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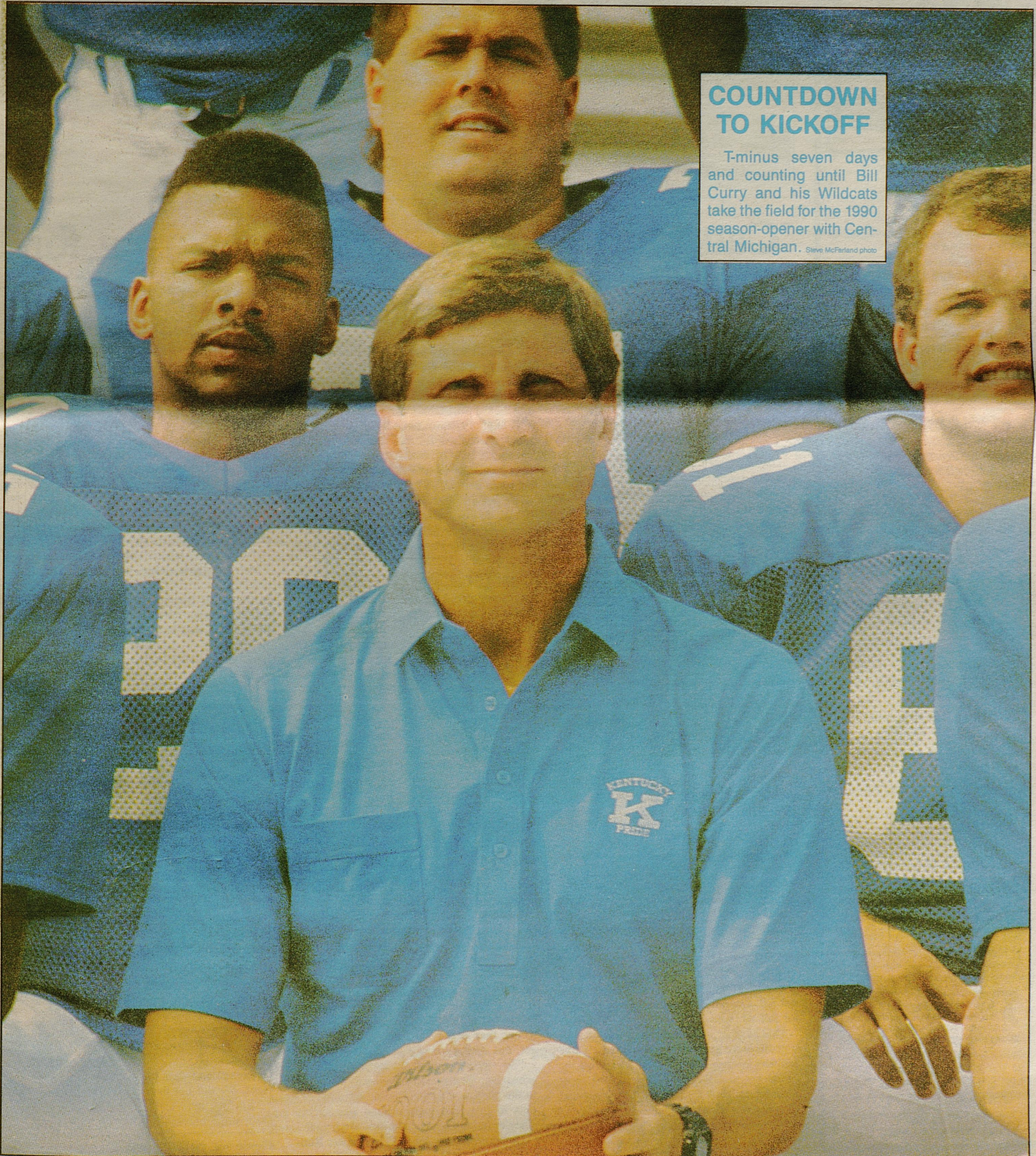
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T-minus seven days and counting until Bill Curry and his Wildcats take the field for the 1990 season-opener with Central Michigan. Steve McFarland photo

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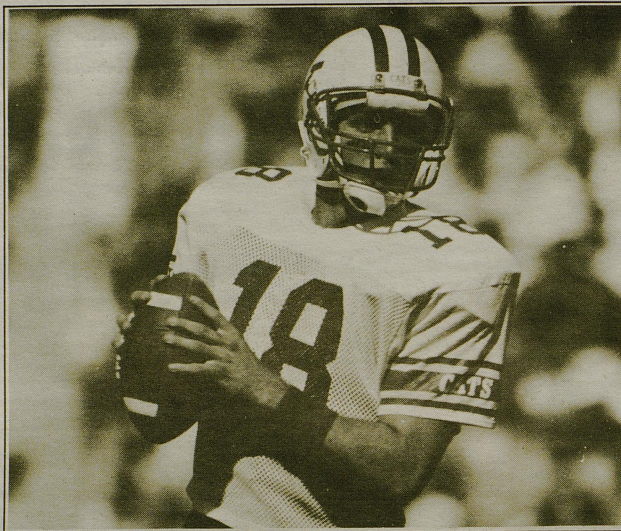
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'Cats shift into 'full gear' preparing for opener; team enters camp mentally fit

by TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

Kentucky faithful have been guaranteed more aerials and excitement to surround their football team as it enters the 1990s under first-year UK coach Bill Curry.

This guarantee comes from a coach who exited a tradition-rich but headache-prone Alabama program for blue-collar UK. Even though it's known as the Bluegrass State, Kentucky may prove greener pastures for Bill Curry's family.

In 10 seasons on the college level, Curry looks to improve an overall winning slate—57-53-4—at Kentucky if that were



to happen, available tickets to Commonwealth Stadium should be scarce. One would have to turn back the calendar to 1977 to remember such a stable seller's market.

"The football atmosphere is incredible in Lexington," Curry, in an interview this past spring, said. "The financial support is here. The facilities are second-to-none for the football players. As we continue to add—the indoor facility, which will be done this year; and expand the stadium, which will be done in about three years—it will be unbelievable. And that is the kind of commitment you have to have to be contenders for the conference championship."

Curry welcomes 12 returning starters, including linebacker Randy Holleran. The senior standout, Wildcat fans will recall, was sidelined for his entire junior season after injuring his right knee in two-a-day practices last fall. Overall, 32 lettermen have reported for fall workouts.

That number would have been 34, but starting offensive guard Mike Nord and reserve fullback Rodney Shepard were kicked off the squad for violating team rules. And most recently, tailback Eric Carter quit the squad for personal reasons.

Nevertheless, Kentucky football, today, moves on.

"I would not like to be a senior on the 1990 Kentucky team," Curry said, "and have the head coach running around saying, 'Well, in a couple of years we'll have this thing together.' I would not like that."

"I expect to have 11 out there Sept. 1 who know how to win for four quarters. If I find we fall a little short of that then we'll be ready Sept. 8, Sept. 15 and right on through the schedule and for as long as we breathe. We don't put a time frame on it."

"We do give ourselves deadlines. And our first deadline is Sept. 1."

Following contains notes and quotes about the upcoming Wildcat football season.

SMART 'CATS Bill Curry pointed out to the media a couple of weeks ago that not only was he impressed with the players' physical condition but their mental state, too. "This team has excellent concentration," Curry noted. "This team listens. I told them last night that I was real proud with the way they showed up."

Will, or better yet, *can* these players, knowing what's eluded them and the UK program in the past, believe winning days are around the bend?

First telling sign is at Rutgers, Sept. 8, UK's first encounter away from Commonwealth Stadium.

On the road again is not a popular tune with the Big Blue. Kentucky owns only two victories in the last five seasons (Cincinnati, Vanderbilt) on foreign turf.

Curry was asked if he could describe to his new pupils the positive attitude Alabama players seemingly always possess.

"You bet," he answered. "I can tell 'em because I've been in both situations, off and on all my life. I've been privileged to play on some of the greatest teams that have ever played. I've been privileged to be a part of building a college program (Georgia Tech) from a very negative mind set to a very positive mind set. I've been a part of going to one that already had very positive mind set, but with a lot of distraction."

"So we're seeing a lot of different scenarios. We have described very carefully to the players what's going in. We don't expect to just lead them around like sheep. They're human beings and they are bright."

Count preseason All-SEC linebacker Ran-

STRONG OUTLOOK FOR '90

Veteran linebacker and preseason All-SEC pick Randy Holleran predicts good things await last year's starting quarterback Freddie Maggard (left) and several other 'Cats. In 11 games last year Maggard passed for 1,515 yards, completing 130 of 231 attempts and 12 interceptions. The Cumberland junior is currently competing for the No. 1 spot along with Brad Smith and Ryan Hockman. Kentucky coach Bill Curry also has been impressed with freshmen Pookie Jones and Mike Kinney.

dy Holleran a "Curry Believer."

"Everybody can't wait to get out there for that first game," Holleran said. "That's what they (UK staff) talk about, winning...being a winner...knowing what it takes to be a winner."

"When you hear that every day you start believing. And when you start believing it, you start being that winner. You start working hard. That's what it's all about."

SPEAKING OF 'BAMA Curry predicts good things this season for new coach Gene Stallings and the Crimson Tide.

"I told the (Alabama) players the last time I met with them, 'Men, selfishly, I want to stay here with you. This team is going back to the Sugar Bowl. But it would be a very selfish thing for me to do. The only unselfish thing I can do is to remove myself from this in hopes that you can have a normal life. You have been incredible. I will always love you and I will always remember what you did, especially the season of '89, to be champions in the midst of that environment.'"

So don't blame this coach if he sneaks a peek at Sunday's box scores to see how the Tide fared.

"Those guys," Curry says before pausing briefly, "...I have a heart invested in them."

The soul, everything else. I figured with a good calculator, that in a three-hour period at this job I work about 10,000 hours. So if you've poured 10,000 hours of your heart into something, and I don't care how goofy you are or what you are, that means that it means something to you. Otherwise, you wouldn't put that many hours into it."

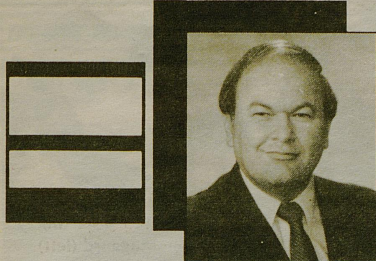
"That's what I've got invested in those guys."

SUPPORT, TO BOOT Former NFL standout placekicker Jan Stenerud, best remembered for his days with the Kansas City Chiefs, recently was in the Wildcat camp to give a few pointers to UK's kickers.

"I'm just trying to look at each one and see what I can do to make each a little bit better," Stenerud said, "as far as technique is concerned and ways they can get more efficient. We did not have a kicking contest."

"I'm just here to look at them and give them some input, tricks of the trade I call

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CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Seven shopping days left till Curry's 'Cats tee it up

One week and counting to the official launching of the Bill Curry era at the University of Kentucky.

This time next week, the Wildcats will take the field in hopes of producing UK's first bowl team in six years.

The task won't be easy, but with the enthusiasm generated with a new coach and a soft schedule, as compared to most SEC schools, one can be optimistic.

Yet, no one opponent on the schedule can be taken for granted, given the fact that Kentucky still has very little talented depth, as has been the Big Blue's history over the years.

The major asset is still apparent. Any time your schedule has the likes of Central Michigan, Rutgers, Indiana and North Carolina, plus some of the weaker sisters of the SEC, dotted around powerhouses LSU, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida, along with two open dates, you have to feel pretty good about your chances of winning at least seven games.

And that's how many victories Kentucky will need if the 'Cats are to be invited to postseason play.

TCP's 15TH ANNIVERSARY

This issue of *TCP* marks the final issue of the 1989-90 year as we prepare for a new year and our first weekly edition coming your way next week.

Next week will also mark the 15th anniversary of the founding of *The Cats' Pause* and we plan some exciting projects for our subscribers over the next few weeks to mark this milestone.

As most of you know, *TCP* was the first such sports publication devoted exclusively to a university back in 1976 and we're proud to say more than 25 other publications around the country have followed our path over the years.

Our success and growth is a tribute to all of you fine fans and friends who have been faithful to us at *TCP* over the long haul.

Along with the success you've created for us, we have constantly had to expand our operation and perhaps it is only appropriate that we are now in the midst of our greatest expansion yet, moving into a modern facility that more than doubles the size of our present location.

For those of you who drop by and visit our offices and retail store, we will be moving just a few hundred yards from our present location on Oct. 1.

The new location will allow us to expand our retail showroom of UK sports memorabilia, baseball, basketball and football cards and our various other publications. The new location will be 2691 Regency Road.

We also plan a Grand Opening—we'll keep you posted on all those details—and hope all of you can visit us at that time. We may, perhaps, have some of your former Wildcat heroes around for autographing.

Again, thanks for your support. There's no way we'd be here today without you. You're the greatest.

DOES FORD HAVE BETTER IDEA?

As football gears up, basketball recruiting is still a very hot topic around these parts and most of the recruiting all of a sudden has hit upon Missouri freshman Travis Ford, who has obtained his release from the Tigers and plans to attend a new school this fall.

Ford, the Madisonville High product who enjoyed a sensational summer of basketball in the Olympic Festival, says his first choice would be to play for the University of Kentucky.

"I like coach Pitino's style very much," Ford said after he left Missouri last week. "I feel I'd fit in real well."

But there has been no official word from UK as we were going to press. However, one should not perceive Kentucky's closed lips as a lack of interest in Ford.

Under NCAA rules, a school would be guilty of tampering if a coach should mention an interest in a kid before his release became official.

Everyone knows Ford's heart has belonged to Big Blue since he was a kid. He fits the same mold as hundreds of other youngsters, going back to the likes of Phil Cox, Rodney Woods, Vince Taylor and Andy Penick, among others, who were unable to convince UK to recruit them.

Ford's name should also be on that list, but he's hoping to remove it and place it on the roster of current Wildcats.

Ford was scheduled this weekend to visit North Carolina, where Dean Smith reportedly is ready to take his first-ever major college transfer. Supposedly in a private conversation, North Carolina has told Ford the Tar Heels made a mistake in not going after him instead of waiting on Kenny Anderson, the all-everything point guard who eventually signed with Georgia Tech and then led them to the Final Four last season.

Also expressing a keen interest in the services of Ford are LSU and Florida, a pair of schools that Kentucky will have to battle before the Wildcats return to the top of the SEC.

With LSU, Ford would be the missing ingredient of a championship team, thanks to the early exit of All-America Chris Jackson to the NBA.

Ford's father, Eddie, has said he'd be more than happy to take care of one obstacle to Travis returning to UK.

That is the problem of UK consuming all of its scholarships for this year.

The elder Ford said a year's tuition would be well worth his son's enjoyment if that is where Travis wants to go.

For Kentucky, a deeper problem is the current recruiting of at least three topflight prep players at the point-guard position.

The Fords are looking for a commitment that the school Travis attends will not be recruiting point guards this season. Some believe Kentucky is in prime position to land one of the nation's finest in Travis Best of Springfield, Mass.

If Kentucky should make such a promise, Best would be history. On the other hand, there are no assurances Best would still sign with UK. And then yet, there's also a view that, right now, Ford is the better idea anyway.

By the time you receive this issue of *TCP*, Ford's fate should be known.

FOOTBALL PROMOTIONS PLANNED

Tickets still remain for the Kentucky's opener with Central Michigan. Both sideline and end zone seats are available and information may be obtained by calling the UK ticket office. Several special promotions are being planned for the upcoming season, including free shakers to fans at each game.

Two ex-Wildcats will also be honored at halftime of each game.

Plans are also being made for a reunion of the 1951 Sugar Bowl champions on Nov. 16-17 as the 'Cats host the Florida Gators.

A banquet honoring the team will be held on Saturday evening following the Kentucky-Florida game.

The first promotion of the year will be sponsored by Glenn Buick and will include 20,000 helmet-type paper fans being given out at Commonwealth Stadium.

Also by the time you read this, the university will have announced that it plans to retire the jerseys of several well-deserving former Wildcat football players.

FIRST AND TENS:

•As Kentucky begins a new era under the popular and successful Bill Curry, the Wildcat football program will also celebrate its 100th year of college football. UK has a specially designed logo for the anniversary and the logo should appear on the shelves of local merchants soon...

•No one is saying for the record just yet, but look for one or more of UK's road football games to be televised on pay-per-view this fall. Before fans get worked up about being gouged in the pocketbook again, UK assistant athletics director Gene DeFilippo says the College Football Association's television contract prohibits UK games from being televised on free television either in the late afternoon or at late night. Reports are the UK officials would like to air the Rutgers game on pay-per-view, especially since Sportschannel America is already carrying the game and the cost would not be as great to UK. Those of you who have a satellite dish are in for an extra treat, and a free one I might add...

•One of the off-the-field incidents that led to the dismissal of a Wildcat player from the team earlier this month supposedly involved one-time UK recruit Jeff Ellis, who reportedly was visiting his old high school buddy, Wildcat receiver Phil Logan, over the summer in Lexington and was the victim of an incident involving the player...

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•When Rick Pitino's Wildcats hit Rupp Arena this fall, they'll be playing on a new floor. The Lexington Center was in the process of laying a new subfloor last week so a new wooden floor can be installed. The new floor is being built at the request of Pitino, who complained last season about dead spots in the 15-year-old floor...

•UK officials say all tickets available under the Blue & White Fund for football have been sold, but a limited number of season tickets on the sidelines were still available at press time...

•As predicted a year ago, the UK basketball team will not be moving out of Wildcat Lodge after all. In an interview for our annual *TCP Kentucky Basketball Yearbook*, Pitino said the Wildcats will return to the Lodge permanently, unless the NCAA outlaws athletic dorms. Pitino said his position on housing players at the Lodge has changed since he first arrived because he now has had a chance to check out the other UK housing facilities (which he describes as totally inadequate). Pitino also said a chat with former UK coach Joe B. Hall provided him a convincing view on why UK players need a different housing situation, given the attention that is focused on them...

•Two former UK assistants from different eras have surfaced together at Maryland. Former UK quarterback coach Jerry Eiasman earlier this year returned to Maryland where he enjoyed immense success with Jerry Claiborne in the 1970s. Also joining the Maryland staff is Larry Kirksey, who once coached at UK under Fran Curci...

•How ironic that all of Eddie Sutton's staff except Dwane Casey now are coaching again and can be in the NCAA this season while all the current and innocent members of the Kentucky team must stay home. James Dickey is now at Texas Tech while Jimmy Dykes has rejoined Sutton at OSU. Casey's trial against Emery Worldwide Freight could come to trial later this fall...

•As speculated here earlier, Sean Sutton has rejoined his father at OSU. In a four-column spread atop the sports section of the local Lexington daily, he said he didn't think the people at Kentucky gave him a fair shot to show the type of player he really is: "Certainly, some people did, but there are other people who had it in their mind that I didn't belong at Kentucky..."

•The paratroopers have a good one in Charles Hurt, former Wildcat basketball player who is with the 82nd Airborne in the Mideast. Charles shipped out of Fort Bragg, N.C. He has been in the Army two years. Good luck to both Sean and Charles.

BILL CURRY'S FAVORITE GUY

'Cat assistant head coach John Guy knows who's next to him in this foxhole

by TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

Bill Curry respects John Guy so much that he recently promoted the 39-year-old North Carolina A&T grad to assistant head coach of the Wildcats. Thus, whenever Curry's services take him away from the Wildcat den, this Guy is in charge.

This Guy is someone who Curry can count on during the good and bad times. This is the UK coach's favorite Guy.

John Guy has been with Curry since 1981, the longest of any on the UK staff. At Georgia Tech he first worked under Curry and in 1987 the two traveled to Tuscaloosa for three successful seasons. So when Curry decided to leave Alabama for Kentucky, Guy was behind him, literally and figuratively.

"Alabama was totally, totally different from anything I've ever been exposed to," Guy, in charge of outside linebackers, defensive ends and placekickers, said. "I worked in Alabama and socialized outside the state, basically.

According to Guy, Lexington and the surrounding area offer more than his previous employer. It's definitely more his kind of town. Jazz festivals. Radio stations that suit his taste in music. A better selection of movies for his VCR. Louisville to the west, Cincinnati to the north, both under two-hour drives. And, maybe most important, a strong, but not a choking tie between the football program and the community.

Guy, whose coaching career has put him in huddles with Lawrence Taylor, Pat Swilling and Derrick Thomas to name a few, lives for afternoons on the practice field and Saturdays at the stadium...and those Thursday nights with assistant Larry New and his wife.

"Larry and I are kind of like brothers," he said. "Mary, his wife, is like my sister. For the last couple of years we have gone out to eat every Thursday night. We'll go eat at Mary's or usually we'll go out and pick a restaurant. It's a good time for us to be together and for Larry to be with Mary and just socialize. Everything is not always football. There are other things. Larry and I...we're different but we agree on the same things when it comes to football."

