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Wildcats defeat Gophers; Cat fight to ensue

By Jay G. Tate
Weekend Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — Though injury upped its role in UK's NCAA tournament from cameo to the lead, UK overcame the malaises and a gritty Minnesota team Saturday night to win its 11th straight NCAA tournament game, 78-69. It was a contest that had the omnipresent UK contingent on its feet throughout — though for widely varying reasons. They were thunderous for the two technical free throws shot and made by senior Derek Anderson, who has been out since Jan. 18 with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

On the other hand, all was quiet on the Big Blue front as super-sophomore Ron Mercer crashed hard to the floor after a rebound in the second half. In addition, Mercer sat out a brief portion of the game with leg cramps, a situation that garnered the attention of nearly every camera and every pair of Wildcat eyes.

"I started catching leg cramps in the second half," Mercer said.

"I tried to continue to play on, but it was most of the time when I was jumping and it affected my jumping a little bit."

Mix hindered jumping with a team's best jump shooter and the product can be detrimental.

"Sometimes you're going to shoot good, sometimes you're not," Mercer said after his 7-of-21 performance. "I had pretty good shots. I didn't get enough left on my shot, but other than that, I'm glad we won the game."

The early portion of the game saw UK take a 14-5 lead only five minutes into the first half.

After cutting the Cats' lead to five at the half, the Gophers caught up and eventually went ahead 51-52 mid-way through the second half. But UK countered with a 14-4 run late and eventually eased to a nine-point win to advance to tomorrow's NCAA tourney final.

"We beat a team that's as physically and mentally tough

"We came out here and we were scared," Jackson said. "(UK) did a good job of containing us and pressuring us, and we just had some careless turnovers." But turnovers were nowhere to be found on UK's offensive end. Though the Cats shot only 38.3 percent from the field, Wildcat point guard Wayne Turner played an uncharacteristic 39 minutes and helped UK weather the poor-shooting storm.

"I don't know how he did it," Piti-no said. "He took on all that pressure, penetrated when we needed it, played 39 minutes of great basketball with only one turnover. He gave a remarkable performance."

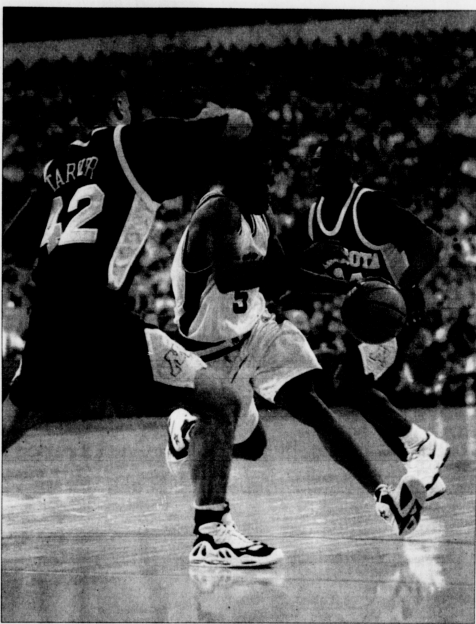
Though not remarkable for its scoring merit, Turner's six-assist, five-steal and four-rebound performance was just what the Cats needed in the tight minutes of the second half.

"The more I play, the more I learn and the more courage I get," Turner said. "It wasn't just me — everybody just pushed it in. We knew time was running out and it was time to get it done."

Before the season, many people had written the Cats off because of their off-season losses to the NBA. They came into Saturday's national semifinal with only one of last year's five starts remaining in the lineup. Turner was not among those wavering on his team's chances.

"A lot of people didn't think we would make it back here," Turner said.

"We came to practice every day believing we could make it back to this point. For us not to win this game on Monday — it wouldn't be a happy sight."



DRIVING TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP Wayne Turner dribbles past two Gopher defenders for an easy two points. UK defends its title against Arizona tonight. See Sports, page 5.



Fans recreate last year's intersection mayhem

By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor

Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200. Head directly to Euclid and Woodland avenues.

That pretty much captures the crowd's reaction after UK's victory against the Minnesota Golden Gophers Saturday night.

As students slowly trickled out of the residence halls, shouts of joy erupted from South, Central and North campuses.

The same crowd that celebrated in the middle of the Kirwan-Blanding Complex to dance, sing and strip following the UMass victory last year skipped those activities and saved them for Woodland

and Euclid avenues. Thousands of UK fans descended into the intersection-turned mosh pit where men and women shed their tops in the chilly 40-degree weather, people poured beer on each other as if it were water, and people pushed each other around in shopping carts.

The frenzy drove one student up the wall — make that a utility pole. "I had to see it from everywhere," said theater design junior Jon Humphrey, who perched atop a Woodland Avenue utility pole. "You have to be high to see what's right."

Last year finance senior Brian

Mowery traveled to East Rutherford, N.J., to see the Wildcats play in the Final Four, but the celebration at UK provided more excitement.

"It seemed like a lot more fun," he said.

Jim Johnson, a secondary education junior, watched the celebration from the house he rents about 50 feet away on Woodland Avenue.

"We've seen it all," he said.

Johnson participated in last year's melee; this year he guarded his car from possible vandalism, while people overturned trash cans and discarded beer cans on lawns along the street he calls home.



TAKING IT OFF Students celebrated in many ways on Saturday night, including removing their tops as one woman, left, did while prepped on someone's shoulders.

Students in Indy predict victory

By Brett Dawson
Senior Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — UK students wrung their hands nervously, chastised referees and chanted "C-A-T-S" at the top of their lungs here on Saturday night.

