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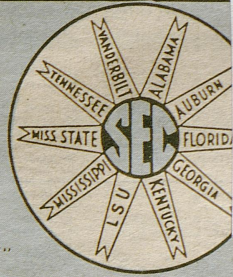
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# The Cats' Pause

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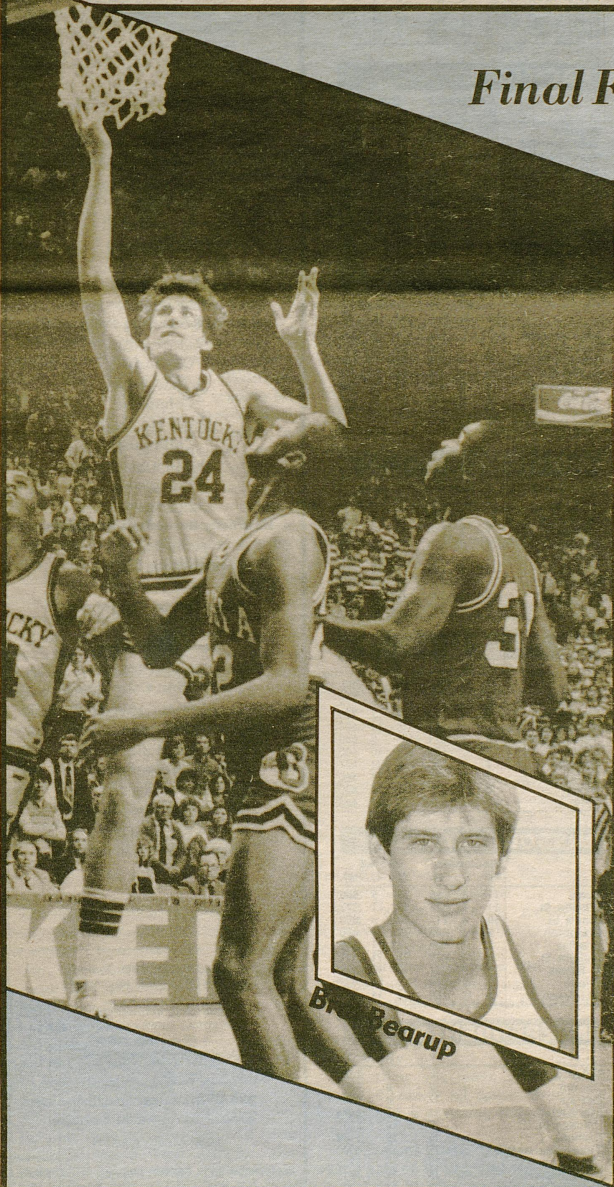
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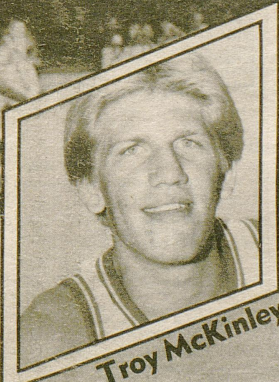
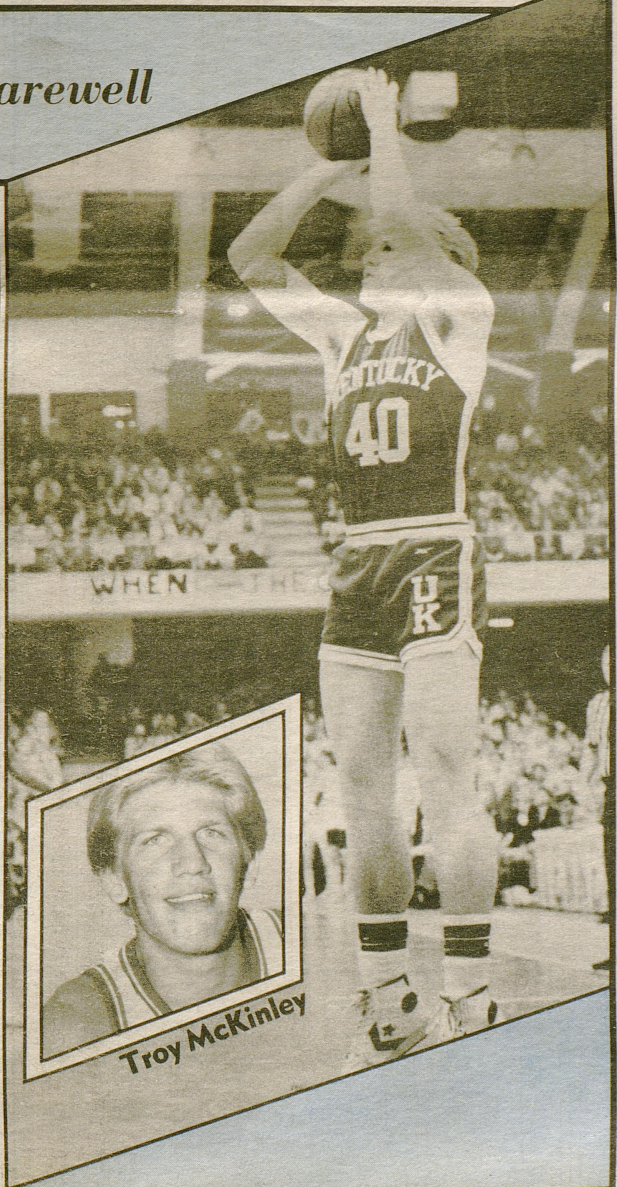
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1985

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

## Final Farewell



**Bearup**



**Troy McKinley**

# Kentucky Statistics

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (25 GAMES)

Player	G-OS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	TO	Points	High
Kenny WALKER (C)16-16	25-25	199-364-54.7	175-232-75.4	252-10.1	71-1	30	42	573-22.9	36-KAN
Winston BENNETT (C)16-16	24-21	67-156-42.9	42-63-66.7	132-5.9	85-8	19	46	176-7.3	14-LOU
Ed DAVENDER (C)16-3	25-7	62-165-37.6	57-79-72.2	27-1.1	43-1	70	60	181-7.2	27-ETS
Bret BEARUP (C)16-16	25-25	64-148-43.2	33-46-71.7	146-5.8	73-4	23	30	161-6.4	13-ETS
James BLACKMON (C)15-14	23-18	62-147-42.2	20-33-60.6	33-1.4	45-1	57	32	144-6.3	17-TOL
Richard MADISON (C)10-0	18-0	39-99-39.4	22-26-84.6	61-3.4	26-1	13	25	100-5.6	16-IND
Troy MCKINLEY (C)15-0	22-0	48-81-59.3	8-9-100.0	22-1.0	16-0	18	10	104-4.7	14-OM
Roger HARDEEN (C)16-14	24-22	45-121-37.2	21-26-80.8	32-1.3	45-0	105	41	111-4.6	12-LOU
Paul ANDREWS (C)10-1	17-4	20-42-47.6	1-2-50.0	8-0.5	23-0	16	9	41-2.4	8-SMU
Robert LOCK (C)12-0	21-4	11-38-28.9	6-13-46.2	45-2.1	37-1	5	10	28-1.3	8-TEN
Cedric JENKINS (C)10-0	16-0	2-2-100.0	4-6-66.7	14-1.4	5-0	0	5	8-0.8	3-VAN
Todd ZIEGLER (C)3-0	8-0	1-4-25.0	0-4-00.0	4-0.5	0-0	0	0	2-0.3	2-VAN
Leroy BYRD (C)5-0	8-0	0-1-00.0	0-1-00.0	1-0.1	7-0	3	3	0-0.0	----
Team				47			3		

Team	Points	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A	TO	Points
Kentucky (25)	620-1374-45.1	389-540-72.0	831-33.2	477-17	359	317	1629-65.2	92-KAN
Opponents (25)	630-1349-46.7	319-462-69.0	804-32.7	517-16	388	330	1579-63.2	89-KAN

MINUTES PLAYED: Walker 913-36.5, Bennett 686-28.6, Bearup 673-26.9, Blackmon 575-25.0, Harden 601-25.0, Davender 540-21.6, Madison 319-12.7, McKinley 292-13.3, Andrews 173-10.2, Lock 161-7.7, Jenkins 64-4.0, Byrd 13-1.6, Ziegler 12-1.5

BLOCKED SHOTS: Walker 30, Bearup 15, Lock 7, Bennett 5, Madison 3, Jenkins 2, Davender 2 (UK 65, Opp. 44)

STEALS: Walker 26, Blackmon 24, Bennett 22, Davender 22, Ha 'en 20, Bearup 10, Madison 6, McKinley 5, Lock 2, Andrews 2, Jenki- 2, Byrd 1.

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: Kentucky 33, Opponents 58

### RESULTS

GAME	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (N, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-66	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 9
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,846	Walker 19	Bearup 11
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Walker 15
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davender 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 22)	66-55	23,102	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,847	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 28	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-58	23,432	Walker 22	Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 12
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16)	58-57	23,628	Walker 15	Walker 8
Florida (H, Jan. 19)	55-67	23,325	Walker 26	Bennett 11
Georgia (A, Jan. 23)	73-81	10,163	Walker 28	Walker 17
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27)	68-61	12,700	Walker 23	Walker 9
LSU (H, Jan. 31)	53-43	22,135	Walker 21	Bearup 8
Auburn (A, Feb. 2)	49-47	10,672	Walker 15	Bennett 8
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7)	68-62	15,626	Walker 31	Walker 15
Mississippi (H, Feb. 9)	67-52	23,232	Walker 33	Walker 13
Alabama (H, Feb. 13)	51-48	21,125	Walker 19	Walker 8
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16)	69-82	9,799	Walker 27	Walker 12
Florida (A, Feb. 20)	76-68	10,884	Walker, Davender 17	Bearup 9
Georgia (H, Feb. 24)	79-77	23,230	Walker 25	Walker 12
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
LSU (A, Mar. 2, 3:05 p.m. EST)				
SEC Tournament (Mar. 6-9) Birmingham				

### 1984-85 Kentucky Basketball Superlatives

TEAM	Opponents
Points	39-Kansas
Fewest Points	43-LSU
Field Goals Made	37-Kansas
Field Goals Att.	66-Kansas/Florida
Field Goal %	55.4-Georgia
Lowest PCT	34.8-Alabama
Free Throws Made	34-N.C. State
Free Throws Att.	37-N.C. State/Kansas
Free Throw %	94.4-Vanderbilt
Rebounds	51-Kansas
Most Fouls	34-Purdue
Fewest Fouls	10-East Tenn. St.
Assists	21-Kansas/Georgia
Most Turnovers	22-Purdue
Fewest Turnovers	6-Florida

INDIVIDUAL	Opponents
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville
Field Goals Att.	25-Walker vs. Louisville
Free Throws Made	13-Walker vs. Wandy/Ole Miss
Free Throws Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas
Assists	10-Harden vs. Georgia
Blocked Shots	4-Walker vs. Cincinnati
	36-Brooks (Tennessee)
	14-Brooks (Tennessee)
	22-Laird (Ole Miss)
	13-Gadis (Purdue)
	14-Gadis (Purdue)
	15-Koncak (SMU)
	11-Webb (N.C. State)
	4-Koncak (SMU)

### SOUTHEASTERN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Georgia	11	5	.688	19	6	.760
Louisiana St.	11	5	.688	17	8	.680
Kentucky	10	6	.625	15	10	.600
Alabama	9	7	.563	17	8	.680
Mississippi St.	9	7	.563	13	12	.520
Florida	8	8	.500	16	9	.640
Auburn	7	9	.438	15	10	.600
Tennessee	7	9	.438	16	12	.571
Mississippi	5	11	.313	11	13	.458
Vanderbilt	3	13	.188	10	15	.400

### ATLANTIC COAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
N. Carolina	8	4	.667	21	6	.778
N. Carolina St.	8	4	.667	18	7	.720
Georgia Tech	8	5	.615	19	6	.760
Duke	7	5	.583	20	5	.800
Maryland	6	6	.500	21	10	.677
Clemson	5	8	.385	15	10	.600
Wake Forest	4	8	.333	14	11	.560
Virginia	3	9	.250	14	12	.538

### BIG EAST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
St. John's	14	0	1.000	24	1	.960
Georgetown	12	2	.857	25	2	.926
Syracuse	8	6	.571	19	6	.760
Villanova	8	6	.571	17	8	.680
Arizona	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Boston Coll.	7	8	.467	18	8	.692
Connecticut	5	9	.357	12	13	.480
Providence	3	12	.200	10	18	.357
Seton Hall	0	14	.000	9	16	.360