And they're both working for Curry at UK.

Following is an exclusive question-and-answer session with Kentucky assistant John Guy:

The Cats' Pause: How did you get interested in coaching?

John Guy: I had been accepted at Amherst to do some graduate work. My college coach convinced me that I probably should go into coaching and I should get a Masters degree from the University of North Carolina.

So I went to UNC with the idea that I would just get a Masters degree and not really coach. But I kind of got into it. I got my first paycheck and it wasn't like work and I've been doing it ever since.

TCP: Has it ever not been a joy to coach?

Guy: There were a couple of times when I was debating...I had a chance to get an AMCO Transmission dealership about 1978 or 1979. I thought about that but I just felt like that was really going to be like work.

I got with Coach Curry and my whole attitude about coaching...I guess what happen-

ed was when I coached at North Carolina I got used to winning and then I went to Duke and I didn't like the feeling of losing. Then I went to Georgia Tech and then I liked the approach to coaching.

TCP: So, Coach Curry was a major influence with you staying in coaching?

Guy: Yes. He's been really a force in my life, professionally and personally.

TCP: Were there second thoughts about leaving Alabama to come to Kentucky?

Guy: Nope. I told Coach Curry from the moment he mentioned it—if Kentucky is where he wanted to come I would be with him if he wanted me. There wasn't a second thought at all.

A lot of times people can move on to better situations and better jobs. That's OK too if that's what you want to do. But I believe you have to work for a guy who is going to have you as a person, as a part of his concern and a part of his purpose. I've felt like that ever since I've been with him I've grown as a football coach and I've grown personally.

I just recently served an internship with the Pittsburgh Steelers, which the NFL has as a minority coaching opportunity. There were a lot of head coaches who did not allow their black assistant coaches to participate. I'm fortunate to work with a guy who understands an individual's personal goals, and he allowed me to do that.

TCP: When did you partake in the Steelers' internship?

Guy: I did it during the middle of July and the first of August for about two-and-a-half weeks. He allowed me to do that also. I worked with the inside and outside linebackers. That was a great opportunity for me.

TCP: What's the first thing that comes to your mind when mentioning Bill Curry?

Guy: I just see a total person. I see well-roundedness. I see a guy who will keep his word. I see a guy who never lays blame or makes excuses; he just admits it and goes on. What you see in him is what you get.

TCP: Let's talk about John Guy's social life in Lexington.

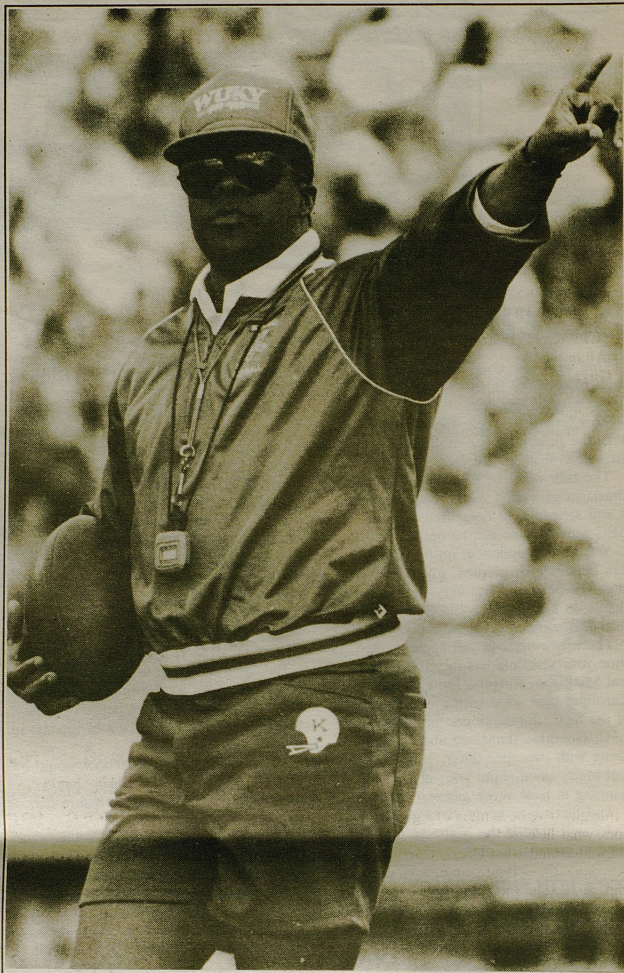
Guy: I'm single; I've gone out with the same girl for a while. She doesn't live here, she lives out of town. This is my sixth college I've coached at. I'm in the coaching business and each move to me has been a professional move and it hasn't been a move where I've tried to make it a social move.

When I lived in Atlanta, my social life was too much a factor. I decided that this is what I want to do, so this is a professional move. I'm not here to socialize or anything like that. I'm here to develop young men and develop myself.

TCP: How difficult is it today to be married and coach football?

Guy: I don't think it's tough. You just have to have a special woman. The coaches who are married, happily married, understand what the wife has to go through, and the wife has an understanding what the coach goes through. From what I've seen in my 18 years of coaching, where there is great communication and understanding there is a great relationship.

I'm kind of a frustrated psychologist (Guy has a Bachelors degree in psychology), so I



John Guy (above) credits former Wildcat football player, the late Tommy Harper, for a better understanding of people.

study behavior more than anything. Usually, communication and understanding are the key.

TCP: What things do you like about Lexington?

Guy: I like the accessibility. There are a lot of cultural things in this town. There are class people here. They are friendly people. There are just so many different things.

I like the fact that the University of Kentucky is such a part of the city of Lexington. I've been in towns where athletics were totally separate from the city. And I've been in a city where it just swallowed the institution. But this is a great chemistry between the city and the university.

TCP: Is there a point where a city can engulf a university?

Guy: Sure, I think so. If you live in a pro sports town—usually that's going to be a huge city—the college is sometimes engulfed by so many "other" things. Here, you can still get that college town feeling, but at the same time...I'm into live entertainment, good music, cultural things and there is such a great avenue (in Lexington). I remember here in the spring there were three different jazz art festivals I attended. In one town I lived in I never had the opportunity (to go) because it just wasn't there. I went to see a live entertainment of Tuck and Patti, who are two of my favorite musicians, right here in Lexington. There have been art festivals. I'm kind of "into" that. I like the accessibility of being able to go to a city like Louisville as a change of pace or going to Cincinnati. I haven't gone to Cincinnati. But it's there, the

accessibility—one hour and 15 minutes. I like that.

TCP: Let's go back a few years during your days at North Carolina as an assistant coach. What do you remember about playing against Kentucky in the Peach Bowl?

Guy: First, it was cold. Second, Kentucky had great players. We thought we had pretty good players at the time, but Kentucky had great players who played hard. They beat us. And then we opened up the next year (at UK). I felt like we had a chance to win that game. We had a turnover late in the game. We felt we had just as good a team, but we made a mistake and Kentucky took advantage of it. They had a great team then.

The '70s were kind of a formative time period for me in coaching. I first got surrounded by a lot of old coaches, they weren't old but they were older coaches (Guy smiles) with a wealth of knowledge and experience. A lot of 'em now are head coaches or coordinators at big-time football schools or are coaching in pro football. They laid a big foundation for me, the things I believe in.

TCP: The huge UK gathering that followed the '76 team to the Peach has been well-documented. Is that something you remember from that particular day?

Guy: The two schools were so similar—there were two blues. It was just college football. I do remember a huge turnout here ('77 opener).

I remember a huge turnout in Atlanta. I remember it was cold. I happened to go to the Kentucky hotel because I had some

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friends there. It was just crazy.

I really like the excitement here. I just like the feeling.

TCP: You can already get a "feel" for it?

Guy: Yes. There is such a togetherness here. People are pulling for you. Sometimes you can take that for granted when you're at different schools. This is my sixth school. Some schools didn't have it and some schools were unfair about their own expectations. But this is great.

Coming from the last experience...this is great. I guess it's like being seasick and finally getting on land.

TCP: Why is this situation greater than at Alabama?

Guy: I just felt like I was in a phone booth. I don't feel that way here. I felt cramped, completely. Socially, I couldn't go to the gas station. I was limited to what I could do.

I'm not knocking Alabama, but the first two things I did when I went to Alabama was I upgraded my TV. That is, I went to a 51-inch screen. I upgraded my stereo, but I couldn't get the music I needed. I couldn't get the movies I needed. So here, I haven't really turned my TV on, but I've had great music. I listen to the public broadcasting station...it's a great station. I listen to it a lot.

TCP: Recently you were promoted by Bill Curry as the assistant head coach. Is this something extra special for you?

Guy: I'm not a title guy; I never wanted a title. Coach offered it to me. He said he wanted me to be it. I really felt like whatever he wanted me to do I could do it without the title.

He gave me the title. Whatever goes along with it I'll do it, but I've never really been a title guy. I've been more of a guy who just does what he's told to do.

I understand what Coach Curry expects. I can sometimes figure out how he would do things in certain situations. I have a good feel for what this program is supposed to be about. Having been with him as long as I have, I think he feels comfortable with me being that person. It is an honor. It just hasn't hit me as it has other people.

People say, "You're the only black assistant head coach in the South and there are very few in the country." I don't see black. I just see me, see people. I'm here to do a job and that's what I'm going to do.

TCP: That sounds like Bill Curry.

Guy: Maybe, but I'm just here to do a job. I want to win. I want the players to be better than they are. I want them to be better than what they think they can be. That's it.

I'm pretty sure I can (handle the responsibilities). I'm not sure I can do it as well as he can. Along with the two coordinators, we've been together and we all understand each other. I know where my limitations and attributes are. They know that. Things will work out just right.

TCP: Do you want to be a head coach? Is that a goal of yours?

Guy: It's really strange how people talk about goals. When you're an assistant coach it's hard to say. You can say you want to be a head coach, but you don't have a choice necessarily as to where you can be a head coach. I wouldn't mind being a head coach. But, I don't want to be a head coach at a smaller program.

All my life I've coached at big, successful, academic-type programs; top universities in that particular state. That's what I'm used to and that's what I want to do. If I can't be a head coach in that kind of environment then maybe I can be an athletics director or maybe I can get into pro football. You don't really have control over your goals. You just load your gun, aim your sights and whatever happens along the way...if you do a good job, good avenues will open up. What you have to do is pick the right one for you.

I'm comfortable with what I'm doing right now. I'm not out trying to be a head coach. I'm not out trying to be a coordinator. I'm just out trying to do a job right here at Kentucky.

I take one year at a time and reassess my goal for that particular year, see what avenues are there and then I go.

I came here in January and I (then) was offered one job twice. I turned it down twice. It was at a top-notch program in a top-notch state with great climate. There were a lot of great things that went along with that job. But you've got to know who you're with.

A guy that was very important to me in my life of coaching during my formative years was Tom Harper, a Kentucky player who played for Bear Bryant and who was very dear to me. He passed away a year ago. One of the things I learned from him was that you never really know a person until you go through a personal ordeal.

When you change jobs you have to go through a whole new transition of getting to know people, and finding where you get on and get off with them.

Since I've been with Bill Curry I've been through personal ordeals with him and me, my family and his family, football families. I know who I'm fighting with. That's important to me, to know who I am in that foxhole

with. If you're coaching football you're always in the foxhole, and every game is a new game. The last play is forgotten and you've got to reload and play again. I like fighting with him.

TCP: What about fighting alongside the current Wildcat assistant coaches?

Guy: That has something to do with it, too. If we weren't the way we are or the way we have been...when I say Coach Curry I include the staff. This is a staff—we win together, we fight together. If he hires a new guy, I believe he hired the best at that position; I feel comfortable with him and I can fight with him.

I don't have any doubts. If I've had I've said it to him and he's listened and he's either agreed or disagreed and it's been forgotten. That's the way to work and to get a job done. It's like I've said, I know who I'm fighting with. These guys on the staff, I know who I'm fighting with, which makes it easy.

It's easier to fight when you know where the ammunition and the bombs are coming from and who is going to stand up with you.

TCP: What school was it that you turned down?

Guy: It really doesn't matter. It was a nationally ranked team that played in a major bowl last year. It's in a warm climate. Very warm. Extremely warm year-round. It wasn't in California and it wasn't in Florida. So it's pretty easy (to guess). And it wasn't in Jamaica. But that's that.

TCP: Turning our attention to the current players at the strike and defensive end positions. How are they shaping up?

Guy: I have some hungry guys. I just have to take them to where they want to be...take them where their goals are. I really like this group and their effort. They do exactly what

you tell 'em. I like 'em.

TCP: Any concerns?

Guy: There are always concerns. We just have to work with what we have. We'll get it done with what we've got.

TCP: Is outside linebacker (strike) Zane Beehn a unique talent for a freshman?

Guy: He's a freshman. He's green; he's never played a down. He's got a lot of athletic ability and a lot of tools. He's got to learn to play. I've had some good freshmen. Athletic-wise, he ranks with some of the best...talent-wise he's pretty good.

This is a very talented freshman group. And you can expect some great things from this freshman class. They've all got ability, size, quickness and good attitude. And to single one of them out, I don't want to do that yet. A lot of times people want to give them credit before they ever get anything done. But they haven't even scrimmaged in pads yet. So until they scrimmage I'll hold my comments.

TCP: You coached a great player at Alabama named Derrick Thomas. It's kind of odd that you'll coach a player named Derrick Thomas at Kentucky.

Guy: They're different kind of players. Derrick Thomas here has a lot of athletic ability and is a very good football player. But,

again, we have to work together to accomplish what he wants to accomplish.

Players, they all want the same thing. Alabama players are no different than the Kentucky players, they all want the same thing. It's just how hard and how deep our commitments are to what we want to be.

It's interesting. You find yourself comparing. The thing about it, players admire great players. Regardless of who they are they admire great players.

Regardless of who they are, they admire great players.

ers. A great player does one thing and the player who is trying to achieve greatness tries to do the same thing and work that way.

TCP: Is the desire the one thing that separates the Lawrence Taylors, Derrick Thomas, Pat Swillings from the others?

Guy: A great desire. Great willingness. Focused on what they want. Full speed on everything. Hungry. Practice hard. Reckless. They are students of the game. Along with athletic ability and talent you have to be a great decision maker. You get to be a great decision maker by working with that playbook and studying football and watching other great players.

TCP: Did you recruit Lawrence Taylor to North Carolina?

Guy: I just assisted. I was not the person who signed him, but I assisted in recruiting him. I worked with Lawrence.

A lot of people try to 'give' Lawrence to me. Lawrence does not belong to me; I was just there when Lawrence was there and happened to work with him. At the time (Guy was at UNC) Lawrence was in his freshman and sophomore years...Lawrence really developed in his senior year and I wasn't there.

TCP: Could you tell when you were at UNC that Lawrence was a going to be a special player?

Guy: Yeah. The other thing too is that Derrick had a lot of potential. There were a lot of things Derrick needed to get worked out, as far as personally and little things that make you a great player.

I'm going to tell you this, I've learned as much, probably more, from the great players than they have from me. The thing about coaching those great players is that they learn so much from each other, and I learn so much from them. I feel like each great player that I've coached, the next ones I coach benefit from what I learn. Great players aren't afraid to take chances at doing things with their body and their ability.

Having worked with those great players and seeing the things they can do, it gives you something to shoot for with a player who is trying to achieve greatness. You just learn so much from great players.

I was better with Derrick because I had worked with Pat Swilling and because of Lawrence and some other players. People always talk about Derrick, but for us in our system if a guy who has played that position as a senior he's been drafted.

Every football player who has played strike or end for us in his senior year has been drafted.

TCP: At Georgia Tech and Alabama?

Guy: Yes, at Georgia Tech and Alabama every player has been drafted. At Georgia Tech we had three players make it their rookie year who basically played the same position. Last year I had Lawrence, Derrick and Pat Swilling all in the Pro Bowl.

Last Saturday in there were (former 'Bama players): George Bethune and Derrick Thomas playing against each other in West Germany (NFL exhibition game). And there was Anthony Smith, who went on to Arizona, playing with the Raiders, their No. 1 draft pick.

But I think good players create good players. They copy each other. But I don't want to talk about (Kansas City's) Derrick Thomas. I want to talk about these players here.

TCP: How involved are you with the kicking game?

Guy: I work with the placekickers. I've worked with placekickers a long time. I work with the punting team...kickoff coverage, punt return and the holders.

TCP: What do you see from this year's UK placekickers, especially Don Rubin?

Guy: Don has a lot of potential and talent. He's got to work on getting the ball up. He's got competition. There are probably four kickers right now who are leading the pack with (Doug) Pelfrey leading. Then there's (Bill) Hawk, Brent Claiborne.

It's whoever ends up the most consistent. Every day we grade 'em...so it's not going to be a thing we just decide. It's going to be from what we see.

TCP: Is it difficult for Hawk to be a punter and placekicker?

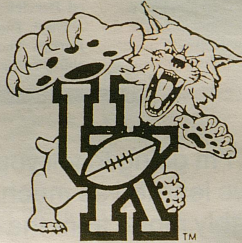
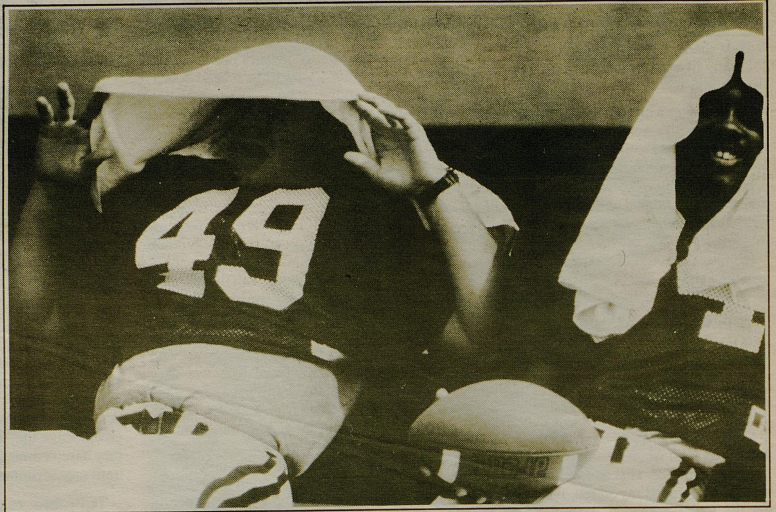
Guy: No. If he does both, he does both. If he's fortunate.

TCP: It won't affect his mechanics or timing?

Guy: No.

TCP: When Kentucky takes the field against Central Michigan in this staff's debut, what one thing are you expecting that if it didn't happen you'd be disappointed?

Guy: The only thing that would disappoint me is that if we lost the game. I'm expecting a win. That's all. That's the only thing I'm expecting. I'm not expecting disappointment, I am expecting a win. If we don't win there will be some lessons learned to help us win the next one.