And that was just during the Arizona-North Carolina game.

By the time UK took the floor for its national semifinal win over Minnesota, students dressed in blue and white were in rare form, loud and proud throughout the Wildcats' 78-69 victory.

Tonight they're hoping to celebrate the school's second straight national championship.

"It's unbelievable," Shawn McCarrt said of his first Final Four experience. "And I've been going to UK games my entire life."

Few of these games could have hoped to match the intensity of Saturday's.

The highlight of the night for most Cat fans, though, came shortly before that UM lead. With Minnesota trailing 47-43, the Gophers' Courtney James was whistled for a charge as he soared for a dunk.

Gopher Coach Clem Haskins argued the call vehemently and was hit with a technical foul after he threw his jacket to the floor.

Enter Derek Anderson.

The UK senior, sidelined since late January when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, checked into the game and sank both foul shots.

Anderson's composure came in stark contrast to the frenzy of the UK crowd.

"I freaked. I think the whole crowd freaked," said Chris Wells, an engineering senior.

"That's the most exciting two points of the tournament."

Many non-students who expected to see such highlights were left out on Saturday.

No fewer than 17 student IDs were confiscated at the RCA Dome from people trying to

pose as students, UK Athletics officials said.

And even those students who got in the door didn't always make it through the entire game. One man in the student section, asleep through most of halftime, was removed from the audience by security officers after he vomited on the seats and the floor in front of him.

"Hopefully that guy won't be returning (tonight)," said Jason McConathy, a UK student who sat in the row behind the ejected fan.

The Wildcats, though, will be returning, with a chance to do what only Duke has done since UCLA's dynasty years — win back-to-back national championships.

"To do it, they'll have to knock off an Arizona team that in the past two weeks has sent Kansas and North Carolina packing."

UK students are getting the opponent they wanted — many chanted "Go home Tar Heels" in the waning moments of Arizona's win — but U of A promises to be no pushover.

The key to the game? "Perimeter defense — they've got the guard play," said Wells, who predicted the Cats would be successful posting up 'Zona inside. "We've got the size advantage. Carolina was killing them in there. We're not as big or strong as Carolina, but we've still got 'em in there."

A stellar game from Ron Mercer would be a boon to UK's repeat chances. And UK students expect the sophomore All-American to have his touch back after shooting 7-for-21 against the Gophers.

"He's gonna show something for the NBA," McCarrt said. "He's gonna come up strong."

Perimeter defense, inside scoring and a hot night from Mercer should add up to a happy ending for one set of Wildcat fans, McConathy said.

"(UK) by about 20," he predicted. "I think we're just gonna run 'em to death."

Despite common belief, if UK wins, school still in session, UK official says

By Halli Wu
Staff Writer

To have or have not, that is the question. Should the students and the school forget about classes and continue celebrating Tuesday if UK wins the championship, or should they still get up the next morning and attend classes?

The administration prefers the latter.

"If we are so fortunate as to win — and I believe we will — we will celebrate, but school will be open," said Joseph Burch, vice

president for University relations. Burch is the one who decides if classes should be canceled due to emergencies.

To him, the NCAA championship does not quiet constitute an emergency.

"We are not in a position to cancel class according to the academic calendar. One has to contemplate how we are going to make (missed days) up," Burch said.

"We expect the faculty to teach classes as usual."

As for the faculty, there are

those, like Tom Troland, who will be watching the basketball games with a six-pack of Diet Pepsi and a bag of low-fat chips.

But he will still hold classes on Tuesday.

"I will do whatever the University asks me to do. I'm required by my job to have classes," said Troland, an associate professor of physics and astronomy.

"I understand some students will choose not to come."

Yet he also said he will not set up classes tomorrow especially to penalize those students who don't

attend class.

Judging from last year's experience, if UK does win tonight, professors should not really expect a lot of people showing up for classes tomorrow.

Nevertheless, some students advocate having classes.

"I think we should hold classes, but not require count the attendance," said Laura Edwards, an English freshman.

"I think it's silly for the whole University to shut down for basketball. Students should be able to learn if they want to."

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Tigers' big sticks give Wildcat pitchers fits

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

UK had an opportunity yesterday to do something that no other Southeastern Conference team had done this season — take 2-of-3 from No. 3 Auburn.

But once the game started, the Cats (7-18-1 overall, 4-8 in the SEC) quickly learned why the Tigers are leading the SEC in batting against conference teams.

Auburn (28-3, 8-3) hammered out a season-high 25 hits off of six Wildcat hurlers on its way to a 18-3 bludgeoning at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The win gave the Tigers 2-of-3 for the series, with UK winning 6-5 in 12 innings on Saturday.



Andy Green

"Auburn's a veteran club with a lot of outstanding hitters," UK Coach Keith Madison said. "You look at their averages and (runs batted in) ... and it doesn't take you long to figure out they're an outstanding hitting team."

"They obviously had their hitting shoes on," he said. "Once a team like Auburn, that has a lot of good hitters — once they get their confidence rolling, it seems like everything they hit seems to fall in."

Starter Aaron Acuff, who has been battling a back injury, gave up four runs, all earned, in two-thirds of an inning to take the loss. His record falls to 0-3 on the year.

"I'm not making any excuses for Aaron," Madison said, "but we had to take him out of last weekend's game against Arkansas because of his bad back. His back really wasn't bothering him that bad today, but it was just that he went all week without (throwing in) the bullpen."