### PACIFIC 10

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Arizona	11	4	.733	20	7	.741
Southern Cal	11	4	.733	17	7	.708
Washington	10	5	.667	19	8	.704
Oregon St.	9	5	.643	19	6	.760
UCLA	9	5	.643	13	11	.542
Arizona St.	7	9	.438	12	14	.462
Oregon	6	8	.429	13	14	.481
California	4	10	.286	12	12	.500
Stanford	3	11	.214	11	13	.458
Washington St.	3	12	.200	11	14	.440

### SUN BELT

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Va. Common.	11	2	.846	21	5	.808
Ala.-Birrm.	11	3	.786	23	7	.767
Old Dominion	9	4	.692	17	9	.654
S. Florida	6	8	.429	16	10	.615
S. Alabama	6	8	.429	14	12	.538
Jacksonville	6	8	.429	14	13	.519
W. Kentucky	5	9	.357	14	13	.519
N.C. Charlotte	1	13	.071	5	22	.185

### BIG EIGHT

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma	11	1	.917	22	5	.815
Kansas	9	2	.750	22	6	.786
Missouri	7	5	.583	17	10	.630
Iowa St.	6	6	.500	18	10	.643
Nebraska	5	7	.417	15	10	.600
Colorado	4	8	.333	14	12	.538
Kansas St.	3	9	.250	12	13	.480
Oklahoma St.	3	9	.250	12	13	.480

### SOUTHWEST

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
So. Methodist	10	4	.714	21	6	.778
Texas Tech	10	4	.714	18	7	.720
Arkansas	9	6	.600	18	5	.800
Texas A&M	8	6	.571	16	9	.640
TCU	7	7	.500	15	10	.600
Houston	7	7	.500	15	11	.577
Texas	7	8	.467	14	11	.560
Baylor	3	11	.214	10	15	.400
Rice	3	11	.214	11	14	.440

### MISSOURI VALLEY

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Tulsa	11	3	.786	20	5	.800
Wichita St.	11	4	.733	15	11	.577
Illinois St.	10	4	.717	20	5	.800
Creighton	9	6	.600	20	9	.690
Bradley	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Indiana St.	6	8	.429	13	11	.542
S. Illinois	5	9	.357	13	12	.520
Drake	3	12	.200	11	15	.423
W. Texas St.	3	12	.200	10	16	.385

### INDEPENDENTS

	W	L	Pct.
Notre Dame	17	7	.708
Dayton	17	8	.680
Duquesne	16	8	.667
Marquette	16	8	.667
Chicago St.	16	10	.615
Radiant	16	10	.615
Texas-San Antnio	15	10	.600
Ulrich	16	11	.593
SW Louisiana	16	12	.571
Brooklyn	13	13	.500
Pan American	12	12	.500

# THE CATS' PAUSE



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## SEC Is Wide Open In Birmingham Next Week

Kentucky's chances of successfully defending its Southeastern Conference title all but went down the drain Sunday at the hands of Georgia, but the quality of play exhibited by the Wildcats provided hope for post season play.

The Wildcats first must close out the regular season with a home finale against Tennessee Thursday and then a trip to LSU on Saturday.

Although the league race isn't officially over, you can bet the Wildcats will be tuning up their game for the SEC Tournament next week in Birmingham. And well they should because a post season invitation could be wrapped up with a couple more victories.

In many respects, this season reminds us of the 1979 campaign in which the Wildcats came on strong at the season's end, went to the finals of the SEC tourney and a NIT invitation.

What effect the emotional loss to Georgia will have on Kentucky isn't known, but this group of Wildcats haven't quit all year. They tend to be over-achievers. In other words, they play better than they're suppose to when their backs are against the wall.

The 79-77 loss to Georgia definitely put the Wildcats' backs to the wall. We're not going to get into the subject of Sonny Holmes' officiating. That's a thing of the past. Kentucky got beat by a very, very good Georgia team which is well-coached as always by Hugh Durham.

And Kentucky stood toe-to-toe for forty minutes. I've seen Kentucky win games by large margins and play considerably poorer than the Wildcats played Sunday.

What Kentucky probably learned from Sunday's event is that you have to play both hard and well to beat top teams and that you're not going to get breaks just because you're playing at home. Sometimes you get breaks and sometimes the other team. You have to learn to play under those conditions.

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The league race appears to be headed to Georgia for the first time in the school's history and the Bulldogs', if they do win the league title, will become the first team in SEC history to bounce back from an 0-3 start to win the league crown.

All Georgia has to do to win the title is to beat Ole Miss in Athens Wednesday and then pay back a debt to Tennessee in Knoxville Saturday.

That's easier said than done.

In case you've forgotten, it was Tennessee coach Don DeVoe who lashed out at Durham and Georgia recently about the Cedric Henderson

recruiting case. To add insult to injury, less than a week later, Tennessee promptly whipped Georgia on the Bulldogs' home court.

Ironically, it will require a win over the Vols in Stokely Athletics Center (in what could be the last game in that facility) to insure the Bulldogs of their first title.

Should be an interesting time in ole K-town Saturday.

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Almost forgotten in the scramble are the LSU Tigers which can assure themselves of a first-place tie with wins at Auburn Wednesday and a victory over Kentucky in Baton Rouge Saturday.

Without doubt, this is the toughest SEC race in many, many years. And despite Sunday's loss, UK could still be going for a piece of the title on Saturday if the Wildcats should beat Tennessee on Thursday, regardless of what the other teams do on Wednesday.

Of course, winning in Baton Rouge is not the easiest assignment given a team. Yet, stranger things have happened.

What all this really means is that the SEC tournament will be a wide open affair in Birmingham. For the first time in years, there probably won't be a clear-cut favorite.

Don't be surprised if the regular season champion (whoever it is) doesn't win the tourney title.

The way it stacks up right now, about the only teams which don't figure to be wearing the tourney crown are Ole Miss and Vanderbilt, the two teams with the least talent.

To make matters worse, both lost their star players within the past couple weeks.

About the only stars on the two clubs were strong contenders for All-SEC honors at the guard post and both are now out. Ole Miss' Eric Laird was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons and Phil Cox is gone with a broken hand.

Still, either team is capable of upsetting a first round foe in the post season tourney.

From there you have the likes of Auburn and Tennessee, a pair of major disappointments who have the talent to beat anyone on a given night and who usually play well in tourney atmosphere.

And then you have six bonafide teams of which all have owned the league lead at one time or another this season.

Mississippi State faded last week with a pair of losses, but the Bulldogs won't have to play on anyone's home

floor in this tourney and you gotta remember that there will be no 45-second clock.

Florida has experienced some problems of late, but the Gators have the horses to go all the way in a three-game set. That leaves Georgia, LSU, Kentucky and Alabama.

And don't count out the Crimson Tide. For one thing, if there's a homecourt advantage to be enjoyed in Birmingham, it would be Alabama. The Tide, along with Georgia, LSU and Kentucky have all proved they're capable of winning three games in a row.

But the odds are that the commissioner's office will again be able to point to the parity of the SEC on Saturday afternoon. Since the tourney was reinstated back in 1979, six different clubs have won the title. Make it seven in seven years next week when either Florida, Auburn or Mississippi State walks off the floor with all the marbles. It just wouldn't be the SEC any other way.

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**HITS AND MISSES.** . . Three high school stars were spotted among the crowd of 25,000-plus at Rupp Arena Sunday, including Georgia senior guard **Roland Shelton** who made his official visit to UK. Sheldon verbally committed to Auburn several weeks ago but changed his mind after Coach Sonny Smith announced his resignation at the season's end. Also on hand were a pair of Kentucky junior supers, 6-3 guard **Rex Chapman** of Owensboro Apollo and 6-2½ guard **Scott Draud** of Ft. Thomas Highlands. Chapman is rated as the state's top junior while Draud is ranked No. 4 behind Felton Spencer and **Reggie Hanson** by recruiting expert Rick Bolus. . . Former UK assistant **Joe Dean** is on his way to a very successful season for the second straight year. Dean's Birmingham Southern team has compiled a 22-5 mark going into the season finale and is a strong contender for the NAIA district title in Alabama. Last year, his club won the district and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament. After last season, Dean was rewarded with a new five-year contract. "I love this place here," said Dean recently of Birmingham Southern, "the people are super and it's just great to have such a fine bunch of kids and win like we've been able to do." Southern now enjoys a streak of 39 straight home court wins. . . Recruiting in the roundball sport is really heating up these days and most of it surrounds juniors. Scott County's **Frank Persley**, one of the state's top five juniors, is being wooed by a number of big-time

schools. In to watch the 6-4 youngster earlier this week were North Carolina State and Vanderbilt is putting on an early move. . . Kentucky coach **Joe B. Hall** was on the road this past weekend, watching 6-10 super **Terry Mills** of Michigan. Mills is considered by many as one of the nation's top two junior forwards. He attended UK's camp last summer and many believe he could wear the blue and white if Kentucky can lure him away from the Wolverines. Last Saturday, he scored 31 points on 15 of 20 from the field, hauled down 7 rebounds and had 7 blocked shots. . . Another big man already in the bag for UK, **Irving Thomas**, continues to have a great year at Carol City High just outside Miami, Florida. He scored almost 40 points in each of his last two outings. . .

Fans of UK football and basketball will soon be able to purchase video tapes of outstanding highlights of the two sports. **Sports Video Highlights** is producing the two tapes under contract with the University of Kentucky Athletics Association. The first tape, on UK football, is expected to be available by the first of April. The tapes will contain interviews and game highlights of previous bowl games and other memorable contests throughout the Wildcat past. More information can be obtained by writing Box 2168, Lexington, Kentucky 40595. . . Much has been written about **Jerry Tarkanian** being on the same flight to Lexington last fall as superstar prepster **Tommy Lewis** who was making his visit to UK at the same time. However, the story has grown a little ridiculous over the last month. True, both arrived on the same flight, but there was no fifty-piece band there to greet Lewis as some have indicated. UK leaves such antics up to those fanatics over in ACC Country. Fact is, Tark was in Lexington to speak at **Joe B. Hall's Basketball Clinic**. His true that UNLV also is recruiting Lewis heavily but don't count the Wildcats out too quickly. . . Likewise on **Kenny Payne** of Georgia who will probably choose from among Louisville, Mississippi State, Georgia and Kentucky. If **Tony Kimbro** goes to UL, don't look for Payne to join him. The same could be said at Kentucky with Lewis. Ironically, Lewis was also one of UK's top recruits earlier, dating all the way back to his sophomore year in high school. . . Kentucky desperately wants to sign a guard this season and Shelton appears to be the prime target along with 6-4 **Lance Blanks** of McCullough HS in Texas and 6-2 **Mel Gilliam** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a two-sport athlete who is an All-American in football. . . UK

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# Savoring Final Days As A Wildcat

Traveling back to the hotel the day prior to the Florida game, senior center Bret Bearup might not have had the Gators on his mind. He may have been thinking about his and senior teammate Troy McKinley's final home game against Tennessee the following week. When Bearup and McKinley walk on to the court for their pregame assemblage, it will mark the last time (with the exception of an NIT or Final Four possibility) the two will be in Wildcat uniforms in front of the 23,000-plus Blue and White spectators. For any UK senior, it's definitely a night not to forget.

With every game, the five-year senior drew closer and closer to that final curtain call at Rupp Arena; now it's a reality.



## Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

"The second time around the conference you start really thinking about it," said Bearup. "As the home games kick down, you start to get a little bit more melancholy about it. You try to savor every moment as you can because you know it's not going to last much longer. It's on my mind a lot more now than at the beginning of the season."

What's probably been on his mind is the traditional running through the circled banner and the UK band playing "My Old Kentucky Home" just before tipoff. It's a ceremony that is usually followed by tears, not only from the fans but the players as well. And it probably won't be any different this year.

"I'm hoping my dad will come to the finale," Bearup said. "I've been making plans. Maybe my brothers will come down and hold the hoop (the banner Bret will shatter through)."

"Troy and I've talked about whether or not we're going to cry during My Old Kentucky Home. We're going to try not to, but it's going to be almost impossible."

"We really started talking about it when we posed for the cover of the program," indicated Bearup about the Tennessee-UK game program that will feature him and Troy on the cover decked out in tuxedos. "We started thinking about running through the hoop and about all our family and friends, and about the things we'd miss about UK and the things we wouldn't miss."

"We're definitely not going to miss the conditioning program," laughed the senior.



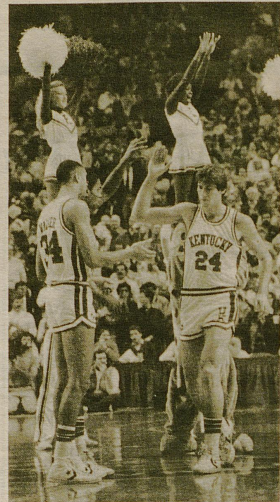
Bearup ... Inside



... A Red Shirt In '82



... With Hall



... At Center In '85

On the bus back to the Holiday Inn in Gainesville, as Bearup was talking about the finale, team trainer Walt McCombs was asking each player what they wanted for dinner -- pizza or hamburgers. In the background you could hear someone (Ed Davender) say "Hey, Walt, I want a Happy Meal." McCombs smiled and said, "A Happy Meal?"

