Schnellenberger's demands.

Although he has signed a lucrative new contract with U of L and has indicated that he is not interested in the UK job, the former Wildcat All-American still is considered by many to be a prime prospect.

Another person receiving organized support is former Wildcat Dan Neal, an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles, who has in his corner some old UK teammates and a group of former Kentuckians living in Florida.

Whatever the final outcome, Newton said he must sidestep the usual orderly process and proceed with expediency in order that the ensuing recruiting season not be entirely lost.

Two UK connections come up for SEC post

As the process for selecting a successor to Harvey Schiller as Southeastern Conference Commissioner goes into high gear (see "Scoop," page 26), the names of UK athletics director C. M. Newton and former school president Otis Singletary are being mentioned prominently among the nominees.

Newton, who spent a year in Birmingham as an assistant commissioner in between coaching tenures at Alabama and Vanderbilt, is considered the prime candidate, but he said in October and repeated recently that he has no interest in the job.

Pat Pittard, managing partner of the consulting firm helping in the search for a new commissioner, said, "C. M. was highly nominated and highly respected going in. My gut feeling is if he chose to pursue it, he'd be the leading candidate. But he told up point-blank he's not a candidate."

Newton, a baseball and basketball letterman at UK in the early 1950s, came to UK in April after a 32-year coaching career that included 12 seasons at Alabama and eight at Vanderbilt.

He was interviewed for the SEC job in 1986, before Schiller was hired. He said he definitely would have been interested in the job at that time.

Schiller resigned Oct. 11 to become executive director of the United States Olympic committee, effective Jan. 1. Associate commissioner and long-time staff member Mark Womack has been serving as acting commissioner.

Pittard said Newton and Singletary fit into a category known as "fallback" candidates who can be offered the position with no preliminary work or interview necessary.

Others considered in that category are former Georgia football coach and current athletic director Vince Dooley, Vanderbilt athletic director Roy Kramer, Mississippi



Former University of Kentucky president Dr. Otis Singletary is considered a long-shot to succeed Dr. Harvey Schiller as Southeastern Conference Commissioner.

athletics Warner Alford and Womack.

Brad Davis, an assistant SEC commissioner, said five or six candidates would be interviewed during the Jan. 6-10 NCAA Convention in Dallas.

That group marked for early interviews includes former Alabama and Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr, North Carolina athletic director John Swofford, College Football Association executive director Chuck Neinas, NCAA associate executive director Thomas Jernstedt and former Metro Conference commissioner Steve Hatchell.

Davis said a new commissioner should be named by the end of January.

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• PITINO IN DISBELIEF

Wildcat basketball coach Rick Pitino said he was "disappointed and miffed" and might not have been interviewed for the UK basketball coaching job had he known that school president David Roselle would be leaving within six months.

Dr. Roselle, in announcing last week that he had accepted a similar position at the University of Delaware, mentioned the recent problems in the basketball program as one of the main reasons he was leaving UK.

"The thing I'm most disappointed in is he's leaving because of basketball and things that happened here," Pitino said, "because I thought that was one of the reasons I came here. I don't think that's the real reason he left."

Roselle fought a losing battle in trying to secure more funds from the General Assembly, antagonizing governor Wallace Wilkinson in the process.

Pitino said that from what he could read into it, Roselle is leaving UK because of funding, more than anything else.

"Not basketball," the coach said. "I feel we've got that under control. All the positive things about the enthusiasm about Kentucky basketball are being shown and the negatives are getting away. I thought with C. M. (Newton) and some of the things we're instituting now, the bad was going away and we were only exposing the good."

Pitino said Roselle persuaded him to come to UK after the then-Knicks coach had twice spurned offers by Newton.

"Dr. Roselle called me and basically convinced me in a 45-minute conversation to come here because he, along with C. M. and myself, were going to build the university both academically as well as athletically into something that's special."

While expressing regret over Roselle's deci-

sion to leave UK, Pitino said that he was not leaving Kentucky "because I love it here."

• PRACTICE AT FREEDOM HALL

The University of Kentucky basketball team will stage its traditional open practice session in Freedom Hall at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The Wildcats will play North Carolina in the Louisville facility the following day.

• PITINO FALLS TO MEDIA

Wildcat coach Rick Pitino was wearing a plaster cast after receiving a severe (right) ankle sprain in a UK staff vs. media charity basketball game on Sunday, Dec. 17, three days before his Wildcats played Furman in Rupp Arena.

"I stepped on someone's foot," Pitino said. When told the foot belonged to Frank Cusumano, WLEX-TV's weekend sports anchor, Pitino asked, "Is that Italian?"

When answered in the affirmative, he said, "Then it's okay."

Led by UK assistant Tubby Smith, the UK staff squeaked by the media, 141-73.

• UK'S NOT MAD, KANSAS

In retrospect, Rick Pitino decided that Kansas did not intentionally run up the score in the Jayhawks' 150-95 victory over the Wildcats at Lawrence.

The Wildcat coach said foul trouble, UK's lack of depth and his own decision to stick with an up-tempo style were the prime reasons the Wildcats suffered a modern school-record 55-point defeat.

Pitino said he called Kansas coach Roy Williams later to tell him he did not think the Jayhawks ran up the score.

"Roy is not that type of person," Pitino said.

After the game, Williams pointed to

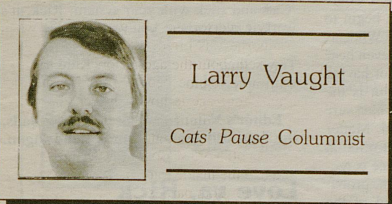
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U of L's Spencer: 'Saturday's game won't be blowout'

But you have to give the Cards the edge

□ All summer Felton Spencer heard the stories about how bad the University of Kentucky basketball team would be this year.

The 7-foot University of Louisville senior, however,



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

didn't believe it. And he still doesn't as the two in-state rivals prepare for their game in Rupp Arena.

"I've known all along that Kentucky wouldn't be as bad as people said," Spencer said. "Too many people were writing them off too early.

"Rick Pitino is a great motivator. Everybody on Kentucky's team knows his role and accepts it."

Still, Louisville is an overwhelming favorite to beat UK. The Cards have shown flashes of brilliance this year and seem to have all the tools to challenge for a Final Four berth.

UK has just eight healthy scholarship players and got a brutal taste of reality earlier this month when it lost 150-95 to Kansas.

Still, Spencer is not ready to put the game in the win column.

"The game certainly won't be the rout some people think," he said. "Rupp Arena is a hard place to go in and play. UK always plays well there.

"They will give us a great game. They may lack the big-name players that we have, but they have some great players. Plus, you know they will be ready for this game. It will not be a blowout."

Forgive Spencer for being cautious in his approach. He still remembers 1986 when the Cards were a big favorite and playing in Freedom Hall. All UK did was win 85-51.

The next year UK was the big favorite and playing at home. Kentucky escaped with a one-point win on a last-second tip by Cedric Jenkins.

Last year the Cards were favored and broke the game open late to win 97-75.

"This game is special to everybody," Spencer said. "Pride is on the line. The fans really get into it but the players enjoy the game, too. You don't want to get beat and have to hear about it for the next year."

Spencer knows several Wildcats—Reggie Hanson, Richie Farmer, Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphey—from high school competition and all-star games.

"I'm friends with several of their players," he said. "I don't hate them because they are all great guys. They are good players too. They might not be All-Americans but through hard work they have overcome a lot of things. I think it's going to be a great game."

Well, maybe. Or it could be a repeat of the Kansas fiasco for UK.

The Cardinals love to run. And then run some more.

Louisville is at its best when the pace is fast. The Cards' fast break can be devastating and the new "Doctors of Dunk" look for jams the same way UK searches for three-point goals.

"If any team plays us at our tempo, we are hard to beat," Louisville guard LaBradford Smith said. "You would need to have a lot of players to use because we have a lot that can keep coming in and scoring."

Most teams have tried to slow the pace against Louisville and hope the frustrated Cards would make mistakes.

Kentucky, however, lives and dies with its full-court press, fast break and three-point attack. Don't expect the Wildcats to alter that style for Louisville or any other



U of L center Felton Spencer, guarded here by his buddy Reggie Hanson, says anything can happen when the 'Cats and Cards get together Saturday in Rupp Arena.

(photo by Gary Cromwell)

opponent.

"I can't wait to play Kentucky," Louisville senior guard Keith Williams said. "They play the type of game we like. We don't have to worry about the slowdown against them.

"We tend to make mistakes and get frustrated when the pace is too slow. It's to our advantage to run. But I understand why teams don't want to run with us. With the type athletes we have it is a mistake to try and get out and run like we do."

Louisville does have some athletes. LSU is probably the only other team UK will face with as many gifted players.

Two of Louisville's best are sophomores Everick Sullivan and Jerome Harmon. They are both sensational one-on-one players who will give UK's man-to-man defense problems.

"If you have guys that are good one-on-one players you have to create things to take advantage of that," Louisville coach Denny Crum said. "Jerome and Everick are both like that. Those two guys are hard to guard one-on-one. They make mistakes but they have the ability to get a lot done."

UK doesn't figure to have an edge at any position. Just figure the matchups:

Center: Spencer vs. Reggie Hanson. This is UK's best matchup. Spencer is bigger, Hanson is quicker. Rate this spot even.

Forwards: Sullivan, Tony Kimbro and Jerome Harmon vs. Pelphey, Feldhaus and Jeff Brassow. The Cards have the edge in quickness, scoring and leaping ability.

Guards: Smith and Williams vs. Sean Woods, Derrick Miller and Farmer. Again, an overall edge to Louisville. Miller is the best shooter of the group but Smith is a great creator and scores as needed. Williams is consistent on both ends and plays a role.

Of course, the matchups didn't look any better for UK in 1986 when the Wildcats won by "only" 34 points.

"That will be a game I'll never forget," Miller, a

freshman then, said. "Nobody expected us to win but we had one of those games where everything went just right. Maybe it can happen again."

Even if it doesn't, though, just give Pitino two more years to stock his talent. Then the Kentucky-Louisville game could be one of the nation's classics because Pitino should have the same type athletes Louisville has now and the fast-paced game will be a ratings success from coast to coast.

Still, the Kentucky-Louisville series has already been good for basketball. It's produced some dramatic moments and provided Bluegrass basketball fans with special memories.

"I think the series has been good for both teams," said Spencer, a Louisville native. "I know we've got more fans now, especially in the mountains, but it hasn't hurt Kentucky either.

"We're both from the same state and it's good for fans to see us play, walk off the floor and stay friends. Both teams deserve support and this game is a chance to show the nation just how good the basketball is in Kentucky." Amen.

□ **THE U.S. BASKETBALL** Writers Association recently polled its membership about the top college basketball stories, games, players and coaches of the 1980's.

The NCAA sanctions against UK ranked fourth in the story category behind Proposition 48, Len Bias' death and resulting scandal at Maryland, and advent of the three-point shot.

Patrick Ewing of Georgetown edged Danny Manning of Kansas as the top player. Completing the top 10 were Michael Jordan, David Robinson, Akeem Alajuwon, Isiah Thomas, James Worthy, Ralph Sampson, Danny Ferry and Chris Mullin.

Selected as the top coach was Bobby Knight of Indiana. My ballot had him second behind Crum.

Completing the top 10 were Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, John Thompson, Crum, Lute Olsen, Jerry Tarkanian, Rollie Massimino, Dale Brown and Jim Valvano.

Top game of the 1980's was Villanova's 66-64 upset win over Georgetown in the 1985 NCAA title game played in Rupp Arena.

And what does the USBWA think the top issues of the 1990's will be? Try these:

1. Drugs and drug testing.
2. The continuing impact of Proposition 48.
3. Emphasis on academics.
4. Freshman eligibility.
5. Compensation for players.
6. Television influence and escalating rights fees.
7. Length of the season.
8. Number of teams in the NCAA tournament
9. Union for coaches, outside income of coaches and honoring coaching contracts.
10. Recruiting procedures and integrity.

□ **C.M. NEWTON** rolled the dice and came up a winner when he hired Pitino. But the UK athletics director didn't fare as well with Mike Shanahan.

Newton gambled Shanahan could become the new UK football coach and didn't contact any other potential coaches while Shanahan decided about UK's offer.

So when Shanahan said no, it dealt a severe blow to UK's 1990 recruiting.

Hiring Pitino after a lengthy search was no big problem because UK had just two more scholarships to offer and was in the NCAA jail.

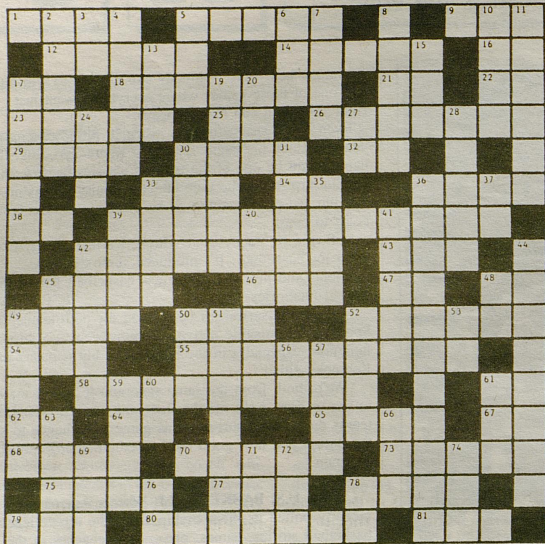
But the football team can sign 25 players and that doesn't happen overnight. UK needed to be working on a backup plan just in case Shanahan said no.

Recruits are lining up their five campus visits and UK is running out of time with out-of-state players.

Kentucky needs a coach today but when Shanahan said no the whole process had to start over and that may have dealt a crippling blow to this year's recruiting.

TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckeberg



SO YOU REMEMBER THE '78 CATS. RIGHT?

- | | |
|--|---|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Leader of champs of ten years ago | 2 Neck scarf |
| 5 Our _____ in Cats was justified once again in '78 | 3 Initials of 26 Across |
| 9 Hardwood tree | 4 Down by one at final buzzer |
| 12 Cleve hit on 18 of 27 _____ in '78 title game | 5 Abbr. for "pounds per square inch" |
| 14 Rest stop in desert | 6 Female deer |
| 16 Initials of '50s Cat letterman Adkins | 7 "The Pearl" Monroe |
| 17 Initials of #22 of '78 Champs | 8 The _____ leagues: AA, PCL, IL, et al |
| 18 Soph. member of Champions' cast | 10 Dry up |
| 21 One bear '78 Cats in Rupp Arena | 11 '80s Cat; #23 |
| 22 Initials of departed coach who would have been proud in '78 | 13 Biblical word |
| 23 #53 | 15 Offspring |
| 25 You and I | 17 First name of 80 Across |
| 26 First name of one of Joe's assistants | 19 _____ was 20 for Champion Cats |
| 29 Members of western Indian tribe | 20 Robey _____ the Cats with 11 boards in title game |
| 30 '78 Cats _____ shambles out of Miami in NCAA journey | 24 Wager |
| 32 Initials of '78 Cats FG Sage leader | 27 Comparative suffix |
| 33 Can material | 28 Robey was quite _____ at grabbing the rebounds; and so was H.P. |
| 34 Abbr. for a football score | 30 Rick and _____ were "King and Kong" |
| 36 '78 assistant coach Joe Jr. | 31 Anesthetic liquid |
| 38 Besides 51 Down, only other Cat loss came _____ Baton Rouge in OT | 33 Namesake of '78 Cat Stephens |
| 39 One of Joe's 6-10 seniors | 35 Cut down on the chow |
| 42 Senior forward of '78 Champs | 36 One of Joe's assistants in '78 |
| 43 Play part _____ | 37 Like |
| 45 The _____ teams include UTEP & BYU | 39 '78 Champs FT leader |
| 46 School subject | 40 One on the court |
| 47 Abbr. for "kilowatt" in reverse | 41 '78 sophomore Williams |
| 48 McGuire's Marquette star Ellis | 42 _____ 18.1 ppg led the '78 Cats |
| 49 Super soph. guard of '78 Cats | 44 Points for "Kitt" in title game |
| 50 First name of 18 Across | 45 It was a real _____ under the boards in '78 title game |
| 52 Hat | 48 Initials of '50s letterman Evans |
| 54 Biblical boat | 49 One '78 Final Four _____ saw the Cats beat the Hogs |
| 55 Big Chuck of '78 | 50 Feminine name |
| 58 Duke's fine cager Jim of title game | 51 First team to beat '78 Cats |
| 61 Big East state abbr. | 52 Bathroom wall covering |
| 62 Initials of '78 back-up Gettelfinger | 53 Letter afterthought |
| 64 Either partner | 56 _____: The Klan |
| 65 British drinks | 57 Tennis match parts |
| 67 Clincy Red Diaz | 59 '78 Cats were #1 here too! |
| 68 Got "monkey off his back" in '78 | 60 Initials of late-'50s Cat Robinson |
| 70 _____ squad was too strong for every-one else in '78 | 61 Future circuit for some Cats |
| 73 Was freshman in '78 | 63 '78 Cats first tourney _____ came in Knoxville vs. Florida State |
| 75 Masculine namesakes | 66 Card type |
| 77 Feminine name | 69 "Steel" |
| 78 Banks of title game foe Duke | 71 up |
| 79 11.3 ppg for '78 Cats | 72 Allow |
| 80 Junior guard of '78 Champs | 74 Damp |
| 81 Abbr. for city of '78 title game | 76 Initials of '78 Cat bench-warmer Courte |
| | 78 Initials of '50s Cat letterman Rose |

Last issue's solution



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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No radio is the pits

Dear sir:

I just realized how close my subscription is to expiring and decided I'd better act fast. As usual, TCP is doing a great job. I would sure hate to miss an issue. I can't begin to tell you how much I miss seeing the Wildcats on TV. But more than that, I can't even hear them on the radio. This deal of not having them on a 50,000-watt radio station is the "pits." Whoever came up with that idea sure didn't have the Wildcat fan in mind. Matter of fact, they didn't have much of a mind at all. I hope that next year the injustice is rectified. I am still a true, blue UK fan, probation or no probation. I was proud of the basketball Wildcats last year and am even more proud of them this year. I only wish I could hear Cawood on the radio. I understand that most parties that were involved in that radio-deal fiasco are no longer around. Thank God! With friends like that around we out-of-state fans sure don't need any enemies.

After four games, I am sure proud of the job Pitino is doing. The guys on this team that decided to stick it out are a class act! At least they didn't tuck their tails and run. Keep up the good work guys.

And TCP, you keep up the great job. Best of luck to coach Pitino and his staff. Speaking of a class act, good luck coach Claiborne. You did a super job at UK and I am especially proud of the job you did with the UK football program.

Lanny Asbridge,
Lilburn, Ga.

Editor's Note: Although most of the parties involved in UK's loss of WHAS-Radio are gone from the scene, present administrators of the program must be held responsible for not having a hookup with a 50,000-watt clear-channel station.

Hurtin' in Florida

Dear sir:

Florida's Wildcat fans are hurting for certain. The TV blackout no longer stimulates that early Sunday morning search of the local newspaper's weekly TV guide for times of Wildcat telecasts.

Last night, in search of the Kentucky-Mississippi St. clash on radio, I came up empty-handed. Are the days of WCKY (the best reception for the Tampa Bay area), WLW and WHAS gone? There appears to be only one avenue of action to take in order to get news of the current basketball team (a team composed of truly dedicated players).

Enclosed, please find a check for a year's subscription.

Sincerely,

Frank Phipps
Clearwater, Fla.

Stay on bandwagon

Dear sir:

I'm writing this letter in response to all those Kentucky fans who jumped off the Pitino bandwagon after the loss to Kansas. Give the man a break! All things considered, Rick Pitino has done a whale of a job as head coach of the University of Kentucky. He has

his players playing their hearts out every time they step on the court. I admire his ferocity and his philosophy of playing to win. How many times did teams under former coach Eddie Sutton merely play to not lose? Hogwash! If you play the game you play to win, not just to hold onto your lead or simply stay close. Therefore, I say play tough, 'Cats and stick with your system. Rick, it's worked everywhere you've been.

Travis Jarrell,
Baltimore, Ohio

Editor's Note: In our neck of the woods, the fans still are on Pitino's bandwagon.

Love ya, Rick

Dear sir:

Enclosed is my check for another year of *The Cats' Pause*. The future looks promising for UK athletics. Rick Pitino could be the best thing to happen to UK basketball. He was my No. 1 choice and I like him more every time I hear him speak. Sorry to see coach Claiborne retire, but I wish him and his family the best. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Layne Smith
Louisville

HELP!

Dear sir:

Help! Help!
We fans that live out of state need help, of a radio station that we can pick up the Wildcat games.

I only live 50 or 60 miles from Cincinnati, but can't pick up I360 AM very good.

I look forward to *The Cats' Pause* every week.

The 'Cats are doing great, keep it up, we are behind you in Indiana.

Rupp book out of print

Dear sir:

Do you remember a book called *The Rupp Years*? It was about UK basketball and I had one given to me. I loaned it to a friend and he never returned it. Is this book still available?

Thanks,

J.C. Lyons
Charlotte, N.C.

Editor's Note: *The Rupp Years*, written by Tevis Laudeman and published by *The Courier-Journal*, has been out of print for several years now. It has reached the status of a collector's item.



Random thoughts as football season closes

What to make of that Pat Dye fellow?

End of football season random thoughts...

GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE

•I don't believe Pat Dye gives two hoots about academics! I'll get some static from my Auburn football



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

friends, but I believe it. The fact that Auburn was dead last on this year's SEC academic honor roll with only two eligible players proves the point. Kentucky, the leader, had 17. In addition, Dye's public protests against Prop 48 and Prop 42 indicate that his philosophy seems to be "if they can play don't hold bad grades or poor prep preparation against them." But give the devil his due. No one has a sharper eye for talent than Pat Dye and no one does a better job of teaching young men how the game is played. In this case the proof is that over the last six years, Auburn has had more players drafted by NFL teams than any other team in the country, 41. Miami and UCLA have had 39 each, Penn State 38, Texas 37 and Oklahoma 35. Most amazing of all is that going into the 1989 season, every player drafted from Auburn has made it in the NFL his first year out of school. The 10 players drafted off Auburn's 1988 SEC championship team were the most drafted from any team in the country and they all made it...

TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN...TO THE NFL

•With Alabama's Keith McCants reportedly foregoing his last year of eligibility to turn pro, most experts predict he will be the first player taken in the NFL draft. Once upon a time I didn't believe a kid should turn pro early but my attitude has changed. Too many youngsters are in school just to play football, taking courses that will do very little for them except keep them eligible. If a Keith McCants can become an instant millionaire by turning professional early, I say take the money and run...

TAKE THE MONEY...THEN GIVE IT BACK

•When Georgia coach Ray Goff graduated from the school in 1977 he signed a free agent contract with the Denver Broncos. He failed to make the team. Goff expressed his appreciation to coach Red Miller for the opportunity and then returned his signing bonus, which Goff said would not be fair to keep. "It's just the way I was brought up," Goff said. "You didn't keep something that you didn't earn"...

AND NOW, FOR MY NEXT TRICK...

•Watson Brown is the David Copperfield of college football coaching. Magician Copperfield is a master of mis-direction and Brown has obviously been studying his moves. Each year, Brown does his preseason number about how he's going to start to turn the program around, and 1989 was no different. The Commodores were bigger and better, Brown told the press in the July coaches' media days. He had all sorts of good players who had been redshirted and Vanderbilt football was about to make its move up. What happened? One and 10 is what happened. That gave Brown a four-year record in Nashville of 9-35 and 3-22 in conference play. Now you'd expect Commodore fans to be a little tired of Brown's promises and you'd also expect the pressure to be on. That's when Brown made a move of mis-direction worthy of David Copperfield on the best day David ever had. Watson hired Steve Sloan and Tom Goode. Sud-



Alabama undergraduate linebacker Keith McCants (left) should take the NFL money and run, unlike Georgia head coach Ray Goff (right), who took the money and then gave it back.



denly it's Wait-til-next-year time again at Vanderbilt and Brown is the fair-haired boy for bringing back Vandy's all-time favorite, Steve Sloan, and the highly respected Tom Goode. Clever! Really clever! Now for my next trick...

BARTENDER, GIVE ME AN ICE WATER

•Back in 1925 when Kentucky and Tennessee decided they needed something symbolic to represent their great rivalry, an old whisky barrel was chosen but the Women's Christian Temperance Union made a stand against it. After all, it was during prohibition. So the supporters of the trophy idea changed it to a beer barrel, only to run into the negative attitude of the Anti-Saloon League. Finally, those two working on the idea had an inspiration. They kept the barrel, painted the words "Ice Water" on it and the barrel has been used every since...