"Sometimes a pitcher can come out after taking a week off and do fine, and sometimes he can't," he said. "That just affected his control, not that he was walking a lot of people, he was just getting the ball up in the strike zone."

Despite allowing season-highs in runs and hits, Madison saw some high points in the Cats' performance against the nation's third-best team.

"Andy Green made some good plays at third base," he said. "Greg Reid came in and gave us a good outing in relief. Josh Loggins hit the ball well today."

"There certainly were some bright spots; they're overshadowed by Auburn's offensive deluge."

Reid pitched four innings, allowing one run on five hits while striking out four Tiger hitters. Loggins, who caught yesterday, was 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and a run scored.

Madison disregarded Saturday's 12-inning marathon as a negative effect on the Wildcats' performance.

"If these guys were 45 years old like me, maybe," Madison said. "These guys should be able to go 12 innings every day. (It) certainly didn't have an effect on Auburn."

SPORTSbytes

UK's Lewis captures third in NCAA swimming meet

Freshman distance freestyler Nat Lewis swam a 15:00.73 to finish third in the 1,600-yard freestyle Saturday at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis.

Lewis broke the school record in both the 1,000 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle en route to the best finish ever by a UK men's swimmer or diver at the NCAA level. Lewis also became the first UK swimmer to win an All-American since 1973.

"I cut 33 seconds off of my best time coming into this year and 11 seconds off of my best collegiate time, so I was very pleased," Lewis said. Lewis also set the school record in the 500 freestyle on Thursday, earning honorable mention All-American honors.

Boggs injured in batting practice

ATLANTA — New York Yankees third baseman Wade Boggs was struck above the left eye by a ball during batting practice prior to yesterday's exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves, sending him to a hospital for treatment.

The wound took 47 stitches — 30 inside the wound, 17 on the outside — to close, but Boggs said he expects to play when the Yankees open the season tomorrow night at Seattle.

Dr. Stuart Hershon, the Yankees team physician, said the injury was "a laceration similar to what boxers get above the eye. ... It's not that complicated."

The injury occurred with Boggs at third and Yankee coach Willie Randolph hitting fungos to the infielders during batting practice. The ball skipped up and struck the infielder in the head.

Bleeding profusely, he was taken to Piedmont to receive stitches.

The stitches will be removed Wednesday.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is a free service which appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All registered organizations wishing to publish meetings, lectures, special events and sporting events, must have all information to Student Activities room 205 or call 257-8867 one week prior to publication.

MONDAY 3/31

ACADEMIC
Priority registration for the 1997 Fall Semester and both 1997 Summer Sessions (thru 4/18)

ARTS & MOVIES
-SAB Rasdall Gallery: Windows, Neighbors, Friends, Nancy Pollis, Madeline Enoch, Mary Jane Littleton, 257 Student Ctr (thru 4/4); 257-8887
-Center for Contemporary Art: Sculpture by Lawrence Hawthorne, MFA exhibition (thru 4/11)
-Fine Arts Institute classes, Dates, times-fees vary; CALL 296-7831 to register (thru 4/18)

MEETINGS
-Newman Ctr Catholic Mass every weekday, 12:10pm, 320 Rose St; 255-8566

LECTURES
-Career Center Orientations: Mon-Fri, 8:30am & 2:00pm (thru 2/21) 257-2746

RECREATION
-Allied Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS
-Men's Basketball NCAA Final Championship Game
-UK Men's Tennis vs. Alabama (Indoors), 2:30pm; Lexington, KY

TUESDAY 4/1

ACADEMIC
-Followed deadline for submitting application for admission to the College of Dentistry for the 1997 Fall Semester

ARTS & MOVIES
-Exhibit: The Elements: Reorganization of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water from the Collection, UK Art Museum (thru mid-June)

LECTURES
-Exhibit: American Orientalists, UK Art Museum (thru 4/1)

MEETINGS
-SAB Board Meeting, 2:30pm, 205 Student Ctr

RECREATION
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Women's Tennis vs. Notre Dame, 1:00pm; Lexington, KY
-UK Baseball @ Xavier, 3:00pm; Cincinnati, OH

WEDNESDAY 4/2

ARTS & MOVIES
-Exhibit: The Elements: Reorganization of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water from the Collection, UK Art Museum (thru mid-June)

LECTURES
-Exhibit: American Orientalists, UK Art Museum (thru 4/1)

MEETINGS
-SAB Board Meeting, 2:30pm, 205 Student Ctr

RECREATION
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Women's Tennis vs. Notre Dame, 1:00pm; Lexington, KY
-UK Baseball @ Xavier, 3:00pm; Cincinnati, OH

LECTURES

-UK Career Ctr. Workshop: Second Interviews and Plant Visits, 10:00am, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746
-Women's Law Caucus Spring Luncheon, featuring S. Wiegand speaking on "The Law, Louise & the Law Society," 12:00pm, Boone Faculty Ctr; \$15, public \$12, students, tickets available at the law bldg.
-Center for Computational Sciences Seminar, Dwe-Jens Wies, Quantum Spins & Quantum Links: From Antiferromagnets to QCD, 5:30pm, 327 Tockey Hall, reception @ 3:00pm

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

-UK Intramural Swim Meet, Lancaster Aquatic Ctr
-Allied Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS

-UK Men's Tennis vs. Tennessee, 2:00pm, Knoxville, TN
-UK Baseball vs. Birmingham-Southern, 6:00pm, Birmingham, KY