"You see, I'm going to miss things like that," said Bearup. "Like Walt coming up and asking me if I want a pizza or a hamburger, and seeing him every night before the game. . . and he (Ed) and Walt having something funny to say, I'm just going to miss that so much."

The 23-year old New York native noted that during his five-year stint (he was red-shirted in 1982) in Kentucky he'll never forget the players he knew or the time put in to being a University of Kentucky basketball player.

Bearup came out of Harborfields Heights High School (N.Y.) as a consensus prep All-American. But when coming to Kentucky, even high school All-Americans must be patient.

During his freshman season he averaged 9.9 minutes a contest. Considering a team blessed with the talents of Sam Bowie, Melvin Turpin, Derrick Hord, Chuck Verderber, and Charles Hurt, Bearup's playing time was "a lot for a freshman." After a year of red-shirt status, one which Bearup said wasn't all bad, he came back in '83 to average 3.4 points while playing about 12 minutes per game. His playing time dipped down to seven minutes during last year's Final Four team, however Bearup noted that going to Seattle was an experience of a life-time. "That was just a glorious experience in going to the Final Four, said Bearup. "I'll never forget that."

West Germany's Gunther Behnke was suppose to fill up half the space left by the Twin Towers (ala Bowie and Turpin) in '85. Though, he decided to return home after four days in Lexington, thus putting a tremendous load on Bret's shoulders. After starting at forward in UK's first four games, Bearup was given the starting nod at the center position during the Louisville game, and he's been there ever since.

Before their encounter in Gainesville, Bearup had averaged 6.1 tallies per game and 5.6 rebounds, which is second only to Kenny Walker.

"This year's been really wonderful," Bearup said, "because I've been able to play. I'm third on the team in minutes played (27.1 per game) and have started in every game this year. It's just been a dream come true to start for Kentucky -- game in and game out -- to be counted on and to be needed."

"It's just a really choice experience this year."

After the final Wildcat shot has been taken in the '85 season -- whether in NCAA, NIT, or SEC competition -- Bret Bearup will probably not be noted for his play compared to former Wildcats like the Issels, Bowies, Turpins, and Robeys, but he will be thought of as a person who gave it his all, on and off the court.

A dean's list student, Bearup's plans, following his college career will be devoted to two years of missionary work for his church and then Law School at UK. But his memories of playing basketball at UK will always linger on.

Said Bearup, "I would have most definitely had the chance, if I would have gone to another major college, to start and play, and possibly play well enough to make the professional ranks and everything. But I think the opportunity of playing at the University of Kentucky and growing not only as a basketball player, but enjoying all the other aspects of it -- the academic part of it, the growth part of it and being able to help people. I love Kentucky and I want to make it my home, and I wouldn't trade anything in the world for it."

# Cotton Nash



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# Georgia vs. Kentucky



Sky Jams One Home

## Georgia Wins In Rupp Arena For The First Time Ever

The Georgia Bulldogs, ranked 18th in the nation by AP, withstood a last-ditch rally by Kentucky to win a crucial SEC contest 79-77, before 23,230 at Rupp Arena. The win, which was the first-ever (including the SEC Tournament in 1982) in Rupp Arena for Georgia, enabled the Bulldogs to slip into a first-place tie with LSU, both at 11-5.

Kentucky fell to 10-6 in the conference, and is now in third place with two games remaining.

The key play of the game was when Horace McMillan tipped in a missed free throw by teammate Gerald Crosby. McMillan's basket put Georgia in excellent position, 79-75 with 13 seconds left in the ballgame.

McMillan was definitely the 'fireplug' for the Dogs as he poured in 13 points in only 16 minutes of action.

UK, which once led by 11 in the second half, found itself down by four (75-71) with 2:30 remaining. However, the Wildcats had a chance with three ticks left on the clock.

With the score 79-77 in Georgia's favor, Robert Corhen missed the front end of a bonus opportunity. Kenny Walker grabbed the rebound and immediately called a timeout.

Coach Joe Hall had apparently designed a play to get the ball to their outside marksmen, Troy McKinley. Though on the inbounds play Walker, who was doubled teamed, couldn't pull down the pass. Georgia intercepted the pass and ran out the clock.

With 21 seconds left, UK had missed another opportunity to tie the game when Ed Davender's 12-footer trickled off the rim. Earlier, Kentucky was in position to tie the game following James Blackmon's layup making the score 75-73. But UK's defense couldn't contain McMillan as he drilled in a 14-footer from the right corner.

"It was a very tough game physically," said Coach Hugh Durham referring to the 49 total fouls called in the game. "I think we still have a three-game race for the conference championship."

Georgia was led in scoring by Joe Ward with 18 points, followed by freshman Cedric Henderson with 14 points.

Henderson picked up his third foul with 15:35 left in the first half. But the freshman, who played a total of 24 minutes, was called for only one more foul. Kenny Walker, the SEC's leading scorer, led the Wildcats with 25 points. Senior Bret Bearup, playing in his next to last regular season home game, contributed 12 points, with Roger Harden netting 11.

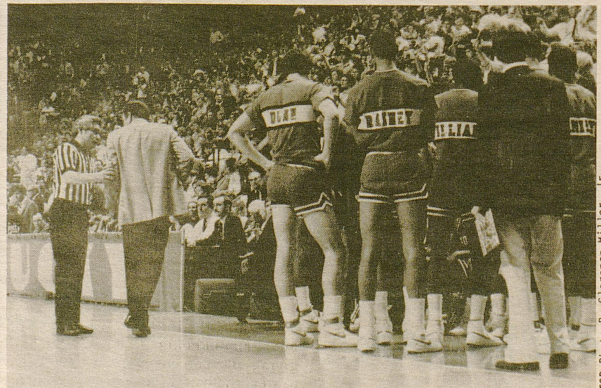
## 'Dogs Use Defense To Whittle Down Wildcat Lead

Georgia's tough defense took its toll on the young Wildcats. Kentucky had built an 11-point lead twice during second-half action (47-36, 58-47).

After Troy McKinley connected on a wide-open jumper from 11-feet, giving UK a 68-61 lead, it appeared Kentucky had the game under control with 7:14 left. Following a field goal by Melvin Howard, the Georgia defense caused two straight turnovers as both were converted into baskets, closing the gap to one, 68-67.

Gerald Crosby took a jumper from 21 feet out, and hit nothing but net, giving the visitors the lead for good (73-71).

Forward Winston Bennett (10:29 in the second half) and Bearup (0:05) fouled out in the game, causing Coach Hall to shuffle his lineup many times throughout the afternoon.



Durham And Galvan In Their Own Huddle

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date Feb. 24, 1985 Site RUPP ARENA (Lexington)														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	GEORGIA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
31	Richard Corhen	f	2	4	1	3	5	3	5	29	1	2	2	0
32	Joe Ward	f	8	12	2	4	7	3	18	25	2	1	0	1
35	Cedric Henderson	c	5	12	4	6	3	4	14	24	1	2	1	1
4	Gerald Crosby	g	5	9	0	2	7	3	10	34	6	2	0	4
30	Donald Hartry	g	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	26	5	1	0	1
44	David Dunn	f	5	6	2	4	3	5	12	17	1	0	0	1
20	Melvin Howard	f	1	2	2	4	0	3	4	20	6	3	0	1
22	Horace McMillan	g	6	7	1	2	6	0	13	16	2	0	0	1
24	Chad Kessler	f	1	2	1	3	0	1	3	9	1	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half 14/31-.452 2nd Half 19/30-.63.3 Game 33/61-.541														
FT %: 1st Half 4/10-.400 2nd Half 9/18-.500 Game 13/28-.464														
HOME														
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	f	2	3	3	4	6	5	7	21	1	4	0	0
34	Kenny Walker	f	10	17	5	9	12	3	25	40	1	4	3	0
24	Bret Bearup	c	5	6	2	2	4	5	12	20	0	0	0	0
15	Ed Davender	g	2	13	3	4	3	1	7	40	7	4	0	1
23	Roger Harden	g	4	9	3	4	1	4	9	37	10	6	0	1
40	Troy McKinley	f	4	5	0	0	1	4	8	23	1	1	0	1
10	James Blackmon	f	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	9	0	1	0	1
44	Robert Lock	f	1	2	3	4	5	2	5	8	0	0	0	0
55	Cedric Jenkins	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
14	Paul Andrews	g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half 13/27-.481 2nd Half 16/29-.552 Game 29/56-.518														
FT %: 1st Half 11/14-.786 2nd Half 8/13-.615 Game 19/27-.704														
OFFICIALS:														
Paul Galvan, Sonny Holmes, Allie Prescott														
Technical Fouls: None														
Absence: 23, 230														
SCORE BY PERIODS														
1st H. 2nd H. OT OT FINAL														
GEORGIA 32 47 79														
KENTUCKY 37 40 77														

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### Fouls Go Georgia's Way In The Second Stanza, Change Momentum

With Kentucky and Georgia both committing 11 fouls in the first half, the Bulldogs received a couple of good calls midway through the second half, the capacity crowd was already upset with a call directed on a Robert Lock pushoff on Henderson, but the best was yet to come.

Walker grabbed a defensive rebound and was quickly surrounded by two 'Dog defenders. The 6-foot-8 forward protected the ball, and himself, against the blanket covering him. However, Walker was whistled for steps as Georgia took over possession, with UK leading 55-47.

The partisan Wildcat crowd started throwing ice on the floor while heckling the referees. Coach Hall waved his hands toward the student section trying to calm the fans during the heated moment.

At this point of the game Georgia seemed to gain control as they outscored the 'Cats 32-22 the rest of the game.

### Walker And Harden Push Cats In Front In The First Half

Behind Walker's 14 first-half points and Harden's seven assists, Kentucky found itself barely ahead, but ahead, for most of the first twenty minutes.

But the play of David Dunn underneath, a strong 6-8 reserve forward, kept the Bulldogs close as he contributed six points and one steal.

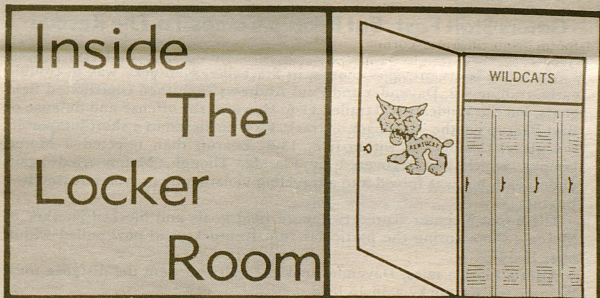
Closeness, would be the best term for the first half between the rival 'Dogs and 'Cats. The biggest advantage held by UK was five, while UGA's largest margin was three.

Freshman center Robert Lock came off the bench late in the half to ignite the home team. The 6-9 reserve was ready to play as he scored four points (one field goal, two free throws) and grabbed four boards in only two minutes of action.

### Georgia - Wildcat Tidbits

Both Georgia and Kentucky have two SEC games remaining before the conference tournament. The Bulldogs host Ole Miss before traveling to Knoxville to face arch-rival Tennessee on the last day of the regular season. The last time these two teams met was in Athens, where Tennessee was victorious. Prior to the game, controversy surrounded the contest concerning UT's Coach Don DeVoe accusing Georgia of illegal recruiting (Henderson).

Kentucky will host Tennessee and then must play LSU in the Tiger's dreaded "Death Dome."



### Ed Davender

(About his shot toward the end of the contest that would have tied the game)

I didn't hesitate on taking the shot. When it left my hands it felt good. It just bounced in and bounced right out. I definitely thought it was going in. It was a good shot and I had good form on it, and when it left my hands I thought it was going in.

(About if that was the planned shot they worked on prior to the timeout)

It (the plan) was to try and get the ball to Kenny (Walker) down low the best way possible. But when we got it down to him there were about three or four guys around him, so he kicked it out back to me. I just penetrated a little bit and went up for the short jumper -- it just happened not to fall.

(About the final offensive series with three seconds remaining)

We were supposedly trying to get the ball to Kenny at midcourt and let him kick it up to Troy (McKinley), and let Troy shoot it with about 2 seconds left. But they just intercepted the pass... and there wasn't enough time left.

(About the loss to Georgia)

I don't feel too good about it. Nobody feels good about losing. But

we've got another tough game Thursday with Tennessee, and that's something we have to look forward to. We have to try and put this loss out of our minds and come to the gym tomorrow ready to practice and get ready for Tennessee.

(About feeling confident with an 11-point lead)

Yes, I did (feel confident), but then we started making a couple turnovers and the shots weren't falling. I think that hurt us when we didn't score during that little run they had.