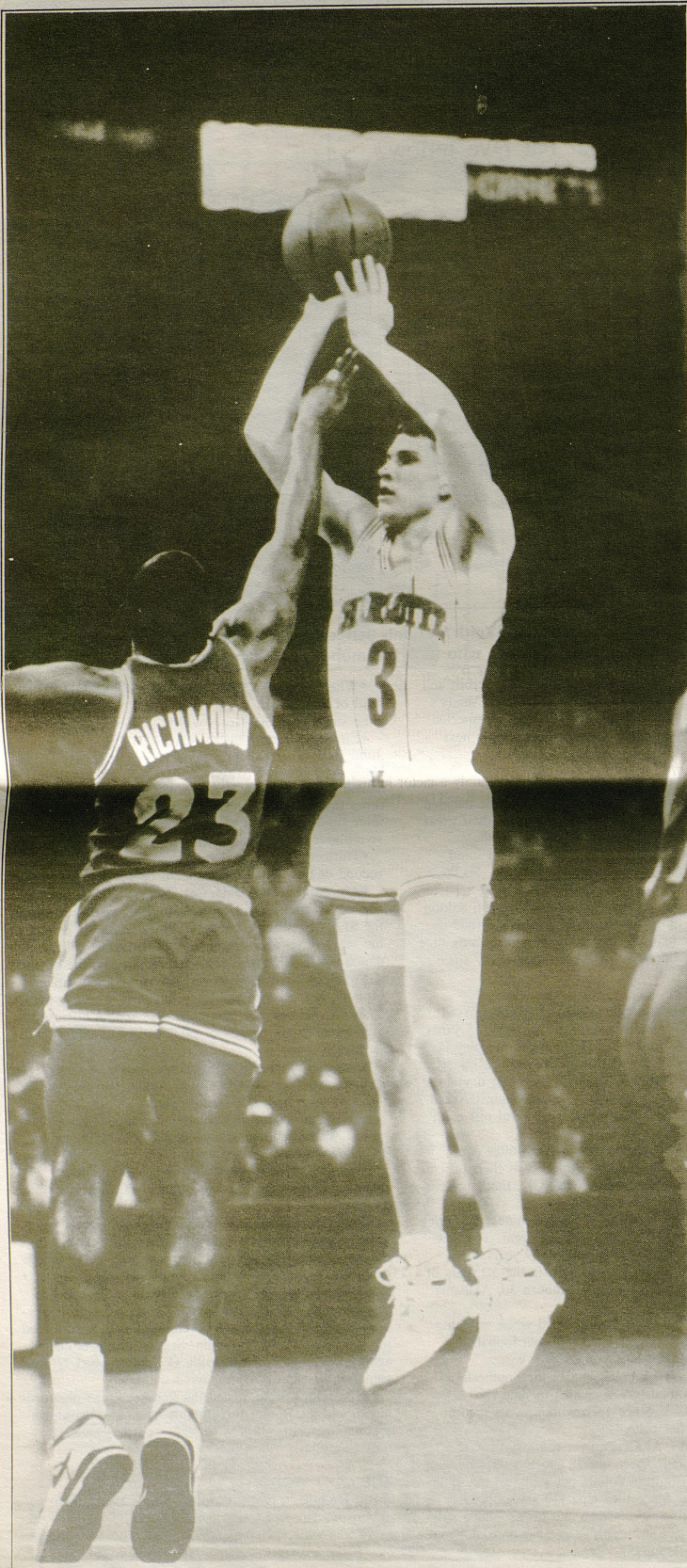
OTHER TIDBITS

- Tennessee freshman tailback Chuck Webb missed setting an all-time Volunteer rushing record by 55 yards. Webb ended the season with 1,236 but did not play in the final game against Vanderbilt because of an injury...
- Loved Johnny Majors' comment the other day about Tennessee's upcoming Cotton Bowl game against Arkansas: "I am excited as I can be. I am thankful this team is taking me with them"...
- Twelve bowls will use the new silver dollar commemorating the Bicentennial of Congress as their official bowl coin for the pre-game toss. OK, OK, that's not earthshaking news, but it's interesting...
- For you numbers freaks, Auburn celebrated the 50th anniversary of Jordan-Hare Stadium this year. The SEC had tri-champions for the first time in 50 years. Alabama made its first trip to Auburn in the 50 years of the stadium and the final score of Auburn 30, Alabama 20 totals 50 points...
- Did you have the same feeling I had when watching Florida's Emmitt Smith play this fall that football just wasn't as much fun for him as it used to be?...
- When Georgia Tech pulled out of the Southeastern Conference its football record against in-state rival Georgia was 16-13-2. Since Tech withdrew, its record against the Dogs has been 4-19...
- Kentucky trainer Al Green oversees a staff of 16. They handle training aspects for 18 sports with a budget of about a quarter-million dollars per year just on equipment and supplies. Since they tape 140 ankles per day during the football season, Green and his assistants will use 950 cases of tape in the process. That translates into 175 miles of athletic tape...

- When Auburn's Jan. 1 game with Ohio State in the Hall of Fame Bowl is televised, it will make the first time since 1963 the Tigers will have appeared on NBC...
- Emmitt Smith, Florida; Chuck Webb, Tennessee; John Darnell, Ole Miss; Siran Stacy, Alabama; Tommy Hodson, LSU; and Alexander Wright, Auburn, all were named SEC Offensive Player of the Week two or more times this season. Smith and Hodson won the honor three times each. But only one player repeated as defensive player of the week, Keith McCants of Alabama...
- Thirteen SEC players were named to either a first, second or third All-America team by somebody...
- According to the Universal Cheerleaders Association, two of America's three top cheerleading squads are from the SEC—Kentucky and LSU. North Carolina State is the other. LSU also has one of the top three college dance teams. Memphis State and Illinois are the others...
- Vanderbilt's Eric Reid and Derrick Wilcox are co-captains of the basketball team this year. The two have a chance to become the first players in school history to play in either the NCAA or NIT in each of their four seasons...
- It appears that Ole Miss overscheduled itself this year and overestimated its talent. The Rebels' woeful 1-6 start has a lot of people asking questions...
- Alabama has not lost a home basketball game since Feb. 2, 1988, and has not lost a non-SEC game at Tuscaloosa since Dec. 19, 1987...
- Georgia's Alec Kessler, one of the SEC's finest, posted double doubles in the Bulldogs' first three games...
- Kentucky averaged 11.4 three-point field goals per game in their first five outings. Vanderbilt, second in that division of stats, posted only 6.8 per game. Florida was dead last in three-pointers with only one per game. But with that big front line they have, it's obvious why they're going inside...
- The two best early-season rebound totals were turned in by a pair of LSU freshmen. Stanley Roberts had 18 against Cal State and Shaquille O'Neal grabbed 17 in a game with Lamar. I'm impressed...
- Mississippi State duedeled the Privateers one night this month and the Pirates three nights later. The Privateers are the University of New Orleans and the Pirates are East Carolina...

THE LAST WORD:

Bill Hodgin, a North Carolina high school coach:
"Anytime you feel you're indispensable, get a bowl of water and stick your finger in it. Then take your finger out. If the hole is still there, then you're indispensable."



Ex-Cat Rex Chapman is understanding his role off the court more with each passing day.

Growing within

In his 2nd season with Charlotte Rex Chapman is smoothing the rough edges on and off the court

by Bruce Martin

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Last year, Rex Chapman was a babe in a Basketball Wonderland.

Barely 21, Chapman was a boy playing a man's game in the National Basketball Association. The Charlotte Hornets guard was playing with the Michael Jordans and Magic Johnsons of the basketball world, in what would have been his junior year at the University of Kentucky.

But Chapman no longer is a boy. This season, Chapman has grown into a man.

By growing an inch, to 6-4½, and adding 18 pounds of muscle, Chapman no longer looks like the youngster who entered the league last year. But the maturity is not limited to the physical; Chapman also has grown mentally.

The shyness has been replaced by confidence. The stand-offish attitude has been replaced by openness.

Chapman no longer hides his feelings, like he did last year when many found him sullen and aloof. Today, Chapman is quick to flash a smile and acknowledge another's presence. He remains quietly confident that he will one day be one of the NBA's greats.

"I don't want to be good. I want to be great," Chapman said. "When some players realize they can't be another Magic Johnson or Michael Jordan, they get complacent. They are satisfied with just being good.

"I'm not that way. I may never get to the status of a Michael or a Magic, but I want to make a name for myself. I think that's all you can do. You should do what you have to do and not settle for anything less. If you are ever satisfied, there won't be anything to do after that, in any part of life."

So far this season, Chapman has shown improvement on both defense and in his shot selection, although the latter could still use some work at times. Last season, he never saw a shot he didn't like. When on target, Chapman could be a real gunslinger, but he also shot a lot of blanks, finishing at 41.4 percent from the field.

Although the Hornets have struggled at the bottom

of the Midwest Division in their second season, Chapman is squaring up to the basket more and finding more open men with crisp passes when he's covered.

He leads the Hornets in scoring at 20 points a game. And at 22, he already displays a coolness under fire that many veterans will never know.

"I think that comes from being a little more comfortable in the NBA and being more confident in what I can do," Chapman said. "I know it's a long game and I have to go out and make every possession count. That comes from being a little more experienced.

"It comes from knowing what it's like to play in this league. The main thing about being more confident is I'm more comfortable. I know what the team wants and I know what to expect in the NBA."

What basketball fans have come to expect from Chapman is his outstanding athletic talent. His 40-inch vertical leap certainly allows him to do some things many players his height can't dream of doing.

"I like to excite the crowd," Chapman said. "I like to do out-of-the-ordinary things. I don't want to ever be known as a hot dog and take all the spotlight, but I want to get the crowd into it. I like to get other players in the game and get the crowd into it at the same time."

But beneath his showmanship exterior lies a sensitive man. Growing up as a basketball legend in Owenboro, Chapman was constantly in the public eye, even before he was old enough to drive a car. That often caused him to project a cold image—his defense mechanism against intruders into his private life.

But after spending a year at Charlotte, Chapman is beginning to feel more comfortable in his surroundings.

When the Hornets made Chapman their first-ever NBA draft choice, president and general manager Carl Scheer said he wanted a special player, both on and off the court. Chapman believes he is living up to those standards in his own way.

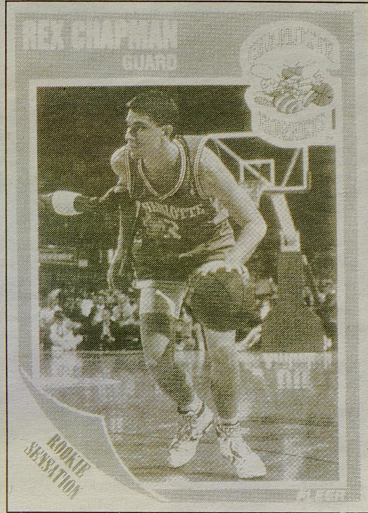
"If they wanted me to go out and dress up and act a certain way, I could do it, but it wouldn't be the real me," Chapman said. "I think they realize I'm a good person. I'm not going to do anything to disgrace my name or the Charlotte Hornets. I hope they are happy with what I can do. I just want to be myself and not act like anyone else."

Chapman has even opened up to the media, something he admitted was difficult when he was at Kentucky.

"I'm mature, as far as that goes," Chapman said. "It's something I really have to do. I look at it as something that isn't going to kill me to do it. I come in here and practice for two hours and that's it for the day, usually. It's not going to hurt me to do a few interviews. It's going to help me and it's going to help them (the media), and I'll feel good about myself.

"Last year, it was different. When I was at Kentucky, I had to do every interview and still go to practice and to class. It didn't end when the season was over, either. Then last season, there wasn't anybody making me do it. I had a choice. Sometimes I'd choose not to.

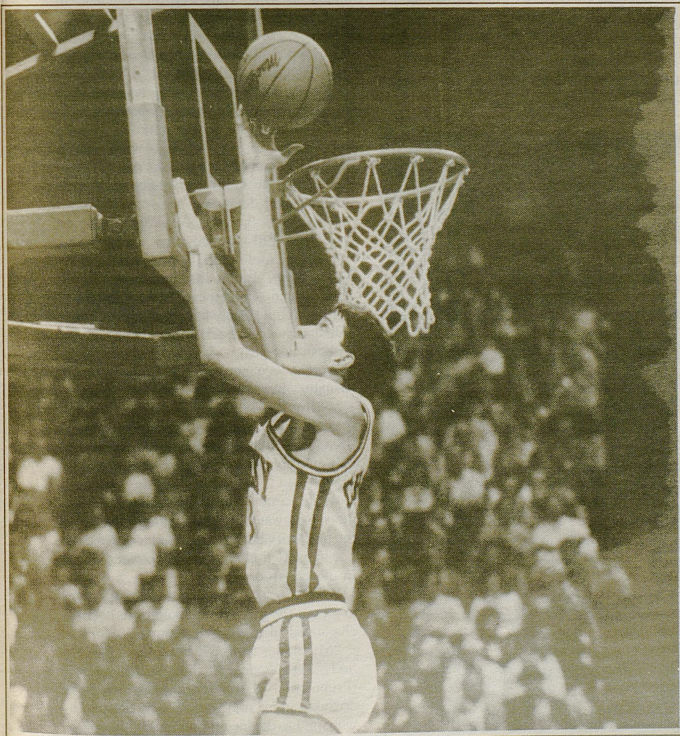
"Until recently, I didn't realize they made me do those interviews at Kentucky for my own good," Chapman continued. "I realize (now) it's better for me and better for the person who wants to interview me."



REX COLLECTIBLES: (left) Chapman's Champions Against Drugs card; these two Hornet cards of Rex are going for as high as \$7.50 in Charlotte.

"I think Dick knows I'm the type of person who will always give it my best shot. He also realizes he doesn't have to yell at me to motivate me. I think he realizes I will always motivate myself to play hard. He is a real hard-nosed coach and he likes hard-nosed players who dive after loose balls."

—second-year NBA pro Rex Chapman



Chapman never content; working to one day become an NBA all-star.

Maturity is very important for a player with the kind of potential that Chapman possesses, and many feel it has been a big factor in Chapman's improvement.

"Maturity is certainly a factor in his improvement," Hornets coach Dick Harter said. "I see a great change in his maturity off the court, as well as on the court. He's a lot of fun to be around. We know he wants to work and wants to develop. We're willing to wait for that development."

"I think he has more confidence. He enjoys his good games more and handles the bad games better than he did last year. I wouldn't want to judge him after one year. He has great ambition and I think he will develop into a wonderful player. The next two or three years will determine that. If he continues to work hard on it as he does now, he is heading on a very, very good course."

Chapman believes he has earned Harter's respect with hard work and plenty of motivation.

"I think Dick knows I'm the type of person who will always give it my best shot," Chapman said. "He also realizes he doesn't have to yell at me to motivate me. I think he realizes I will always motivate myself to play hard. He is a real hard-nosed coach and he likes hard-nosed players who dive after loose balls."

"Sometimes, it gets frustrating because it looks like I'm not playing hard, but with the athletic ability I have, I do things that look effortless. It just comes naturally. It may look effortless when I'm really playing hard. I think Dick understands that. I just try to play hard. If I play hard, that will make the other people play hard."

That kind of attitude has made Chapman a leader on the Hornets. The emphasis has shifted away from the older veterans, like Kelly Tripuka and Kurt Rambis (traded to the Phoenix Suns following this writing), to the younger players, like Chapman, rookie J. R. Reid and Dell Curry.

If the Hornets hope to achieve success in the future, those younger players will have to play big roles in the development. "I'll continue to work hard, not only every year, but every day," Chapman said. "I want to make this franchise a winner."

By playing for a first-year expansion team,

Chapman got to play a bigger role last year than if he would have been selected by an established team. The best way for Chapman to improve was to log more minutes, and that's exactly what happened with the Hornets.

After playing under the spotlight at Kentucky, Chapman was suddenly thrust into a major role with an NBA team.

"It was an adjustment," Chapman said. "It would be an adjustment for anybody, both on and off the court. A lot of responsibility is on you because you have a job to do. It's not like in college, where if you do something wrong, or break a rule, you get punished for it. It's mental punishment because you have to let somebody down. That is the big difference."