SPECIAL EVENTS

-UK Initiation Ceremony, 6:00pm, 599 Student Ctr, banquet to follow @ 6:50pm in the Small Ballroom

THURSDAY 4/3

ARTS & MOVIES
-Brhams Series Finale, Part 10 of 10 concerts, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; 255-8566

MEETINGS
-Baptist Student Union Devotion & Lunch (4:15-5:30pm), 429 Columbia Ave; 257-8887
-UK Wesleyan Union, 7:30pm, 502 Columbia Ave; 257-8887

RECREATION
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Men's Tennis vs. LSU, TBA; Baton Rouge, LA
-UK Baseball @ Alabama, 2:00pm; Tuscaloosa, AL
-UK Women's Tennis vs. Spring Invitational, 10:00am (4/8)

RECREATION

-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Outdoor Track & Texas Relays, Austin, TX (thru 4/5)

SPECIAL EVENTS

-SAB Board Meeting, 2:30pm, 205 Student Ctr
-UK Wesleyan Union, 7:30pm, 502 Columbia Ave; 257-8887

FRIDAY 4/4

ARTS & MOVIES
-Gallery Series presents "Music for Wind Quintet," UK School of Music, 8:00pm, Real Gallery, King Library

MEETINGS
-Johnnes Brahms Centennial Celebration Finale: "An Evening in Vienna" Reception & German dinner, 8:00pm, UK Fencing Club, Reception with UK Cheerleaders, Chorus, soloists, & UK Symphonic Orchestra, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr Concert Hall; \$10, FREE for students; CALL 257-8110 for dinner reservations

RECREATION
-Allied Club, 1:00-3:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS
-UK Men's Tennis vs. LSU, TBA; Baton Rouge, LA
-UK Baseball @ Alabama, 2:00pm; Tuscaloosa, AL
-UK Women's Tennis vs. Spring Invitational, 10:00am (4/8)

SATURDAY 4/5

RECREATION
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Men's Tennis vs. LSU, TBA; Baton Rouge, LA
-UK Baseball @ Alabama, 2:00pm; Tuscaloosa, AL
-UK Women's Tennis vs. Spring Invitational, 10:00am (4/8)

College of Architecture

ARTS & MOVIES

UK Dance Ensemble Spring Concert, 3:00pm, Singletary Ctr Recital Hall; \$8, \$5, \$1

MEETINGS

-Newman Center Catholic Mass, 9:00 & 11:50am, 5:00 & 8:30pm, 320 Rose St; 255-8566
-UK Student Fellowship University Praise Service, 11:00am, 302 Columbia Ave; 255-0313

RECREATION

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SPORTS

WEEKEND wrapup

TRIVIA TEST

WHEN WAS the last time UK repeated as national champions?

ANSWER: The Cats won the 1948-49 championships.

Guards give Cats visions of 'Cocks

By Jay G. Tate
Weekend Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — As UK stands one step away from a nearly immortal second-straight NCAA championship, only two games continue to stick in the Cats' minds.

South Carolina. Both of them. USC, which defeated UK twice during the regular season, found rare success against the Cats with a talented blend of three quick, agile guards. The Gamecock backcourt was both deadly with the dribble and painful to guard from the outside.

When Coppin State topped South Carolina in the first round of the NCAA tourney, UK breathed a collective sigh of relief — the specter was gone. Think again. Arizona, which earned a spot in the national finals by defeating North Carolina 66-58 Saturday night, utilizes an attack similar to that of USC. UA relies heavily on their backcourt to generate the team's offense.

"Our guys like the fast-paced games," Arizona head coach Lute Olson said. "If they have the choice of what kind of game they'd like to play, it would be full-court pressure and get up and down the floor. It's going to be like a tennis match."

The formidable UA backcourt is anchored by junior Miles Simon, who is second on the team in scoring with 17.9 points per game. Simon played a key role in the team's win over UNC, hitting 9-of-19 from the field for 24 points. Though Arizona's 24-

record seems less than impressive when compared with UK's 35-4 mark, Simon insists UK isn't the favorite some people perceive it to be.

"I don't think that we're an underdog," he said. "There's only two teams left. These are the two best teams in college basketball. We're not an underdog anymore."

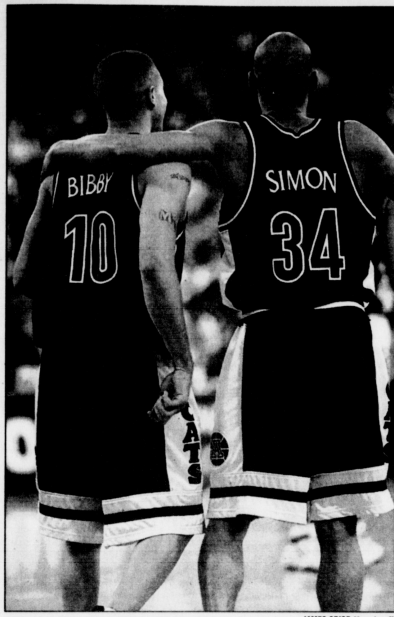
Also leading the Arizona charge is small forward Michael Dickerson, a junior from Seattle who leads the team in scoring with 19.3 points per game.

Though he frequently shoulders the Wildcats' scoring load, Dickerson went cold against the Tar Heels, going 1-of-10 from the field.

"That happens sometimes," Dickerson said of the poor outing Saturday night. "If I start 0-5, 0-7, 0-10, I need to keep shooting to open up the floor."