(About Georgia's defense)

They were trapping and shooting the gaps real well. They had us covered real well over the floor. It was just something we had to adjust to.

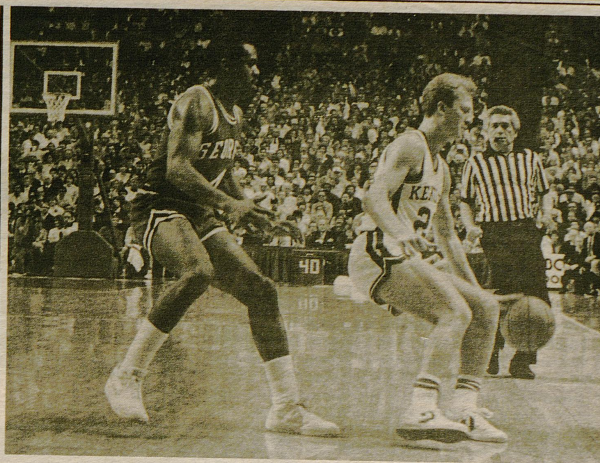
(About Georgia's quickness)

They rank very highly in the teams we've played this year. They do fast break an awful lot and they have some good quick players in (Gerald) Crosby, (Melvin) Howard, (Donald) Hartry, and (Cedric) Henderson. They're very quick.

(About if the team was tired)

I was a little tired. But if I'm tired or not, I'm still going to be out there and giving 100 percent. I wasn't too tired to steal the ball, I'll tell you that much.

(About the calls midway through the second half)



### Harden Working His Magic

Really, I don't have any comments about the referees; they have their job and we have our job. Whatever they felt was the right call they made it. It's over with now. I can't say anything about it.

### Bret Bearup

(About his strong offensive performance)

I was really wanting the ball when I was in there -- I only got to play 20 minutes. But we thought that their inside people was something that we could take advantage of -- Kenny on one side, myself and Winston on the other. It didn't work out that way because we never could stay in the game that long.

(About when UK had an 11-point lead and then the crowd was taken out of the game maybe because of an official timeout)

That's probably a case where a TV timeout hurt us more than it helped us. I just think that us being in foul trouble so much really hurt us.

(About if he would like another chance at UGA in the upcoming SEC Tournament)

Yeah, I would. Of course, I really don't care who we play in the tournament. I just like to win.

(About Georgia's bench)

Their bench factor is awesome. They can go into the bench a couple of players there that they are really good. They're good shooters, all of them.

(About David Dunn's play in the first half)

We really didn't do as good a job on Dunn as we should have. I think we were concentrating on Henderson too much. We just didn't give Dunn much respect as you should give a good player in the SEC; and he hurt us.

(About Horace McMillans' tip in of the missed free throw)

He just stepped in... and he got up before I did. I got up just as he was tipping it in. His arm went over me, but I don't think he fouled me.

(About this Georgia team compared to the 1983 Bulldog team)

I would compare it favorably, in that they got a lot of people that can do the job. You might not have the power that that Final Four team had, but they certainly do have better quickness and I think they play better defense.



### Cedric Henderson

(About Georgia's depth maybe being too much for Kentucky and Kenny Walker toward the end of the game)

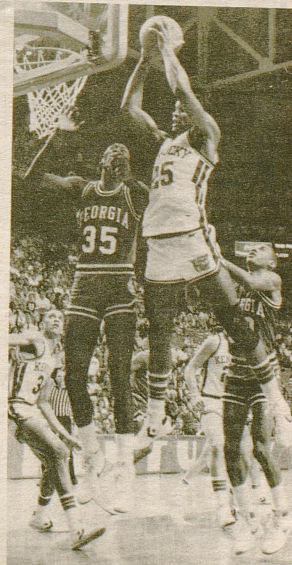
Well, I can't really say. We've got a lot of depth on our bench and Kentucky has a lot of depth too. So, I can't really say it was that. I know Kenny Walker is a hard worker. He didn't seem to score that many points down the stretch.

(About the key turning point of the contest)

We got some good calls, made some key plays, and we started trapping... we really got things going our way. We just kept working hard on defense. When you work hard good things happen.

(About if this is the best Georgia has been playing all year)

Well, we've really just been playing great together. Yes, we're really playing well.



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### Henderson Up

# Kentucky vs. Florida

## 'Cats Earn A Hard-Fought Victory Over Gators In O'Connell

Led by four players in double digits, Kentucky defeated the Florida Gators 76-68 before 10,844 fans (fifth largest in UF history as well as in the state of Florida). The win upped the Wildcats' record to 15-9 and more importantly 10-5 in the SEC and in a first-place tie along side LSU. Georgia is just a half a game back as the Bulldog play the following night.

"It was a very important win for us tonight," said UK Coach Joe B. Hall. "It was very important for us to win after Florida beat us at home."

Despite being scoreless in the first half, SEC scoring leader Kenny Walker managed 17 second-half points, tying Ed Davender for team scoring honors. Sophomore Winston Bennett drilled in 12 points, while senior sharpshooter Troy McKinley hit 6 of 7 from the field for 12 points also.

But the key for the Wildcats was that they only committed six turnovers, compared to 11 by the Gators. It was the fewest miscues the 'Cats had made all season.

Guard Roger Harden, who did not start, dished out a game-high nine assists in 32 minutes of action.

Andrew Moten, who burned UK in its first-meeting this season with 26 points, tallied game-high marks with 19 tallies before fouling out with 2:39 left in the game.

"Moten gave us a lot of trouble at the point," said Hall, "but we adjusted well against him."

### Free Throws Down The Stretch Seal Victory For UK

Free throws by Harden and Davender in the last 2:39 held off a run by the Gators. With the score 68-62 in UK's favor, the Wildcats outscored the home team 9-6 to hold on for the victory.

Mainly because his older brother (Rob) played at Florida before transferring, the junior Wildcat guard was consistently taunted by the Gator fans. But Harden coolly sank 3 of 4 charity tosses during the final stretch to key the victory.

Davender was just as tough in the clutch as the first-year player connected on 6 of 8 free throws.

### Four Point Series Highlights Second Half

With UK clinging to a four-point lead (47-43) midway through the second stanza, McKinley pumped in a 15-footer just as teammate Kenny Walker was pushed to the floor by Joe Lawrence. The result: McKinley's basket was ruled good and the 'Cats maintained possession.

"I was just trying to get possession for the rebound," said Walker. "I saw this guy (Lawrence) come flying out of nowhere with a 'football tackle.' He saw that I was in possession to probably get a pass, because Troy could have probably passed the ball. If not I would have been in rebounding position. He just came in with his shoulder and knocked me out of bounds. It was unreal. I never thought I would be in anything like that."

"I hate to complain, but something's got to be said."

After Kentucky put the ball into play, Bennett ripped the cords from eight feet, giving the visitors a 51-43 lead with 10:17 remaining.

Florida had reclaimed the lead early in the half with the help of Moten. The sophomore's two free throws put his team in front 38-37. With UK ahead 39-38, Moten drove down the lane, scored the basket on a layup and was fouled by McKinley. The sophomore drilled in the free throw putting the Gators ahead 41-39. Though on the 'Cats' next offensive possession, Walker answered with a three-pointer of his own to put his team back on top.

Florida's lead of 43-42 was short-lived as Davender picked-off a Eugene McDowell pass and scored on a layup. Moten fouled Davender in the process, and the New York product netted the free throw making the score UK 45-43.

Davender's three-point play ignited a UK 9-0 spurt, which also featured a McKinley offensive rebound followed by a layup.

### Gators Start Fast, But Bearup Comes To The Rescue

Much like in its previous contest in Starkville, Kentucky was in trouble early, trailing 9-2. Davender and Paul Andrews each then contributed field goals, but the Wildcats still trailed 11-6. However the offense and defense of Bret Bearup got the 'Cats back on track. First he kissed in a short jumper off the glass, closing UK within five, 13-8. Bearup then rejected a Moten jumper, which was recovered by Florida. Though, Moten tried again underneath but was forced into a traveling violation by... you guessed it -- Bearup.

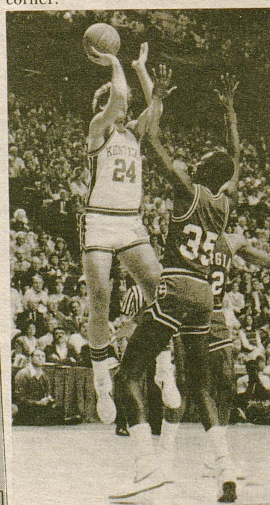
The 6-foot-9 center scored two more field goals and blocked another of Moten's shots during the particular run. Kentucky had now pulled within one, 15-14.

After a Florida miss, Davender took the ball and went the distance for a layin giving Kentucky a 16-15 lead.

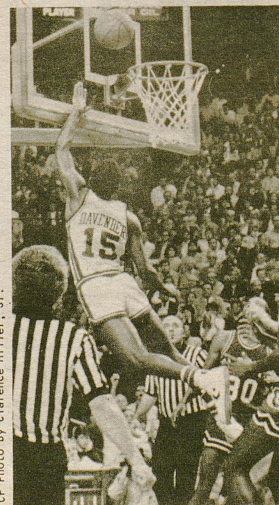
UK, which had once trailed 15-10, widened its lead to 20-15, when Bennett was left wide open and drilled in a 15-foot jumper.

Harden gave UK its biggest lead of the half (32-25) as he took the inbound pass with one second remaining and swished home a 20-footer from the right corner.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE																	
Date Feb. 2, 1985 Site O'Connell Center (Florida)																	
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																	
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S				
25	Winston Bennett	f	6	12	0	2	5	3	12	37	1	2	0	0			
34	Kenny Walker	f	7	13	3	3	6	3	17	30	1	0	3	0			
24	Bret Bearup	c	4	10	1	2	9	1	9	30	1	0	3	0			
14	Paul Andrews	g	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	7	2	1	0	0			
15	Ed Davender	g	5	11	7	9	0	2	17	39	6	2	0	3			
23	Roger Harden		1	3	5	6	4	2	7	32	9	0	0	1			
40	Troy McKinley		6	7	0	0	11	1	12	19	0	1	0	0			
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)										30	57	16	22	30	14	76	
TOTALS										30	57	16	22	30	14	76	
Game 30/57-526										Deadball		1					
FG %: 1st Half 16/28-.571										2nd Half 14/29-.483		Game 30/57-.526					
FT %: 1st Half 0/0-.000										2nd Half 16/22-.727		Game 16/22-.727					
HOME																	
No.	FLORIDA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S				
4	Joe Lawrence	f	0	2	0	0	5	3	0	17	1	1	0	0			
43	Randall Leach	f	5	11	0	1	9	4	10	37	0	4	0	1			
40	Eugene McDowell	c	5	7	3	5	11	1	13	37	0	4	0	1			
5	Andrew Moten	g	8	18	3	4	6	5	19	31	4	3	0	2			
11	Vernon Maxwell	g	8	19	0	0	5	4	16	34	3	1	0	1			
20	Danny Sheldon		1	1	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	1	0	0			
12	Francisco Leon		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0			
10	Ronnie Montgomery		1	4	0	0	1	1	2	11	2	0	0	0			
21	Kenny McClary		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0			
3	Pac Lawrence		3	4	0	0	0	2	6	17	4	1	0	0			
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)										41	21	68	200	15	11	0	4
TOTALS										31	66	6	10	41	21	68	
Game 31/66-470										Deadball		1					
FG %: 1st Half 12/29-.414										2nd Half 19/37-.514		Game 31/66-.470					
FT %: 1st Half 1/4-.250										2nd Half 3/6-.500		Game 6/10-.600					
OFFICIALS:																	
Paul Galvan, Dale Ford, Sonny Holaes																	
Technical Fouls: None																	
Attendance: 10,844																	



Bret Was Brilliant



Becoming A Star

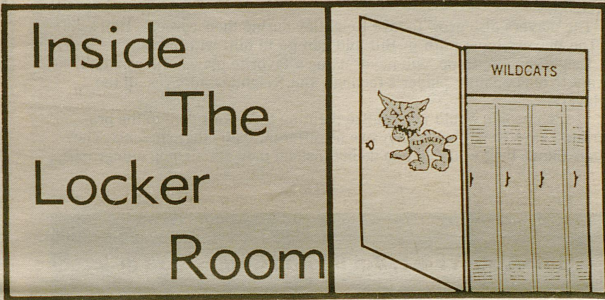
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**Kentucky-Florida Tidbits**

Florida was without sophomore guard Darryl Greshman, who was suspended from the team for the rest of the season. . . The day of the game, assistant coach Lake Kelly and the UK team held a special meeting. "It wasn't that big a thing," said senior Bret Bearup. "Just a couple of players said a few things. But it was more or less to say 'come on fellas, there's four games left to go and let's let bygones be bygones. Anybody who has problems let's let 'em slip, and go out and play to our potential because this is an extremely important game' ". . . A lot of UK alumni living in Florida were in attendance Wednesday night. There was especially a Wildcat group shaking blue and white pom poms behind the Gator's second-half goal. . . Bennett's electrifying dunk in the first half was his first slam of the season. After the game several players noticed in the previous two days of practice that Bennett was jumping as the Bennett of old. . . Walker managed only one shot from the field in the first half. His first bucket came on a goal-tending call with 18:01 remaining in the second-half. . . Harden's nine assists was a season-high for the junior. . . Florida fans were ready for this contest as the student section was about full two hours before tipoff. . . Freshman Vernon Maxwell and few other Gators were out on the floor taking shooting practice two hours before the game. . . At the practice session, the night prior to their meeting with Florida, Coach Joe Hall still hadn't decided on the starting guard spot opposite Ed Davender. He said the starting position would be based on his "gut decision." Hall chose Paul Andrews to fill the vacant spot. Andrews picked up two early fouls, but still scored two points (on his only shot), and had two assists and played aggressive man-to-man defense, in seven minutes of action. . . In about the only statistic the Gators held an advantage in was rebounding, 41-29.