"Coming into the NBA is more than anybody expects. It's not as tough physically as it is mentally. If you don't take care of yourself, it will really be tough. There are nights when you are banged up and you have to go out and play when you're sore."

"The hard part is the mental aspect of getting yourself up each and every night," Chapman continued. "You try not to have a bad night. You have to tell yourself to play hard, even when you don't feel good. That's the toughest part—to get up every night, mentally. It takes a positive attitude."

That positive attitude has given Chapman more confidence. Now he's hoping that confidence will be the key to greatness.

"I want to be a great basketball player in the NBA," Chapman said. "Maybe one day, I want to be an NBA All-Star. I continue to strive for those goals every day. I don't worry about other people's expectations of me. I have a lot of expectations I put on myself. Those are the only ones I worry about, other than the expectations of my coaches and teammates."

"I expect to play hard all the time and improve. Hopefully, I want to make Charlotte a better basketball team and make this a more positive franchise."

If Chapman continues the progress he has made this season, both on and off the court, he may realize those goals soon.

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Sean Woods pointing UK in the right direction

After one-year layoff, Wildcat point guard is making good things happen...for himself and his teammates

by staff writer Pancho Easterwood

Kentucky got the "Eye of the Tiger" back against Furman...and one 'Cat continues to get his eye back.

Bombed by Kansas, the Wildcats had their confidence shaken by the 55-point defeat.

But point guard Sean Woods said the "Eye of the Tiger" was beginning to return the day before the game with the Paladins.

"It's made me stronger and hungrier," said the 6-foot-2 sophomore. Then he went out and proved it 24 hours later.

Woods hit on seven of eight shots in scoring 16 points to spark the 'Cats to an easy 104-73 win.

It was his second night of brilliant shooting this year at Rupp Arena. He was seven of seven against Mississippi State two weeks ago.

But what has UK coach Rick Pitino and opposing coaches elevating Woods' stock is his ability to penetrate and make things happen...for everybody.

Take Tuesday's first half, for example. Woods hits Derrick Miller with a nifty pass off a fast-break. Bingo! Miller scores an easy layup.

He quickly follows up with a long pass to Jeff Brassow. Result: Another easy layup. Eye of the Tiger? It's more like eye of a cool 'Cat.

But enough of his teammates feeding at the Woods' trough. It's time for this 'Cat to get his eye.

Woods' first bucket came off a 15-foot jumper; his second basket followed his first of only two turnovers (he had six assists). He took the fast lane for this 2-pointer.

Paraphrasing Keats, Woods' drive to the bucket was a thing of beauty to Pitino, a joy forever to Woods. And a display of amazement to a visiting coach.

He drives the lane, fakes right as if going in for a right-handed layup and jukes Furman defender Hal Henderson nearly out of his purple undies by taking it to the hoop with his left hand.

Furman coach Butch Estes strolled through the Woods after the game.

"Boy, that time he (Woods) lost Henderson on a crossover was something...and Henderson is not a bad player," said Estes. "He was really effective penetrating on our guards."

Woods smiled broadly as he recalled his dash past Henderson.

"He (Henderson) thought I was going in with my right hand...I took it in with my left," said Woods. "Was he surprised? Good."

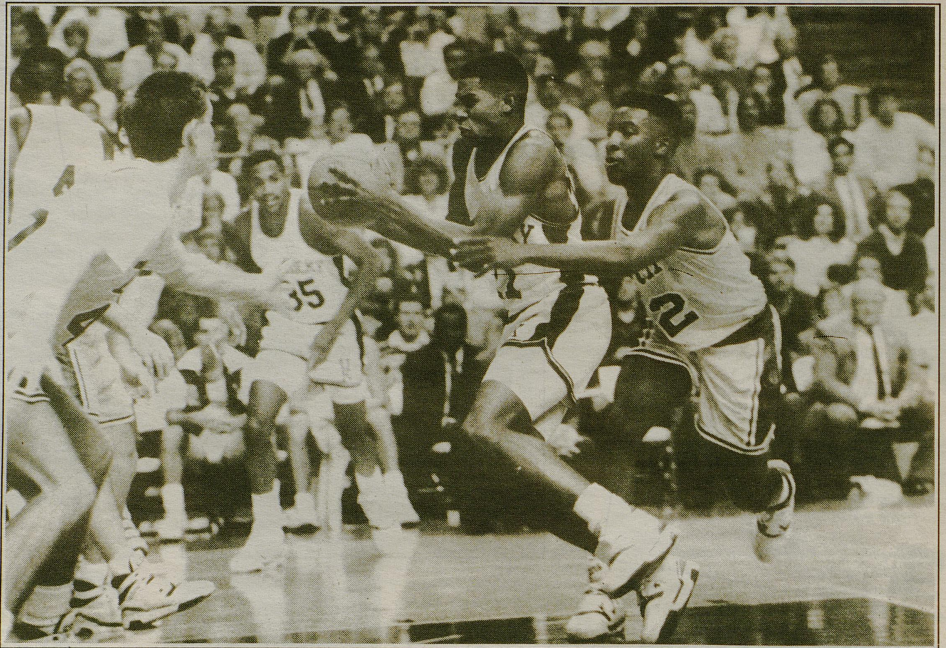
Woods' ability to penetrate is just what the good doctor, Pitino, has ordered. He lets graduate assistant coach Billy Donovan call the shots in early-bird workouts with Woods.

Donovan's credentials are impeccable. He was the point guard who took Pitino's Providence team to the Final Four in 1987.

"Coach (Pitino) wants me to keep pushing the ball quickly up the floor and if my man pressures me to try and beat him and draw the other players on their team to come to me," said Woods. "This is so I can dish off to the other players for three's (three-point shots)...and sometimes when they don't get to me quick enough I'm able to get to the basket on occasion."

Like last Tuesday night. Woods followed up his left-hand magic move with a 15-foot jumper, a trey and a solo performance UK fans will probably see more of.

Woods, who has a vertical leap of 37 in-



Woods, who easily leads the club in assists, has helped UK capture what Pitino likes to call the 'Eye of the Tiger' with these frequent drives into the lane that often result in easy buckets for his teammates...

ches, grabbed the rebound, motored the length of the floor, and scored off a layup. UK led, 66-37. He then made it seven straight off a feed by John Pelphey before his three-point shot just rimmed out with 15:13 left in the game.

But, then, who's perfect? "I'm just trying to get better," said Woods, to a mike-happy horde in the UK dressing room. "As long as I keep listening, things are starting to get better...as you can see I'm getting better as time goes on."

Woods knew that it would take a little while for the 'Cats, as well as himself, to forget that 55-point thrashing by the Jayhawks.

However, he had one advantage over players like Richie Farmer, Deron Feldhaus and Pelphey. This trio never knew what it was to lose in high school...much less lose by 55 points. But Woods sure did...and it was painful.

"There was this team, Broadripple High of Indianapolis...they beat us by 35 points in my first year at Indianapolis Cathedral," recalled Woods.

That crushing defeat left him angry and embarrassed...just as he felt after the debacle against the Jayhawks in Lawrence. But Woods and his teammates didn't get mad...they almost got even.

"We played them (Broadripple) in state

later that year and lost by two...when they were the No. 1 team in the state," said Woods.

Woods said the long layoff between games made it twice as hard to forget the Kansas massacre. It was a 10-day trial by ordeal. The man, Pitino, was a regular fuss-budget. Or so says Woods.

"He kept saying, you guys remember we got our butts kicked by 60," said Woods. "That made us work harder. But he also

brought the same attitude he had with the New York Knicks. When you are in the NBA there will be nights when you get beat by 30. You can't dwell on it. So we hoped to take out our frustrations on Furman. We figured everything would be all right at Rupp."

Right at Rupp. A new catch-word for a bunch of 'wild' 'Cats who love to dance to a three-step.

Woods, especially, is at home in the House that Rupp built. So it seemed as he drove the Paladins crazy.

"I think he's understanding how we want him to play," said Donovan. "Sean has a great knack of going by people initially...but the thing he has to improve on is what type of decision he makes once he goes past his man. And since the Ohio University game he's making good decisions."

Woods has the look of a fighter. Broad shoulders, well-muscled arms...a look-a-like for red-hot middleweight prospect Michael Nunn. If the frame fits, he wears it well. After all, in one respect, he is a fighter.

Woods could easily have packed his basketball and headed back to the banks of the Wabash last year.

Woods, you see, was a Proposition 48 casualty...banned for a year.

While his teammates-to-be suffered through UK's first losing season in six decades, Woods suffered the loss of basketball entirely. He had played since the third grade.

While Farmer played, he fiddled around in the stands watching and waiting, chafing at the inactivity he was subjected to. No practice to make this 19-year-old perfect...except in the classroom.

Woods is still a little bitter about having to sit out the year. But he keeps his feelings channeled in a positive manner.

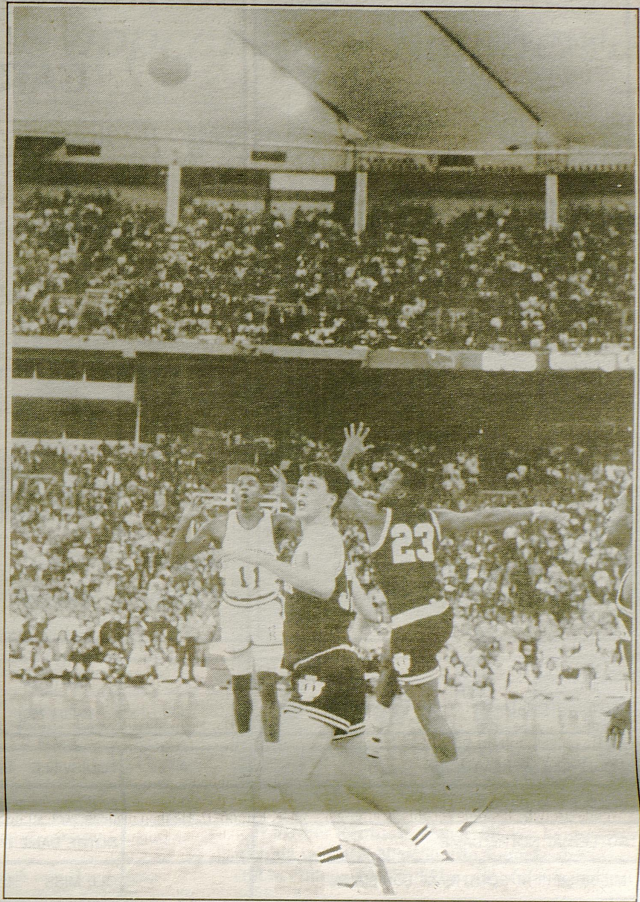
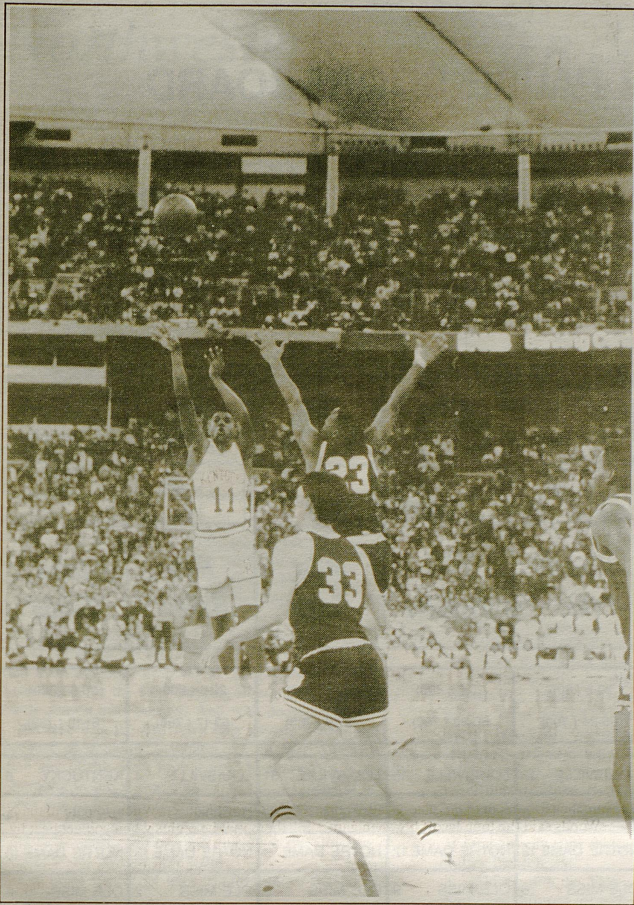
"My grades were OK but I didn't pass the SAT," said Woods. "I thought that the rule (Proposition 48) unfair at the time and I still do today. In my mind it is racially biased. But who am I to decide...I don't make the rules."

But Woods didn't sulk...even when the NCAA dropped the other shoe. No post-

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...but he's also found his shooting eye, as his team-leading 54.2 field-goal percentage shows.





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 season play. No TV. But, the young man is a fighter. Sometimes the only way out of the gutter is to stand up. He did.

But Woods also had a secret weapon to help lift him up. The weapon is Julia Haynes—a loving, caring grandmother who lives in Lexington.

At 72, Julia is no stick-in-the mud homebody. When she's not watching her grandson play, she's tooling around town to various club meetings.

"She acts like she's about 30," said Woods, chuckling. "She kept my spirits up last year. Her home was my home away from home."

UK should name her MVCF (Most Valuable "Cat Fan"). She listened, cajoled, pleaded and lent Woods a sympathetic ear...when it was needed. But she could be firm. He needed that, too.