And when the floor opens up, 'Zona freshman Mike Bibby takes the ball to the hole. His 20 points against UNC's Ed Cota and Vince Carter are a testament to his ability to score against tough defenses.

"At the beginning of (Saturday's) game, I was missing the jumpers I usually make," Bibby said. "I just think it was nerves from us playing in our first Final Four. Then I got more comfortable and started making plays off



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

DYNAMIC DUO Arizona's backcourt of Miles Simon and Mike Bibby (above) have helped to guide the Wildcats to tonight's national championship game.

the dribble." But if 'Zona hopes to make big plays, they'll have to break UK's powerful full-court pressure. Though UA says it has prepared for that type of pressure in practice, UK's Ron Mercer thinks it's pretentious for Arizona's Wildcats to think they can decipher it that quickly.

"Teams look at film and try to dissect it and they can, but they can't simulate," Mercer said. "It's totally different in a game. It took me just this year to get acquainted with it and feel comfortable."

Indeed, if time is what it takes to feel comfortable, then UK's fifth-year senior Jared Prickett should feel downright cozy tomorrow night. He's been with the Cats since 1992, which has

"THESE ARE the best two teams in college basketball. We're not an underdog anymore."

Miles Simon, Arizona guard, on U of A's chances tonight against UK

PEP TALK

Haskins' technical gets Anderson shots

By Rob Herbst
Weekend Sports Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — UK

guard Derek Anderson should be on hands and knees, thanking Minnesota head coach Clem Haskins.

On Jan. 18, Anderson tore his anterior cruciate ligament in his knee. Throughout his rehabilitation process, UK coach Rick Pitino jokingly commented that the only way Anderson would enter a game is if he shot free throws resulting from a technical foul.

Anderson had the opportunity to shoot those free throws on Saturday after Haskins threw off his coat and vehemently argued a charging call against the Gophers' Courtney James with 14:31 remaining in the second half.

"What were the chances at getting a technical foul? Slim to none," Anderson said. "I saw Coach (Pitino) running down the bench. I guess he was looking for me. It was a lot of fun to go out there and give the team a boost instead of yelling."

It seemed as if Anderson spent his entire two-plus months of rehabilitation on the free throw line. Both shot attempts were perfect as they touched the bottom of the net.

How history would be changed

It is somewhat ironic that in his fourth Final Four and first championship game, Arizona head coach Lute Olson will face UK tonight. If it wasn't for one of Olson's grandchildren, he might have been the head coach of the Wildcats — UK's version.

Olson was considered a top candidate for the UK head coach-

ing position in 1985, but ultimately decided to stay at Arizona while UK fans got stuck with Eddie Sutton and a few years of probation.

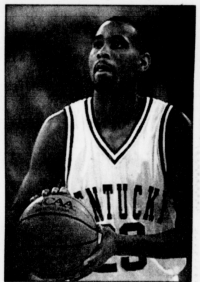
But when Sutton left after the 1988-89 season, Olson again thought hard about coming to UK.

"I guess the turning point in that one was my wife had picked up two of the grandkids from school that day, and on the way home they said something to her about that's OK if you and Papa Lute decide to go," Olson said.

"While they're saying it they're got tears streaming down their eyes. To go and

take a look, I'm talking about, now, not go and take the job."

Instead of Olson, UK ended up with Rick Pitino and one, maybe two national championships.



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

STEPPING TO THE LINE Derek Anderson returned to the court Saturday with two free throws.

KENTUCKYstats

Team statistics

UK	Opponents
.472	Field Goal Percentage .398
.6856	Free-Throw Percentage .687
.371	Three-Point Percentage .311
83.2	Points Per Game 62.3
36.8	Rebounds Per Game 33.8
14.5	Off. Rebounds Per Game 12.0
19.4	Assists Per Game 12.1
14.7	Turnovers Per Game 22.8
5.0	Blocks Per Game 2.5
12.1	Steals Per Game 6.4

BACKCOURT

Arizona's backcourt of Miles Simon and Mike Bibby is arguably one of the top backcourts in the country. Simon is scoring almost 18 points a game, even though he missed the beginning of the season due to suspension. Bibby is a master of getting the ball where it is supposed to go, with more than 170 assists this season. Wayne Turner was the stabilizing force in the semifinal win over Minnesota, keeping his composure despite the injuries and foul problems that surrounded him.

FRONTCOURT

Jared Prickett and Nazr Mohammed have been playing huge on the glass throughout the NCAA Tournament. The pair, along with Jamaal Magloire, must continue to be glass-eaters against Arizona if UK wants to capture its second consecutive national championship. Forward Michael Dickerson has been Arizona's biggest inside force all season.

BENCH

Neither team is very deep, but when UK goes to its bench, the players are almost as good as the starters. For Arizona, the bench lacks the scoring punch that UK's does. Guard Jason Terry is the lone real scoring threat for Arizona off the bench. UK's bench is boosted by Mohammed and Prickett.

ETC.

One group of Wildcats is playing for its first-ever national championship, the other is looking for its second-straight crown, and seventh in school history. Arizona is in its first national title game, while UK — where Arizona coach Lute Olson almost left to become the head coach at in 1989 — wants to become the first team to repeat as champs since Duke did it in 1991-92.