**Roger Harden**

[About hitting some crucial free throws down the stretch and the hollering going on by the UF fans in the process]

I was happy that they went in because they were crucial free throws, as they were making a run. I was just happy that they went in. I fully expected the crowd to be on my case tonight just because of Rob (Rogers' older brother who once played for Florida before transferring). Next time I talk to him I'll have to tell him a lot of people said hello. That's the way they've been the last two years down here. It's part of basketball.

[Is the SEC race in Kentucky's hands]

No, definitely not. Not the way things have gone in the past. I think it's us and LSU right now. We've got two big home games coming up, and we have to concentrate on those. We can't take anything for granted.

[About the game being a 'revenge game']

It stung us when they beat us there (67-55 at Rupp this season) because that's one that we were counting on. I'm sure they were counting on this one as far as their behalf. But I just think we came down here and played hard and executed well, and won the ballgame.

**Troy McKinley**

[About the team wanting to revenge their loss to Florida at Rupp Arena earlier in the year]

That had something to do with it [winning the game]. We were fired up.

We just came off a bad loss and we knew we had to get this one bad -- to get in the NCAA and to win the conference. First, we're wanting to win the conference. We had to get this road win to get us in pretty good shape. We go home for two games now, and we're going to have to play hard. And of course, LSU on the road.

[About winning the contest in one of the toughest places to play -- O'Connell Center -- in the SEC]

It was tough. We knew the fans would be on us pretty bad. We just had to block that out of our minds and just go ahead and play like we're capable of.

[About his bucket during the four-point play in the second half]

I thought for sure they called the foul before I shot. I went ahead and shot and I guess it was pretty close. It went through and I motioned the referee that the basket was good. He [the official] asked the other referee, and he said, yes. That was a big boost.

[About if he concentrates on anything different when on the road in front of a hostile crowd, in relation to his shooting]

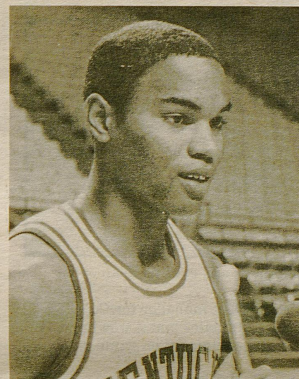
I don't concentrate on anything different from when we play in Rupp. You've just got to concentrate on the shot, and put the crowd out of your mind and don't let them get to you.

[About the conference race]

[On the road] we had Mississippi State, Florida and next LSU -- we wanted to win at least two. We lost at Mississippi State and we had to come back and get this one and go down to LSU and get that one. We need two wins at home to assure us a pretty good record and to give us a pretty good chance of winning the SEC. It might come down to that final game [at LSU].



**Bret Bearup**



**Winston Bennett**



**Rodger Harden**



**Troy McKinley**

**Bret Bearup**

[About his offensive performance -- 4 of 7 from the field resulting in eight points -- in the first half]

I was looking for the shots, but basically I have been if I'm going to get the ball down low. A couple of times I got the ball down low, and with the way the defenses were collapsing on Walker, I felt that I had to take the shot. We've got to get somebody to take the offensive pressure off Kenny, night after night. I just went out with the attitude that I'm going to shoot it. If it goes in great and if it doesn't, well then I'm going to shoot the next time I get that shot.

[About Winston Bennett's play tonight]

They really played tough. That's the way Winston Bennett can play, and that's the way he played last year. We noticed in practice, yesterday and this morning, that he was jumping like the Winston Bennett of old. I think that gave him a lot of confidence, that he set up and do those kinds of dunks that we're doing in practice. That gave him confidence in his play tonight. I think he's back in old form.

[About the conference race]

If we can win those two games [Georgia and Tennessee], we could go down to LSU and play for the league championship. What more can you ask from a team that started off as bad as we did.

**Winston Bennett**

[About the team effort in the win over Florida]

We did have a few good team efforts earlier in the year, but it was good to see that our team efforts came along in the right point and time -- and that's here in Florida.

[About his overall performance]

I think it was a matter of me getting my timing back and getting the confidence back within myself. If you don't have confidence in yourself, then you're really in trouble physically and mentally. I think it's just me getting my confidence back and looking for my shot a little bit.

[About this game being one of his better performances as a Wildcat]

I don't know that it was my best game at UK, but it was certainly my best game this year.

[About the team peaking as it did earlier this year, during its eight-game winning streak]

Well, we really looked good tonight, that's one thing for sure. Hopefully that is a sign of us looking to each other a lot more and playing more together as a team. Getting a lot more maturity about ourselves and knowing how to handle different situations -- tie ballgames and when we're down in ballgames -- anytime you get that experience in your teammates, then that's going to help you down the line. Hopefully this will happen, that we'll continue to play well and to play with intensity, and hopefully, come out victorious.

[About his dunk in the first half -- his first one this season]

Yes, it is the first time I had a dunk this year. My legs were really feeling good tonight and my knee wasn't giving me any problem. I just really felt pumped up for this game. I really feel bad that I haven't been feeling this good each and every game that we've played. But I really thank the Lord for allowing it to come tonight.

# Keightley Is More Than A Manager

Bill Keightley has been a University of Kentucky basketball fan all his life. That's why he jumped at a chance 22 years ago to work part-time with the Wildcats.

He has been UK's equipment manager for 11 years and Keightley is as much a fixture on the Kentucky bench as head coach Joe Hall. In fact, Hall often paces to the end of the bench to talk with Keightley during tense moments.

"I never offer any advice," says Keightley. "I'm just there to listen if Coach Hall wants to talk."

Keightley can still remember the days when he listened to UK basketball games on his battery-powered radio. But he was such a fan that he even went to some road games before Kentucky started attracting the loyal following that it now has.



## Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

But never once did Keightley dream that he would ever have an opportunity to become part of the UK program.

His chance came when George Hukle, equipment manager for Coach Adolph Rupp, needed help. Hukle had to keep statistics and it was impossible for him to do that job and keep up with the equipment on game days for both the freshmen and varsity teams.

Hukle and Keightley worked together for the U.S. Postal Service in Lexington. Hukle knew Keightley closely followed the UK program and asked him if he wanted to help. Keightley quickly said yes.

For 22 years Keightley has worked for the Postal Service and the UK basketball team. His job at the post office starts at 3:15 a.m. He finishes that job by 1:45 p.m. and heads to Memorial Coliseum to start a labor of love.

"Luckily the hours for the two jobs are compatible," says Keightley. "Plus I try to keep things for the basketball team set up a day in advance in case something does happen."

Practice days, especially when the team works out at Rupp Arena, are the toughest on Keightley and his staff. Players need more equipment and changes of uniforms for practice than on game days. But whether it is a new jersey, extra shoes, soft drinks or a warump jacket that is needed, Keightley is responsible for having it quickly available.

Keightley uses his 26 days of annual leave from the post office to make road trips with the Wildcats. Most trips he misses only one day of work. He'll put in a full day at the post office and then fly out of Lexington with the team. He misses the next day at the post office but is back on the job the following day.

"I'll probably use up 12 to 14 days of leave during the basketball season," says Keightley. "It's not as easy to do both things as it once was but I can still handle it."

"But this isn't a seasonal job. The UK program is just as big in July as it is in January. It takes a lot of dedication to be involved in this program in any capacity."

Hall appreciates the job Keightley does. The UK coach says, "Bill has expanded his job to where it far exceeds that of an equipment manager because he is the type person who looks for jobs to do. There's no way we can adequately compensate him for what he does. This is not a mercenary venture for him because he goes beyond what you could realistically expect from any employee."

Keightley received his basketball training when he played for Ralph Carlisle at Kavanaugh High School in Lawrenceburg. "It was his second coaching job after he finished at Kentucky," says Keightley. "I think he was one of the better coaches around. He taught me a lot about the game."

Carlisle used Keightley at forward before moving him to center his senior year. Keightley laughs and says, "I was a skinny kid and could jump reasonably well then. Of course, I couldn't jump at all like the kids today can."

Over the last 22 years Keightley has seen players at every school become bigger, quicker and stronger. Every school now has good players, a situation that didn't always exist when Keightley watched UK play.

"In the past there were times where the Southeastern Conference might have one or two other good teams," recalls Keightley. "Most teams just didn't have the horses to go against Kentucky. You knew Kentucky was going to win most nights."

"Some schools used to have football players on the basketball team. Or they wouldn't give many scholarships. But those days are over. Every team in the SEC can play now."

Keightley understands UK can no longer dominate league play. But he still thinks people have failed to realize the job Hall has done following Rupp.

"Everybody said it would be tough to follow Adolph," says Keightley. "For five years, though, I've been saying that trying to follow Joe Hall would be even tougher. So many schools have good teams now that it will be impossible to match his record."

"But Coach Hall also fails to get the recognition he deserves for his academic program. The greatest reward I have is seeing the success these kids have after they leave here. Coach Hall knows what he is doing. I'm behind him 200 percent."

"He cares about these kids, even the ones who have transferred. But for some reason a lot of people don't appreciate the job he has done. I'll never understand that."

Keightley, though, has that same sense of caring. He's proud that five of his six student managers made a 3.0 grade point average or better last semester.

"They donate their time because they love UK basketball," says Keightley.

The players also grow to love Keightley during their careers. Hall says, "The players have faith in Bill and can go to him with problems."

Keightley, like Rupp, will never name a favorite player. He wouldn't want to hurt another player's feelings. But Keightley admires all the players.

"I wish people would just realize the time these kids give to the program," says Keightley. "They are no different than other students. They have things they would like to do but instead they are signing autographs."



On The Road With The 'Cats



Keightley Is Just Like One Of The Boys

(Continued From Page 10)

# Larry Vaught

visiting hospitals, making talks or doing something else to promote UK. But all that is now taken for granted by too many people."

No one at UK, though, takes Keightley for granted. He's become part of the rich Kentucky basketball tradition.

"I value Bill's friendship and loyalty," says Hall. "He loves Kentucky basketball and is a good influence on our players. You just like being around a person like Bill Keightley."



**Equipment Manager - Bill Keightley**

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FORMER WILDCAT Melvin Turpin recently had one of his most impressive games since joining the Cleveland Cavaliers. The 6-11 Turpin scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in a 120-113 victory over Philadelphia.

After the game Philly Coach Billy Cunningham couldn't say enough good things about Turpin.

"Turpin looked like an all-pro," said Cunningham. "He has really improved. He is more aggressive and he really is extending himself out there."

Turpin is averaging 12 points per game for the Cavaliers.

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FAYETTE COUNTY officials have already made plans they hope will solve traffic problems at this year's Final Four.

Sixty buses will be available to transport fans along with 1,200 rental cars and 40 taxis. NCAA officials, CBS-TV executives, officials of the participating schools and a delegation from Dallas, which has the 1986 Final Four, will be given sedans to use while in Lexington.

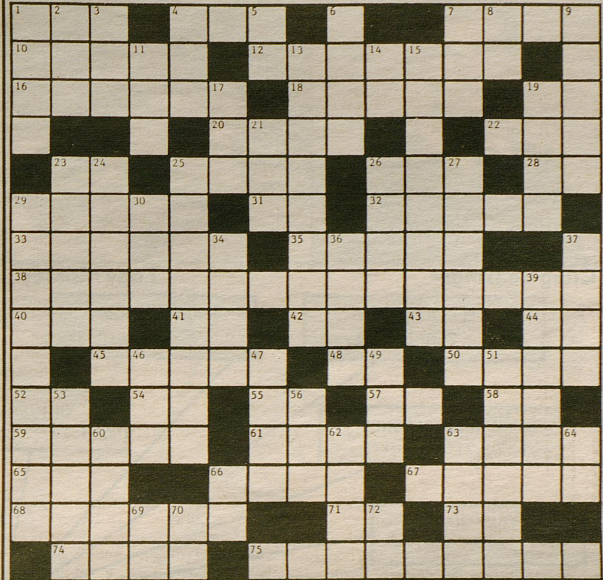
Lexington police, though, anticipate fewer traffic problems than for a normal UK game. Police estimate 7,000-7,500 cars normally park around Rupp Arena for a UK game but only 5,000 are expected for the Final Four.