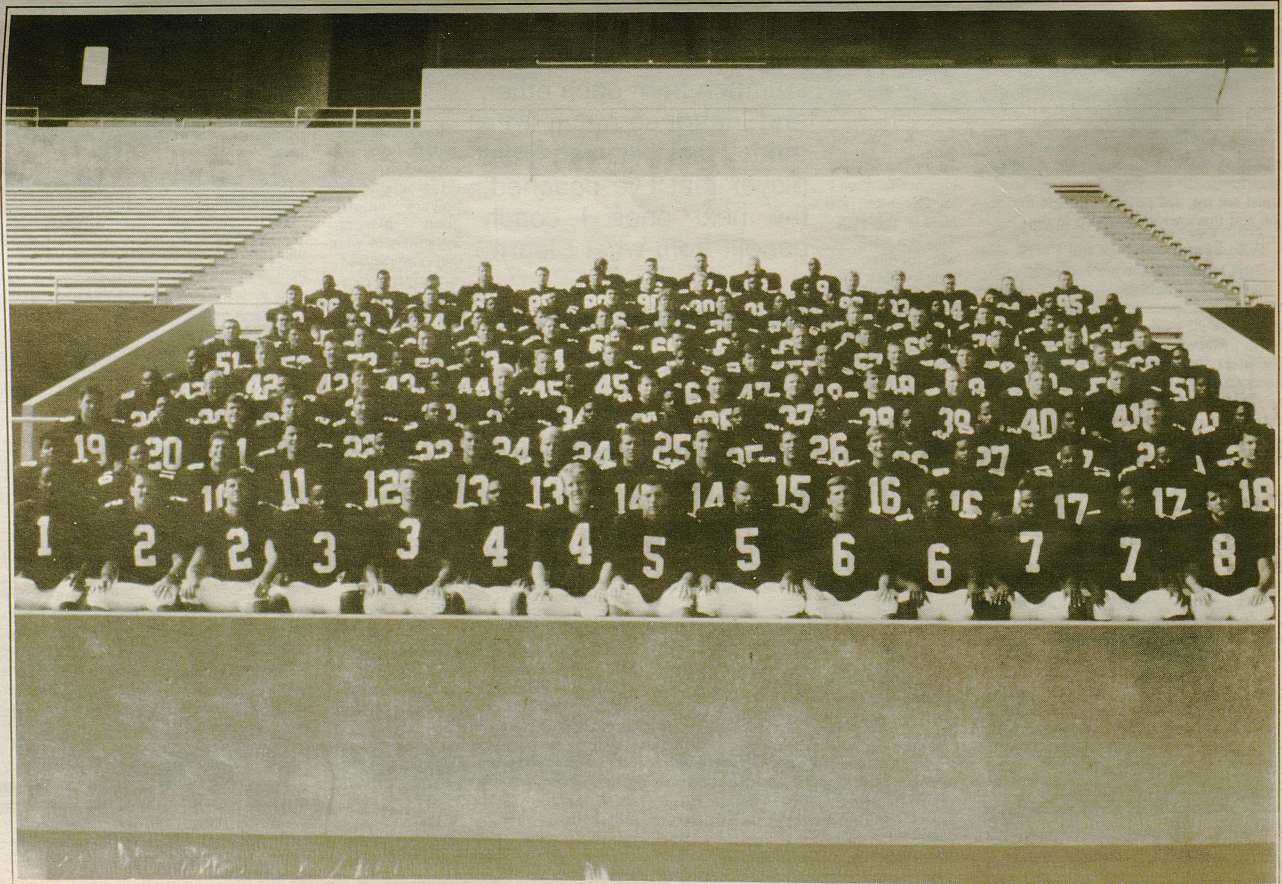
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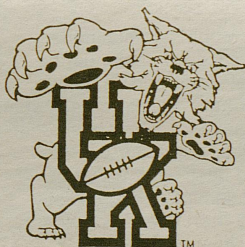
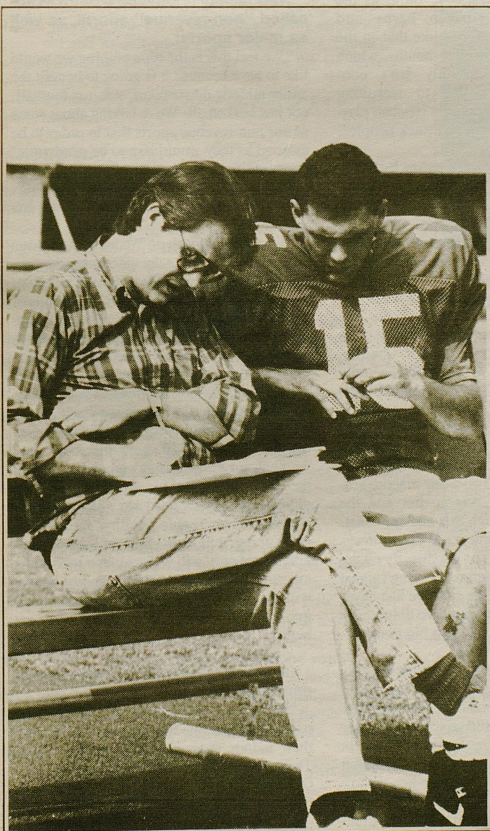
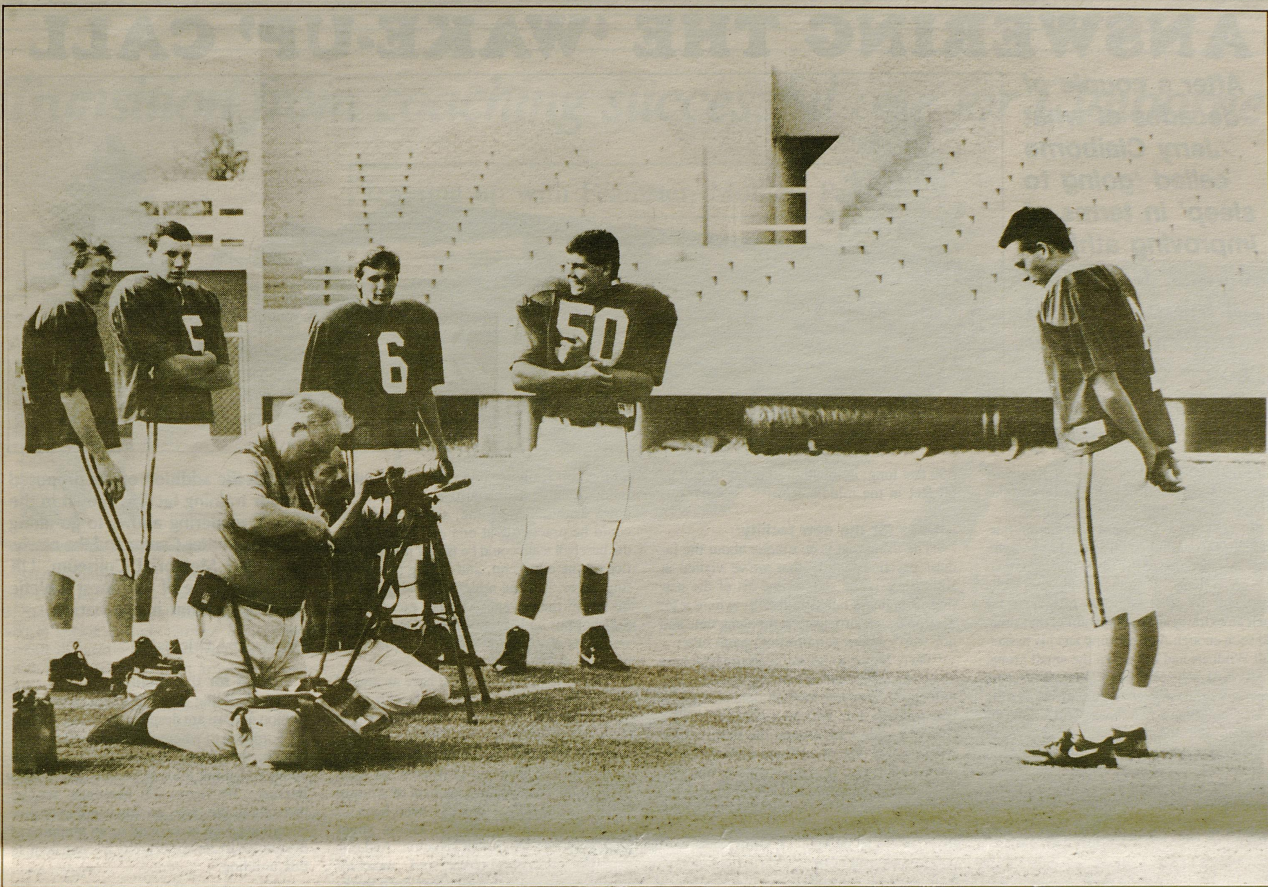
LEFT: UK quarterback Freddie Maggard examines a photo of himself.

ABOVE: A pair of Wildcats use towels to try and beat the heat.

BELOW: Bill Curry's first Wildcat squad poses for a team picture.

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ABOVE: Five Wildcat freshman pose for the cameras at Commonwealth Stadium.

LEFT: Free safety Travis Powers, a 5-11, 186-pound sophomore, talks with a reporter about the upcoming season.

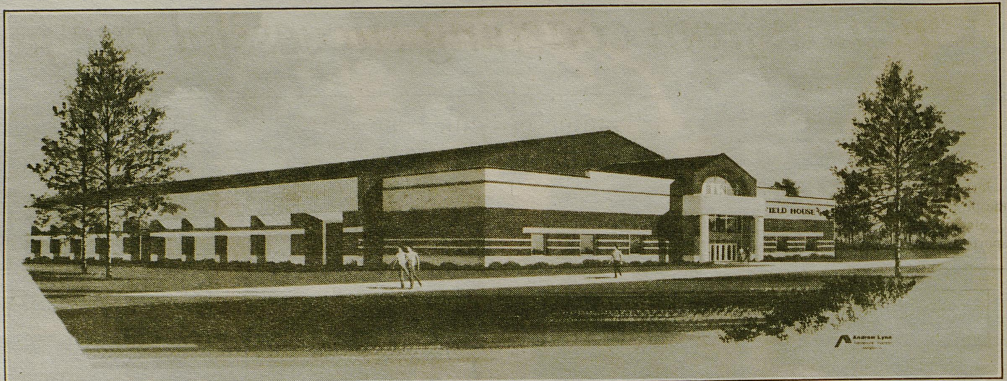
RIGHT: Wildcat running back coach Walter Lewis does a television interview with WLEX-TV, Channel 18's Frank Cusumano.

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ANSWERING THE 'WAKE-UP' CALL

After a couple of decades of what Jerry Claiborne called 'going to sleep' in terms of improving athletic facilities, UK's now in the process of putting together some of the best sports complexes in the country



At one time, the University of Kentucky had few peers when it came to on-campus athletic playing and training facilities.

• In 1924, the UK Alumni Association raised \$100,000 to build 2,800-seat Alumni Gym, what was then one of the finest playing arenas in the country. It was called a "White Elephant" by those who saw little need for such an extravagant gymnasium at that time, but soon enough Adolph Rupp and his basketball Wildcats had outgrown the small arena.

• By 1941, when Dr. H.L. Donovan became president of the university, there was already talk of building a new basketball home for the Wildcats, one that Donovan said "will properly take care of our athletics, our health service, physical education and recreation."

In 1950, that became a reality with the completion of the \$3.925 million, 11,500-seat Memorial Coliseum, at the time, far and away the most luxurious and awe-inspiring basketball building in the country.

• Eventually, UK basketball outgrew the Coliseum, too, and for the 1976-77 season, the Wildcats moved into 23,000-seat Rupp Arena, then the largest basketball-only arena in the country.

Built by the city of Lexington, Rupp Arena is the major portion of the \$53 million Lexington Center complex, which includes a convention-exhibition hall, a 50-store mall and a luxury hotel.

• Although they were never considered among the finest in the nation, UK's football facilities, during the '60s and '70s—Shively Center, built in the late '50s and Commonwealth Stadium, completed in 1973—got the job done.

With the exception of Rupp Arena—which was built and is owned by the city of Lexington—Kentucky pretty much rested on its laurels after Commonwealth Stadium was completed...until recently.

The \$5.7 million E.J. Nutter Training Center, one of the nation's showcase football facilities, was completed in September 1987.

Earlier this spring, a \$840,000 renovation of Memorial Coliseum was completed, giving the basketball team one of the finest training facilities in the country.

A third major facility is now in the works. Groundbreaking for a new \$7 million indoor training facility—which will be used primarily by the football, baseball, golf and track teams—will be held this September.

Former Wildcat football coach Jerry Claiborne, who is helping raise much of the funds needed for the complex in his current role as a development consultant at UK, talks about the indoor training facility:

Where and how the new facility will be built:

"The new indoor practice facility is going to be built between the present baseball field and the track. It's a big field out there, but it's going to cover the entire field. The dimensions of the facility will be 240 feet wide and

500 feet long; at the highest point, it will be 60 feet in the middle."

Uses for the new facility:

"The thing that is so unique about the indoor practice facility that we've visited at Kent State is the state-of-the-art of the netting. It is just a fantastic facility where a lot of people can participate at the same time and not worry about running into each other.

"We're trying to get as much practice area as we can underneath a roof and so the facility will have a complete football field along with end zones. There will be a six-lane track a fifth of a mile long around the field, which will be some type of artificial surface. There will be a 120-yard straightaway down one side that has nine lanes of track. As you walk into the building, to the far end will be a runway for the pole vault pit, which will be up against the wall. The high-jump pit will be on the far right hand corner of the building. To the left as you enter will be long-jump and triple-jump pits. The shot put and javelin practice areas will be out of the end zone going toward the 50-yard-line.

"The teams that will use this facility a good deal to great advantage will be the men's and women's golf teams, the women's and men's track and cross-country teams, the basketball teams, the gymnastics team and, of course, the football team.

"These teams will be able to work because of the nettings that we mentioned earlier. Push a button and three batting cages come down along the nine lanes of straightaway track. The lanes are 42 inches wide. They will cover two or three of those lanes. You can get a pitcher, catcher and batter inside the netting of a cage. You can have three different groups working while people are running right beside the cages because the netting catches all the balls. Push another button and netting covers the entire football playing field. This will enable the baseball team to take infield or outfield practice. The track team would be working on every event. The golf team could be hitting balls off a mat into the net and practicing putting on the turf, all going on at the same time.

"This probably won't happen because practice sessions can be scheduled at different hours, but if an emergency came you could

let the golf team use one end of the football field, because there's also a net that drops down at the 50-yard-line; so the golf team could be practicing at one end of the field, the baseball team could be taking infield practice on the other end, and hitting in the batting cages, and the athletes could be working on all their events with the exception of the shot put and javelin throw because they would have to use the same area that the baseball team would be using.

"The gymnastics team will have an area of its own, where the athletes will be able to do all their exercises, which is very difficult in their present practice area. This is a building that we really have needed on our campus for a long time because our golf team has been trying to hit balls in the basement of Alumni Gym and anybody who has ever been in

Alumni knows about that situation. And our track and baseball teams have been working out some in the tobacco barns and things like that in the winter months, which certainly isn't conducive to recruiting topflight baseball players and track people."

No more battling the weather:

"If a thunderstorm, lightning or some other type of severe weather comes about during football practice, the team can immediately leave the practice area and enter the indoor facility, which will be only about a hundred yards away from the present practice field. Coach (Bill) Curry said that at Alabama during the two-a-day practice sessions,

when the sun was so hot and the temperatures in the high 90s and low 100s, they went inside and practiced. The heat was still there, but the sun was not directly on the players, which kept them from being sapped by the extreme heat of the sun. We had never even thought of that because we didn't have an indoor facility, but this is a big plus during the two-a-day sessions.

"Also, in preparation for playing Florida in late November, our practices had to be held inside at the Seaton Center because of severe weather. Now, they could go into this indoor practice facility and not miss a beat in preparation for that game. Another plus that coach Curry mentioned, if and when the opportunity comes and they played in the Sugar Bowl, which is held indoors, all their practice sessions would be indoors before they

With the addition of the proposed indoor training facility, shown in the artist's rendering above, to go along with the Nutter Center and the newly-renovated Memorial Coliseum, UK will have three of the finest athletic training facilities in the nation.

went to New Orleans."

Paying for the facility:

"The building is going to cost around \$7 million and we are desperately trying to raise \$3½ million to where the funds will be matched by the athletic department. I'm excited about it. I think a lot of people have shown interest. We have 43 meetings set up throughout the state, so this is going to give everybody who is a friend or an alumnus of the university an opportunity to contribute to this building."

New facility should be a boon to so-called "non-revenue" sports, as well as major sports:

"We feel this is the type of thing we would like to have because it is going to benefit the entire athletic department, not just football, not just basketball. We're talking about some of our non-revenue sports that in order to be as good as they would like to be need an indoor facility where they can practice the year-round like our southern neighbors can, plus like our northern neighbors can in the Big Ten.

"I went to Paducah on Wednesday, London on Thursday, showing the video tape; the people can see where really need this building. They can talk about where we're seventh or eighth in the conference in the overall championship trophy. We're asking our coaches and student-athletes in some of these sports to win without the proper facilities to prepare to win. I think a big example of what an indoor practice facility can do is what has happened to our tennis program. They've been ranked in the top 20, both the men's and women's programs. They've been ranked in the top 20 the past three or four years. This didn't come about until we got the Hilary Boone Indoor Tennis Facility. I think the same thing will happen to our other programs; not only will we be able to recruit the top student-athletes in different sports, but we will also have the facilities to train them and improve their athletic abilities once they get here."

Similar facility at Kent State already paying dividends:

"When I visited Kent State in March, the track coach told me they had already broken their indoor pole vault record four times. They also set four track records in the sprints. Our golf team played in a tournament with their golf team in Ohio in April. Kent State

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Transition from coaching successful one for Claiborne

Teaming up with Feamster, Mobley, Parsons

Jerry Claiborne has been so busy raising money for the proposed new indoor practice facility at the University of Kentucky that he hasn't had time to miss football, a sport that he played and coached for most of his life.



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

After stepping down as Wildcat coach on a winning note (6-5) last season, Claiborne moved into the William B. Sturgill Development Building, where his office is next to Dickie Parsons, former Wildcat baseball and basketball captain who also later was head baseball coach and then an assistant to basketball coach Joe B. Hall.

Other familiar faces from the old Memorial Coliseum days are Terry Mobley, director of development, who lettered in basketball in 1962-63-64, and Sue Feamster, former assistant athletic director who, among other things, coined the name "Lady Kats" for UK women's teams.

"No, I don't miss coaching right now, really," Claiborne said recently between back-to-back trips to Paducah and London—"one end of the state to the other in two days."

"I always said to myself that I wasn't going to be a coach (Bear) Bryant," he said. "I wasn't going to coach until I was 70 years old. I had really set my target for 60 years old and to quit when I was 60; however, I didn't accomplish what I'd set out to do here at the University of Kentucky."

Claiborne, who retired at age 61, will have a birthday later this month.

WRONG WAY, TERRY

Before leaving the development office, we mentioned to Mobley the 1962 Sugar Bowl game, when he hit a field goal with less than two minutes to go to tie Duke, 79-79, in the championship game. Then with 47 seconds to go and UK in possession, Rupp instructed Mobley to feed the ball to one of the big scorers. Mobley dribbled around the keyhole, failed to find an open man, and, in desperation, banked in the winning shot.

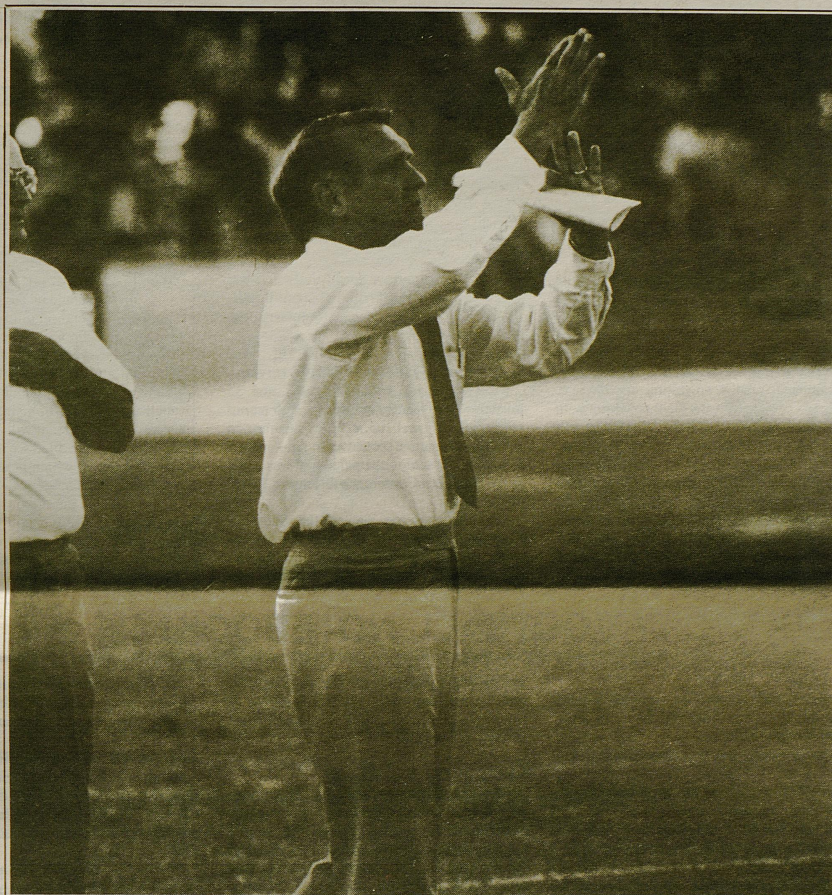
"But what about the Tennessee game?" he asked, referring to an incident that occurred just after the second-half tipoff of the Feb. 27, 1965, UK-UT shootout on regional television in Memorial Coliseum.

One hour before the game, Ray Mears brought his team onto the floor and claimed the basket on the Euclid Avenue end of the floor, which was at the end opposite where the Wildcats always sat. The Wildcats had always claimed that basket in the first half so they could be running in Rupp's direction on offense in the second half. In those days, the teams were seated at opposite ends of the floor, instead of on the side.

On the tipoff for the second half, with UT leading 31-27, a Vol kicked the ball out under the UK basket. Mobley, hanging back near the center line, received a pass and started dribbling the wrong way. Yells from his teammates on the floor and the bench failed to stop him. He hit a crisp shot and ran right into the arms of Rupp, who wailed, "Terrrrry! You went the wrong way!"

Mobley's goal did not count for UT. He had stepped back over the center line, which automatically awards the ball to the opposing team. Lou Bello, the flamboyant official who made the call, said aside to Mobley, "I got you out of that one, didn't I?"