ARIZONAstats

Team statistics

UA	Opponents
.455	Field Goal Percentage .436
.647	Free-Throw Percentage .655
.368	Three-Point Percentage .328
83.8	Points Per Game 73.1
36.6	Rebounds Per Game 38.0
16.6	Off. Rebounds Per Game 14.5
16.8	Assists Per Game 15.7
15.2	Turnovers Per Game 20.1
3.0	Blocks Per Game 4.1
10.6	Steals Per Game 7.3

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'Baby' more mature film than 'Man'

Angel Baby
Cinepix Films
★★★★ (out of five)
By Dan O'Neill
Arts Editor

The movie industry has a bit of a fetish for crazy people. Ever since the sleeper success of *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Hollywood has given us every variation of the mentally challenged/disturbed possible.

Australia's new film, *Angel Baby*, puts a bit of a twist on the fascination by portraying the romantic relationship between two psychiatric patients.

Harry (John Lynch) is a charismatic, intelligent young man who seems harnessed by his occasional bouts of psychosis. He meets Kate (Jacqueline McKenzie) during group therapy at "The Clubhouse," a psychiatric clinic, and the two immediately kick off a steamy relationship. Moments after meeting the movie presents a montage of sex scenes in different settings, positions, etc.

Kate carries a mysterious, fireball edge to her, the eccentricity of which is brought out through her relationship with Astral, her guardian angel. Every night Kate glues herself to Australia's version of "Wheel of Fortune" as a means of getting messages from Astral. The messages, found in the answers of the Wheel's phrases, serve as forecasts for Kate and Harry's relationship.

The first half, including a hilarious opening sequence, spends most of its time depicting a lighter, more humorous side of being crazy while it sets up Harry and Kate's relationship. About the half-way mark, Kate gets pregnant, the two decide to drop their medication, and things start to get hairy. The combination of Kate's unstable mind, a lack of stabilizing drugs, a pregnancy and a history of hemorrhaging spells a disastrous climax for the already-trou-



ANGRY AUSSIE John Lynch (above) lets loose his frustration during a rainstorm in Michael Rymer's writing/directing debut *'Angel Baby.'* The film plays at the Kentucky Theatre through the end of the week.

bled couple.
Writer/director Michael Rymer makes his feature film debut with a well-balanced mix of dark, disturbing events and earlier, light-hearted character development. In achieving this balance, the film gains its ultimate beauty. By taking a sweet, free-spirited approach at the film's outset, Rymer leads the viewer to care for the two characters when their lives take a turn for the worse.

Lynch, who gained a name for himself with the recent English and Irish films *In the Name of the Father* and *Moll Flanders*, is convincing in one of his first lead appearances. McQuenzie (*Romper Stomper*) combines the brooding, eye shadow-heavy look of Jennifer

Jason Leigh with the youthful vitality of Kate Winslet to give a truly fresh performance.

Despite all of its graphic, depressing subject matter, *Angel Baby* delivers a strange, liberating feeling in its closing images. The true credit of the film, and others like it, lies in its ability to offer sanctuary in the blood and manic confusion of others.

The Sixth Man
Touchstone Pictures
★★ (out of five)
By Matt Mulcahey
Staff Critic

The Sixth Man attempts to combine the elements of *Angels in the Outfield* and *Ghost*, and the result is a predictable, poorly written, poorly directed disaster.

The Sixth Man centers on the relationship of two brothers, Antoine and Kenny Tyler. Just when their childhood dream of leading the Washington Huskies to a title is in reach, the older and more talented Antoine dies during an important game. When his younger brother Kenny has trouble coping, Antoine returns as a ghost to help his brother and their team win a national championship.

The fatal flaw of *The Sixth Man* lies in director Randall Miller's attempt to blend drama and slapstick comedy — he fails miserably. The film is filled with terrible, sappy dialogue and unnecessary, ineffective subplots that destroy every potentially meaningful scene. *The Sixth Man* shows a glimpse of the movie it could have been

when it sticks to slapstick comedy. For a brief period in the middle of the film, I actually enjoyed *The Sixth Man*. The key word is "brief." The rest of the movie is almost not watchable.

The low point comes in the poorly shot climax. The final game is the worst sports sequence I've ever seen, lacking any sense of realism and clichéd in every aspect.

The cast and performances are better than this movie deserves. Hardison is just adequate as the deceased brother, but Marlon Wayans is appealing in the lead. Wayans rises above the sub-par material and comes off extremely likable as a young man forced to step out of his brother's shadow.

The highlight of the cast is the acting debut of former UK basketball star Travis Ford. Ford is surprisingly good as hard-nosed player Danny O'Grady. He's no De Niro, but Ford provides some of the movie's funniest moments. Ford and the other Washington players add some charm and humor to an otherwise melodramatic mess.

It's disappointing to see a talented character actor David Paymer, who was so brilliant in his Oscar-winning performance as Billy Crystal's long-suffering father in the vastly underrated *Mr. Saturday Night*, reduced to spitting out cheesy lines.

Despite some charming performances, *The Sixth Man* is a jumbled mess. That's what happens when Hollywood depends on formula instead of originality.

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Typical road trip lots of fun, if road mates have sense of humor

It's not a standard spring destination, but it should be: Colorado is beautiful. Now, let's qualify that at the beginning. One of the proposed names for the NFL team, which became known as the Denver Broncos, was "The Brown Cloud," a moniker affectionately referring to the smog that settles over this very large city when the wind blows back toward the mountains.

And eastern Colorado looks just like western Kansas, which makes you wonder for the entire three hours you're driving over it how in the world Dorothy could want to come back here. ("Screw the red shoes, Wiz. I don't even care about the witches — I can't look at another corn field.")

But that's about all you can say had about it. Denver is quite a town, with incredibly friendly people, lots of great restaurants, bookstores, neat bars and sunshine 300 days per year!