"She was something I had that the other players don't," said Woods. "She kept my spirits up...when I needed someone to talk to, she was there. Sometimes I'd stay over at her place. She helped me a lot."

Looking back, Woods said it was tough sitting out. But he admits it also made him put things in perspective. It gave him time to get his act together.

And how hard is it to sit out a year...after playing basketball most of your life?

Ask Donovan. As a former player—one with an extremely competitive nature—he knew the price Woods had paid.

"Taking a year off at this level, from high school to a major college, is the toughest thing you can do," said Donovan. "It's a very difficult transition."

Yes it is. But it was especially difficult for a player who had suddenly blossomed his senior year at Indianapolis Cathedral...and drew a bevy of scouts.

As a junior, Woods had averaged 15 points, 6.4 rebounds and 6.1 assists per game. But

those numbers improved dramatically his senior year.

In fact, his points improved to 21 per game...his assists to eight as he became one of the better point guards in the nation.

"At one time I was the 48th-rated player nationally," said Woods. "As a point guard I was in the top 10...maybe in the top two.

But you don't go on that any more. It's fine and dandy in high school but when you get to college it's different."

Maybe so. But after a glowing senior year, the layoff had to hurt...and hurt badly.

"You can't practice with the team...and you feel alienated from them," said Donovan. "Plus, you don't get that experience playing

Woods fires up this shot just ahead of the buzzer against Indiana (left), then watches, along with IU's Pat Graham and Jamal Meeks (23), as it falls short in UK's 71-69 loss to the Hoosiers.

in Rupp Arena or some of the other tough places. It was really tough on him but I give him credit for sticking it out and making himself better...and the team better."

Since Woods was barred from practice sessions, he had to get his playing time where he could find it. Pickup games...or just lonely shooting sessions by himself.

"You lose a lot sitting out," said Woods. "I'm paying for it now, but fortunately, with the great coaches here, my progress is coming quicker than anywhere else."

Two things bothered Woods in his "comeback" this season. Competition—or lack of it—and thinking quick on the floor.

"In pickup games you go with instinct and raw talent," said Woods. "But it's a major setback when you have to play this up-tempo style with the caliber of players you face in college."

But Woods learned. Pitino, he said, refused to coddle him. Not once did he let Woods use the layoff as an excuse. He told Woods he was going to play and play now.

"He didn't let me feel sorry for myself," said Woods. "I thank him for that."

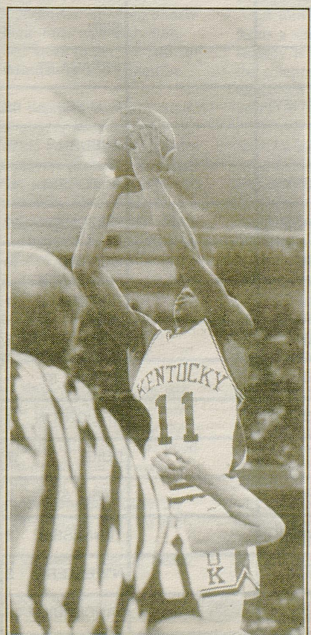
Woods said it is a relief to be able to spread the wealth around scoring-wise to his teammates. The pressure of not having to score is a burden he will take...anytime.

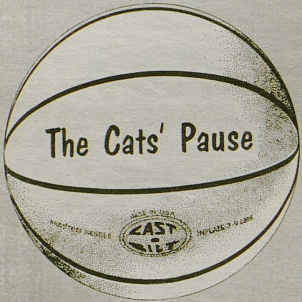
"I just have to get the ball to the right places and to people in the right situations," said Woods. "Some people think it's easy but it is not. Billy has helped me a lot."

Sometimes it takes a point guard to point another in the right direction.

“
 I'm just trying to get better. As long as I keep listening, things are starting to get better...as you can see I'm getting better as time goes on.
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—UK point guard Sean Woods, right, talking about playing his first college basketball season after sitting out a year because of Proposition 48.





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BOWLING GREEN AT XAVIER	XAVIER 7	B. GREEN 6	XAVIER 6	XAVIER 3	XAVIER 5	XAVIER 3
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TULANE AT SOUTHERN METHODIST	SMU 2	SMU 12	SMU 9	SMU 7	SMU 8	SMU 4
INDIANA STATE AT ST. LOUIS	INDIANA ST. 6	INDIANA ST. 6	ST. LOUIS 3	INDIANA ST. 3	ST. LOUIS 10	ST. LOUIS 6
BUCKNELL VS. S. MISS. (BLUE ANGEL TOURNEY)	S. MISS. 12	S. MISS. 8	S. MISS. 12	S. MISS. 5	S. MISS. 10	S. MISS. 3
NAVY VS AUBURN (BLUE ANGEL TOURNEY)	AUBURN 16	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 2	AUBURN 4	AUBURN 4
PURDUE VS W. FOREST (FIESTA BOWL CLASSIC)	W. FOREST 12	PURDUE 6	W. FOREST 6	W. FOREST 3	PURDUE 4	PURDUE 4
PENN STATE AT ARIZONA (FIESTA BOWL CLASSIC)	ARIZONA 27	ARIZONA 12	ARIZONA 10	ARIZONA 13	ARIZONA 6	ARIZONA 6
WISCONSIN VS. GEORGIA (TRIBUNE CLASSIC)	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 9	GEORGIA 5	GEORGIA 6	WISCONSIN 1
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DRAKE VS DUKE (RAINBOW CLASSIC)	DUKE 17	DUKE 12	DUKE 20	DUKE 21	DUKE 18	DUKE 10
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FORDHAM AT TENNESSEE (VOLUNTEER CLASSIC)	TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 9	TENNESSEE 17	FORDHAM 1
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Northwestern's Big Ten days appear to be numbered

Shawn Kemp would've been a great collegian

□I might miss on this call, but every instinct I've developed over these many sporting years tells me that Penn State's arrival in the Big Ten means an end of the line for Northwestern. And, guess what, that's probably



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

the best thing that could happen at this school.

For too many years now this school has been committed to just one thing: Cashing the hefty paychecks which come its way after the Rose Bowl and NCAA tournament simply because there was a Big Ten logo hanging over the athletic door.

Basketball teams at NU have been competitive just one or two times in the last couple of decades and the football team has been even worse. Simply, Northwestern has been along for the ride, sending ill-equipped teams into battle season after season. And who does that benefit?

Because it is the Big Ten's only private school and because its academic standards are far more rigorous than any of the other nine teams, Northwestern is clearly operating in the wrong athletic world. Wouldn't it be more fair to its coaches, players, students and fans to line up against other schools with a similar athletic/academic philosophy? Sports at the Chicago school could become fun again.

I've never quarreled with Northwestern's perspective. Only its greed.

I'll be both disappointed and surprised, then, if its exit from the Big Ten isn't announced shortly...

□Now, the flip side: Penn State's arrival.

We were, of course, forced to endure the empty mouthings of the academic types who talked about the whys and hows of Penn State becoming a member of the Big Ten. Such clucking.

Well, if you want a bottom line consider this: With Penn State in the league you are talking about a football stadium filled with 85,000 for every home game (Northwestern, by contrast, attracts 20,000 per) and with the grand tradition of Nittany Lions football (and all those new Eastern television markets) you can just bet the Big Ten's already talking with ABC Sports about hiking the telecast rights fee. I mean, the fact Michigan was involved in just about every nationally aired ABC football game last fall should tell you something.

No, this one was a business deal through and through.

Basketball-wise, Penn State as a Big Tenner certainly poses quite a dilemma for coach Barry Parkhill. He's finally got his team looking like a first division regular in the Atlantic 10, but, as everyone knows, there's a long stretch of asphalt between that league and the Big Ten. Penn State talks about a new 16,000-seat arena and perhaps that will happen. But what I remember is what Dick Harter told me several years ago when he walked away from University Park in the middle of summer to take an assistant's job in the NBA: "They don't want to win in basketball. The football is just too big."

My suspicion is that Parkhill is a lot more interested in getting involved with the vacant Virginia job than he was before this season began...

□Michigan State's sudden struggle (losses at Illinois-Chicago and at home to Bowling Green) can be traced to the fact it doesn't have a solid point guard. For a school which has known several quality backcourtiers (Magic Johnson, Sam Vincent, Scott Skiles) this is a strange circumstance...

□OK, everyone who's really shocked that Lawrence Funderburke has left Indiana please raise your hand.

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I've never quarreled with Northwestern's perspective. Only its greed.

It was a college basketball marriage which never had a chance...

□Insiders tell me the news from Illinois is going to be bad when the NCAA puts a wrap on the investigation...

□Rather quietly the Big West Conference has had an outstanding month of December. Long Beach has a road win at Texas and UC-Santa Barbara played Iowa close on the Hawkeyes' home court. Fresno State is definitely improved and even long-suffering Pacific seems better than in the past. Pro scouts tell me that Cedric Ceballos of Fullerton State has a chance to be a high first round pick in the NBA draft. So, no question, this is a league on the move under the direction of Jim Haney, ex-coach at Oregon and after that commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference...

□Mentioning the Valley, tough as it is to imagine, Southern Illinois, despite a remarkable giveaway against St. Louis, appears to be the best team. Building the program in Carbondale has been a long struggle for coach Rich Herrin, but he seems to have put the Salukis over the top. Herrin, incidentally, was Doug Collins' high school coach and he won over 600 games in the prep ranks before getting the SIU job...

□Of Georgetown's freshman guard David Edwards, coach John Thompson says: "Either he'll kill me or I'll kill him." Nope, I think they'll join forces and put the Hoyas into the Final Four either this year or next (or both). He gives Georgetown a perimeter shooting dimension which it has lacked for some time now and, additionally, he can get in among the trees to get the ball into the large hands of Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo...

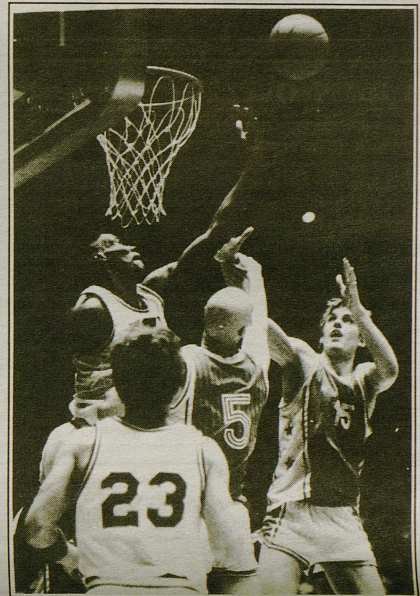
□Every year the strength and depth of the NBA draft is predicated on the number of undergraduate eligibles who decide to turn pro early. This year this is especially true and college basketball people are probably justified in fearing the largest turnover of juniors and sophomores may be in the offing. Syracuse's Billy Owens seems a likely target. UNLV's Larry Johnson and Illinois' Marcus Liberty might be greatly influenced by the outcome of NCAA investigations. And Notre Dame's LaPhonso Ellis is another who, reportedly, is giving thought to playing for pay next year...

□Though Minnesota coach Clem Haskins calls his senior forward Willie Burton "a great shooter," pro scouts still have reservations about that part of his game...

□If former Kentucky signee Shawn Kemp were still playing in the college ranks, he'd be one of the top performers. Playing with the NBA Seattle SuperSonics, he's getting some minutes, showing some quickness and good playing skills. Given time to mature and get stronger, I think he can play in the NBA for a lot of years...

□How come no one raves about Georgia's Litterial Green? The youngster does a lot of things well for the Bulldogs...

□Who else remembers when Fordham beating Seton



If former Kentucky signee Shawn Kemp—now playing with the NBA Seattle SuperSonics—were still in college, he would be one of the top players in the game.

Hall was just another game, just another agate line in the newspaper and not cause for campus-wide celebration?...

□With Penn State moving out of the Atlantic 10, look for La Salle to lobby hard for membership in that league. And, if that happens, look for Marist to move into the Mid-Atlantic Conference spot. Whew, you need a big eraser when keeping track of the various Eastern conferences...

□I join the many in wishing Utah coach Rick Majerus a speedy recovery. At 41, to face such a major surgery is frightening. Hopefully, he'll make it back to the sidelines and do a better job with his eating habits which led to a badly-enlarged waistline in the past few years...

□Well, we are only a few weeks away from the NCAA's annual convention and you can only wonder what the delegates will do to top last year's controversial session. Proposition 42 is supposed to get another vote and it is difficult to imagine it won't be defeated, but, then again, who would have believed it would be passed initially?