Mobley scored seven legitimate points in that game, which the Wildcats won 61-60. The score was tied 13



Former UK coach Jerry Claiborne says he's been so involved with other projects, like raising money for the new indoor practice facility (pictured on the previous page), that he hasn't missed coaching.

times. The Wildcats led 17 times, the Vols 12 times. Rupp used only five players—Mobley and Louie Dampier at guard; John Adams at center; Pat Riley and Larry Conley at forward. Mears used six players, including All-American A.W. Davis, football punter Ron Widby and muscle man Howard Bayne.

In addition to John Adams, now a distinguished jurist, almost getting into a fight with a Vol player in the closing minute of the game, I remember the UK cheerleaders recruiting a group of Wildcat football players to lead yells, sing and spoof the circus-type warm-up antics that Mears brought to Knoxville from Miami of Ohio.

Dressed in orange skirts were burly linemen Calvin Withrow, Rick Kestner, Tom Chapala, Rich Tucci, Gerry Murphy and Billy Nutter. Halfback Jerry Davis, dressed like a mafioso soldier, was the master of ceremonies, backed by a choral group that included halfback Frank Antonini, who was built like a tank. Tackle Sam Ball was a standout in the warmup drill.

JUST LET 'EM WALK, GEORGE

Parsons, who was captain of the 1960-61 Wildcats, recalled a game in which Rupp was upset because he thought an opponent's big center had walked while scor-

ing two or three baskets in a row.

One of the officials was George Conley, who represented the Ashland area in the Kentucky State Legislature. Rupp called time out and told Parsons to tell Conley he wanted to talk to him.

When Conley approached the UK bench, Rupp referred to a several million dollar road bill that Conley had proposed to benefit the people in his area.

"We don't need the damn thing," Rupp said.

"Why not?" Conley asked.

"Just let them walk all over the state," Rupp said.

ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS ACT NATURALLY

One last Mobley story:

The Wildcats were practicing an out-of-bounds play designed to get Mobley open for a shot. Rupp was describing each player's assignment, telling this guy to block and two other guys to set a screen.

"Now Mobley," he said. "I want you to remain very nonchalant, appear to be very aloof, act like you don't know what's going on and then break behind the screen to get the ball for the shot."

Then Rupp hesitated for a moment, looked at Mobley, and said, "Ah hell, just act natural and the play is bound to work."

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

Kentucky football assistants Guy, Limbaugh receive title changes

In a move he says is designed to "work best for our staff," **Bill Curry** has assigned title changes to two assistants on his University of Kentucky football coaching staff.

He has named **John Guy** as assistant head coach for football operations and **Tommy Limbaugh** as assistant head coach for recruiting. Both are first-year members on the Wildcat staff.

Curry said Guy will continue to coach outside linebackers and kickers, while assuming the additional duties of head coach if Curry is not available for a team meeting, practice or related function.

Limbaugh, UK's recruiting coordinator, plans to continue on-the-field coaching with the tight ends. Curry said the title change will give the assistant the authority in recruiting.

"I will still maintain my responsibilities and authority to the University of Kentucky football program," Curry said. "These title changes are a step in the organizational structure of our staff. Each coaching staff has strengths and weaknesses in organizational makeup and I think this is best for the Univer-

sity of Kentucky."

Other fulltime assistants on the UK staff include **Tommy Bowden**, offensive coordinator; **Larry New**, defensive coordinator; **Daryl Dickey**, quarterbacks; **Bill Glaser**, defensive line; **Walter Lewis**, running backs; **Rick Rhoades**, offensive line and **Rick Smith**, defensive backs.

Curry also announced that another graduate assistant, former Marshall All-America quarterback **Tony Petersen**, has been added to his staff.

Petersen, a native of Lodi, Calif., will assist Bowden with the Wildcat receivers.

Petersen threw for 4,902 yards and 35 touchdowns to lead Marshall to a 10-5 record and I-AA national runnerup as a senior in 1987. He was named second team All-America following his senior campaign and was voted as the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Petersen also was named the Southern Conference Athlete of the Year for his exploits in football and baseball during the 1987-88 academic year. He lettered two



John Guy

seasons in baseball at Marshall as a relief pitcher.



Tommy Limbaugh

Before Marshall, Petersen was an all-state quarterback at Delta (Calif.) Junior College.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK:

KEEPIN' IT SIMPLE

•**Bill Curry** decided on simplicity—pure and simple—when considering the looks of his 1990 football Wildcats.

The simplicity will be characterized in the "new-look" UK game uniforms. Gone are sleeve stripes, a helmet stripe, Wildcat paws, blue pants and white shoes.

In making the changes, Curry said he wanted to simplify the uniform to put more emphasis on the "K."

"If I had any particular uniform in mind," he said, "it was a look of the (Baltimore) Colts' uniform. We did not put the shoulder pad stripe on because people would think it was a UCLA look."

Gone from the 1989 jerseys are sleeve stripes with "CATS." The 1990 jerseys will have plain sleeves and the 100th season UK logo.

The '90 pants are sleeker with trimmed stripes. Instead of two helmet stripes, numbers and Cat Paws, the '90 helmet will have one stripe with the traditional "K" on each side. The Wildcats will wear black Nike shoes with a white swoosh, changing from white shoes worn since the mid-'70s.

"Uniforms don't mean anything," Curry said. "But I do believe in the power of sug-

gestion with human beings. The way you dress and the way you carry yourself in terms of neatness and appearance does make a difference in your performance."

REDD IN BLUE & WHITE

•**Donnie Redd**, a 5-foot-9, 170-pounder who led Danville High School to two state championships, is UK's 25th football signee for the upcoming 1990 season after meeting the required NCAA standards to be eligible for competition this fall. (See **Larry Vaught's** column, page 11)

A multi-purpose back, Redd rushed for 1,420 yards and scored 17 touchdowns during his senior season. His 47-yard TD run gave the Admirals a 7-3 victory over Mayfield for the Class 2A state championship and a 13-1 ledger last fall. He had also led the Admirals to that title as a sophomore.

Redd has played running back, quarterback, cornerback and kick returner. He gained 4,091 yards rushing as a four-year letterman. His jersey, No. 23, was retired by Danville High.

Redd was named to the *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern team and participated in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star game. He was a finalist last year for Kentucky's Mr. Football award.

He also lettered four years in track as a sprinter, helping take the Admirals to a pair of state titles during his prep career.

BAD NEWS FOR PFEIFER, ROBINSON

•Former Wildcat **Mike Pfeifer**, a free-agent offensive tackle, has been dropped by the Phoenix Cardinals after failing to pass his physical because of a stress fracture in his right foot.

Pfeifer, a 6-foot-7, 315-pounder from Louisville, missed the second half of his junior season at UK after tearing up a knee, but he came back as a senior in 1989 and was a unanimous choice to the All-SEC team.

The stress fracture, suffered during the 1986 season, caused Pfeifer to miss four games that year.

•**Ron Robinson**, another former Wildcat who signed as a free-agent, with the Indianapolis Colts, is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee.

KICKOFF LUNCHEON AUG. 24

•Curry, athletic director **C.M. Newton** and former Wildcat All-America quarterback **Vito "Babe" Parilli** will be the featured speakers

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Curry dismisses tackle Mike Nord

Mike Nord, a 6-foot-7, 280-pound senior offensive tackle, was dismissed from the UK football team for "disciplinary reasons" as a result of a fight in which he was involved at a **Jimmy Buffett** concert at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville.



Mike Nord

Nord, an all-state product of Louisville St. Xavier, said he will finish his career at Division II school North Alabama.

Wildcat coach **Bill Curry**, in a prepared statement, said, "It is our policy not to disclose details in team matters."

Nord had started 13 games at left tackle during his UK career. Last season, he played in eight games and started against Indiana and North Carolina before suffering a knee sprain. As a sophomore in 1988, he started all 11 games while averaging 65 plays an outing.

Junior **Greg Lahr**, an academic All-American last fall, will move from right tackle to No. 1 left tackle to replace Nord. Sophomore **Chuck Bradley** will apparently inherit the starting role at right tackle.

game against Florida Nov. 17, with proceeds benefiting the Newman Center's Distinguished Speakers Series and its community outreach program.

AT LEAST 17 LIVE TV GAMES

•UK athletics director **C.M. Newton** said on a recent radio program that the basketball Wildcats appear set for a minimum of 17 games on live TV, including appearances on ABC, CBS, ESPN, TBS and Jefferson-Pilot.

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK:

MILLS CUT FROM WORLD GAMES

•Former Wildcat **Chris Mills**, who will be a sophomore at the University of Arizona this fall, was the last player cut from the U.S. World University Games.

WE'RE NO. 1...AGAIN

•An appeal to the NCAA Statistics Service has resulted in UK being awarded one more basketball victory. The game in question was a 26-13 victory over Louisville on March 3,

1914. The total of 1,479 victories ties UK in number of wins with North Carolina.

The game was discovered five years ago by **Russell Rice**, who turned the evidence over to **Brad Davis**, who succeeded him as SID. **Chris Cameron** succeeded Davis, now an assistant commissioner of the SEC.

DICKEY HIRED AT TEXAS TECH

•**James Dickey**, an assistant basketball coach under **Eddie Sutton** at Kentucky from

1985-89, has been named to a similar position on the staff of **Gerald Myers** at Texas Tech. Dickey, 36, had been out of coaching since leaving Kentucky.

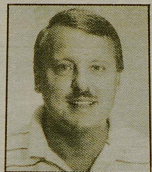
PITINO & CO. VS. PINIELLA & CO.

•A charity basketball game that would pit UK coach **Rick Pitino** and his staff against a group of Cincinnati Reds is in the planning stage. The game would be played in Memorial Coliseum on the morning of UK's football

You can add Redd to UK football's Blue & White

Danville speedster eligible to play this season

When Donnie Redd looked at his final American College Test (ACT) score, he was disappointed. The former Danville all-state football player was one point short of the necessary score to receive the scholar-



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

ship the University of Kentucky had waiting for him.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound Redd accepted the fact that he would have to pay his own way to UK, not play football his freshman year and concentrate on academics.

But bad news turned to good news in a matter of hours. Redd and Danville coach Sam Harp took a closer look at his last score. It had improved and, by taking scores from three parts of the last testing plus the score from one part of a previous test, Redd had the necessary number to meet NCAA academic requirements.

"You can combine the scores from different sections of the test," Harp said. "When we did that, Donnie made it."

Even for Redd it was a nifty move. And now he can turn his attention to the upcoming Kentucky season.

"I'm just tickled to death for Donnie," Harp said. "This is like taking a big weight off his shoulders. I'm happy as I can be for him."

Redd is an exceptional athlete. He's Danville's all-time leading rusher with 4,168 career yards and is also the Admirals' all-time all-purpose yardage leader with 6,854.

Twice he helped Danville win state championships, including 1989 when he moved from running back to quarterback. Three times he earned all-state honors, and he was second in the 1989 Mr. Football voting.

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* put Redd on its all-decade team. The *Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel* placed him on its Dixie Dozen, an honor reserved for the South's top players.

Redd can run the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds. He has uncanny balance and deceptive strength.

UK coach Bill Curry had promised Redd he would have a scholarship his sophomore year if he didn't qualify this season. But Curry also told Redd he would be one of the freshman that might not be redshirted this year if he did make the needed test score.

"I don't want to be redshirted," Redd said. "Coach Curry told me he didn't want to redshirt me, either."

Redd expects to have a chance to earn playing time this season at flanker or on special teams. He was an exceptional kick returner at Danville and probably will have a chance to fill the same role at Kentucky. During the 1989 high school season he scored on six runs of 60 yards or more.

Redd has been lifting weights regularly this summer but his running has been limited after he pulled a hamstring muscle late in the track season. However, he anticipated no problems being in top shape for preseason drills.

That pressure, though, is nothing to what Redd felt as he tried and tried to make the needed test score on his college entrance exam to meet NCAA requirements.

"I never considered not going to Kentucky," Redd said. "I really wanted to go and play for coach Curry. But there was a lot of pressure on me. Every time I would see somebody they would ask me about my test score. It was hard to tell them I hadn't made it."

"I never got bitter or mad but it seems unfair that so much emphasis is placed on one test. It looks like there should be a better way."

Harp felt that way before this year. Now he's even



Now that he's passed all the NCAA guidelines, Danville signee Donnie Redd (23) may be one of UK's true freshmen to play for Bill Curry's 'Cats this season.

more convinced after watching the ordeal Redd had to endure.

"I'm even more against the test," Harp said. "I know I was very biased this year but Donnie had to really go through a lot. He never seemed to let it bother him, but I know it did."

Maybe that's why Redd feels finally meeting the NCAA guideline is an even bigger accomplishment than scoring the winning touchdown in the 1989 Class-AA state title game.

"This has been going on for so long that I didn't think it would ever end," Redd said.

"Donnie is just a class kid," Harp said. "He never bragged about anything he did. That's why everybody likes him so much."

"But I know what this means to him. He's a special kid and football player."

ALL 25 SIGNEES MEET NCAA REQUIREMENTS

Redd's signing means that all 25 players Curry recruited in his first class at Kentucky have met NCAA academic requirements to be eligible for the 1990 season.

That certainly is not the equivalent of walking on water. But it still qualifies as a minor miracle, especially since several of the recruits had not met those guidelines when they signed their scholarships.

Curry stressed when he came to UK that he would recruit true student-athletes just as Jerry Claiborne had. Still, some worried. Claiborne had taken a program filled with controversy and made it an academic model for the nation.

Some wondered if Curry would continue that tradition, especially after reports surfaced about academic woes on Alabama's football team when Curry was coach there.

Obviously, those fears about Curry were false. And

former Alabama academic counselor Kelvin Croom says stories indicating Curry's players didn't make academic progress at Alabama were false.

The Alabama team grade-point average fell as low as 1.4 on a 4.0 scale in the fall of 1988. But by the time Curry left Alabama for UK in January the average was up to 2.0.

"We were headed in the right direction," Croom told the *Birmingham Post-Herald*. "There is an attempt to discredit Bill Curry, to say he didn't do anything to improve academics, and they are wrong. It is a shame this has to continue."

It sure is, especially when Denny Crum recruits four players out of six at Louisville that turn out to be academic casualties, and little is said about that situation.

No matter what Curry did in Alabama, some former players and school officials weren't going to be happy.

UK fans shouldn't make that mistake because Curry's first recruiting class already shows that, like Claiborne, the new coach has his priorities straight on and off the field.

UK NEEDED A CENTER, NOT A SPECTATOR

Remember when UK basketball fans were disappointed that 7-0 Luther Wright picked Seton Hall and 6-7 Dwayne Morton chose Louisville? What a blessing that turned out to be for Kentucky.

Both are academic casualties and won't be able to play during the 1990-91 season. However, 6-9 Gimel Martinez of Miami is eligible and probably will be Rick Pitino's starting center.

UK didn't really go after Martinez until it lost both Wright and Morton. Lady Luck, though, smiled on Kentucky because Pitino needs a center, not a spectator, this year and he found a jewel in Martinez.

TCP FEATURE
SHANE BALL

LIKE SAM
LIKE
SHANE...

But a confident son makes own tracks to Kentucky

by Pancho Easterwood

HENDERSON, KY—It is, literally, a ball trying to get in touch with Shane Ball in Henderson.

You get a recording the likes of one you haven't heard before:

"This is big Sam Ball and it's spring and Mother Nature is reborn. The turkeys are gobbling (gobble, gobble) and it is time to plant corn.

"Leave your name and your number and I'll call you back and the scenery never changes if you are not leading the pack. Whooo...who...turn the dogs loose...hold Ole Blue...gobble, gobble."

This is Sam Ball—country boy, former University of Kentucky All-American tackle, a member of the "Forgotten Five" offensive line in the glory days of the Baltimore Colts.

And seed salesman, outdoorsman, Christian and father.

Yes, father of Shane, an All-State linebacker last year for Henderson County, artist, good student and a prize recruit this year for the Wildcats.

And while the story is about Shane, the two Balls—Shane and Sam—seem to go hand-in-hand. Mention Shane and Sam pops up in the conversation.

"That's Shane Ball...you know...Sam's son," is the way the conversation is apt to go in Henderson.

Shane, who turned 19 Aug. 17, is used to it. He says he doesn't try to tread the same paths as his famous father did before him. "I don't feel I am following in his footsteps," Shane said one recent sun-splashed afternoon in Henderson. "I'm just making my own footsteps with him backing me."

Two visitors from Lexington looked around the first floor of the Ball home in Henderson.

Memorabilia abounds...on this floor, on the stairway leading to the basement, and, of course, in the basement itself.

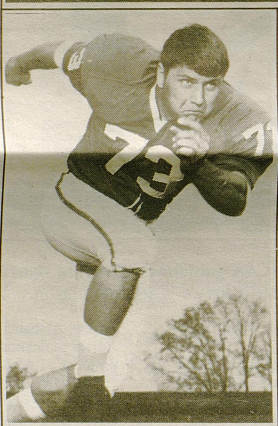
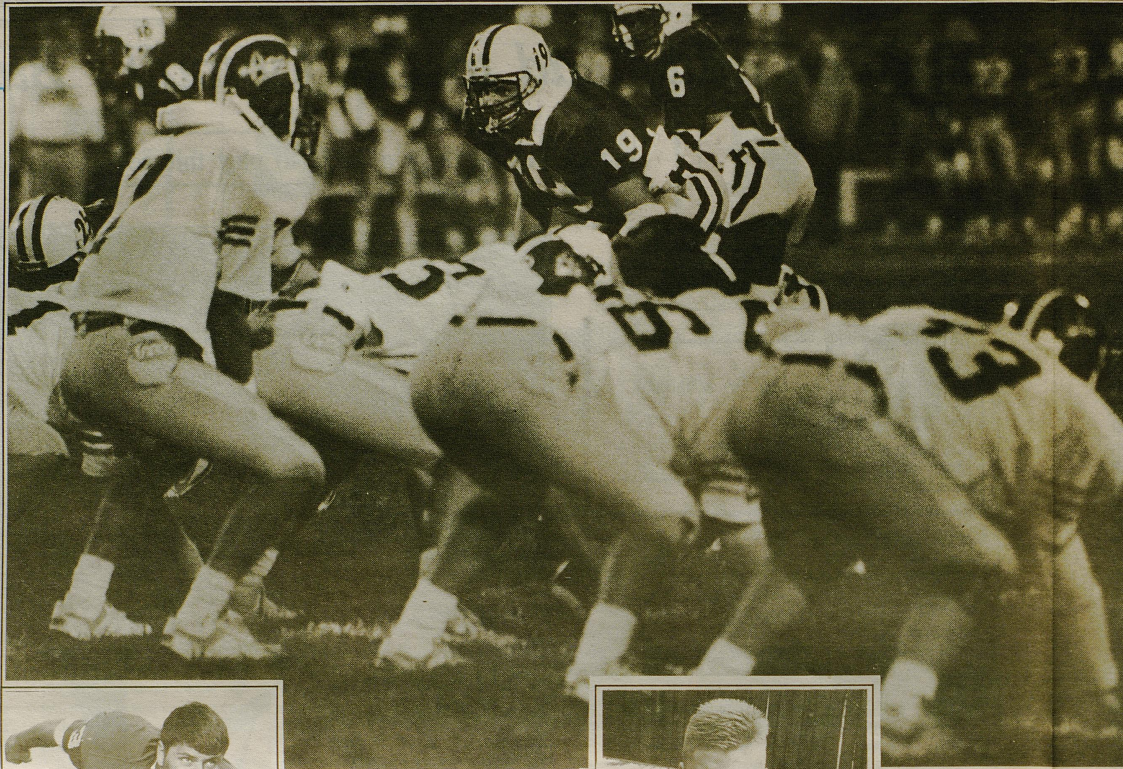
Headlines and pictures of Sam's days as an All-American at Kentucky and a highly underrated protector of Johnny Unitas adorn the wall.

Hunting paraphernalia—both father and son are avid turkey hunters—are everywhere.

Tucked away in a corner of the basement is a small room with a washer, dryer and weights. This is where Shane works out.

But the articulate youngster means it when he insists there is no pressure at all on him from his father. Rather, he is just, simply, Sam's son.

"There's no pressure at all...just constructive criticism," Shane said. "You see



A NEW 'BALL'GAME AT UK

(Above) Shane wore No. 19—same as Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas—at Henderson County. But the former quarterback overwhelmingly favors playing linebacker. "I'd get tackled once in a while but I didn't feel I was a part of the team," Shane said; (left) His pop is the legendary Sam Ball, an All-American at Kentucky and former teammate of new Wildcat coach Bill Curry; and...

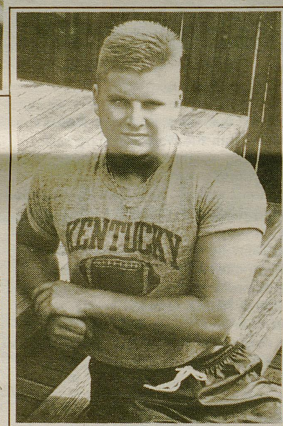


photo by Darlene Easterwood

it is not like a father and son relationship. We are like best friends...pals. He backs me and I back him. He makes the joke, 'I could have gone anywhere I wanted as long as it was Kentucky.'"