Of course, given that you're already closer to the sun, this last fact means that your chances for getting skin cancer are surely much higher there. But why nitpick? If you plan to visit your dermatologist often, Denver could be your kind of place.

Then, in addition to the many other interesting towns near Denver, there are the mountains to the west. Don't think you've seen the Rockies until you see these Rockies. They're indescribable in any way that's satisfying — just bring your camera and show pictures instead of talking when you want people to appreciate what you've seen. "Gorgeous" is a nice attempt to capture what you'll see. And don't forget the hot springs, or the glaciers where you can ski wearing shorts. I can't recommend it highly enough. But you might want to fly, not drive. We drove, which is rough.

It was a 20-hour drive each way, which can strain any friendship. Here are a couple of tips for minimizing the likelihood of road trip dysfunction.

Go with people with whom you can make decisions. If you have to fight over where to eat each meal, a trip can get terribly tedious.

Make sure you have compatible senses of humor. If you didn't realize her nervous laughter or his constant punning

got on your nerves, you will. But if you will all share laughter at mishaps and oddities — all road trips are full of them, even though some people fail to notice — most of the travellers' tension will be released.

Bring music you can agree on. If you play country music referring to the smog that settles over this very large city when the wind blows back toward the mountains, she will soon hate you.

This is called "transference." It may not seem like this is true when you take off, but choosing music you like that everyone else likes, and leaving home music you love that someone else loathes, will save all involved a lot of heartache.

There is a word called "compromise." If you choose not to compromise, remember, he can't flee when you put in the Lionel Ritchie tape, which means he must either physically or verbally attack you, or else seethe, waiting for his chance to get you back. This is called "a typical road trip."

Some last notes: If Colorado, stop in Russell, Kan. We did, just to get some gas, which is about all you can get there. But there is also the big sign letting you know that you're now in the boyhood home of Bob Dole.

This is not, however, the adult home of the ex-senator. While paying for the gas I was asked the guy at the cash register if Bob showed up much these days now that he was retired.

The fellow chuckled and shook his head, and said, "Naw, we don't see much of Bob these days. In fact, that commercial was made in Texas. It was too cold for him in Kansas."

It was a little disillusioning to realize that the townsfolk who said they grew up with Bob Dole in the commercial.

I were really just seasoned actors, who had probably trained for weeks to sound like they weren't actors, but instead West Kansas farmers.

But, of course, we travel in order to have our eyes opened. And so, older and wiser, we drove on.

When we came a short while later to the sign that read "World's Largest Prairie Dog — Next Right!" we knew the perfect vacation spot couldn't be far away.



Contributing Columnist
Brandon Claycomb



Of course, given that you're already closer to the sun, this last fact means that your chances for getting skin cancer are surely much higher there.

Avoid destruction

At today's game in Indianapolis there will be UK students standing outside the arena trying to buy tickets to the big game.

In fact there will probably be some UK faculty and staff that will be left outside in the cold. While these people who have an immediate connection with the University are unable to get tickets, another group was offered the opportunity to buy Final Four tickets.

A group that will be making an important decision about the future of the University in May will be seated at the big game.

The University is trying to "make available" tickets to the 138 Kentucky legislators.

What is interesting is how many of those legislators may "make available" their vote in support of UK in the upcoming special session battle over the future of higher education in Kentucky.

While Final Four tickets may not be the basis of a legislator's vote, simply by giving senators and representatives access to UK tickets is questionable.

UK is also offering tickets to arch-enemy

Gov. Paul Patton, but he certainly is not using 138 seats.

While Patton and President Charles battle it out over stripping UK of the community college system, the only battle that will matter is in the legislature. Giving special privileges to those who will be the deciding factor in that fight is unethical.

When tickets are going for thousands of dollars in Indianapolis what would prevent a non-making a large sum of money.

Are the legislators required to use the strict voucher system that students are forced to endure?

What would prevent legislators from using their allotted Final Four tickets to gain some political support of their own. Many votes in the legislature could probably be swayed with a couple of UK tickets.

UK did give students a fair share of tickets, but it seems that the 138 tickets for the legislators could have been distributed to a more well-deserving group, namely UK students, faculty or staff.

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"Redneck" one of the few derogatories left

To the editor:

The eluding of self continues in the present day, wonderfully hidden by the seemingly complete acceptance of what is a proper regard for a specified group. Mass-culture America has shifted its outward expressions of ignorant biases from the point of race to the degradation of a socio-economic group.

At some points, the tolerance for such terms as "nigger" dwindled to the point as to obscure their outright use in general public affairs. The kind of blind prejudices that kindle the use of such language, however, are still just as prevalent. Today, as in the past, we have only needed to find a

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scapegoat that would provide a guilt-free hatred outlet.

Today, the word "redneck" — a word whose use has strangely escaped persecution from those with a sensitivity for what is seen as politically, or humanistically, correct — is a popular term for stereotyping a group of people who possess certain supposed qualities.

These people are seemingly uneducated, unruly and devoid of social grace. We find this term applied chiefly to those of rural background, which implies a certain geographic location in relation to urban or suburban contexts.

Those people in the sticks are incestuous, racist and vile. Those people are rednecks. As in the past, people with the potential to become self-knowing/individuals can still hide

behind the possibility of their insignificance by forming the conception of a group that is in all ways of lesser quality. It is a shame that we run from such fascinating questions.