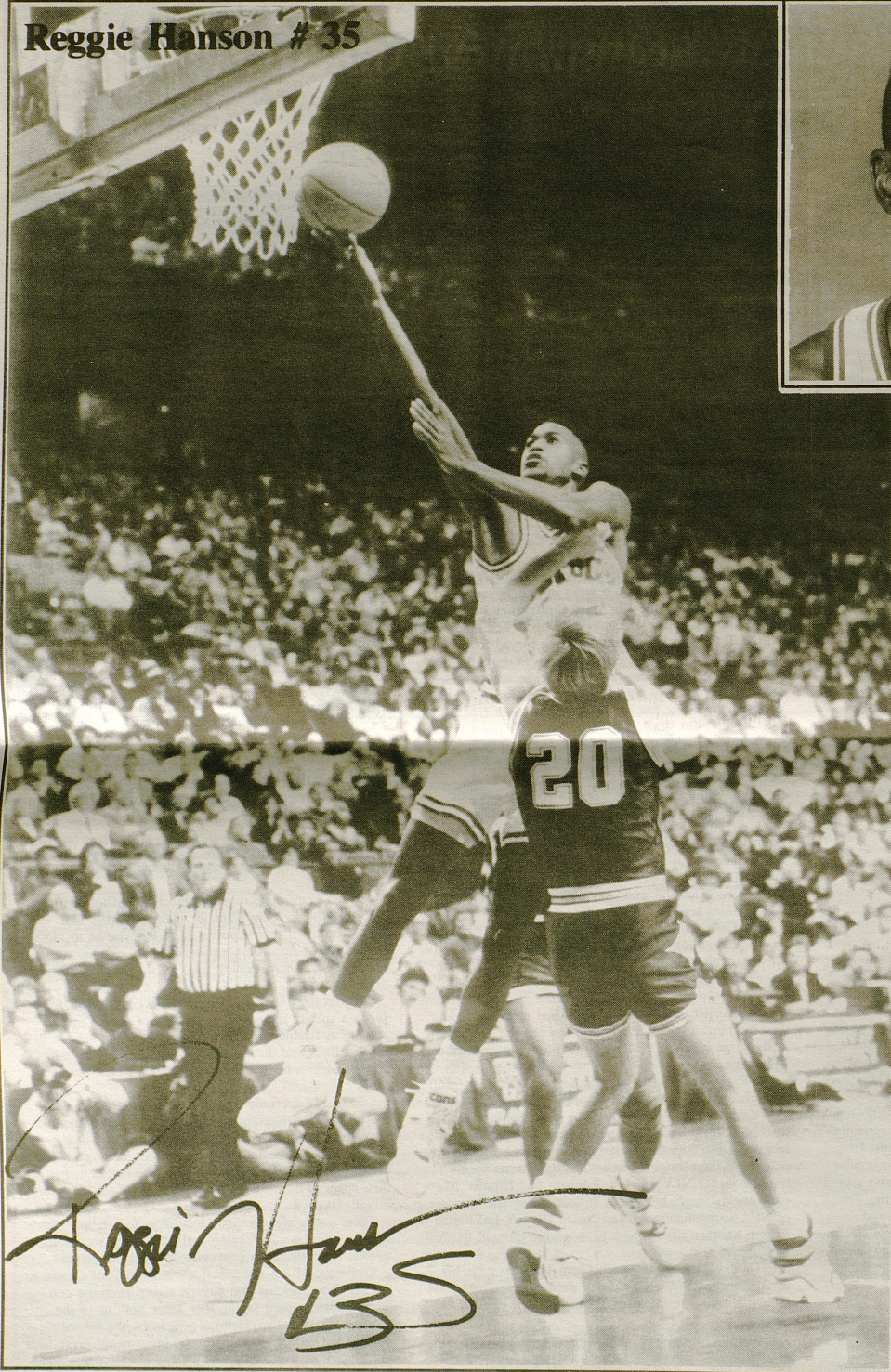
These gatherings are great testimony to a failed system, one too cumbersome with too many varied interests, to really move in an efficient, logical manner.

At the top of this we talked about Penn State's move to the Big Ten. At least two athletic directors in the conference were quoted saying they knew nothing of the process, nor was their counsel sought by the school president. Other athletic directors, presumably, were kept in the dark as well. This was a CEO-level process and I find that curious on a number of counts.

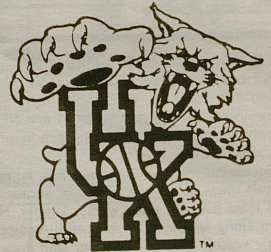
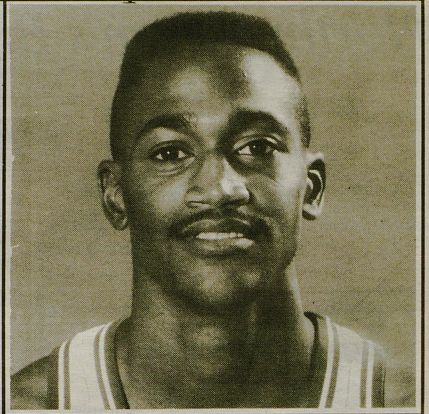
Does these mean the presidents presume to know more about the various aspects of athletics than the men they employ to run the athletic departments? And if that's so, why, in these days of economic gridlock, are they keeping these guys on the payroll?

If I were an athletic director, I'd certainly be thinking about those two things...

Reggie Hanson # 35



Reggie Hanson
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Buffaloes, not Irish, will be national champions

Rebs, Dawgs, UT, Auburn will win bowls, too

With UK still seeking a head football coach, we almost forgot about the traditional bowl festivities. It's now time for the customary prognostications and bowl officials this year have put together some excellent mat-



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

chups. Now, let's get to the games:

ALL-AMERICAN: DUKE vs. TEXAS

The sidelight here is which job Duke's Steve Spurrier will choose after the game. The former Heisman Trophy winner apparently is the top choice to replace Galen Hall at his alma mater, the University of Florida. Spurrier's name also has been on top of the list with such NFL clubs as the Atlanta Falcons and Phoenix Cardinals. Anyway, Spurrier's Blue Devils haven't beaten a top-notch club except Clemson, which was somewhat of a fluke. However, Texas Tech under Spike Dykes has been the surprise team of the Southwest Conference. Tech looks like the better team and has played the tougher schedule.

Texas Tech by 11.

LIBERTY: AIR FORCE vs. OLE MISS

In case you missed it, during halftime of this game the University of Kentucky will be presented the College Football Association award for the best graduation rate of football players.

Meanwhile, this bowl is a good matchup between Air Force and Ole Miss. With the game being played in Memphis, the Rebels have somewhat of a home field advantage and should have a nice following of fans. Air Force has been somewhat inconsistent despite the efforts of quarterback Dee Dowis, who was one of the finalists for the Heisman Trophy that went to Houston's Andre Ware. However, Dowis should have some problems against a Rebel defense that can play tough against the running game. Ole Miss will win this one for Chuckie Bell, who was tragically injured in a game earlier this season against Vanderbilt.

Ole Miss by 8.

HOLIDAY: PENN STATE vs. BYU

Joe Paterno has traditionally been one of the better bowl coaches in the country, but he faces an outstanding passing game against WAC-champion BYU, which in turn will have a tough time stopping the Nittany Lions' Blair Thomas. BYU is capable of outscoring PSU under the direction of QB Ty Detmer.

BYU by 7.

FREEDOM: FLORIDA vs. WASHINGTON

If UK could have won one of its last two games, the Wildcats could be making the trip to California. However, Florida, with its record and schedule, deserves the invitation. The Gators seemed to get better over the course of the season after their top two quarterbacks were suspended for gambling on football games. However, Florida doesn't possess any semblance of an air attack and therefore will have a hard time against the Huskies.

Washington by 4.

PEACH: SYRACUSE vs. GEORGIA

It should be interesting to see how many Georgia fans make the one-hour trip to Atlanta to support the 6-5 Bulldogs. Syracuse has been somewhat of a disappoint-



Look for two of the SEC's coaching veterans—Tennessee's Johnny Majors (left) and Auburn's Pat Dye—to guide their clubs to easy bowl victories again this year.



ment and may not be as fired up for this bowl as it was for LSU last year in the Hall of Fame Bowl. The Dawgs are out to avenge a season-ending upset loss to rival Georgia Tech.

Georgia by 6.

GATOR: CLEMSON vs. WEST VIRGINIA

It seems no bowl year in and year out does a better job of getting schools that bring a boatload of fans. Once again Clemson ends its season in the state of Florida and faces the Mountaineers, who were somewhat of a disappointment. Heisman candidate Major Harris had another productive year, but definitely missed the generous supply of fifth-year seniors that he had to work with the previous season, when the Mountaineers finished 11-1. Clemson has looked impressive, especially in the way the Tigers handled Florida State in Tallahassee earlier in the season. The Mountaineers won't be able to handle the Tigers' tremendous ground game.

Clemson by 19.

COPPER: ARIZONA vs. N.C. STATE

The inaugural Copper Bowl just so happens to be in the same home as the host team—the Arizona Wildcats. And the Wildcats' opponent, N.C. State, fizzled out at the end of the season and came up short for the ACC title. Furthermore, State didn't beat a legitimate team all season.

Arizona by 14.

HALL OF FAME: AUBURN vs. OHIO STATE

How about Auburn's Pat Dye? Does this guy own Alabama, or what? Anyway, Dye continues to just go about his business and win football games. Ohio State had one of the greatest comebacks in college football history with a road win over Minnesota. Coach John Cooper, a former Kentucky assistant, will have the Buckeyes fired up, but Auburn just has too much talent. War Eagles!

Auburn by 13.

COTTON: TENNESSEE vs. ARKANSAS

How about UT's Johnny Majors shoving it down the throats of his detractors? Yes, the Vols are back and it's an odd-numbered year, which means Tennessee usually has a good season. However, the only problem lingering

with the Vols is the frame of mind they will be in after almost getting upset by lowly Vanderbilt. Meanwhile, Arkansas will be out to avenge last season's Cotton Bowl loss to UCLA. The Hogs can move the ball on the ground, but probably not in the air, which is where the Vols have some weak spots. Majors gets another New Year's bowl victory to go with the one he got back in 1985 against Miami.

Vols by 11.

FIESTA: FLORIDA STATE vs. NEBRASKA

These two teams are somewhat used to playing each other and in fact met in the same bowl just two years ago. But during the last 10 years, FSU seemed to get the best of Nebraska and I don't see why this trend won't continue. FSU is the only team to defeat Miami and has been coming on strong. Nebraska is not as good as in the past.

FSU by 15.

SUGAR: ALABAMA vs. MIAMI

Will Bill Curry sign a contract extension at Alabama? Apparently, a three-year deal is his for the taking, but as of this date, he had yet to sign. Meanwhile, he must regroup his Crimson Tide from a bitter loss to instate rival Auburn. But it will take a lot of regrouping to upset an extremely explosive Miami team. 'Bama does have the athletes to contain the 'Canes high-powered passing attack, especially with Efrum Thomas in the secondary. But Miami could be too much to handle. The Tide will keep it close, but will come up short in the end.

Miami by 3.

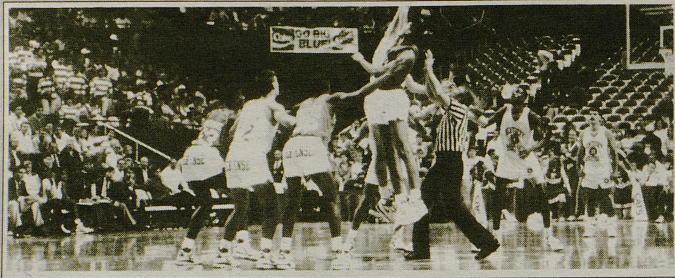
ORANGE: NOTRE DAME vs. COLORADO

Can you believe the rumors surrounding Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz? Word has spread that he could be coaching his last game for the Irish. He already has lost one assistant to Austin Peay and others are in line for head coaching jobs across the nation. Most experts believe the Irish will roll all over the Big Eight champs. However, I beg to differ and believe the Irish might have a tough time controlling Colorado's nifty QB Darrin Hagan. Also, keep in mind that the Irish have never had much success in the Orange Bowl. Upset special.

Colorado by 6.

KENTUCKY


A L E N D A R



DECEMBER '89

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2
3	Basketball: Mississippi St. (H) 7:30 p.m. UK-TV delayed	4	5	6	7	8
			Basketball: Tennessee Tech (H) 7:30 p.m. UK-TV delayed			9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	Basketball: Furman (H) 7:30 p.m. UK-TV delayed	19	20	Basketball: UKIT 1st round UK vs. Portland 8 p.m. UK-TV delayed	21
24	MERRY CHRISTMAS!	25	Basketball: North Carolina (Freedom Hall) 7:30 p.m. UK-TV delayed	26	27	28
31					29	30
						Basketball: Louisville (H) 1:30 p.m. UK-TV delayed

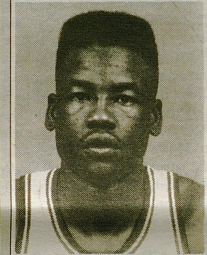
PREVIOUS GAMES



Sept. 9: Football—UK def. Indiana 17-14
 Sept. 16: Football—UK def. North Carolina 13-6
 Sept. 23: Football—Alabama def. UK 24-12
 Oct. 7: Football—Auburn def. UK 34-12
 Oct. 14: Football—UK def. Rutgers 33-26
 Oct. 21: Football—UK def. LSU 27-21
 Oct. 26: Basketball—Blues def. Whites 145-85
 Oct. 28: Football—Georgia def. UK 34-23
 Nov. 2: Basketball—Blues def. Whites 125-117
 Nov. 4: Football—UK def. Cincinnati 31-0
 Nov. 9: Basketball—Blues def. Whites 115-106
 Nov. 11: Football—UK def. Vanderbilt 15-11
 Nov. 16: Basketball—Whites def. Blues 124-120
 Nov. 18: Football—Florida def. UK 38-25
 Nov. 25: Football—Tennessee def. UK 31-10
 Nov. 28: Basketball—UK def. Ohio 76-73
 Dec. 2: Basketball—Indiana def. UK 71-69
 Dec. 4: Basketball—UK def. Mississippi St. 102-95
 Dec. 6: Basketball—UK def. Tennessee Tech 111-75
 Dec. 9: Basketball—Kansas def. UK 150-95
 Dec. 19: Basketball—UK def. Furman 104-73
 Dec. 22: Basketball—UK def. Portland 88-71
 Dec. 23: Basketball—SW Louisiana def. UK 116-113 (OT)



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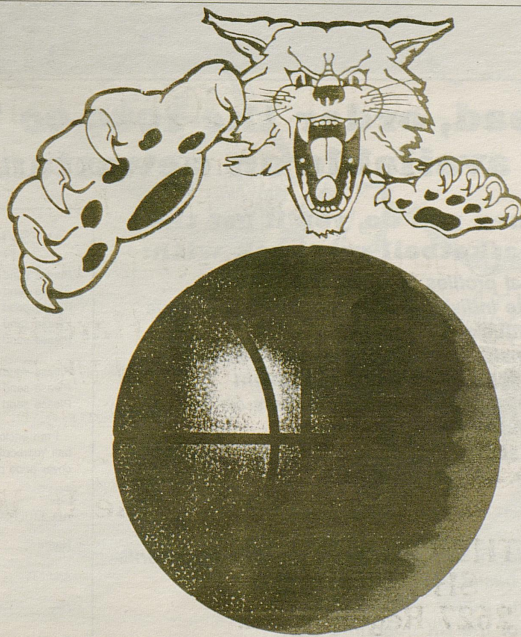
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Note: Final stats do not include UK's 116-113 loss to Southwestern Louisiana.