This part is true. If anyone ever bled blue, it is Sam Ball. He takes pride in the fact that he is the only native son in 107 years to be named a consensus All-American at UK.

And now, to have his son there...on scholarship...well that is a dream come true.

"He has a strong work ethic, he's a Christian and he has manners and style," Sam said. "I couldn't have ordered him any better out of a catalogue.

"It is the ultimate flattery to have a son who wants to be like you. But, like he says, he is an individual. I don't ask anything supernatural of him."

Shane was sold on UK many years ago. He'd listen to the 'Cat games on radio and then to his father's stories. And there were a lot of them.

Shane said there is one story that always seemed to stick out. It is pure Sam Ball.

"One day this player from Paintsville, Basil Mullins, borrowed some of dad's clothes and his wing-tipped shoes," Shane recalls. "He didn't return the clothes and shoes so dad goes up to his room.

"Well, he found his clothes heaped up in a closet, but no shoes. So he shoots off a few rounds from a 22 rifle he had brought along...right into Basil's closet. Then he looked down, and there were the shoes—with bullet holes in them."

Shane's mouth wrinkled slowly into a wide grin as he recalled this Sam tale. There are others. But the first one had been good enough. Yes, to Shane, there could be no other place but Kentucky.

"I had good football camps there and each year I'd put on 25 pounds and become a better player," Shane said. "When Jerry Claiborne stepped down, I had already been recruited by them. But even though my mind was set on UK I thought I'd better get some trips in."

But when Bill Curry suddenly emerged as coach of the 'Cats it was like manna from heaven.

For Shane, it couldn't have been better. Ditto for Sam, who had once shared the cover of *Sports Illustrated* with Curry, a center on the 'Forgotten Five' offensive line of the Colts.

"Bill Curry gave me a Georgia Tech jersey when my dad and I visited him one time while he was coaching Georgia Tech," Shane recalls. "I was about eight or nine years old. I thought the world of

him. That iced my decision right there." Sam Ball was ecstatic. He had developed a strong friendship with Curry as they had waged the same battles on the NFL fields.

Yes, Sam and Curry had fought the same fights—against Dallas and their Doomsday Defense and the great Bob Lilly. And the Minnesota Purple People Eaters with the great defensive end, Carl Eller.

He saw a rather small (220 pounds) center go up against guys like Dick Butkus and Willie Lanier and always rise to the occasion with a great heart and great courage.

"He's a self-made man...honest, courageous...he has a lot of great attributes you'd want a man to have," said Sam of Curry. "I told a crowd recently in Henderson that I couldn't have turned over my son's life to a better man. I have a lot of love and respect for that man."

Shane has been at UK now for several weeks and two-a-days have been underway on the UK practice field. He says his strength is coming along and everything is starting to fall into place.

Sam is confident Shane will make it. He feels his son is a better athlete than he was.

"He's going to have to push it to levels he's never had to push it before," Sam



...in regard to Shane (left), tips his hat to his son by saying "I couldn't have ordered him any better out of a catalogue."

said. "But he's versatile. He began ball his sophomore year playing quarterback—I told him that was the money and girls were—but he's played outside linebacker and then middle linebacker this past season."

Sam said middle linebacker was a whole new dimension for his son. Shane reacted with courage, quickness and new-found strength.

"He also has the heart...if you have heart you won't be a great football player. He has the 'want-to'."

Shane, who now weighs around 200 pounds, was once like the skinny freshman in the Charles Atlas comic strip. In Henderson, Sam says Shane was called "Little Puny".

As a result Shane was a quarterback through Pee-wee, Jayvee and during his sophomore year of high school.

But Shane wanted to be where the action was. Forget the money and the fame. He just wanted to hit someone.

"I liked playing quarterback because it seems like all you did was hand off the ball and everybody would be fighting for yards," said Shane. "Oh, I'd get tackled once in a while but I didn't feel I was one of those guys."

That all changed in that UK football camp after his sophomore year at Her-

son County. He held his own as a corner back and felt that 25 more pounds would do wonders. It did.

The next year he came back 25 pounds heavier and was a defensive force at the UK summer camp.

"I got a lot of respect for myself at that camp," Shane said. "I had a good camp and played outside linebacker."

Shane doesn't feel he will have to prove himself just because he is Sam's son. But he is aware that people will compare. That's something that will be with him all his life.

It goes with the territory that people expect more out of Shane because of what his dad was.

"I guess I also expect more out of myself just because of who my dad is and who I am," Shane said. "When I do live up to my expectations of myself, I feel good. To hear people say that's Sam's son out there and he's a good player..to hear that makes me feel good."

Shane is heady enough to know there will always be a downside to the relationship, too. He's well aware that there will always be people who say, "That's Sam's son and the reason he's out there is because his last name is Ball. That's part of it, too."

But to those people Shane wishes to point out some of the following:

"These people don't see me practice...or run laps, or spend hours in the weight room," Shane said.

"Sure, I get a lot of that Sam's son guff, but it helps motivate me. Since I am Sam's son he will tell me when I'm doing wrong."

Shane wore an unusual number when he played middle linebacker this past year for the Colonels. No. 19. Johnny Unitas' old number.

"Shane wants to wear 37 at UK," Sam said. "It's a reflection of my number..73."

The Colts are like family to Shane. His uncle is the infamous Mike Curtis, one of the most fierce linebackers in pro football history. Like Butkus, he was.

"I've watched him play," Shane said of the man they called 'Mad Dog.' "He was one of the most intense players in the league.I got a lot of pointers from him. He's proud of me."

The Colts will always be special to Shane..the Baltimore Colts, that is. That's because they were special to Sam.

Sam doesn't like to brag but he feels Baltimore had the most renowned offensive line in football in his five years in the NFL. He retired in 1971.

"Myself, Curry, Danny Sullivan, Glenn Ressler and Bob Vogel...we were the forgotten five," Sam recalls.

Sam Ball then recounted one of his favorite stories.

It concerned an alleged feud between himself and Deacon Jones, the great L.A. Ram defensive end, an NFL Hall of Famer.

One sportswriter, trying to stir up some interest in a game between the Colts and the Los Angeles Rams, wrote that the Colts had given Ball the game ball after he had done a number on Jones the first time the teams met that season.

Introduced at the Coliseum in a rematch that afternoon, Ball said 93,000 people rose up to boo him.

"Man, 93,000 people knew my name...there were more people there than in western Kentucky," Sam recalled. "I said to myself, 'Sam, you have arrived.'"

Now it is Shane's turn to arrive. A gifted painter, Shane has a 3.0 grade point average. He was also on the Henderson County School student council and served as president of the Colonels' Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

At church, he finds himself getting closer to his father.

"Sitting there in church, side by side,

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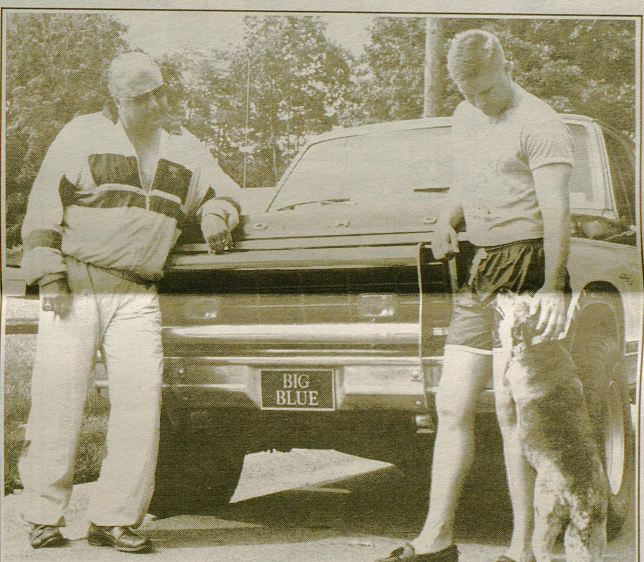
he (Shane) always tries to size up my knee to his," Sam said. "You know something...he's getting closer. I also think we look alike and he has mannerisms like mine."

Sam then got up to show a tape of a television interview with Shane. The sportscaster showed clips of Shane in action last year. Shane had 95 tackles, one interception and three blocked kicks last season in a brilliant individual effort. But he didn't make a tackle in any of the game clips shown by the TV station. "I can't believe they never got me once making a tackle...I was always pursuing," said Shane, slightly mortified.

Sam chipped in. "But you were great for morale, son. "You were always patting everybody on their back."

Father and son chuckled simultaneously. Sam then echoed what Shane had said earlier.

"We're not only father and son...we're pals. It's just a high to think he's mine."



Sam (left) alongside Shane and Polo; Sam jokingly advised Shane he could continue his football career at any college in the country as long as it was in Lexington, Ky.

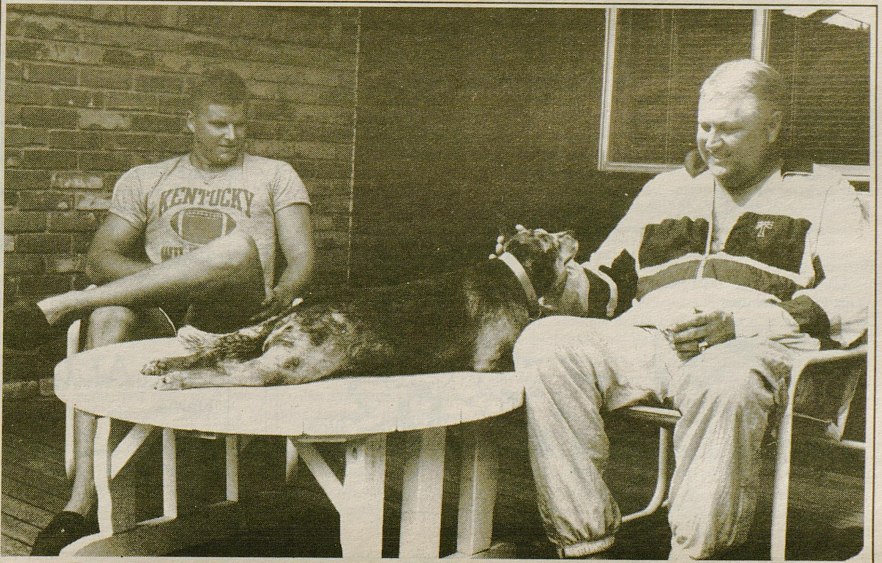


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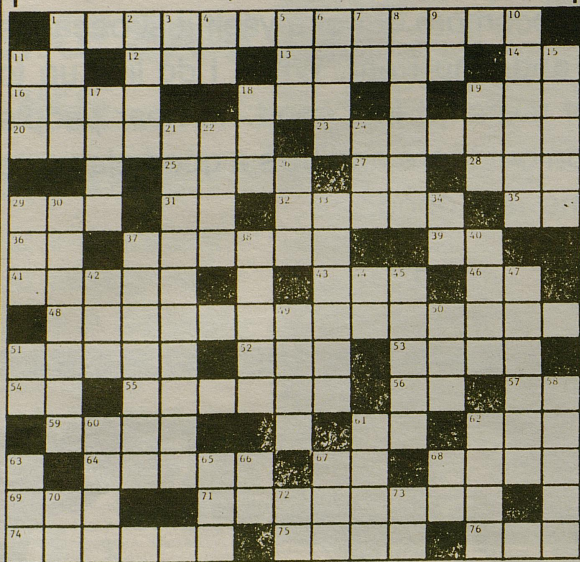
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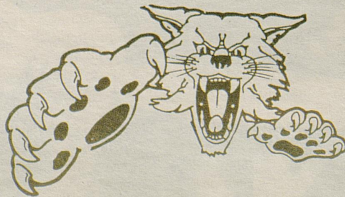
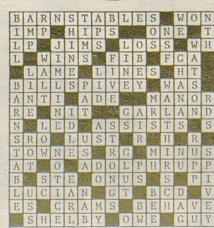
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- 11 Abbr. for nos. of '89 Meace or Graves
- 12 Masculine name
- 13 Namesakes of Leskovar, top rusher in '74 Across
- 14 Symbol for "osmium"
- 16 Wiggles
- 18 '60s Cats star Jeff _____ Note
- 19 Former Cats All-American Michaels
- 20 Site of Florida Citrus Bowl
- 23 Restaurant accommodations
- 25 Electric
- 27 Initials of Rod; scored 3 TDs in '76 Peach Bowl
- 28 Vegetable
- 29 Scall pad
- 31 Us
- 32 Kitchen garment
- 35 Initials of star QB of '89 Cats
- 36 The new Copper Bowl will be played _____ Tucson
- 37 Reverential regard
- 39 The All-American Bowl is now played _____ Birmingham
- 41 Bowl in Jacksonville
- 43 Our favorite one
- 46 Pitino's extra session
- 48 Where Jerry took '83 & '84 Cats
- 51 Very strange
- 52 Vase
- 53 _____ Martin; Most Valuable Defensive Player of bowl of 42 Down
- 54 Abbr. for state of Cats foes in last of 48 Across
- 55 Where Cats beat TCU 20-7 in '52 bowl
- 56 Initials of Cats coach with most bowl appearances, 4
- 57 NE state abbr.
- 59 Any record better than .500 might _____ a bowl bid
- 61 Not you
- 62 Abbr. for a home-school group
- 64 Boxing star
- 67 The Hall of Fame Bowl has now moved _____ Tampa
- 68 _____ and means "
- 69 Cats _____ 48 Across in '84 with Joey Worley's 52-yd. 4th-quarter FG
- 71 Among all bowls, the _____ promise of a bid to a service team is a first
- 74 Bowl where Cats met Santa Clara in '50
- 75 Equal
- 76 2 for Emery Clark in 55 Across

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- 1 Took Cats to first bowl, the '47 Great Lakes Bowl
- 2 Feminine name
- 3 Abbr. for state of Independence Bowl
- 4 Initials of All-American Cat QB who never appeared in a bowl
- 5 Pitino's former wife
- 6 Transgressions
- 7 Initials of lettermen Little or Lyons
- 8 Site of the Sun Bowl
- 9 Initials of letterman Smith of '80s bowl squads
- 10 UK broke the _____ '31-game win streak in bowl of 15 Down
- 11 TDs for Marc Logan in Cats last bowl
- 15 Cats memorable bowl of '51
- 17 Sate
- 18 One on the rival UT squad
- 19 Face part
- 21 Where SEC champs go bowling
- 22 Judge
- 24 'Ake error
- 26 Droop
- 29 Russian plane
- 30 Site of the Freedom Bowl
- 33 Nuts
- 34 Continent abbr.
- 37 Bowl played in San Diego
- 38 Very bad
- 40 Jerry _____ the '83 Cats to Birmingham for bowl game vs. West Virginia
- 42 Cats beat the _____ Heels 21-0 in '76 Peach Bowl
- 44 Initials of #35 of '89 Cats
- 45 Hosts the Fiesta Bowl
- 47 Points for Cats in last bowl game
- 49 1st name of Cats coach for bowl of 42 Down
- 50 Eating garment for baby
- 51 Initials of lettermen Wilson or Willoughby
- 58 Honolulu _____ the Aloha Bowl
- 60 Mount
- 61 Joe Phillips had _____ receiving yards in a bowl game than any other Cat
- 62 Ago
- 63 Bowl games for 1 Across
- 65 Bullfight cheer
- 66 Abbr. for an European country
- 67 Golfer's sound
- 68 Initials of MVP of 15 Down, Walt
- 70 Pac-10 state abbr.
- 72 Initials of Cats QB of 3 bowl games
- 73 Initials of lettermen Richey or Ranieri

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VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Against woman coach

I have been a Kentucky Wildcat fan since 1942 and there have been many times that I have been upset, but nothing has rattled me like the possibility of a female coach on the men's basketball team. I am NOT a male chauvinist, nor am I gay. I love women, my wife is one, my daughter is a young woman, and my granddaughter is a beautiful female, but I just can't see women in men's sports, neither do I approve of men in women's sports. I don't like men narrating women's sporting events on television or radio, and I sure don't like women involved in any way in men's sporting events. And this business of women interviewers going into men's locker rooms after a game is disgraceful. Old fashioned, you say? Maybe so, but I had a lot more respect for the female BEFORE they started dragging themselves down to the men's level.

Since I heard coach (Rick) Pitino was considering a woman assistant, I have asked about 14 mothers if a female recruiter would have more influence on them than a male recruiter in getting her son to attend the recruiter's university. The answers were emphatically NO! Only two sets of parents said they would try to influence their son, or daughter, to attend a college of their choice (regardless of who was recruiting their child), and the rest said they think the choice of what college their child would attend should be left to the kid. I think Pitino still has the (Dwayne) Morton case in his craw.

I don't know who told Pitino the correct pronunciation for Louisville (Ky.) is Lou-vul (must have been the same person who told him a female would have greater influence on a mother), but if he will consult his history book he will find that Louisville was named in honor of King Louie of France, and according to Mr. Webster, Louie is pronounced LOO-ih, or LOO-e, hence LOO-E-Ville, or Lou-E-Ville. However, if he insists on

Lou-vul then all I can say is what my geometry teacher used to say, "be happy in your ignorance."

Item 2:

Would you please publish the name(s) and addresses of whomever is responsible for college basketball rules? Something has got to be done about the last two or three minutes of the game. It is ridiculous the way the coaches can make two minutes last two hours. If it is any game but Kentucky, I turn it off, and sometimes I feel like turning that off. Also the college game of basketball is getting to look more like the NBA and I don't mean that as a compliment. The game of basketball used to be a no-contact, finesse, talented sport, but now it looks more like a one-on-one wrestling match or a hockey game on hardwood using a round ball instead of a puck. I know a lot of people have the way they would like to see the game played so I would like to add my two cents. I would like to see NO timeouts (except by an official) in the last three minutes of each half: FIVE fouls and you are out. A person fouled would have the choice of shooting the foul shot or taking the ball out of bounds. After a team has five fouls the fouled person gets one free throw AND the ball out of bounds. A technical foul on any coach or player getting within an arm's length of an official to dispute a call. A three-game suspension on any player or coach taking a swing (whether contact is made or not) at another player or coach, and to be ejected from that game, and a suspension for the rest of the season for a second offense. A shoving foul be called whether it is with the hands OR the body. No hanging on the rim of the basket at any time for any reason. If a person can not dunk the ball without swinging from the rim like an ape in the trees then he should just lay it in or bank it. Raise the height of the basket by at least a foot, and widen the free-throw lane.

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Things I'd like to see from the 1990 football season

One of 'em is to see Curry succeed at UK

Things I'd like to see in the 1990 football season:
 •Bill Curry win big at Kentucky. I am still at a loss to explain the poor relationship between Curry and Alabama fans, administrators and players. The man won



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Cats' Pause Columnist

for them 26 times while losing only 10. Granted winning the Auburn game is the most important thing any 'Bama coach can do and Curry didn't do it, but what about the fact that he represented the school with dignity? That, with his winning record, should have been enough to build some degree of affection, but it wasn't. I have never heard any successful coach hacked up like Alabama fans have sliced into Curry. A successful year for the Wildcats might show his former employers that Curry's talent at least matched that of the men who played for him.

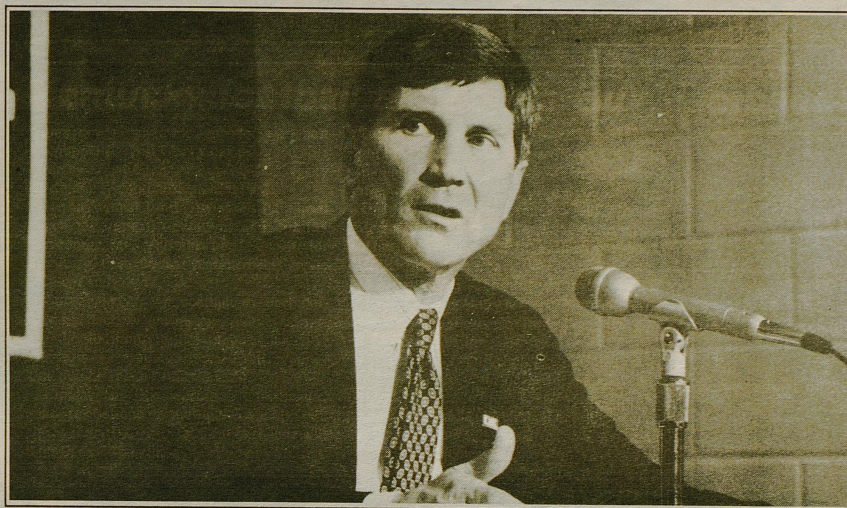
•Some day Tennessee will come out with a no-eye strain jersey and I hope I'm around to see it. Their orange numbers against a white background must be football's most difficult to read. The optometrists in Knoxville will oppose a change since they've made a fortune selling glasses to people who nearly went blind watching Tennessee play.