Parking, though, isn't the biggest problem facing most fans. Obtaining a ticket to the Final Four is the hurdle most fans can't clear. And Lexington police plan to make sure scalpers don't have a field day with Final Four tickets.

But if you can find a ticket and a way to the games, it certainly will be a show worth attending. The Final Four is a great atmosphere and Fayette officials obviously intend to make sure that nothing happens to tarnish that reputation in 1985.

## The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE JOE B. HALL CROSSWORD

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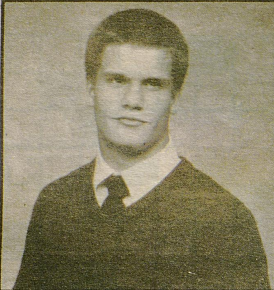
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- 4 Former letterman Heitz of Joe B's team
- 7 Joe B. assistant Kelly
- 10 Child's marble
- 12 "He \_\_\_\_\_ the ball away"
- 16 Former Hall forward Fred and family
- 18 You have to be an \_\_\_\_\_ if you don't think Joe B. can recruit
- 19 Compass abbr.
- 20 First name of a top Hall guard
- 22 At a distance \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 Abbr. for a football position
- 25 Telephone word
- 26 "\_\_\_\_\_ before beauty"
- 28 East coast state abbr.
- 29 Joe's Cats had to \_\_\_\_\_ the SEC title in '75, '77 and '82
- 31 Big Ten state abbr.
- 32 A Hall forward, Verderber
- 33 Mistakes
- 35 Joe B. went to 38 Across \_\_\_\_\_ coaching at Regis College
- 38 Former school where Joe B. coached and was named MIAA "Coach of the Year"
- 40 Golf mound
- 41 "It went \_\_\_\_\_ at the buzzer"
- 42 Abbr. for "safety valve"
- 43 Initials of pre-Hall lettermen Porter or Payne
- 44 Abbr. for "enlisted man"
- 45 First name of a top Hall guard
- 48 Initials of '50s Cat letterman Adkins
- 50 Goes with bacon
- 52 Initials of a guard of the '78 National Champions
- 54 "He tried to ba \_\_\_\_\_ it off the glass"
- 55 Initials of '60s Cat Feldhaus
- 57 Roman numeral for # of final eight appearances for Joe B's Cats
- 58 Initials of Murray State coach Ron
- 59 One of Hall's first Cat guards
- 61 Poor Hall squads are extremely \_\_\_\_\_
- 63 Bridle line
- 65 "At the \_\_\_\_\_ of the first half"
- 66 The \_\_\_\_\_ Hall people should consult the record books
- 67 # of final 16 appearances for Joe's Cats
- 68 Mark of discredit; or what Joe B. has had to unjustly carry
- 71 Initials of former Joe B. standout Charles
- 73 First and second vowels
- 74 When Cats lose, why does Joe B. always have to take the \_\_\_\_\_?
- 75 Three-year guard for Joe B's varsity Cats

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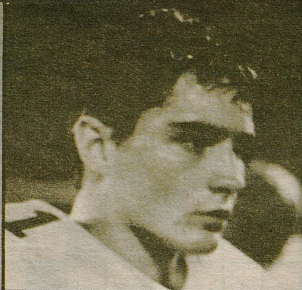
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- 2 Joe took over for Rupp 13 years \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Deviate from side to side
- 4 # of 20-win seasons for Joe's Cats
- 5 SEC state abbr.
- 6 The Cats \_\_\_\_\_ the NCAAs in Joe's first year as head coach
- 7 Allow
- 8 Hagan is Joe's \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Joe's Cats have produced a winning record in \_\_\_\_\_ season except one
- 11 "He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ it back up"
- 13 Late-'70s forward for Joe
- 14 Symbol for "titanium"
- 15 Following Adolph Rupp is the \_\_\_\_\_ coaching job in the country
- 17 Snow runner
- 19 See 34 Down
- 21 Sweet potato
- 23 # of Final Four appearances for Joe's Cats
- 24 Joe \_\_\_\_\_ four SEC Coach of the Year honors
- 25 Namesakes of an '80s Cat forward
- 26 Deeds
- 27 Joe has conducted hoop clinics here
- 29 Coach Hall had eight \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Decay
- 34 "He \_\_\_\_\_ the free throw"
- 36 # of 25-win seasons for Joe's Cats
- 37 Namesakes of leading scorer in Joe's first year as head coach at UK
- 39 Mid-'70s guard Warford
- 46 Tavern
- 47 Weaving fiber
- 49 Abbr. for "avenue"
- 51 Joe's first two-season scoring leader for the Cats
- 53 Joe played high school ball at \_\_\_\_\_ fana
- 56 Overweight
- 60 Adrian "\_\_\_\_\_ " Smith
- 62 First name of a big boy of Joe's '78 National Champions
- 63 Actual \_\_\_\_\_
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- 69 SEC state abbr.
- 70 Initials of a big man of Joe's Cats
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# The Wildcats' State And National



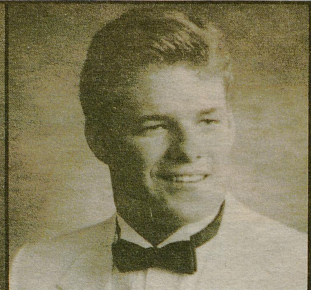
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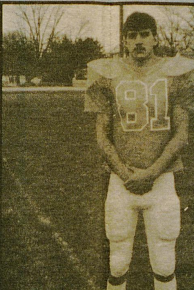
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**Andy Murray**



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CHUCK BROUGHTON  
6-4, 205 Ashland

CARWELL GARDNER  
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OLIVER BARNETT  
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TONY NASH  
6-4, 245 DeSales

DARREN BILBERRY  
6-2, 200 Fort Knox

PADUCAH

DEE SMITH  
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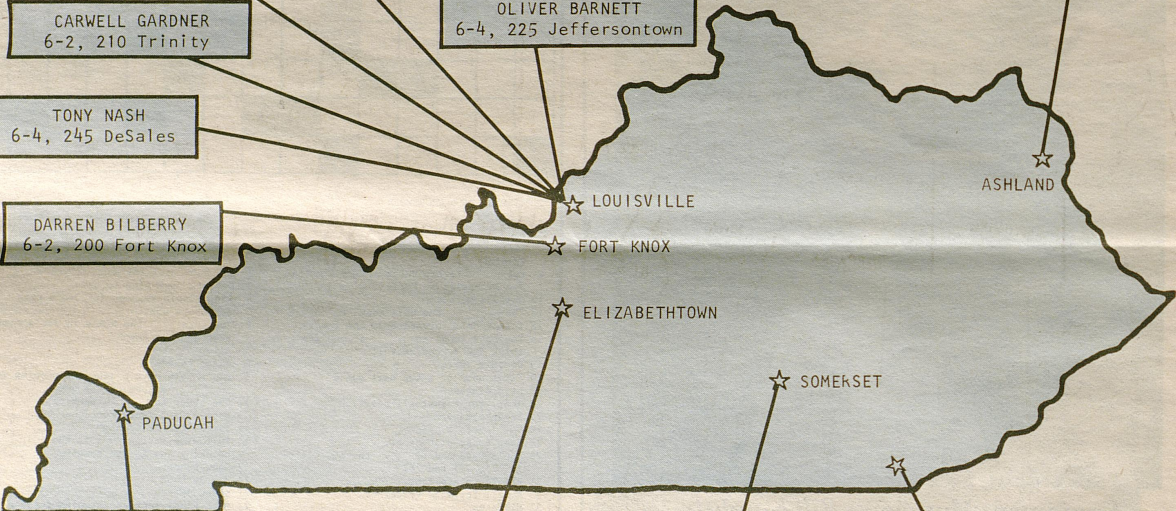
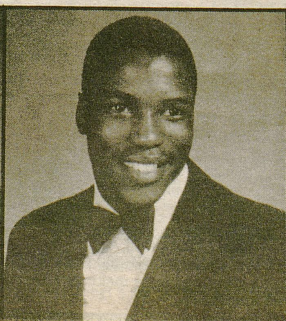
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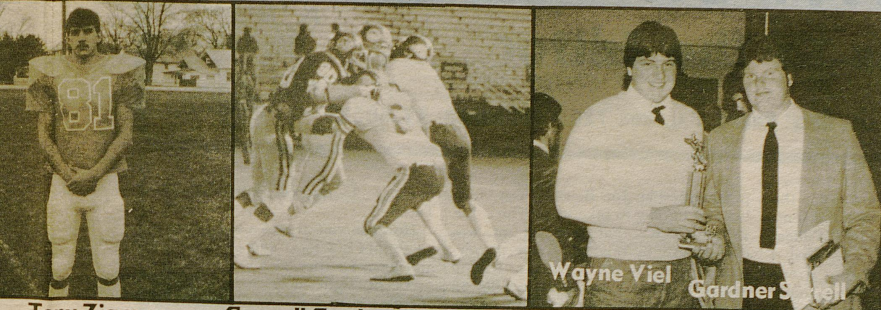
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# onal Prep Recruiting Trail In '85



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MIKE BURRIES  
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WAYNE VIEL  
6-4, 250 Middleton (Ohio)

GARDNER SORRELL  
6-3, 280 Middleton (Ohio)

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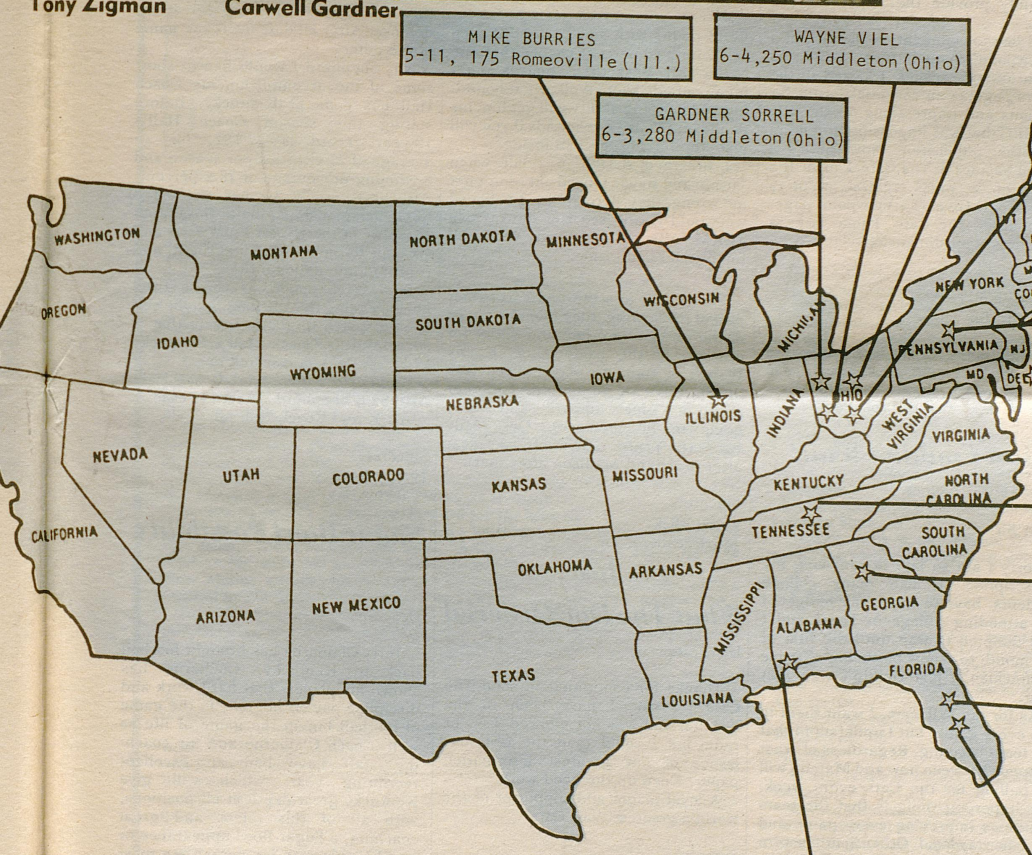
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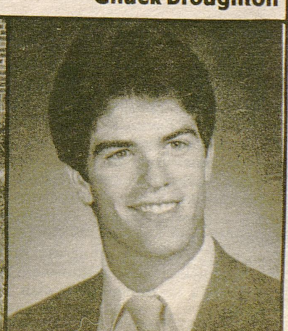
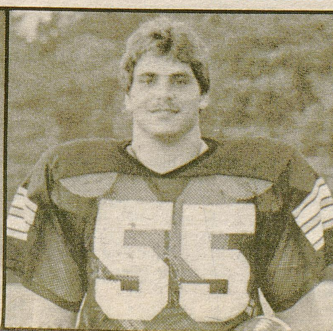
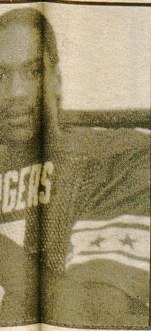
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# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor

Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, P.O. Box 7297, Lexington, KY 40522



### Motivation Needed

Dear Sir:

I have been receiving The Cats' Pause now for about two months and I am really enjoying it. I've been reading the viewpoint letters and thought I'd send in my opinion.