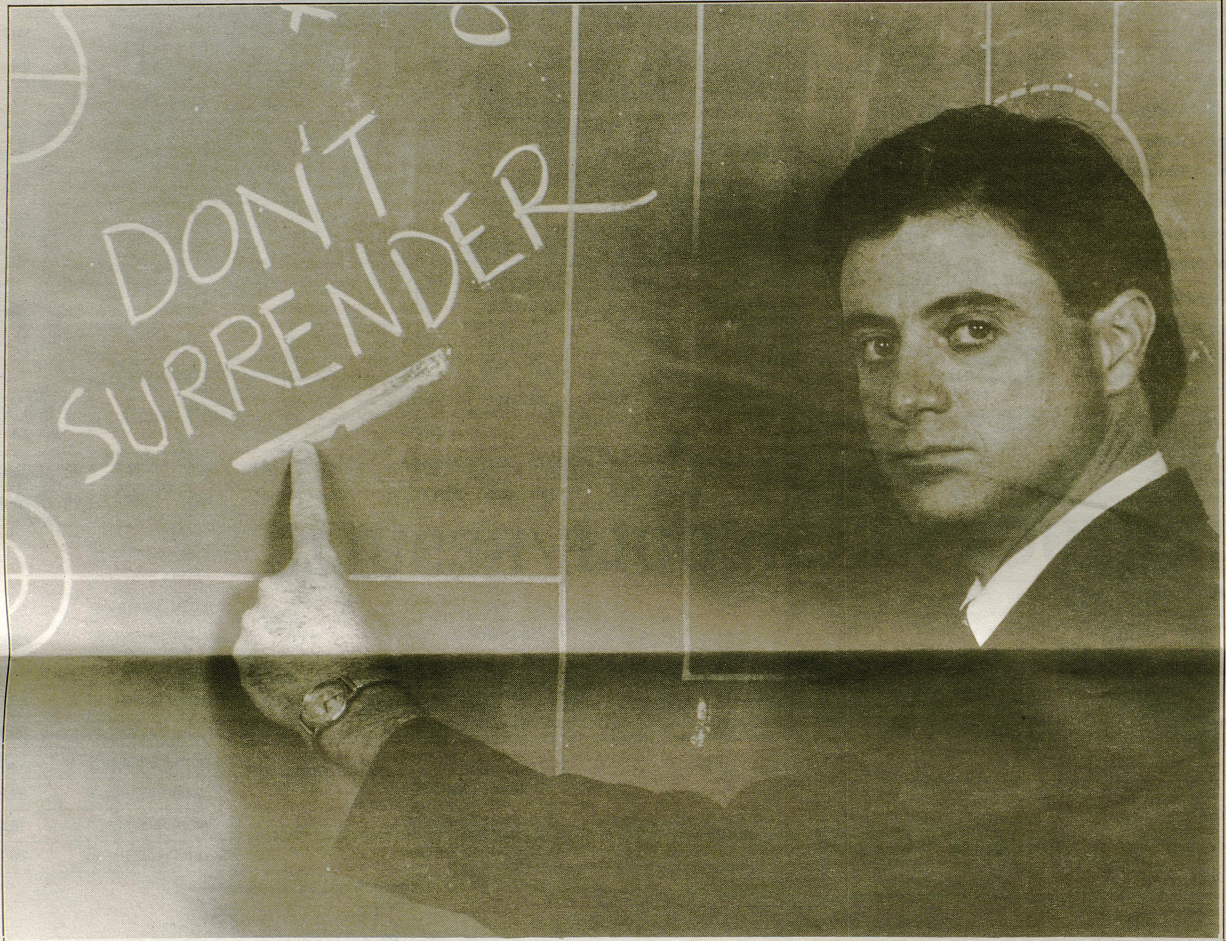
Overall : 5-3	HOME: 5-1	AWAY: 0-1	NEUTRAL: 0-1	SEC: 1-0								
player	g-gs	min-avg.	fg-a pct.	3fg-a pct.	ft-a pct.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk	s	tp-avg.
Derrick Miller	7-7	223-33.3	53-137 38.7	31-85 36.5	15-17 88.2	26-3.7	17-0	13	18	4	8	152-21.7
Reggie Hanson	7-7	191-27.3	35-74 47.3	10-22 45.5	22-30 73.3	54-7.7	27-2	6	22	9	18	102-14.6
John Pelphrey	7-6	190-27.1	24-55 43.6	14-34 41.2	22-32 68.8	39-5.6	28-1	13	21	6	17	84-12.0
Sean Woods	7-7	174-24.9	31-56 55.4	3-7 42.9	15-26 57.7	20-2.9	16-0	40	19	0	12	80-11.4
Deron Feldhaus	7-6	202-28.9	22-53 41.5	6-18 33.3	25-35 71.4	42-6.0	25-3	15	8	1	5	75-10.7
Richie Farmer	7-0	121-17.3	16-39 41.0	10-23 43.5	14-16 87.5	13-1.9	9-0	19	12	0	8	56-8.0
Jeff Brassow	7-1	115-16.4	18-45 40.0	8-23 34.8	6-8 75.0	28-4.0	24-1	9	11	1	7	50-7.1
Nehemiah Braddy	7-0	53-7.6	8-22 36.4	2-10 20.0	1-1 100.0	8-1.1	1-0	2	4	0	0	19-2.7
Johnathon Davis	7-1	77-11.0	8-23 34.8	0-2 0.0	2-5 40.0	21-3.0	22-3	3	5	8	4	18-2.6
Tony Cooper	5-0	12-2.4	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	2-0.4	2-0	1	2	0	2	4-0.8
Skip McGaw	4-0	10-2.5	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	3-0.8	0-0	0	0	1	1	2-0.5
Michael Parks	6-0	21-3.5	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	3-0.5
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KENTUCKY SCHEDULE/RESULTS

date	record	UK opp.	opponent	margin	top UK scorer	top UK rebounder	att.
Nov. 28	1-0	76 73	OHIO	+3	Reggie Hanson, 24	Reggie Hanson, 14	23,037
Dec. 2	1-1	69 71	Indiana (Big Four Classic)	-2	Deron Feldhaus, 23	Reggie Hanson, 11	40,128
Dec. 4	2-1	102 97	MISSISSIPPI STATE	+5	Derrick Miller, 21	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,132
Dec. 6	3-1	111 75	TENNESSEE TECH	+36	Derrick Miller, 36	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,145
Dec. 9	3-2	95 150	at Kansas	-55	Derrick Miller, 32	Deron Feldhaus, 7	15,800
Dec. 19	4-2	104 73	FURMAN	+31	Derrick Miller, 21	John Pelphrey, 8	22,841
Dec. 22	5-2	88 71	PORTLAND (UKIT)	+17	Sean Woods, 20	Deron Feldhaus, 9	18,639
Dec. 23	5-3	113 116	SW LOUISIANA (UKIT)	-3	John Pelphrey, 24	Deron Feldhaus, 10	20,112
Dec. 27			NORTH CAROLINA (FREEDOM HALL)				
Dec. 30			LOUISVILLE				
Jan. 3			at Georgia				
Jan. 6			at Vanderbilt				
Jan. 10			FLORIDA				
Jan. 13			at LSU				
Jan. 17			ALABAMA				
Jan. 20			TENNESSEE				
Jan. 24			at Auburn				
Jan. 27			OLE MISS				
Jan. 31			at Mississippi State				
Feb. 3			GEORGIA				
Feb. 7			VANDERBILT				
Feb. 12			at Florida				
Feb. 15			LSU				
Feb. 17			at Alabama				
Feb. 21			at Tennessee				
Feb. 24			AUBURN				
Feb. 28			at Ole Miss				
Mar. 5			at Notre Dame				



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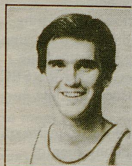
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America's game, basketball, is catching on in Italy

How long before we have International League?

This past month, my team has been doing a lot of traveling. Not only in Italy, but Yugoslavia and West Germany as well.

Through these trips I have run across many vacation-



Kyle Macy

Cats' Pause Columnist

ing Americans. After I respond to their questions of what brings me to Europe, their next comment is usually, "Oh! I didn't know they played basketball in Italy."

I am not sure if this is just the American mentality that basketball is our sport and no one else plays or because they just are not sports fans. But, times are changing and Americans should take note.

If memory serves me right, Italy won the silver medal in basketball at the LA Olympics. I also recall the Yugoslavian team on the gold medal platform in Seoul. Not the John Thompson American team. So basketball is fast becoming an international sport. I wonder how long it will be before there will be an International League?

I know the *USA Today* newspaper is covering more of the Italian League results this year because of Danny Ferry and Brian Shaw signing for \$2 and \$1 million, respectively.

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There are also many good players here.

As you can see, if you take a look at the accompanying chart, there are a good many Americans playing. Some are young and trying to get experience so one day they can play in the NBA. Some are older, with many years of NBA experience that still love to play. The latter seems to be the category I fall in. I still feel I could play for some NBA team, at least a solid reserve role, but after my last year with the Indiana Pacers, where I was not even given that opportunity, other teams were unsure. That is why I decided to play here.

I get a chance to play. Not just to score, but the opportunity to do all the things on the court I knew I could do, and be successful. Not just sit and watch as the team goes 42 and 42 with a coach that won't make any changes. But then, that's the NBA, and I have not even mentioned agents, maybe another day.

Hopefully now, you are a little more knowledgeable of European basketball (at least the Italian League). And if you ever are traveling abroad and you come across an American basketball player playing in Italy, you can say, "Oh, yeah! I have heard about that league. One last thing, talk to them in English!"

Heading to the Hoop.

Kyle

Non-Italians who have played in Italian League in '89-90

SQUADRA A-1

Team — Players
Phillips Milano — McAdoo , Iavaroni, Cureton
Enimont Livorno — Alexis, Binion
Scavolini Pesaro — Daye, Cook
Knorr Bologna — Richardson, C. Johnson
Benetton Treviso — Gay, Macy
Phonola Caserta — Oscar, Gluckov
Arimo Bologna — McNealy, Feitl
Ranger Varese — Thompson, Matthews, Green
Paini Napoli — McQueen, Berry, Sunara
Vismara Cantu — Mannion, Bouie
Reggio Calabria — Henderson, Caldwell
Irge Desio — Talbert, McGee, K. Johnson, Gibson
Riunite Reggio Emilia — Gregory , Reddick
Neutroroberts Firenze — Anderson, Kea
Messaggero Roma — Ferry , Shaw
Panapesca Montecatini — Knego , Landsberger

First-year players listed in bold type

SQUADRA A-2

Team — Players
Ipfim Torino — Dawkins , Kopicki
Pall. Livorno — Addison, Rolle
Hitachi Venezia — Radovanovic, Lamp
Alno Fabriano — Israel, Solomon
Glaxo Verona — Bailey, Schoene
Kleenex Pistoia — Douglas, Rowan
Marr Rimini — Wright , Smith
Annabella Pavia — Lock , Montenegro
Filodoro Brescia — Mitchell, Pittman
Fantoni Udine — King, McDowell
Braga Cremona — Griffin, Sappletton
Jolly Forli — Fox, Smrek , Garrett
San Benedetto Gorizia — G. Johnson, Vargas, Poquet
Teorematur Arese — Vranes, D. Middleton
Stefanel Trieste — Tyler , L. Middleton
Popolare Sassari — Allen, Sheehey

First-year players listed in bold type



SEC goes high-tech to find its next commissioner

New man will have his work cut out for him

The United States of America, the entire country, is under search for a new commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

The search committee, chaired by Dr. Charles Knapp,



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

University of Georgia president, reached up to New York City, financial center of the USA, for expert advice on the project. They hired the executive search firm of Heidrick and Struggles to screen the hundreds of candidates offering themselves, or being nominated by good ole buddies, for the duty.

NYC headquarters of H&S assigned the account, naturally, to the Atlanta office, specifically to Patrick Pittard, a Georgia and Georgia State grad, who has been with them since 1983. Pittard is a managing partner and member of the executive committee of H&S, more than qualified for the search duty.

The next man to be tapped as commissioner may be on the East Coast or West Coast, in Texas or around the Great Lakes, or right in the heart of the SEC. He could move into the office from 3,000 miles away, or he could

simply drive in off the street in Athens, Atlanta or Birmingham. Perhaps, even, he is in the SEC office right now.

Dr. Knapp's committee is remarkably balanced. It is composed of three SEC presidents, three faculty chairmen of athletics, three athletic directors (one formerly in football, one in basketball, one in women's sports) and a professor of law.

They closed receipt of applications on Dec. 1. Pittard's office is to reduce the list of viable candidates to eight, 10 or 12 by Dec. 30, then to just two or three in time for selection at the NCAA Convention Jan. 7-10 in Dallas.

This method of choosing a commissioner is a far cry from other times.