•Recognition that Billy Brewer of Ole Miss is not just a good old country boy but is, rather, a very shrewd good old country boy who gets the most out of what he's got year after year after year. Despite a strong disadvantage in his school's physical facilities when compared to others, Brewer still goes out and recruits enough good player to be competitive. Frankly, the man has done a hell of a good job at Ole Miss and another winning season should prove it to those who doubt.

•A continued swing to tearing up the blacktop artificial turf and replacing it with good old-fashioned grass. Florida is doing it this year and Ole Miss did it a few seasons back. We still have Alabama, Tennessee and Vanderbilt holding out for the artificial surface but there's little doubt the players would vote for a change to natural grass if they got a vote. Should anyone ever ask me who was the greatest salesman of the last 25 years, I'd tell them he had to be the guy who sold the pros and the colleges that football is better when played inside on a surface equal to a parking lot outside.

•Rocky Felker to quit running scared at Mississippi State. I like Rocky and at one time had a world of respect for him, but the man has changed. He's nervous, always on the defensive and he gives you the feeling he's constantly on guard. He's gone from being a thoughtful, well-planned-out coach to a guy looking for miracles. Some of his personnel moves are absolutely impossible to understand. He moves his kids around taking capable performers at one position and making them into confused, below-average players at another. The game's got to start being fun again for Rocky or someone else may be the head Bulldog in 1991.

•Tennessee absolutely and positively must beat Notre Dame in Knoxville on Nov. 10. I am so tired of the puffery about Lou Holtz and his team I can't stand it. College football does not begin and end at South Bend, Ind., although you'd never guess that from the national press who last year tried to blow up an average quarterback into a Heisman winner. Enough is enough. Kick them in the fanny Vols, remind them we play the game pretty well in the SEC, too, and send them home to figure out how they can get more Army, Navy, Air Force type teams on their schedule and fewer Southeastern



Here's hoping Kentucky football coach Bill Curry wins with his Wildcats this season, just to show his former employers at Alabama that they misjudged the man.

Conference giants.

•Let this be the season we get accurate crowd counts from schools that are not now providing such information. Tennessee, for example, sets aside a large block of seats for students and whether the kids fill those seats or not they credit themselves with a sellout in that section. When Mississippi plays in Jackson, the announced crowd is a guess by Rebel SID Langston Rogers. It's certainly not his fault. He's doing the best he can in view of the fact that the counting turnstiles broke a few years ago and they have never been fixed. Don't ask why not. We don't know either.

•Please, gods of the game, help Alabama find parking space in the vicinity of Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa. Don't ask me where or how. Maybe a 20-story parking garage. The Tide has just kept on increasing the seating capacity without figuring where to put the extra cars. And while you're at it, you might also work on how to get from Athens, Ga., to Atlanta after a game at better than an average speed of approximately 15 miles per hour. The granddaddy of all traffic jams.

•May all SEC fans at least once in their lifetime have the opportunity to attend a game in Lexington, Ky., or Tennessee. Lexington with its lovely rolling fields, its white fences, its horses frolicking in every pasture, is one of the most beautiful spots in the country. As for Knoxville, the Great Smoky Mountains are just magnificent, and it's worth coming to the game a day or two early just to see them. Fans also should make an effort to attend a game in Baton Rouge or Nashville because those are fun places to visit.

•May my friends at Dreamland in Tuscaloosa figure out a way to expand their restaurant without losing the atmosphere. Dreamland is THE great barbecue ribs restaurant in the SEC and I don't know of a single writer or network broadcaster who doesn't look forward to a trip to Tuscaloosa so that he can eat at Dreamland. But the lines are so discouraging. Everyone has the same idea. Go early if you must, but be sure to go. There is no menu, just ribs, so if you don't like that kind of food to heck with you. There's a McDonald's down the street.

•May all the sports information directors currently in the league keep their jobs. I've been around the SEC for a long time and this is the best group of guys in that position that we've had. If you haven't been a writer or broadcaster, you have no idea of how necessary these men are and how hard their jobs can be.

•Let's hope this season the coaches are a bit more candid when they evaluate their teams. I really don't want to hear Pat Dye tell us again about how much of a question mark Auburn will be this year. On the other hand, I'd rather not be there when Watson Brown proclaims to the world that Vanderbilt will be sooooo much improved and then watch the Commodores stagger through another disastrous year.

•Let this be a year without major controversy about officiating. The men who work the SEC are talented and well-trained, but even the best of them can and will make mistakes. So do coaches and players. Why no one seems to remember that I don't know. However, there is something I'd like to ask the officials about before the season starts, particularly the umpires. Please define holding for me and fill me in on why it's a penalty one play and the apparent exact same action is a no-call on the next?

•Maybe, just maybe this can be the year when someone besides Auburn, Tennessee, LSU, Georgia, or Alabama can go to the Sugar Bowl. I'm not partial for or against those five, but think of the thrill Florida, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Kentucky or Vanderbilt would get out of a trip to New Orleans.

•Band directors must give thought to making halftime shows more brass-band oriented and less rock and roll. In an effort to be different, we're seeing more and more cutesy halftime programs and less of the things a college marching band does best, playing marches. Elvis, on the best record he ever made, just couldn't compete with a 280-piece college band playing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

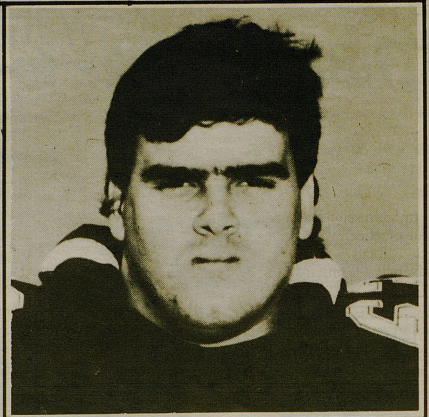
•Give Mike Archer the strength to withstand the slings and arrows he will get from LSU fans if the Tigers have the mediocre season everyone is predicting. Also, let's hope the administration realizes that a lot of LSU's probable problems this year are not of Archer's making. Change for the sake of change accomplishes very little and Mike should have the rebuilding opportunity he deserves.

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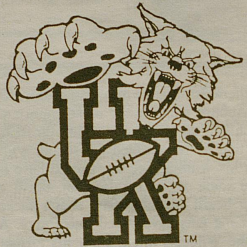
Florida's Terence Barber, after new coach Steve Spurrier announced the Gator offense this year would be more wide-open:

"It's almost unbelievable. As a receiver it lifts your spirits."

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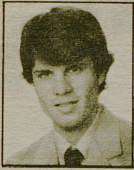
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Sneak preview of '90 'Cats? I give it a 'thumbs up'

Everything points to a 7-4 campaign

In addressing the media at the beginning of fall football practice, Wildcat coach Bill Curry spoke of "mind set," "focus," "courage" and the ability to overcome adversity—terms that are very important to any coach,



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but especially to Curry as he seeks to implement them into the UK football program.

Curry not only is taking over a rebuilding program, but also one that is on the threshold of joining the upper ranks of the rugged Southeastern Conference.

Among the questions to be addressed concerning this year's Wildcat squad is the never-ending problem of depth, plus new philosophies on both offense and defense.

Will Tommy Bowden spark new life with a wide-open offense?

Will linebacker Randy Holleran be completely recovered from a knee injury that caused him to miss the entire 1989 season?

Can Don Rubin match the strong and accurate placekicking of the departed Ken Willis?

Since such uncertainties make it fun to speculate on the upcoming season, here's a sneak preview of what may or may not happen for Curry's first crop of Wildcats.

■ **Central Michigan at UK, Sept. 1**—With Commonwealth Stadium filled to capacity, the Wildcats come out storming against a very respectable Mid-American Conference School. The Chippewas keep it close for a half, but UK starts to pull away in the third quarter. Freddie Maggard displays none of the first-game jitters that he did against Indiana a year ago. Meanwhile, the 'Cats get solid play from the offensive line and rush for more than 220 yards. Holleran's comeback is successful as he gets a much-coveted interception. *UK 33, Central Michigan 0.*

■ **UK at Rutgers, Sept. 8**—On a warm night in New Jersey, the talk is how poorly UK has played on the road during the past several seasons; however, this year is different as Curry gets a road win behind an aggressive defense facing a Scarlet Knight team that is playing its first game with a new coach (Doug Graber). Phil Logan has a big day catching the football and Mike Thomas rushes for more than 100 yards. *UK 27, Rutgers 12.*

■ **Indiana at UK, Sept. 15**—Pre-game hype centers around the developing rivalry between the border schools, but Bill Mallory will have to find something else to complain about now that Jerry Claiborne has retired from the coaching scene. Both teams come out fired up, but UK will make the big plays and won't need a repeat of last year's goal-line stand to win this one. Curry receives a standing ovation from UK fans as he leaves the field after the post-game handshake with Mallory. *UK 26, IU 9.*

■ **UK at North Carolina, Sept. 22**—The Tar Heels are no strangers to Curry, who met them on a regular basis while at Georgia Tech; in fact, he relates some old Athletic Coast Conference stories to get his Wildcats ready for a team they clearly outplayed in a 13-6 win last season. Trailing at halftime, the Wildcats put on a show in the fourth quarter to finish off the 'Heels. Now 4-0, the Wildcats prepare for the Southeastern Conference part of the schedule. *UK 28, UNC 20.*

■ **UK at Ole Miss, Oct. 6**—The Wildcats once again find themselves in a sometimes familiar spot, undefeated and headed into conference play. The Rebels, on the other hand, will have played a much tougher pre-

conference schedule and will be looking to get off to a good league start. Rick Baldwin has a big day for the Rebs and UK has a letdown on defense; meanwhile, the UK offense is hindered by five turnovers and Ole Miss comes up with a big play in the kicking game. The Wildcats gain only 260 yards total offense and the defense gives up too many big plays. *Ole Miss 30, UK 15.*

■ **Mississippi State at UK, Oct. 13**—Homecoming festivities, along with the first night game of the season in Commonwealth Stadium, make for a competitive game. Wildcat fans get fired up early as Al Baker scores on a 46-yard run in the first quarter. The lead then increases to 14 points at halftime; however, the Wildcats have trouble putting the stubborn Bulldogs away in the second half as Tony Shell marches State deep into UK territory. With the game on the line, Chris Tolbert saves the day with a late-game interception. *UK 23, Mississippi State 19.*

■ **UK at Louisiana State, Oct. 20**—As the Wildcats prepare for their second journey of the season into SEC territory, the talk switches to Tiger head coach Mike Archer, who needs a win over UK to keep his job. With an extra week to prepare after an open date, the Tigers are juiced in front of a boisterous crowd in raunchy Tiger Stadium, where the locals remember how Curry's Alabama team a year earlier destroyed the Tigers en route to an SEC championship. LSU's Harvey Williams and QB Sol Graves have big games and the Wildcats tuck their tails and come home 5-2. *LSU 19, UK 13.*

■ **Georgia at UK, Oct. 27**—Ray Goff and the Bulldogs are in the thick of the SEC race as they head into Commonwealth Stadium. The Bulldog coach fires up his team by reminding them of UGA's last visit (UK 16-10) to Lexington two years ago. Meanwhile, the Wildcats still are recovering from the loss to LSU and are unable to generate any offense. Brad Smith relieves Freddie Maggard in the fourth quarter, but UK is unable to make a comeback. Georgia's Sean Hummings gains more than 100 yards receiving the football and the Bulldogs shut down UK's ground game. *Georgia 31, UK 8.*

■ **Vanderbilt at UK, Nov. 10**—The Commodores arrive at an opportune time for a UK team that has begun to doubt itself. Maggard gets off to a fast start and moves the Wildcats to a 17-point halftime lead. Randy Holleran and his "Black Watch" frustrate the Commodores with an attacking defense. UK also gets a big game from Al Baker and Rodney Jackson. The Wildcats are 6-3. *UK 34, Vandy 10.*

■ **Florida at Kentucky, Nov. 17**—On a cold, blustery day in Lexington, a near-capacity crowd turns out to watch the specialty teams get UK off to a good start with a blocked punt. Then Maggard & Co. starts to dissect the tough Gator defense. Billy Swanson and Dean Wells have tremendous games on defense while John Bolden and Kurt Johnson each catch a TD pass. A last-minute Gator comeback is thwarted by a blitzing Swanson as UK holds on for the victory. *UK 20, Florida 17.*

■ **UK at Tennessee, Nov. 24**—After UK accepts a bid to play Virginia in the Peach Bowl, it is mid-week before Curry gets his team focused on the much-hated Tennessee Vols. He reminds the Wildcats of the success he had over Johnny Majors' club while at Alabama, noting that 'Bama also hates the color orange. However, the Vols are in the thick of the SEC race and need a win over UK to remain in contention. Before a sellout crowd of more than 97,000 in Neyland Stadium, fans are treated to a high-scoring game. The Vols take an early lead, but UK narrows it to seven points with a late second-quarter field goal. A controversial call late in the game gives the Vols the break they need and Andy Kelly hits Alvin Harper on a 10-yard TD pass for the game's winning points. Curry then tells the team how proud he was of their performance. Big Blue fans get ready for the big trip to Atlanta. *Tennessee 32, UK 27.*

Just pure fantasy, folks, but also a hunch that UK will have a successful season.

IT'S VACATION TIME: Those who have grumbled about UK football schedules in the past can't complain

about the road games this season. First, there's a trip up east to New Jersey to play Rutgers. Of course, UK fans can find numerous activities in the New Jersey area or across the river in New York. Then comes a trip to Chapel Hill to face North Carolina. Kenan Stadium is regarded as one of the most beautiful facilities in the country and Wildcat fans certainly will enjoy the Carolinas. In October comes a trip to Oxford to face Ole Miss. The Wildcats have not played the Rebels there in quite some time. Next comes the traditional stop down in Baton Rouge to play LSU in Tiger Stadium. There's no place quite like Baton Rouge on a football Saturday night. Finally, the Wildcats will journey to Knoxville to play the Vols in one of the largest stadiums in the country. The atmosphere in Neyland Stadium for a UK-UT clash is always interesting. There you have it. A travel agent's package for any UK football fan.

UK NOTEBOOK

□ With the suspension of offensive tackle Mike Nord, the UK football staff looks to Chuck Bradley in filling the gap. Bradley, who did show up as a starter at one time in the spring, has the size and strength to play in the Southeastern Conference. However, matters weren't helped during the summer, when he suffered job-related injuries. One of his wrists was broken, the other severely sprained. The injuries set back Bradley's off-season workout routine, but he appeared to be healed when the veterans reported back earlier this month...

□ The most interesting thing about some minor changes in the UK football uniforms is the cost involved. Equipment man Tom Kalinowski said the change in wear cost in the neighborhood of \$65,000. The old uniforms will be used as practice gear. In commenting on the changes, one UK defensive player said wearing black shoes makes the team look slower on film; therefore, it should make for some interesting film sessions after the games this season. When told that Alabama linebacker Keith McCants wore the high-top black shoes last season, this Wildcat defensive player immediately said he would have no trouble wearing them this year. UK also will no longer wear all-blue uniforms this season...

□ Linebacker Reggie Smith said there were more players remaining in Lexington during the summer than at any time since he has been at UK. Smith is a redshirt sophomore...

□ The Sept. 1 game with Central Michigan will be the earliest home opener since Jerry Claiborne's second season at UK, when the Wildcats opened with a 31-14 triumph over that same Central Michigan. That also was Claiborne's first victory as UK coach...

□ Steve Phillips has to be one of the toughest players ever to wear a Wildcat uniform. The senior split end has undergone numerous surgeries on both knees. The most recent orthoscopic surgery was performed in late July by Dr. Mary Lloyd Ireland. UK coach Bill Curry called Phillips' quick recovery amazing. Phillips now ranks right up there with former Wildcat Scott Schroeder as having the most knee operations by a UK player. Phillips caught 11 passes for 161 yards last season and is expected to share duties with Phil Logan. Phillips also is a valuable speciality teams player and is listed as the No. 1 holder on placement kicks...

□ Word has it that UK could go the pay-per-view route for some selected games this season. It is not known just how many games could be televised via the per-view system, but contests with Rutgers, North Carolina and LSU are good possibilities...

□ New fences have been installed around the UK practice complex at Shively Sports Center. However, the blue tarp that usually surrounds most of the fences has not been installed. Shrubbery currently surrounds most of the fences facing Cooper Drive across from Commonwealth Stadium...

□ Guess who was the racing analyst for the Whitney Stakes for ESPN? None other than former UK All-American Dan Issel, who did the color commentary for his old pro team, the Denver Nuggets, last season...

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THE TOP 100

BY PHIL GROSZ



Looking for a running back?

You should be able to find one in 1990 recruiting class

If you're a college football coach and your football program is in desperate need of a fullback, 1990 is your year. Top tailback prospects appear in every major geographical area of the country. The 1990 high school football season will definitely be labeled the "Year of the Running Back."

FLORIDA

"I've never seen so many Division I-A tailback prospects in Florida," stated Bill Buchalter, the sports editor of the *Orlando Sentinel*. "Our state has 20 or more running backs that could play for any Division I-A team in the country. Schools from every area of the country were all over our state in May."

Six Florida running backs were among the 50 running backs named the G&W Top 250 report. **Cedric Bouey** (5-11, 195) from Longwood, Fla., **Marquette Smith** (5-9, 182) from Winter Park, Fla., and **Frankie Wilkins** (5-11, 185) from Madison County, Fla., are listed on our G&W Top 100 team.

Smith better than anyone exemplifies the type of talent that exists in Florida. He was labeled by Buchalter as Florida's Mr. Excitement. In 1989 Smith rushed for 2,121 yards and 32 touchdowns. He was electronically timed in 4.38 seconds in the 40-yard dash and, believe it or not, Smith was the strongest member of the Lake Howell team in Winter Park. Last spring Smith bench pressed 365 pounds and squatted 700 pounds.

"I can't get Marquette out of our weight room," Mike Biscaglia, head football coach at Winter Park, said. "When I tell the coaches how much he benches and squats it's hard for them to believe how fast he is. When they see him on film all of them tell me his running style is very similar to that of Barry Sanders."

Predicting the success of high school football players in college is a crap shoot at best, but without exception every recruiting coordinator has told Biscaglia that Smith is a can't-miss prospect.

"Marquette has all the natural talent any tailback needs," Biscaglia said. "But it's his work ethic, not his talent, that makes him the talent he is. Marquette is willing to work five hours a day, seven days a week to be the best football player he can be."

"He has his priorities straight. He's done well in the classroom and it will be the educational integrity of the college that will be the determining factor in his decision on what school to attend."

More than 100 schools have contacted Smith. The schools Smith is most interested in right now are the three Florida schools—Miami, Florida State and Florida—plus Penn State, Notre Dame, Michigan, Michigan State and Colorado. Smith wants to attend a school that has an excellent computer engineering program.

Other states with exceptional running back classes are New Jersey, Texas and California.

NEW JERSEY

Last year **Stephen Pitts** (6-1, 190) ran for 1,716 yards and 22 touchdowns. As a junior at South High in Middletown, N.J., Pitts was rated by the *Newark Star Ledger* as the No. 1 football prospect in the state. **Greg Troxell** (6-3, 255), a defensive lineman from Phillipsburg, N.J., who will attend Penn State this fall, was the top-rated senior by the *Newark Star Ledger*, but he was rated the second-best prospect in the state behind Pitts.

QUARTERBACKS (11)

player — ht., wt., 40 speed	hometown
Steve Butterfield — 6-2, 185, 4.7	Antioch, Calif.
Donnie Davis — 6-4, 190, 4.7	Burlington, N.C.
Allen Hall — 6-4, 200, 4.8	Middleburg, Fla.
Damon Huard — 6-5, 212, 4.8	Pullayup, Wash.
Tom Marchase — 6-3, 190, 4.7	Dunmore, Pa.

ATHLETES (4)

Jermaine Brown — 6-3, 210, 4.5	Louisville, Ky.
Brian Fair — 6-3, 190, 4.5	Phoenix, Ariz.