Nathan G. Smith
architecture senior

Another similarity of two important men

To the editor:

Thursday's Kernel contained a half-page advertisement explaining how Jesus and Harry Houdini were different. One important similarity was overlooked, however... They both were Jewish.

Alan Solomon
American Council on Education Fellow

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Education is where the money is — not big-time sports

When Ron Mercer announced his decision to turn pro earlier this year, I was elated.

After all, that was his ultimate goal when he entered college. His shooting ability, his agility and quickness make him a certain top-five pick in the draft.

The same applied to Walker, the guy who left last year before his junior year. However, their decision to quit school early and jump into the NBA draft pool sends out some unfortunate signals to all those kids holding basketballs in their backpacks.

Mercer is not just another basketball player. He is an exceptional basketball player. He has earned his ticket to the NBA.

However, it really hurts to hear people using him as an example to prove that one does not really need a college education these days.

People like Mercer, Walker and Kobe Bryant are not the norm; they are exceptions to the rule.

In today's fast-changing world, it is an absolute must for a person to get educated to succeed in life. You do not need a perfect jump shot to make millions of dollars.

The years spent in college help individuals mold their personalities and explore avenues they never knew existed. They learn to respect

ideas different from their own. They learn to respect peers and understand the value of hard work.

Stated simply, they learn to

look into a mirror in the morning and respect the person they see. Money does not make everything right in the world. Let me do a little math here.

If I add a million dollars to myself and subtract whatever I have learned in college, I get a fool with a lot of rope.

Look at the confused millionaires around you — Michael Irvin, Dennis Rodman, Mike Tyson... the list could go on.

This is what happens when you have a lot of money in your pocket and you don't have to earn anything more.

So how do you spend your free time? You abuse drugs, beat women, dye your hair green and put tattoos on every inch of your body.

People must learn to earn things. It is the painful way but also the most rewarding and satisfying.

I have the weirdest-looking shot in basketball (well, besides Wayne Turner).

So how can I make the millions that Mercer is going to make?

I do the next best thing: I stay in school and study hard for my degree. Even though Mercer is a great basketball player, remember that he is doing something he loves.

Most people are not lucky enough to do that. A sign outside a classroom reads something like this: "Success is not achieved by doing what you like but by liking what you

do."

I did not take up a major like electrical engineering because I love spending long frustrating hours studying in the library.

I did it so I could have a decent life when I get out of UK.

I may not make as much as Walker and Mercer, but I will have enough. And I will not be kicking people in the groin or smoking crack. Most importantly, I will have the priceless satisfaction of having earned my money through determination and strong will.

In a society where people tend to see the world through television, it is important that people not get carried away by things without looking at the big picture.



Contributing Columnist
Manish Bhatia



I may not make as much as Walker and Mercer, but I will have enough. And I will not be kicking people in the groin or smoking crack.

Everybody's kid cannot be a Tiger Woods or a Kerri Strug. Parents need to encourage their children to go to college and lead rewarding and challenging lives.

Even if a child seems to be extraordinarily gifted in a sport, he or she must be prepared to face everyday life in the real world. They have to possess certain personality traits that can only be polished in college.

They need to learn to interact with people of different views and cultural backgrounds.

Sports can go along with school. One only needs to learn to blend both of them together in order to lead a highly successful life. So, to the kid who would rather be playing basketball instead of doing homework because he has the best hook shot on the block; you are grounded.

Contributing Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering junior; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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CAMPUS

Police prepare for UK-UA aftermath

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

Police are prohibiting parking on Woodland Avenue today from Maxwell Street all the way to Hill-top Avenue, leaving more space for tonight's anticipated parties and hopefully preventing some property destruction.

UK Police Chief W. H. McComas said signs will be posted on Woodland warning those who park there that they will be towed.

He said all of his officers will be on duty to keep an eye on the celebration.

"We'll have all the officers out by 8:30 until as late as needed," McComas said.

McComas said the plan is basically the same as police used last year in cooperation with Lexington Police and the county sheriff's department.

"UK will cover the campus and Lexington will do what they did last year as a liaison," McComas said.

Captain John Potter of the Lexington Police Department said the department will have extra personnel on duty. Police will pretty much let the crowd go, as long as property is not destroyed

and people are not fighting, in short, Potter said, "as long as everybody behaves."

He said last year's experiences, with the exception of the amount of vandalism that occurred, were expected then and are again.

"We are more prepared because some of the things that were done we do expect people doing," Potter said.

He said if violence or vandalism get out of hand, "we will not have a lot of tolerance."

McComas said much police effort will be focused on the Euclid and Woodland avenues area where campus crowds tend to converge. He said Euclid Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic to Ashland Avenue as soon as the game ends.

One mistake made last year was that not enough of Euclid Avenue was closed to vehicles, McComas said, contributing to the congestion.

McComas said he does not anticipate too many arrests if this year is anything like the last.

"For the most part, students were great," McComas said. "If you're lining the one intersection without the vehicles, we have no



STEPHANIE CONSOLE Kernel staff

WATCHFUL EYE Police patrolled the crowd at the intersection of Euclid and Woodland avenues Saturday night.

problem with it. Students deserve to celebrate."

Last year, Lexington Police made 24 arrests the night of the national championship game. About 250 police officers were on duty that night. UK police made one arrest after a student attempted to drive his vehicle through the front door of the Alpha Gamma

Rho social fraternity house on Woodland Avenue.

Communications Supervisor David Chafin said they are planning for more people and more officers tonight than Saturday night.

"I think we are anticipating more of a problem Monday night," Chafin said.

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