The office of SEC Commissioner was created in a meeting of presidents and faculty athletic chairmen in the summer of 1940, due to the great amount of detail work developing, especially in recruiting and eligibility.

Martin S. Connor, an attorney in Jackson, an Ole Miss and Yale Law grad, and former governor, kept the conference business in one room of his office.

When Connor became incapacitated due to illness in the fall of 1946, the secretary of the conference, Dean N. W. Dougherty of Tennessee, was designated acting commissioner. Then in 1948, Bernie H. Moore, coach of LSU football and track, was chosen fulltime commissioner.

A. M. (Tonto) Coleman, a former football coach and assistant athletic director in both the Southwest and the SEC, succeeded Moore April 1, 1966. Then Dr. Boyd McWhorter, dean of arts & sciences at Georgia and secretary of the SEC, succeeded Coleman. Dr. McWhorter retired in May, 1986, due to illness, and was

succeeded three months later by Harvey W. Schiller, head of the chemistry department and faculty chairman of athletics at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

These six strong and willing workers, with strains of wisdom and traits of leadership, were discovered by the SEC executive committee of the time working with the conference, without professional search help.

Totally together in the transition period and keeping themselves available after retirement, these men became wise through the experience of dealing with emerging problems head-on and straight-up. They guided the SEC to the national strength it annually presents and the enviable prominence it enjoys.

The executive search consultants intend to improve on the SEC's old-fashioned method of selecting men of strength, intelligence and integrity when a commissioner change occurs. The aim is the same. Pat Pittard informs me that integrity is the main characteristic they seek—with proven managerial ability and demonstrative qualities of leadership.

It is quite possible they may uncover the most skilled leader of unquestioned integrity, with a bent for college athletics, in the entire USA.

When this superb candidate accepts the job, however, he faces the challenge of improving on No. 1. Difficult at best, and risky overall. Let's hope the Chosen One is indeed the finest in all the land, and that he leads the SEC to even greater heights.

Then, the expense of arranging all the interviews and the fee paid for expert services will be money well spent, though the conference cannot legally give student-athletes money for emergency transportation, for needed clothes, or even for food.

UK Hoop Notes

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Pitino's decision to run and press for 40 minutes as a contributing factor in the lopsided margin.

Pitino stated before the game that he did not want to schedule Kansas in the future. He repeated that statement later, pointing out that UK's schedule already is filled with "must" games, which include an 18-game conference schedule, annual rivalries with Indiana, Louisville, Notre Dame and North Carolina, plus two UKIT games.

Seeking only one other game away from Rupp Arena, Pitino said priorities for that game were national television coverage and going to a prime recruiting area, preferably New York, Chicago and the West Coast.

After all, how many players can UK recruit by playing in Lawrence, Kan.?

• FORMER UK RECRUIT AWOL

Lawrence Funderburke, Indiana University freshman whose recruitment by UK was among violations cited during the recent NCAA investigation of the UK basketball program, reportedly was kicked out of an IU practice session by coach **Bobby Knight** Thursday, Dec. 14.

After failing to accompany the team to its game on Saturday at Texas-El Paso, Funderburke reportedly contacted the University of Missouri about transferring.

Indianapolis television station WTHR-TV reported on Tuesday that Missouri coach **Norm Stewart** did not speak to the highly regarded player, but associates did and told Funderburke to stay at IU and work out his difficulties.

WTHR said Stewart told Knight that Funderburke had contacted Missouri.

Funderburke missed his senior year at Werhle High school in Columbus, Ohio,



Lawrence Funderburke, who would have played at UK if not for trouble with the NCAA, went AWOL from Indiana and General Bobby Knight recently.

because of a falling out with his coach.

Meanwhile, Funderburke's mother said she wanted her son to stay at IU, but that he would make up his own mind.

A couple of days later Morton was spotted at a Henderson County basketball game with friend and Missouri freshman guard **Travis Ford**.

Ford is from Madisonville.

Oscar Combs

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from some very powerful people in the community.

You start with UK basketball coach Rick Pitino, arguably the most popular person in the commonwealth today. Pitino openly endorsed Gottfried last week on his weekly television show.

Despite being fired at Pittsburgh, Mike, according to Pitino, would not only be a great coach at Kentucky, but is the right person for the job.

Pitino's basketball strength coach Rock Oliver came to UK from the Pittsburgh football program where he worked for Mike. He has nothing but praise for the coach.

Gottfried's ties in the Bluegrass are many.

He graduated from Morehead State University, where he became close friends with a number of people in the state such as Dick Robinson, one of the top management people at Webb Properties, the huge development company headed by brothers Don and Dudley Webb.

Their influence around the state cannot be overstated. Other important businessmen and leaders supposedly want Gottfried for the job.

Given the amount of time his friends have spent defending his tenure at Pitt and given the perception Roselle wants of the Kentucky athletics program, perhaps Mike's best and only hope of landing the job rests with his support in the community and not at the athletics department.

•The final member of the most-talked-about trio is Pettibone, a name you first read about in this space almost a month ago.

His success at Northern Illinois has been well-documented, but many around the UK campus have privately subscribed to the theory that UK must hire a highly visible and highly recognizable big name to give the UK program a shot of rejuvenation.

Pettibone does not fit that bill, although he could be the right coach for the long term. It's no secret that Pettibone was a first interested in the Wisconsin job (which at this writing was still unfilled), but is now considered a viable candidate for the UK position.

His connection to Lexington is retired UK basketball coach Joe B. Hall, whose son-in-law, Mike Summers, is one of Pettibone's top assistants.

Summers' first coaching job was at Kentucky as a part-time assistant and he has since progressed up the ladder, first at Texas A&M with Jackie Sherrill and then with Pettibone to Northern Illinois a few years ago.

Many consider Pettibone one of the best-kept coaching secrets in the country although those football zealots who thought they had Newton's attention by pleading for a wide-open, offensive-minded, throwing mind might not be pleased with Pettibone's combination wishbone/run-and-shoot attack.

His success has been remarkable, just as Gottfried has been at Kansas and Pitt and Kidd at Eastern Kentucky University.

Yet, for some funny reason, one just gets the feeling the next UK football coach hasn't been mentioned in any of the dozens of scoops surrounding Newton's search for a new coach.

Oh, how the drama unfolds in Big Blue Country.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

✓ Freshman Chris Mills scored 19 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and dished out 10 assists to score the first "triple-double" in UK history as the Wildcats defeated Austin Peay, 85-77, in Freedom Hall.

With UK watching its 21-point second-half lead dissolve to six, Mills fueled the team's offensive motors with three clutch passes. Two straight trips down the floor, the 6-foot-7 power forward, who replaced LeRon Ellis in the high post, took the ball near the top of the key, faced the basket and found Reggie Hanson breaking loose underneath.

The clincher came when a Mills-to-Ellis pass was quickly converted into a two-hand-behind-the-back slam, giving UK and 81-69 lead.

Ellis, who paced the 'Cats with 23 points, missed only once in 11 attempts. Hanson and

Mills were next with 19 each followed by guard Derrick Miller with a 16-point showing.

Keith Rawls led the Governors with 28 points. Vincent Brooks also was in double figures with 10 points.

Austin Peay was coached by former UK assistant Lake Kelly, who criticized his team for a "horrible" first half, when the Gobs were outscored, 45-30, by the 'Cats.

The victory gave the 'Cats a 5-6 record.

✓ In compliance with a court order, UK released the full text of the four remaining NCAA allegations contained in the NCAA's Supplemental Official Inquiry against the school's basketball program.

In brief, the allegations centered around the following:

1) "...That during the week of June 21-26, 1987, Bill Chupil, a representative of the

university's athletics interests, arranged for and provided round-trip automobile transportation between Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky., as well as lodging, for prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) and the young man's friend, Mark Johnson; further, on this occasion, Funderburke was permitted to attend a portion of the university's summer basketball camp at no cost to him, and Johnson receive a t-shirt at no cost to him."

2) That men's basketball coach Dwane Casey permitted Janet Greene (a friend of Casey) to have an improper in-person recruiting contact with prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) when Casey and Greene attended the Columbus Werhle High School vs. Columbus West High School basketball game (at Werhle High School).

3) "It is alleged that student-athlete Eric Manuel committed academic fraud by cheating on a June 13, 1987, ACT test that was taken at Lafayette High School in Lexington, Ky..."

4) "It is alleged that on July 11-12, 1988, during interviews concerning Allegation No. 10, men's assistant basketball coach Dwane Casey and student-athletes Eric Manuel and Sean Sutton provided false and misleading information" to NCAA officials regarding auto transportation for the then-two prospects to Lafayette HS.

The former prep All-American apparently took his final exams on a Monday and then went home on Tuesday. He returned to Lexington early Wednesday and practiced that afternoon.

Blackmon had become frustrated and unhappy with his playing role, especially after scoreless performances against Indiana and Louisville.

As was customary with team rules, Blackmon did not play against East Tennessee State for having missed the practice.

15 Years Ago

✓ Keven Grevey pumped in 29 points as UK shocked Kansas, 100-63, in Freedom Hall. The Wildcats shot 55.4 percent from the field. Jimmy Dan Conner added 16 points, while Larry Johnson scored 13 and Mike Phillips 11.

UK's defense forced Kansas into 24 errors and 33.8 percent shooting.

✓ Kentucky moved to No. 9 in both the AP and UPI polls. North Carolina State headed both polls, with Indiana second, UCLA third and Louisville fourth.

20 Years Ago

✓ In their tightest squeeze of the year, the Wildcats narrowly defeated Notre Dame 102-101 in Freedom Hall, as all five UK starters played the entire 40 minutes.

Mike Pratt led UK with 42 points, but Notre Dame's Austin Carr took scoring honors with 43. Pratt was named the game's MVP.

✓ UK continues to hold the No. 2 position in both the AP and UPI polls with a 7-0 record, but UCLA, 6-0, have closed the gap.

✓ UK went on a 17-5 splurge to down deliberate Miami 80-58. Dan Issel hit 14 of 20 shots from the field to score 33 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds. Mike Pratt and Larry Steele added 15 and 10 points respectively.

Five Years Ago

✓ Members of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) picked UK's Jerry Claiborne as the 1984 Kodak University Division I Coach of the Year for Region 2, which qualified him for national Coach of the Year honors.

Claiborne was cited for an outstanding job in leading the unrated Wildcats to an 8-3-0 record and to their second consecutive Hall of Fame Bowl.

✓ Wildcat guard James Blackmon returned to the basketball camp after a one-day's absence and a trip back home to Marion, Ind.

Kentucky 104, Furman 73

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on a layup by Hanson, a trey and a layup by Brassow.

Brent Williams tied the score at 16-all with a dunk, but the Wildcats went ahead to stay, 23-16, on a seven-footer by Woods, two free throws by Pelphrey and a trey by Brassow.

Aided by a 25-2 spurt that was fueled by three-pointers, they increased the margin to 54-32 at halftime, going into the intermission with a 47.6 percent shooting percentage on 20 of 42 field goal attempts. They were nine of 24 for 37.5 percent from three-point range.

Responding to the urging of 22,841 faithful in Rupp Arena, the Wildcats got their record-19th trey with 14 seconds remaining on a whirling shot by walk-on junior Braddy, who was fouled on the shot. His four-point play pushed the Wildcat lead to 104-71.

Pitino said the Paladins may have been a little tired after a 20-hour return from Hawaii Sunday night and a six-hour bus ride to Lexington.

However, Estes refused to blame fatigue for the defeat, Furman's fifth in eight games.

"We were down," he said, "they were good and that makes for a 40-point game. We didn't play well. We have a much better team than we showed tonight."

Pitino also pointed out that Furman played a good game at Dayton earlier in the season, losing to a team that presses continuously like

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Kentucky. Furman committed a season-high 23 turnovers in that game.

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Pitino was especially pleased with the 50 deflections that his team had, including 29 at halftime. "That's unheard of," he said. "You don't get that unless you're really pouring it out. I haven't had too many teams get 50."

WILDCAT QUIZ

'Cats & Cards

1. True or False? Denny Crum has never beaten a UK team in Rupp Arena.
2. In the 20 games played to date, UK leads the series with U of L by what margin?
a) 13-7
b) 12-8
c) 14-6
d) 15-5
3. The leading career scorer in U of L history is which of the following?
a) Wes Unseld
b) Pervis Ellison
c) Darrell Griffith
d) Lancaster Gordon
4. Who is the Cards' all-time leader in assists?
a) Jeff Hall
b) Phil Bond
c) Rick Wilson
d) Butch Beard
5. In what year did the Cardinals shoot a blistering 81.5 percent in the second half to defeat the Wildcats in the NCAA Midwest Regional?
a) 1951
b) 1983
c) 1986
d) 1987
6. Who was U of L's head coach before Denny Crum took over 18 years ago?
a) John Dromo
b) John Heldman
c) Jock Sutherland
d) Bernard "Peck" Hickman
7. True or False? U of L has won 85 percent of its games in Freedom Hall.
8. True or False? The Cardinals were regular-season champions in the Metro Conference last year.
9. Who was U of L's top sub (in scoring average) coming off the bench last year?
a) Cornelius Holden
b) James "Boo" Brewer
c) Jerome Harmon
d) Everick Sullivan
10. What 1988-89 Cardinal player was a high school teammate of UK's Reggie Hanson? Hint: Both played on a Kentucky state championship squad.
a) Keith Williams
b) Felton Spencer
c) Shannon Fraley
d) Tony Kimbro

Answers

1. True
2. True (86 percent)
3. Darrell Griffith
4. Phil Bond (528)
5. 1983
6. Dromo
7. True (86 percent)
8. False (Florida State)
9. Everick Sullivan
10. Shannon Fraley

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