RUNNING BACKS (20)

Mike Archie — 5-11, 180, 4.45	Sharon, Pa.
Mario Bates — 6-2, 200, 4.4	Tucson, Ariz.
Lee Becton — 5-11, 185, 4.5	Vanceboro, N.C.
Cedric Bouey — 5-11, 195, 4.5	Longwood, Fla.
Chris Campbell — 5-11, 190, 4.5	Brockton, Mass.
Kijana Carter — 6-0, 205, 4.45	Westerville, Ohio
Chris Chambers — 6-3, 195, 4.5	Grapevine, Texas
Che Foster — 6-1, 225, 4.55	Edmund, Okla.
Michael Johnson — 5-11, 195, 4.5	Centre, Ala.
Napoleon Kaufman — 5-9, 170, 4.4	Lompoc, Calif.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (20)

Robert Barr — 6-5, 265, 5.0	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Paul Barry — 6-4, 275, 5.0	Cincinnati, Ohio
Bucky Beddingfield — 6-3, 265, 5.1	Jackson, Ga.
Kevin Conlin — 6-6, 285, 5.1	Philadelphia, Pa.
Scott Crosley — 6-4, 260, 5.0	Carmel, Ind.
Chris Finch — 6-6, 265, 5.0	Riverside, Calif.
Troy Foster — 6-9, 270, 5.2	Roselle, Ill.
Greg Frey — 6-5, 255, 5.0	Clearwater, Fla.
Ken Hefley — 6-2, 265, 5.0	Rock Hill, S.C.
Alfie Hill — 6-4, 300, 4.95	Cincinnati, Ohio

Matt Pike — 6-4, 180, 4.7	Huntington, Ind.
Al Pinkins — 6-6, 210, 4.8	Camilla, Ga.
Tommy Preston — 6-3, 185, 4.7	College Station, Texas
Aaron Sparrow — 6-3, 190, 4.7	Portsmouth, Va.
Jason Stanicek — 6-1, 175, 4.7	Park Forest, Ill.
Eric Zeier — 6-3, 195, 4.7	Marietta, Ga.

Lethon Flowers — 6-0, 180, 4.5	Columbia, S.C.
Steve McNair — 6-12, 190, 4.6	Mt. Olive, Miss.

John McClain — 6-2, 215, 4.5	Cartersville, Ga.
John Perkins — 6-1, 175, 4.5	Warner Robins, Ga.
Stephen Pitts — 6-1, 190, 4.5	Middletown, N.J.
Markeith Ross — 5-9, 190, 4.5	Rancho, Calif.
Basil Shabazz — 6-1, 190, 4.5	Pine Bluff, Ark.
Rodney Shelton — 6-2, 200, 4.5	Dunwoody, Ga.
Marquette Smith — 5-9, 182, 4.4	Winter Park, Fla.
Derek Sparks — 5-11, 190, 4.5	Van Nuys, Calif.
James Thornton — 5-11, 195, 4.5	McKinney, Texas
Frankie Wilkins — 5-11, 185, 4.5	Madison County, Fla.

Trezelle Jenkins — 6-7, 280, 4.9	Chicago, Ill.
Andre Johnson — 6-8, 310, 5.1	Southampton, N.Y.
Scott Joslyn — 6-4, 290, 5.1	Orlando, Fla.
Robert Loya — 6-4, 270, 5.0	Fontana, Calif.
Victor Mamich — 6-6, 265, 5.0	Mt. Belvedere, Texas
Mike Rohme — 6-6, 265, 5.1	Carmichael, Calif.
Brian Sansalone — 6-5, 250, 4.9	Slidell, La.
Darius Smith — 6-4, 270, 4.9	Dallas, Texas
Daniel Wilkerson — 6-5, 295, 4.95	Dayton, Ohio
Robert Woodus — 6-4, 250, 4.9	Pine Bluff, Ark.

The recruiting nightmare for Pitts won't be any different from what Smith will have to endure. Already three different recruiting services have labeled Pitts the top tailback prospect in the Northeast. When you're 6-foot-1, 190 pounds, run a 4.5 40 and have totaled more than 3,000 career rushing yards going into your senior year in high school, recruiting coordinators are going to knock down your door.

Pitts, however, isn't the only top running back prospect in the norther half of New Jersey. **Greg Telemec** (6-2, 215) from St. Joseph High in Montvale, N.J., **Glen Pressley** (5-11, 180) from Highland Park, N.J., and **Larrame Furman** (5-11, 190) from Phillipsburg, N.J., are all labeled blue-chip prospects.

TEXAS

Texas always seems to be loaded with top tailback and fullback prospects. This year isn't any different. The Lone Star State has seven runners that have the ability to make someone's top 250 listing. It's difficult to pick one who stands tall above the rest. **Kevin Adams** (6-2, 212) from Springwood, Texas, **Andre Session** (6-0, 175) from El Paso, Texas, **James Thornton** (5-11, 195) from McKinney, Texas, **Robert Williams** (6-0, 205) from Dallas, Texas, **Chris Chambers** (6-3, 195) from Grapevine, Texas, **Rodney Thomas** (5-11, 185) from Groveton, Texas, and **Brian Thompson** (6-1, 195) from Houston, Texas, all made a name for themselves in 1989.

Thornton ran for 1,572 yards last year and was his district's MVP. He gained Class 5-A second-team all-state honors.

Sessions was the first junior from the El Paso area in five years to gain Class 5-A all-

state honors as a junior. He was named to the first-team Class 5-A offensive backfield. Sessions gained more than 1,500 yards rushing his junior year and his running style has been compared to Joe Washington, who starred at Oklahoma in the early 1970s.

CALIFORNIA

California had seven running backs named to its All-Underclassman team. **Napoleon Kaufman** (5-9, 170) from Lompoc, Calif., **Leon Neal** (5-9, 165) from Paramount, Calif., **Markeith Ross** (5-9, 190) from Rancho, Calif., **Derek Sparks** (5-11, 190) from Van Nuys, Calif., **Willie Harper** (5-9, 196) from Sunnyvale, Calif., **Jay Roland** (5-9, 200) from Merced, Calif., and **Lamont Warren** (6-1, 180) from Los Angeles, Calif., all had their high school coaches going crazy in May trying to find film to show to colleges.

Kaufman, who was labeled by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* as the next Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, was California's Junior of the Year. Kaufman is reported to have 4.4 speed in the 40, is a 24-foot long-jumper and as a junior he rushed for 2,269 yards and 39 touchdowns. You name the school and that school's football program has interest in Kaufman.

Kaufman's statistics are eye-catching but not that much more impressive than the other running backs who made California's All-Underclassman team. Neal rushed for just over 1,600 yards and averaged 12.2 yards per carry. Ross, who made San Diego's all-area team, averaged 8.9 yards per carry and has 3,362 career rushing yards. Harper ran for 1,860 yards. Sparks totaled 1,936 yards and 26 touchdowns. Roland averaged 10.6 yards per carry and rushed for more than 1,400 yards. Warren rushed for more than 1,500

yards and was named Los Angeles Player of the Year.

Those seven tailbacks don't include Mario Mattison (5-11, 185) from Fairfax High in Los Angeles, Calif., who was named all-city both at running back and defensive back and was elected to the All-Underclassman team as a specialist. Makes you wonder why USC and UCLA ever go outside of California to recruit running backs.

PENNSYLVANIA

That brings us to Pennsylvania. In recent years Pennsylvania has been lax in producing skill position football players. In the 1980s Penn State had four tailbacks that were taken in the first round of the NFL draft—Booker Moore, Curt Warner, D.J. Dozier and Blair Thomas. Thomas was the only one from Pennsylvania and, surprisingly, he came from Frankford High which plays its football in the Philadelphia Public League.

Pitt's starting tailback this fall, Curvin Richards, is from LaPorte, Texas. Lately, Pitt and Penn State have been forced to go country-wide to find the tailback talent they wanted. That could change this year. **Mike Archie** (5-11, 180) from Sharon, Pa., was the only Keystone State running back prospect to make the G&W Top 100, but there are six other running backs in Pennsylvania that could emerge this fall and prove to be as good as any in the country. **Alex Korol** (6-2, 195) from Ambridge, Pa., **Brian Milne** (6-4, 235) from Ft. LeBoeuf High in Waterford, Pa., **Vaughn Mosley** (5-11, 185) from New Brighton, Pa., **Edmund Robinson** (5-10, 205) from Bensalem, Pa., and **Shawn Wooden** (6-0, 188) from Abington, Pa., all have caught the eyes of recruiters.

Milne could have made the G&W Top 100

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■ **RECEIVERS (9)**

Jay Bercy — 6-4, 227, 4.7	Brockton, Mass.
Jason Birdsong — 6-1, 175, 4.5	Glendale, Ariz.
Greg DeLong — 6-4, 245, 4.7	Orefield, Pa.
Bobby Engram — 5-11, 175, 4.5	Camden, S.C.
Kenny Harrison — 6-2, 175, 4.5	Port Arthur, Texas

Damien Jefferies — 6-6, 245, 4.7	Sylacauga, Ala.
Jerome Oliver — 5-11, 175, 4.5	Wichita, Kan.
Craig Powell — 6-6, 225, 4.65	Youngstown, Ohio
Darnay Scott — 6-1, 175, 4.5	San Diego, Calif.

■ **DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (13)**

Dominic Bustamante — 6-5, 255, 4.95	Corpus Christi, Texas
Antwan Chiles — 6-4, 240, 4.8	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Alan Gonzales — 6-4, 265, 4.9	Jenks, Okla.
Norman Hands — 6-5, 255, 4.9	Walterboro, S.C.
Jayson Layman — 6-6, 285, 5.0	Sieville, Tenn.
Leslie Ratliff — 6-7, 240, 5.0	Newport, Ark.
Pat Riley — 6-6, 250, 4.75	Marrero, La.

Marco Rivera — 6-5, 245, 4.9	Elmont, N.Y.
James Singleton — 6-4, 260, 4.8	Toccoa, Ga.
Vernon Wade — 6-2, 265, 5.0	Lufkin, Texas
Mike Washington — 6-2, 285, 4.9	Milledgeville, Ga.
Greg Wilkins — 6-4, 270, 4.7	Chicago, Ill.
Trent Zenkewicz — 6-5, 260, 4.8	Cleveland, Ohio

■ **DEFENSIVE ENDS AND LINEBACKERS (11)**

Huntley Bakich — 6-3, 210, 4.6	Dallas, Texas
Derrick Brooks — 6-2, 205, 4.5	Pensacola, Fla.
Tremayne Green — 6-2, 235, 4.8	Marshall, Texas
Fred Harris — 6-5, 218, 4.6	Shreveport, La.
Melvin Jones — 6-3, 205, 4.5	Virginia Beach, Va.
Ramon Luster — 6-4, 230, 4.6	Birmingham, Ala.

Roy McCrary — 6-3, 230, 4.7	Bartlett, Tenn.
Shannon McLean — 6-3, 230, 4.65	Detroit, Mich.
Jamir Miller — 6-5, 220, 4.7	El Cerrito, Calif.
Charles Moore — 6-3, 230, 4.7	Hempstead, N.Y.
Tom Tumulty — 6-3, 230, 4.7	Penn Hills, Pa.

■ **DEFENSIVE BACKS (12)**

Deollo Anderson — 6-2, 175, 4.4	Youngstown, Ohio
Brian Brown — 5-10, 170, 4.4	Grand Prairie, Texas
Talvi Crawford — 6-1, 180, 4.5	Orlando, Fla.
Willie Gaston — 5-11, 175, 4.5	Mobile, Ala.
Garrick McGee — 6-3, 180, 4.55	Tulsa, Okla.
Andre Miller — 6-3, 217, 4.65	Meridian, Miss.

Tony Miller — 5-9, 175, 4.4	Coatesville, Pa.
Clay Mourning — 5-10, 172, 4.5	Fayetteville, N.C.
Clayvand Thomas — 6-0, 175, 4.5	Carson, Calif.
Tyrone Wheatley — 6-2, 205, 4.45	Dearborn, Mich.
Jerome Woods — 6-3, 175, 4.5	Memphis, Tenn.
John Young — 6-3, 190, 4.6	Jacksonville, Fla.

■ **SPECIAL (1)**

Brian Milne — 6-4, 235, 4.55	Waterford, Pa.
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at either linebacker or tailback. He is an amazing athlete. As a junior he ran for 2,430 yards and threw the discus 217 feet. In March it was discovered that Milne had Hodgkins Disease. A tumor was removed from his chest and his spleen was removed in late May. It's not known if he will play football this fall. That's why Milne received special mention in our G&W Top 100.

The real sleeper in the Pennsylvania running back class could be Robinson. He comes from Bensalem (Pa.) High, which is located in suburban Philadelphia. The school is not noted for producing football players. It's a basketball town.

As a junior Robinson rushed for 1,116 yards and was named second-team all-Southeast Pennsylvania by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Robinson combines speed with power. Jack Klebe, Bensalem's head football coach, says he has never had a runner of Robinson's caliber.

"He's got legit 4.4 speed," Klebe said. "He benches 420 and squats 600. This spring in track he had several 10.8 100-meter times. He's my once-in-a-coaching-lifetime."

GEORGIA

With all the publicity Florida's runners have gotten, it's easy to overlook the talent that resides across the border in Georgia. For recruiting coordinators looking for running backs, such an oversight would be a big mistake. The Peach State placed three runners on our G&W Top 100. **John McClain** (6-2, 215) from Cartersville, Ga., **John Perkins** (6-1, 175) from Warner Robbins, Ga., and **Rodney Shelton** (6-2, 200) from Dunwoody, Ga., are all very much capable of playing at any Division I-A school in the nation.

ELSEWHERE

There are seven other running backs on the G&W Top 100 that haven't been mentioned above.

Lee Becton (5-11, 185) from Vanceboro, N.C., has over 3,000 career rushing yards. **Chris Campbell** (5-11, 190) combines with Anthony Comer to give Brockton (Mass.) High the best backfield combination in the northeast.

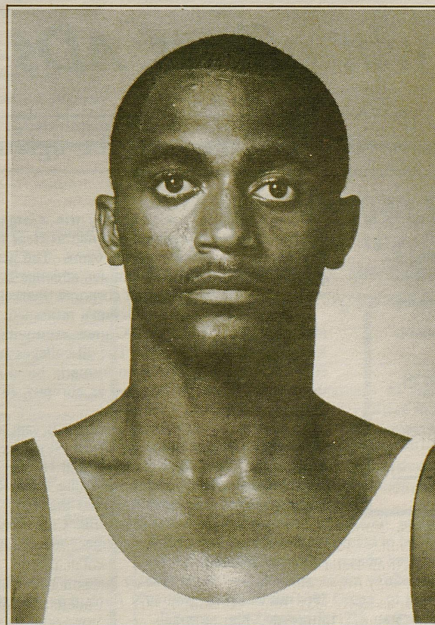
Kijana Carter (6-0, 205) from South High in Westerville, Ohio, came from nowhere to run for 1,762 yards and 23 touchdowns last season, making first-team all-Ohio as well.

Che Foster (6-1, 225) from Edmund, Okla., rushed for 1,994 yards last fall and was named to the G&W Recruiting Report's preseason All-American team.

Michael Johnson (5-11, 195) from Cherokee County High in Centre, Ala., rushed for 2,136 yards and was Class 5-A first-team all-state.

Basil Shabazz (6-1, 190) from Pine Bluff, Ark., was all-Arkansas and rushed for more than 1,700 yards.

It's a recruiter's dream come true. On paper it appears several of 1990's senior running backs could be making headlines as early as 1991 in college football.



Louisville Fairdale's Jermaine Brown, one of the state's top football prospects and the only Kentuckian to make the G&W Top 100, has decided to give up football in order to concentrate on basketball.

Fairdale's Brown would rather tip-in than tackle

by TCP associate editor Mike Estep

RENSSELAER, Ind. — Louisville Fairdale's Jermaine Brown is the only Kentucky prepster listed among the G&W Top 100. But instead of tipping away passes and putting bone-jarring hits on wide receivers from the defensive backfield position where he earned first-team all-state honors last season, Brown will be tipping-in missed shots and jarring the backboard with ferocious slam dunks from now on.

Brown, who would surely have been a top candidate for the state's Mr. Football award in 1990, says he is giving up football—where many believe he is a can't-miss NFL prospect—in favor of first love, basketball.

Of course he is no slouch in roundball, either. Brown is thought to be the early favorite for Mr. Basketball honors this season. Recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons has him listed in his preseason report as the 50th best senior in the country. He was a first-team all-stater last season and was named MVP of the state tournament after powering his Bulldogs to the Sweet 16 title.

Still, many wonder about Brown's decision to abandon football. He has the perfect build for football—6-foot-3, 210 pounds—and many believe he could step onto the college gridiron and star right away. But for him to succeed in college hoops he's going to have to adapt to the off guard position after playing his entire high school career at small forward.

"Probably, potentially, he's a professional football talent," Stan Hardin, his basketball coach at Fairdale, said. "But there's nothing saying he can't be a professional basketball player if he dedicates his time to it."

"Jermaine does not like to go in the weight room. You know football players have to live in the weight room. I think that's a minus. He likes to play basketball. You can play basketball by yourself. I think he's playing what he likes to play."

Brown takes that one step further. "Giving up football was a hard decision, because everybody was saying I could be an NFL player," Brown said at the first session of this summer's B/C All-Stars Camp in Rensselaer, Ind. "But I'm just in love with basketball. That's the one thing I want to do."

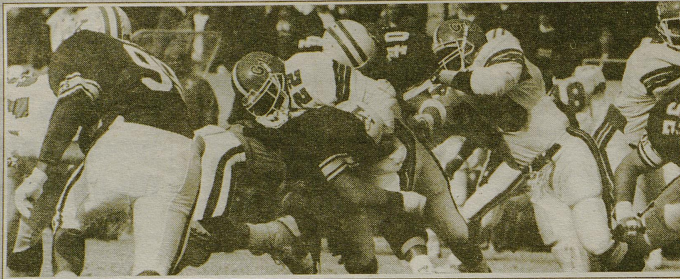
Brown is not alone, either. Elizabethown senior Demond Thomas, who passed for 2,500 yards and 22 touchdowns the past two seasons, has also given up football for basketball. Thomas, also a candidate for Mr. Basketball this year, averaged 27.4 points per game in basketball and pitched his way to a 9-2 record for the baseball Panthers last season.

University of Kentucky football coach Bill Curry, speaking at the Wildcats' Media Day earlier this month, said it distresses him when top football players give up on the sport.

"Very much," Curry said. "I just think that once you get a good guy in there, and he gets encouragement from the community to stay in it, he can do that and still be great in basketball or baseball."

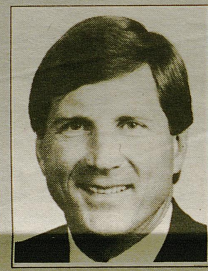
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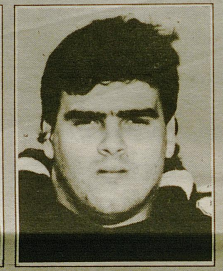


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			Football: Varsity reports	5	Football: UK Media Day Football: Brian Evans' birthday	6	Football: 1st day of practice Football: Joel Mazzella's birthday	7	Football: UK Fans' Picture Day	8		
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BILL CURRY




JOEL MAZZELLA

Pressure to win affects ADs as well as coaches

1990 SEC race may be tightest one ever

The pressure to win in the revenue-producing sports of the Southeastern Conference now manifests itself forcefully in positions other than coaching. During the 1980s just as many athletic directors as head football



Scoop Hudgins
Cats' Pause Columnist

coaches were replaced. The retirement of Paul "Bear" Bryant in December of the school year 1982-83 marked the end of an era of strong-minded ADs with the knowledge and insight to properly attend operation of the entire field of athletes performing at their universities. The larger-than-life former sports hero, walking the campus with care and representing the college in council with competing schools with great respect, now shares the duty of operating athletics with a business specialist.

College athletics must not only win a larger share of the games, but must attract revenue to clear the mounting expense of developing the teams. The gentlemanly, grandfatherly patriarch of campus athletics is being replaced by accountants and corporate marketers. In the eight years since Bryant's retirement the replacement rate of ADs in the SEC grew even with that of football coaches, 2 1/2 each. The 10 colleges have replaced 19 of each. The man who formerly hired and fired the coaches is now being, just as abruptly, hired and fired himself. At Alabama, Ray Perkins replaced Bryant as coach and AD. Then Bill Curry and Steve Sloan were hired to replace him, then Gene Stallings and Hootie Ingram. At Auburn, Pat Dye replaced Doug Barfield and Lee Hayley in both jobs, and continues the duty. At Florida, Charley Pell and Bill Carr were replaced by Galen Hall and Bill Arnsparger, then Steve Spurrier came on for Hall. At Georgia, Vince Dooley handled both duties, 1964-88 as coach, and 1979 forward as AD. Ray Goff succeeded him as coach. At Kentucky, Jerry Claiborne was head football coach 1982-89, and now is in the athletics fund-raising department, with Bill Curry replacing him. Cliff Hagan was replaced by C.M. Newton in '89. At LSU, Bill Arnsparger replaced Jerry Stovall as

coach for 1984-86, then transferred to Florida as AD, Mike Archer succeeding him. AD Bob Brodhead was replaced by Joe Dean in '87. At Ole Miss, Billy Brewer succeeded Steve Sloan as coach in 1983. AD Warner Alford succeeded retiring Johnny Vaught in '78. At Mississippi State, Rocky Felker replaced Emory Bellard as coach in 1986. Retiring AD Carl Maddox was replaced by Dr. Charley Scott, who was replaced by Charley Carr in '86, who was replaced by Larry Templeton in '88. At Tennessee, Johnny Majors has been the football coach since 1977. Bob Woodruff served as AD 1963-85 and was succeeded by Doug Dickey. At Vanderbilt, Coach George MacIntyre was replaced by Watson Brown in 1986. AD Roy Kramer advanced to SEC commissioner this spring, succeeded by Paul Hoolahan. Overall, this trend to hire and fire athletic directors as often as head football coaches is a distinct sign of dissatisfaction with the system. Presidents of the colleges and supporters of the teams are highly concerned. They are apprehensive, uneasy, restless about more money coming in for athletics, but even more going out. Let's hope nobody gets nervous enough to tap the panic

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at the 1990 UK Football Kickoff Luncheon scheduled Aug. 24 at the Lexington Hyatt Regency.