I'm 21 years old and have followed U.K. basketball as long as I can remember. Like Rupp's last game loss to Florida State and UK's defeat over Indiana in the 75 Mideast Regional.

I like Joe Hall as a person, but as a coach, well I'll be nice and won't say in this letter. Last year was my 1st in supporting Joe Hall. It surprises me how U.K. can play I.U. at Assembly Hall, like in 1981 (I.U. won NCAA 1981) and win, then go to Stokely Center and win 1 of the last 12. Motivation, I think is the key. Look at the UK losses to UAB in 1981, MTSU in 82, and of course it's uncalled for second-half loss to Georgetown. John Thompson said himself it was emotions that cost the game. Motivation, emotions, its all the same to me, which I think is part of the coach or his staffs job.

When I think of Melvin Turpin and Charles Hurt, those are two players I think improved greatly at U.K. but that's what students and athletes do when they go to college, improve! but look at Jay Shidler and Derrick Hord. Two outstanding players when they came to UK. They only went down hill. I'm beginning to wonder when the high school prepsters will see this and turn their backs to U.K.

Mike Scott and Tito Horford, most people thought UK would get both or at least one of them.

Hopefully, my opinions are wrong, but then again... Oh, I applaud Jack Taylor and James Allen of Lexington on their viewpoint letter too.

Sincerely,  
Victor Bray  
Alvaton, Ky.

### Agreeing With Oscar

Dear Sir:

Glancing through the 2-2-85 issue of The Cats' Pause, I was delighted to read of Mr. Combs support for a University of Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame. I can't help but feel that the seminal institution in the history of college basketball should make an effort to establish a showcase for its many accomplishments. Friends and followers of UK go beyond just Kentucky. They live all across America. Kentucky is a beautiful state and Lexington a charming city to visit. For a weekend trip, the UK lies in driving

range of most of the major cities in the midwest. Due to the fact that I haven't been able to obtain tickets to a Wildcat home game since 1976 (oh, that I might see a game in Rupp Arena before I die) a Hall of Fame would certainly provide the impetus for a visit.

I'd like to comment on the lack of a "Viewpoint" page in Cats' Pause. As an out-of-state reader, I looked to the letters page as an essential forum for opinions and impressions on the UK and SEC that was impossible to find in any other publication. Now there's a lack of balance in The Cats' Pause. It's more of a press release than a newspaper. Give us a Viewpoint page. Without it, The Cats' Pause lacks a very important dimension.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Ziemer  
Chicago, Ill.

(Editor's note: All we lack are letters and you have just contributed your share! However, surely our columnists aren't press releases, are they?)

### Just Couldn't Wait!

Dear Sir:

Sorry I am so late in renewing my subscription. I, like many college students, have to watch my budget. I am attending college in Texas and I was tempted to wait until the first of the month to renew but being a native Kentuckian, I just couldn't wait that long.

As for the Wildcats, I want them to win every game, but I understand that the team is young. Regardless of what happens between now and March I will be pulling for the Cats every week. The important thing is that the team continues improving every game and the fans stay loyal. Other Southeastern Conference teams may boast better records this season but no teams put out 110 percent before sellout crowds all season long except Kentucky. Good luck.

Sincerely,  
Elvin Putman  
San Angelo, Texas

P.S. The SEC Tournament in Birmingham March 6-9 is worth shooting for. Especially since it offers an automatic NCAA tournament bid. Don't forget the Final Four is played on our court.

### Where's The Team

Dear Sir:

First, I agree that Kenny Walker is one of UK's all-time best, and I

personally like Joe B. Hall. But, how long is it going to take to convince Joe B. and U.K. that one cannot win consistently by relying on one player, (even if he is as great as Kenny Walker). What kind of team kills 38 seconds trying to get the ball inside

by 13 points with 3:57 to go? I'll even settle for a 40 percent chance that one of the "Mr. Basketball" guards might hit an outside shot. Walker's rebounding and jumping ability will get him his points on offensive rebounds if you will just stop forcing the ball inside.

I breathed a sigh of relief when Turpin and Bowie bowed out (don't get me wrong, they were great). I believed we would finally see UK return to a TEAM offense and end years of forcing the ball inside.

For guards to score and carry their part of the scoring, they must be a part of the offense, not just an outlet for pressure on the inside game. Kenny Walker is going to play himself into the floor. We are going to play himself into a group of "Blue-Chippers" and UK is going to be mediocre. Get ready Bennett, You're UK's offense year after next (and Madison after that).

Sincerely,  
Larry Blick  
Murfreesboro, Tn.

### Just

### What The Doc Ordered

Dear Sir:

Thanks for continuing to send The Cats' Pause. I have been in the hospital and was not allowed T.V. or radio but I could read the last four issues of our greatest information paper. Keep up the good work.

A loyal reader and supporter of the world's greatest "our Cats".

Sincerely

Russell Johns  
Charlestown, Indiana

(Editor's note: Apparently your doctor has very good knowledge on what to prescribe as medicine.)

### A Viewpoint Viewpoint

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the article written 2/16/85 by Sam Shepherd of Pineville, Ky. First of all, he said UK basketball is a thing of the past. Just last year Coach Hall led his team to the Final Four and got beat by a great team (Georgetown). By the way I didn't see Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers or Dean Smith's

number 1 ranked North Carolina Tarheels.

How can you expect a team to lose 5 seniors (4 starters) and to come back and have another 29-5 season.

As of right now Kentucky isn't shooting very well from the field. But this UK team makes up for it on defense. After all defense is the name of the game.

Mr. Shepherd I would like to show some of the accomplishments Coach Hall has done at Kentucky. Before stating this season Coach Hall's 12-year record is 279-87, for an average of 23 victories per season and a winning percentage of 76.2 percent. Also at Kentucky he has claimed 8 SEC championships, made three appearances in the NCAA Final Four and six trips to the NCAA Final Eight, and captured one national title.

So, Mr. Shepherd if you're tired about reading the UK past, maybe you should switch to another team that is successful as Coach Hall's Kentucky Wildcats. (If you can find one.)

Keep up the great work Coach Hall. Also Sam Shepherd, I rest my case.

A UK and Coach Hall fan.

Sincerely  
Jimmy Botts  
Glasgow, Ky.

### Sugar Bowl Possibility

Dear Sir:

Jerry Claiborne has brought football back to Kentucky. Claiborne has shown his players that hard work and discipline pay off not only in the game of football but in the game of life as well. Coach Claiborne and his coaching staff have had an excellent recruiting year, which will give Kentucky great depth at all positions, with all of this talent and great coaching, a Sugar Bowl appearance or an SEC title may be closer than most UK fans think.

Jerry Claiborne is the best coach in the SEC, possibly the NCAA. I look for Kentucky to have a better season in 1985.

Keep up the good work on following the Big Blue.

Sincerely

Jeff Brooks  
Middlesboro, Ky.

### NOTICE

(Letters to Viewpoint are encouraged and welcomed by TCP. All letters should be typed or written neatly and all letters must be signed by the writer before publication is considered. Mail to P.O. Box 7297, Lexington, Ky. 40522)

# '66 Champs Defeated All Odds

**T**exas Western. Two words that—pardon the expression—will live in infamy for University of Kentucky basketball fans old enough to remember the Viet Nam War, Lyndon Johnson in the White House and an old geezer named Adolph Rupp. It was March 1966 and, in retrospect, the beginning of the end of an era in college basketball. More about that later. The Kentucky Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in America, only they weren't called Wildcats that season, but Rupp's Runts. It was a season that put Uncle Adolph on the cover of Sports Illustrated, brought Louie Dampier and Pat Riley national acclaim and made the Runts, well, America's team.



**Bob Watkins**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

UK had no starter bigger than 6-5 and yet the Runts beat everybody in sight that season, winning their first 23 before a loss to Tennessee ended the streak, but lifted some of the pressure just before the NCAA Tournaments began.

The Runts took a 29-1 record into the NCAA Tournament and everyone expected a showdown with No. 2 ranked Duke. And it happened in the Final Four, at College Park, Md. on Mar. 18. But, because of the NCAA bracket that year the UK-Duke game came in the semi-finals. But it was a dandy game as the Runts checked Jack Marin and Bob Verga and beat Coach Vic Bubas' Blue Devils, 83-79.

In the other bracket Utah got a surprise. The Utes were upset by little known Texas Western. A team, in at least two significant ways, that was precisely opposite to Kentucky.

The team nickname was Miners, and never mind that they had a record of 27-1. Coach Don Haskins' team was looked upon as a rag-tag outfit of undisciplined blacks who had come together from America's ghettos. They had come to, of all places on earth, El Paso.

The championship game would be a walk-over for the Runts sniffed some experts of the time. Rupp would have his fifth NCAA title and declare the Runts his favorites of all time.

Before the contest however, another dimension was injected. Somebody noticed that Kentucky was all white, Texas Western all black.

Neville Shedd was the starting forward for the Miners. "We had our eyes set on Duke, but had a lot of respect for Kentucky going into that game," Shedd recalled last week. "A lot of people tried to boil it down to black versus white and we could have gone into the game with a 'yeah, let's beat those whities' attitude, but we just wanted to win, play our best. To beat a team coached by Mr. Rupp was something we would always remember. I know I do."

Texas Western Coach Don Haskins ignored the racial overtones and stuck to a plan he had. He would start three guards, a center and forward (Shedd) against the Runts. Strategy: maximize one of basketball's most devastating skills, black quickness.

Bobby Joe Hill was the Miners' playmaker. The 5-10 New Yorker made two devastating steals from Dampier and Tommy Kron early in the contest that have remained in the mind's eye of UK fans.

"When I stole that first ball from Dampier, it kinda got us going," Hill said this week. "Then I got one from (Tommy) Kron. I had noticed that when they came over the (center) line they turned their backs. I took a chance on both of 'em and it worked out."

"But," Hill added. "I felt like the slam dunks by (David) Lattin early in the game is what got us going. It kind of established in our minds that we could beat those guys."

And Texas Western did win the game, 72-65, using quickness, speed and intimidation.

Shedd: "I think what did it for us was when Lattin went up real strong for a couple of rebounds early in the game. Kentucky kind of backed off when they saw that. He intimidated them inside."

It was the end of an era. Rupp's Runts was the last all white team to reach the NCAA Final Four.

Coach Don Haskins: "I didn't realize that playing five black guys was important. I must have gotten 4,000 hate letters. What bothers me most was the mail from black leaders. They accused me of exploiting blacks."

"I guess I was a dumb Okie," Haskins added. "I never thought about how many blacks I had or how many played. Nobody pays any attention to it today, but they sure did then."

Shedd: "We turned out to be the Cinderella team that one time. We just wanted to show people we could compete."

Whatever happened to the Texas Western Miners? Of course the school has changed its name to University of Texas at El Paso.

- The guards...
  - Bobby Joe Hill is an administrator for Texas Natural Gas in El Paso.
  - Orsten Artis is a detective in his hometown, Gary Ind.
  - Willie Worsley is a youth home director in Woody Crest, N.Y.

- The center...
  - David Lattin is a vice-president of a Seagram's dealership in Houston.

- The forward...
  - Neville Shedd is assistant basketball coach at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

- The substitutes...
  - Harry Flournoy Works for Wonder Bread Company in Los Angeles.
  - Willie Cager is a high school basketball coach in El Paso.

- Neville Shedd: "You Kentucky people have so much basketball tradition to treasure, but God has been good to us too. We have that one (NCAA title) to always remember. We were healthy that night and by the grace of God we won it. I'm just thankful and it still means a lot to me."

## Recruiting

Mississippi's top prepster, Kenny Payne, a 6-6, 205-pounder from Laurel who is averaging 32.6 points per game and 15.4 rebounds per game is said to be down to three colleges he is considering signing with — Louisville, Kentucky and Georgia. Inside track? Louisville.