Tickets can be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office or through members of the Wildcat Touchdown Club or Committee of 101. VIP tickets are \$50 each and VIP tables can be reserved for \$500. General seating tickets are \$30 each and general seating tables can be reserved for \$300.

The event, which is sponsored by the Heart of Kentucky Chevy and Geo Dealers, will begin at 11:15 a.m. with a reception. The luncheon will be held in the Patterson Ballroom at noon.

MIRILOVICH JOINS UK-TV NETWORK

The University of Kentucky and Sports Communications announced jointly that Jon Mirilovich, a former Wildcat assistant football coach, will replace Joe Federspiel as color commentator on the UK Football Television Network this fall.

Mirilovich will join Ralph Hacker (play-by-play) and Rob Bromley (sideline reporter) in all UK Television Network games.

Mirilovich began his college coaching career at Tampa (1970) under Fran Curci. He followed Curci to Miami (Fla.) the following year, and then to UK as offensive line coach. He was at UK from 1973-76 and 1979. He also coached at North Carolina State (1977-78) and Memphis State (1981-82). After his stay at Memphis State, he entered private business in Lexington.

The first UK Television Network contest will be the Kentucky-Central Michigan home opener in Commonwealth Stadium. The network plans for full-game, tape-delay coverage of all six UK home game this fall.

WAVE-TV EXTENDS UK CONTRACT

WAVE-TV of Louisville extended its current contract in coverage of UK football and basketball through 1992.

The contract extension gives WAVE-TV the rights to full-game replays of UK football and replays and live telecasts of UK basketball. WAVE-TV, along with WKYT-TV of Lexington, highlights an 11-station UK Football Television Network this fall.

"We're very pleased to continue our longstanding relationship with University of Kentucky football and basketball and our viewers of WAVE-TV," Guy Hempel, vice-president and general manager said. "Also, our new signal begins in August and will incorporate another half-million homes to our viewing area."

WAVE-TV will be adding viewers in northern Kentucky with the new signal. Homes in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties in Kentucky, and Hamilton County in the surrounding Cincinnati area will be able to view UK football and basketball with the signal change.

"The University of Kentucky is delighted with the contract extension of WAVE-TV on our football and basketball television networks," Newton said. "WAVE-TV will assist us in our continued efforts to give all UK fans

the best possible opportunity to watch our football and basketball teams play on television."

The current listing of the UK Football Television Network as of July 13 is as follows:

- WKYT-TV.....Lexington
WAVE-TV.....Louisville
WTWV-TV.....Evansville, Ind.
WVAH-TV.....Huntington, W.Va.
WYMT-TV.....Hazard
WGRB-TV.....Campbellsville
Storer Cable.....Bowling Green
TV43.....Hopkinsville
W18AN.....Harrogate
W46BE.....Murray
WPSD-TV.....Paducah (two games)

All six home games will be carried on a full-game, tape-delayed basis.

CURRY ADDS 'BLACK WATCH'

In addition to abandoning the old wide-tackle six defense employed the past eight years by Jerry Claiborne, Curry will bring to the UK defense the "Black Watch," which is copied after an elite unit of the Scottish Army that defends Edinburgh Castle.

The idea of the Black Watch at UK is to create an elite, attack-oriented defense. Curry used the idea in 1985 at Georgia Tech. The Yellowjackets finished 9-2-1 and defeated Michigan State in the All-American Bowl.

"I happened just strictly by coincidence to be on vacation with my family," Curry said. "We had given our daughter (Kristin) a trip to England and Scotland as a graduation present. I was so impressed by the precision and the discipline of the Black Watch that I came back and suggested to our staff we use the name for our elite defensive unit."

"It worked very well with the players. We developed a kind of pride in our defensive unit which was an added dimension to our team. We went on to an outstanding season and the rest of it is history. We're seeking to do the same thing here at Kentucky."

The Black Watch defense is under the supervision of defensive coordinator Larry New. Senior inside linebacker Randy Holleran is the first Wildcat to be named to UK's version of the Black Watch.

"Members of this elite unit can only be selected by its own members," Curry said. "Randy and coach New will select the next Wildcat to join our Black Watch unit."

Plans also call for some type of insignia or striping to be used to distinguish Black Watch unit when on the playing field.

INJURY UPDATE

Curry said redshirt freshman defensive lineman Barry Rich underwent surgery for a foot fracture during spring drills and will not be ready by the start of the season. However, Curry said Rich should return during the season.

CAMERON TO REMAIN UK SID

Chris Cameron, UK sports information director, decided to remain at UK after announcing that he had accepted the position of director of marketing and promotions at the University of Florida.

At Tennessee, coach Johnny Majors may have the most experienced senior squad in America, plus super sophomores RB Chuck Webb and DB-WR Carl Pickens.

At Georgia, coach Ray Goff is returning the Dawgs to the passing game, and this season it will burst into full bloom with QB Greg Talley and a veteran line.

At Alabama, coach Gene Stallings, one of Bear's boys, returns with full support, to a squad that lost two All-Americans, but returns seven All-SEC men.

At Ole Miss, coach Billy Brewer hopes

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Leave the three-point line where it is. Some coaches want to move it to the international distance. Why is there an international set of rules anyway? Why does America have to change THEIR game to suit someone else? Is there an international set of rules? One last thing on basketball. Would some referee please explain the difference between an offensive player jumping into a defensive player from behind the banking board (trying to get in front or beside the basket to get a shot off) or jumping into the defensive player when they are in front of the board? A charge is a charge no matter which side of the board it occurs. I have never seen this called made.

Memo to Cawood Ledford. Please quit anticipating an official's call. Wait until you know what the call is. And when you disagree with a call please don't object too strenuously because on replays ALL announcers are proven wrong about 90 per cent of the time. Besides there are some real kooks in radio and TV land who are real sports NUTS. I remember during a World Series baseball game that Curt Gowdy was announcing he carried on so much over a call one of the officials made that the official received calls threatening his life. It doesn't take much to set some of those nuts off, i.e. soccer fans overseas. You are a good sports announcer, Mr. Ledford, but a lousy official. Please stick to your speciality. Just one more thing Mr. Ledford, when you see your sidekick, Ralph Hacker, would you ask him to please try to find another word to replace "particular." He uses this word more than some use "you know." Speaking of Ralph Hacker, isn't there anyone else to do delayed telecasts on TV? ANYONE. I mean there have been many times when sub would enter the game, or someone would make a basket and he would never give his name. He is a good color man and a statistician, but play-by-play...

Last item: Does Kentucky have a golf team, tennis

team, and/or a swim team? I don't remember seeing anything in The Cats' Pause. Would Mr. Combs add another writer to The Cats Pause...in his place. Until next time.

Gene Morris, Louisville

Editor's Note: Ouch!

Problems in Atlanta

You guys do a great job. I enjoy the paper very much. A few observations I would like to express:

My paper never arrives until the week after you have mailed it. It is very frustrating and often goes unread since the news is old.

The Atlanta area gets a good deal of UK coverage. Unfortunately, it is often negative. I am sure you guys are aware of the infamous, self-proclaimed basketball know-it-all columnist here in Atlanta, Mr. Mark Bradley. He mentions UK in over 50 percent of his columns, and it is always negative. This guy needs a little bit of attention by the Kentucky sports brass, it may help.

The new radio contract is a blessing. The athletic department obviously does realize how many out-of-state fans listen to UK basketball. Even with television coverage the radio can not be ignored.

Chuck Riney Atlanta/Duluth, Ga.

Editor's Note: With the periodic increases in postal rates, we still are at a loss to understand why our newspapers, which are mailed on Monday, take an entire week to reach some locales. Yes, Wildcat fans became most familiar with Mark Bradley when he was a writer on the local scene. We doubt that any attention on the part of the UK sports brass would have an effect on Mr. Bradley, other than to give him gist for another column on UK.

NEW FACILITY

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won the tournament. We came in fourth. Their coach told our coach (Tom Simpson) it was all due to indoor practice because they had been hitting golf balls since Jan. 19. That was the fourth tournament they had won this year."

Waking up in terms of improving overall athletic facilities:

"We just kinda went to sleep in our improvement of facilities in the '60s and '70s. When you start thinking about it, the Coliseum was built in 1950, the (Shively) Sports Center was built in the late '50s and the stadium was built in the early '70s. That was all that was spent for athletic improvements. Now, check what the other schools in our conference have spent during that time on athletic facilities, and we're a little bit behind, trying to play catch-up."

"I thought the Nutter Center was a giant step forward and I can thank Mr. Nutter

and his family and also Seth Hancock and the Hancock family and the many other people who helped make the center a reality."

Useful recruiting tool:

"I won't say this indoor practice will make us the best, but I don't think we will have to take a back seat to anybody. Once a student-athlete visits our campus and sees what we've got academically and socially and then goes and sees our facilities athletically, he won't leave here unimpressed with what the university has to offer in all aspects of his college life."

Timetable for construction and completion:

"We hope to get started sometime in the spring and hopefully the 1992 winter programs will be able to participate. Kent State started construction of their facility in April and they got in Jan. 15, 1990. So if we could get started in March or April, hopefully we could get in it sometime in January 1992."

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College athletics once was a great career.

TIGHTEST SEC RACE EVER

On the football fan level, I give my reasons for predicting the finish of the 1990 SEC race as the closest ever.

At Auburn, coach Pat Dye continues to graduate huge, talented athletes from red-shirt to varsity status, replacing those gone to the NFL, joining 55 lettermen.

to move up from the 8-4 mark of '89 with 47 returning lettermen, but QB is unsettled, RBs are scarce and defense lacks depth.

At Florida, coach Steve Spurrier brings fresh enthusiasm for football to a talent-laden area. Some 47 lettermen and 19 freshmen fuel the excitement.

At LSU, coach Mike Archer goes all-out to improve his 4-7 record of '89. With only 32 lettermen, the squad is unproven at QB and at offensive and defensive lines.

At Kentucky, coach Bill Curry brings

from Alabama a share of the '89 championship, but no such players. Only 31 lettermen, plus freshman, may strain his skills.

At Mississippi State, coach Rocky Felker has an improved squad of 39 lettermen, strong and quick. He anticipates a winning season from runners, receivers and defense.

At Vanderbilt, coach Watson Brown hired veteran SEC assistants and switched to a running game, using 45 lettermen and 25 newcomers to escape the SEC cellar.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

✓Rick Pitino completed his first UK basketball staff by naming Ralph Willard as associate coach. Willard, 43, was assistant coach and video coordinator for the New York Knicks in 1988-89 after serving on Pitino's Knicks staff as a volunteer the preceding year.

(Willard's stay in Lexington was short. After just one season at UK, Willard accepted his first head coaching position, at Western Kentucky, following the 1989-90 season.)

Meanwhile, Pitino's plans to move his players out of the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge and into campus residence halls were scuttled because UK's housing department reportedly wasn't able to find enough rooms in Holmes and Keeneland halls, two dorms near Memorial Coliseum, to house the team and its support staff.

✓David Roselle was featured in *USA Today's* sports section for his "no-stone-unturned" investigation of the UK basketball program. The UK president was cited as an example of several university presidents and chancellors who have exerted greater control over their athletic programs "by choice or forced by scandal."

✓Former UK basketball players LeRon Ellis and Sean Sutton, saying they wanted to play for a national title, announced plans to transfer to Syracuse and Purdue, respectively.

Sutton left Purdue after a few weeks and eventually enrolled at Lexington Community College, which does not have a basketball team.

✓Former Wildcat Melvin Turpin, a 6-foot-11 center, signed as a free agent with the Washington Bullets of the NBA. Turpin, who spent the previous season playing pro-

fessionally in Spain (17 ppg., 9 rpg.), was the sixth player chosen overall in the 1984 college draft by the Bullets, who traded him the same day to the Cleveland Cavaliers in a three-way deal. He played four seasons in the NBA from 1984-88, averaging 9.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

10 Years Ago

✓Three former UK football players were named to the all-time Skywriters team. The Skywriters, then in their 15th year of touring the 10 Southeastern Conference schools, named offensive tackle Warren Bryant, defensive end Art Still and noseguard Richard Jaffe to the squad.

Bryant and Still earned All-America honors while Jaffe was an All-SEC noseguard at UK.

✓University of Kentucky women's basket-

ball coach Debbie Yow-Nance, who compiled a record of 79 wins and 40 losses during four seasons as head of the Lady Kats, left to join her husband, Lynn Nance, a former UK assistant who was beginning his first year as head coach at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo.

✓Bob Chambers, highly successful basketball coach for the past nine years at Tennessee High School in Bristol, Tenn., has been named a part-time coach on Joe B. Hall's UK staff.

Chambers was an assistant coach seven years before compiling a 317-116 record during 13 years as a head coach at the Bristol school.

Chambers' star player at Tennessee High, consensus high school All-American Derrick Hord, also made the trip to Lexington, accepting a scholarship to play for Hall's 'Cats.

WILDCAT QUIZ

1990 Kentucky football assistant coaches

1. Which UK assistant football coach was the head coach at Southern Illinois when the Salukis lost to UK 24-10 in 1988?

- a) John Guy
- b) Larry New
- c) Rick Rhoades
- d) Bill Glaser

2. Who is the Wildcat football recruiting coordinator?

- a) Dan Leal
- b) Tommy Limbaugh
- c) Tommy Bowden
- d) Dick Redding

3. Which UK assistant played for the Tennessee Volunteers?

- a) Tommy Bowden
- b) Walter Lewis
- c) Bill Ransdell
- d) Daryl Dickey

4. Which UK assistant coached at South Carolina?

- a) Larry New
- b) Rick Smith
- c) Rod Sharpless
- d) Bill Glaser

5. Which UK assistant coached the defensive backs at Baylor last season?

- a) Tommy Bowden
- b) Walter Lewis
- c) Rick Smith
- d) Daryl Dickey

6. Which UK assistant played for the legendary "Bear" Bryant at Alabama?

- a) John Guy
- b) Tommy Limbaugh

c) Daryl Dickey
d) Bill Glaser

7. Which UK assistant is a son of one of the winningest head coaches in collegiate football history?

- a) Daryl Dickey
- b) Walter Lewis
- c) Tommy Bowden
- d) Rick Smith

8. True or False? Bill Curry brought four assistants to UK from his Alabama staff.

9. Which UK graduate assistant played his collegiate football at Eastern Kentucky?

- a) Tuck Woolom
- b) Walter Lewis
- c) Don Yarano
- d) Steve Bird

10. Which UK assistant has been coaching with Bill Curry the longest period of time?

- a) John Guy
- b) Larry New
- c) Tommy Bowden
- d) Rick Rhoades



Answers

1. Rick Rhoades
2. Tommy Limbaugh
3. Daryl Dickey
4. Larry New
5. Tommy Bowden
6. Tommy Limbaugh
7. Rick Smith
8. True
9. Steve Bird
10. John Guy

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'em, to make them better.'

Four players are currently competing for the PK spot. Those four include: Brent Claiborne, Doug Pelfrey, junior college transfer Don Rubin and No. 1 punter Bill Hawk. Stenerud worked two days with the kickers.

"I will have to say that a couple of 'em are going to be good, good college kickers," Stenerud, a teammate with Curry in past Pro Bowls, said.

Stenerud, now with a marketing firm in Kansas City, said this was the third time he's hooked up with Curry's kickers. Twice he helped Curry at Alabama.

LIKE SHOOTING THE '3' DB Chris Tolbert is fired up about Kentucky's defensive scheme. Measuring in terms of excitement, he predicts Wildcat fans will quickly rate the 'attack' style to Pitino's Bombinos.

"We get to the ball and we swarm to the ball," Tolbert says. "It's just going to be amazing. The fans are going to like it. It's just like the three-point shot in basketball, that's how it's going to be...it's going to be fast pace."

HOLLERAN'S PICKS Holleran expects several Wildcat veterans to have exceptional years. Those players he picked included:

■ **QB Freddie Maggard:** "Freddie should be more relaxed back there this year. With the offensive line we have and a new coaching staff, they'll give him more protection. They (UK staff) have really worked hard on our receivers catching the ball. A lot of the balls that were dropped last year, there will be a greater percentage of completions."

■ **Tailback Mike Thomas:** "I look for big plays from Mike Thomas. He came on last year when we really needed him. Against Vanderbilt he played an excellent ballgame (game-high 96 yards on 20 carries, one TD). He was there in the clutch when we really needed him."

■ **Fullback Al Baker:** "He's a senior...we came in together. He's a hard-nosed ballplayer. I believe he'll come into his own finally."

■ **Receiver Steve Phillips:** "He probably has the best hands of the group. He's a consistent player who doesn't have great

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—Jan Stenerud

speed but great hands and has good pass patterns. If Freddie can get him the ball anywhere near him, I believe he will catch it.

■ **Return specialist/receiver Kurt Johnson:** "Everyone knows he's a big play man. He's exciting to watch. He's great for that little dump pass because he's so quick off the line of scrimmage; he can get those one or two steps and cross the middle."

■ **OG Joel Mazzella:** "He's not real big, as far as height, but he's real big in heart. He's a great athlete. Joel's probably the best athlete on the whole offensive line...I look for him to make real big strides this season. He's not a real emotional person but he's a very intense person."

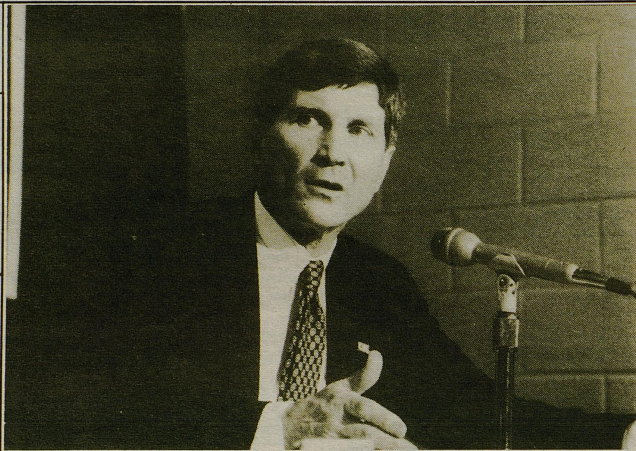
■ **OT Greg Lahr:** "Greg is a real big player (6-5, 270). He's not the greatest athlete but he's a perfectionist; what he does is perfect. He's big and strong and that's an advantage to him. Half of the game is just doing the right thing, and the other half is desire and ability. With the ability he has and the desire and what he has upstairs, that will really help him."

■ **DT Jerry Bell:** "I really look for Jerry Bell to come into his own, maybe make some all-conference picks. I thought he had a tremendous year last year. He's a real aggressive-type of football player. If he gets it all down pat he's going to have a great year."

■ **Linebacker Billy Swanson:** "He's an outstanding ballplayer. He gets to the ball really well and has got great speed. Billy is an aggressive-type ballplayer and he's a 'big play' maker."

■ **Corners Chris Tolbert and Sterling Ward and free safety Brad Armstead:** "They work really well together. It seems like they have a real good friendship off the field and that helps them back there. They bond well together. They are sort of like brothers—they are always around each other."

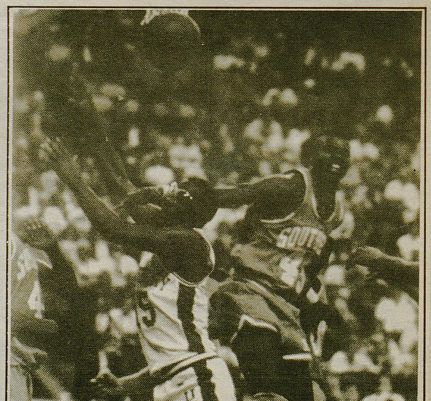
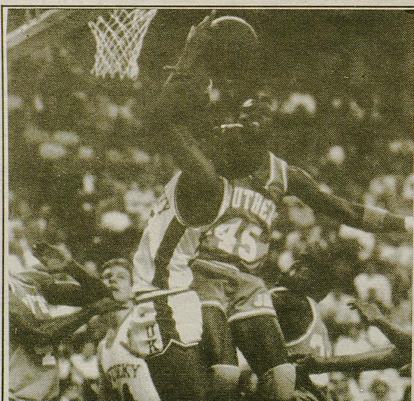
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