**Footnote:** Imagine UK's basketball feature if Coach Joe B. Hall lands Payne to go with Irving Thomas, and Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett, Richard Madison and Ed Davender.

**Footnote II:** Imagine U of L's basketball future if Coach Denny Crum lands Payne and Tony Kimbro to go (next season) with Billy Thompson, Milt Wagner, Jeff Hall, Kevin Walls, Barry Sumpter and Mark McSwain.

**Footnote III:** Imagine Georgia's basketball future if Payne opts to join forces with Cedric Henderson and 6-5, 195-pound Toney Mack (38.2 ppg and 15.0 rebounds).

■ Incidentally, UK basketball signee Irving Thomas of Miami-Carol City, Fla. is one of the two outstanding prepster in the Sunshine State this winter. Thomas, who says he is 6-9 and 205 pounds—a UK official says he is closer to 6-7—has led his team to a 19-1 record and No. 1 ranking in Florida so far. Thomas' numbers (at this writing) are 17.3 points and 15.4 rebounds per game.

## Grand idea

How to bring back the *student* in the term *student/athlete*? In the aftermath of the Chris Washburn/North Carolina State debacle, here is an idea put forth in the Feb. 25 edition of *The Sporting News*.

"Don't admit the Chris Washburns (into college), athletes who cannot or will not do college work. Instead, leave it to the National Basketball Association to develop its own farm system by funding a new pro league or utilizing the Continental Basketball Association.

"Athletes whose only goal is the NBA could move to the CBA right out of high school and start trying to fulfill their pro ambitions. That's what most baseball prospects have been doing for years. Major League baseball pays for developing its own talent. The NBA could do the same.

"For Washburn, and a good many others, a direct route to the pros would serve better, while reducing the hypocrisy and cheating in college sports."

**Comment:** Sounds good doesn't it? Forget it. It will never work so long as attitudes prevail like one put forth by Harry Munn, associate professor at North Carolina State.

"Every coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference knows he can't win without recruiting people who are incapable of graduating."

## UK football

How good was Kentucky's football harvest this season? *The Sporting News Top 100* includes running back/linebacker Carwell Gardner and linemen Vic Adams and Mike Pfeifer. On its *Best of the Rest* there is defensive back Tony Massey, running back/linebacker Andy Murray and lineman Gardner Lee Sorrell.

**Comment:** Notice anything? Five of the six hail from Kentucky. Sorrell is from Middletown, Oh.

## Tidbits

■ Sam Bowie is second in the NBA in blocked shots, 123 in 49 games, 2.5 per contest.

■ When Edmonson County High won the boys Sweet 16 in 1976 Coach Bowman "Bo" Davenport said it "came just in time" to squelch legislation that would have brought classification to high school basketball in Kentucky. "I think we stopped that at the time we won the state tournament," Davenport tells Mike Embry in his book *March Madness* (Icarus Press Inc., 282 pages, \$14.95).

"No question about that, it was just ready to go," Davenport added. "A group up in northern Kentucky and a lot of the smaller schools wanted it. It was just fortunate we won. I think we've got the greatest show on earth."

■ Vanderbilt's sports information department has put out a (modest) poster of Phil Cox, posing the idea: *The Nation's Best Basketball Player?* Beneath the photo of Cox it says, *Under six feet tall*.

**Comment:** Cox suffered a broken hand last week, 15 points shy of becoming Vandy's all-time leading scorer. He may be lost for the season.

## Parting shots

☺ Don Haskins, coach at Texas-El Paso, "I think there are so damn many NCAA rules, you're bound to break one or two by mistake. But we've always tried to be honest. Every year I turn people in. I reported a couple this year."

☺ Cedric Maxwell of the Boston Celtics on being traded. "If I ever was gonna get traded, maybe Cleveland wouldn't be such a bad place to go after all. If I was playing beside Lonnie Shelton and Melvin Turpin, at least no one would ever accuse me of being fat."

☺ Just before the Louisiana State-North Carolina game Feb. 10, Tiger forward Nikita Wilson was asked "what do you think a Tar Heel is?" Wilson's reply: "I don't know. I guess a bear was walking through the woods and stepped in some tar and messed up his foot."

And so it goes.

## Der Baron Of Basketball

# Herky Remembers Father As "Gentle, Caring"

Herky Rupp remembers his late father in a very different light than the general public.

"The general public didn't know him," said Adolph, Jr. "He was portrayed by the media as a rough, gruff, man. But people who knew my father knew different. A person couldn't ask for a nicer father."

The 'Baron of Basketball' is the winningest collegiate basketball coach in history, having won 879 games and lost 190 in 42 years of coaching at the University of Kentucky. That's an 82-percent winning percentage.

During the Rupp era, Wildcat teams gained a worldwide reputation. They were NCAA champions in 1948, 1949, 1951 and 1958, had five players on the 1948 Olympic championship team, and were International Universities champion in 1966. Under Rupp, Kentucky did not have one losing campaign.



## Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"He was proudest of his Olympic championship and winning the gold medal," said Rupp. "But, from a personal standpoint, he was proudest of the boys that played for him and especially with their success."

Most people think coaches aren't very intelligent people. But Rupp said that wasn't true of his father.

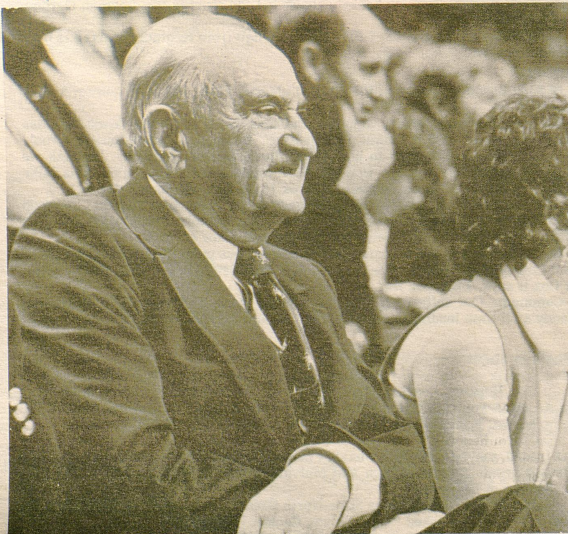
"My father was a very smart man," he said. "He had his master's degree in administration from Columbia University. He was well-read. He loved biographies and read farm magazines with a passion. He read the Wall Street Journal and all the news and sports magazines and newspapers. He never watched television and never went to the movies. And he had a phenomenal sense of humor."

Rupp's fondest memories of his dad were the vacations and trips they took together. Rupp was an only child, so he was very close to Adolph, Sr., who died from cancer at age 75 in 1977 when Herky was 37 years old.

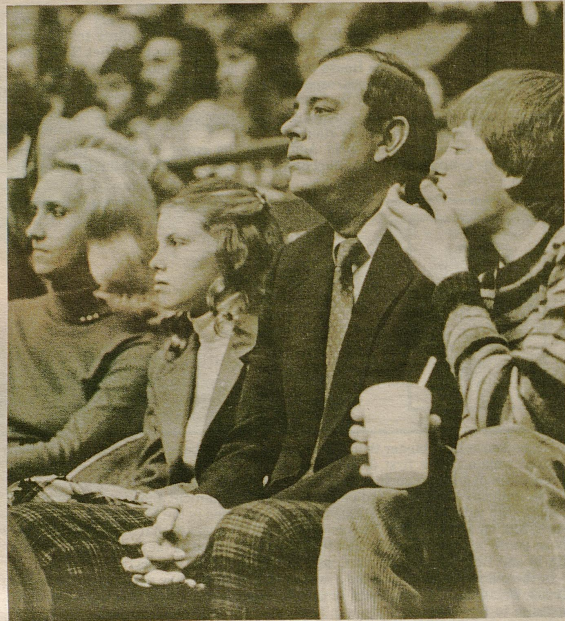
"We'd travel everywhere with him," said Rupp. "We had an ambition to visit every major league ballpark. My father was an avid baseball fan. He loved it. I remember meeting Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox when we went there. We'd go to all the (Cincinnati) Reds' games. I also remember going on trips to New York City for the NCAA and NIT basketball tournaments."

Rupp was known for his tough practices and businesslike manner, but Herky says he was really a very friendly, gentle man.

"He was a very social person," said Herky. "I used to go to hear him speak. He was a very popular speaker. He spoke the German language fluently and was an ambassador for the United States when he went overseas. But he never had any political aspirations. And he was very judicious in spending the university's money."



The Baron, Adolph Rupp



The Herky Rupp Family

Herky says his father's discipline was learned through the depression years, when Adolph was growing up on a Kansas farm.

"He was a very astute businessman because of his background," Herky said. "His family was very poor when he was growing up. His dad died when he was eight."

"You've heard your parents say they walked 100 miles to school every day through snowdrifts in their barefeet," Herky continued. "Of course, those stories are exaggerated just a little bit too much. But my dad had to come up the hard way. It was really true of my father in that he did walk three miles to school every day and those winters can get pretty rough in Halstead, Kansas."

Rupp then worked his way through college.

"He was a cook at the Jayhawk Cafe," Herky said. "He was quite a cook. I know. He loved to cook."

After numerous jobs at high schools in Kansas, Iowa and Illinois, Rupp came to UK in May of 1930. He was chosen over approximately 70 other applicants.

"Dad knew what it was like to work hard," said Herky. "And, because of that, he was a tremendously loyal person. He loved to work. That's why he didn't want to retire after the 1971-72 season."

But Rupp did step down at the mandatory retirement age, 70, and, because of his dedication to the family farm, turned down numerous offers to coach elsewhere.

"Our farm manager, Mr. Carl Yazell, had died from a heart attack after 23 years of service," said Herky. "And my father said he couldn't walk off and leave a 500-acre farm. He was approached by several schools to coach. He was in perfectly good health. And he wanted to coach the team at UK he had recruited. When he was forced to retire, he said, 'As far as I'm concerned, my life is over.'"

Herky said that the contention Rupp was against the sport of football was not true.

"Contrary to popular belief that has been reported by the media, Coach Rupp was very good friends with the late Paul Bryant," said Herky. "And he went on recruiting trips after he retired with John Ray and Fran Curci. And, contrary to published reports, Mrs. Rupp thought the world of Mrs. Bryant."

Besides coaching, Rupp also had various civic duties he attended to, such as serving as president of the Hereford Association for 16 consecutive years and as a 32nd-degree mason in the Shriner's, the highest honor one can receive. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Lexington.

"He loved children," said Herky. "It was not unusual for him to go out to the hospital and give tickets to kids who wanted to go to the games. He helped people in trouble. These are things that nobody bothers to write about. But some of his former players will tell you that."

"There was always a feeling of respect just to be in his presence," said Linda Rupp, Herky's wife. "But he never made you feel like he was better than you."

And, Rupp added, his father did not hate Ray Mears, the head basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, as some have written.

"It was an intense rivalry, but not a personal one," said Herky. "Coach Mears even asked Daddy to speak at a Tennessee basketball banquet after Daddy retired. Daddy jokingly told him, 'Ray, you're the dean of the SEC coaches now.'"



## Clay County Reaching New Heights

By J. C. Dumas

The Clay County boys' basketball program has been used to success. In his 14 previous seasons as head coach, Bobby Keith's "worst" record was 25-9.

What the program has never been able to get used to is having size. For years, Clay County labored with 6-foot-1 and 6-2 centers. If you wanted to watch "Let's Get Small" basketball, Manchester was the place to be.

Not so this year. Clay County finally has gotten tall. The team starts a 6-6 center in Woodrow Asher, and its forward -- Shawn Pennington and Eddie Smith -- stand 6-5 and 6-4, respectively.

Mind you, this hasn't been a physically menacing Clay County team. It plays with finesse, not force. "Lots of my smaller teams were a lot more physical than this one," Keith said.

No matter. The story remains familiar. Prior to its last regular-season game last Friday against 14th Region contender Breathitt County, Clay County had fashioned a 20-5 record. That mark moved Keith's career won-loss record at the school to 423-70, and firmly established Clay County as the favorite to win the 13th Region championship -- a title it's won eight times under Keith.

Clay County first served notice of its likely success this year last summer. Its players comprised a club that won the 18-and-under AAU state championship in a tournament in Frankfort. "That led me to believe this team could be really good," Keith said.

So far, the club hasn't disappointed him. One thing has surprised him, however. Through 25 games, Clay county has shot 53 percent from the field. "That's difficult to explain," Keith said. "Just comes from loving a good ball club, I guess."

Clay County's weapons are numerous. Leading the balanced attack is Pennington, a junior who averages 17.9 points a game. Keith said Pennington has no obvious weakness. "He's excellent," the coach said. "He can shoot, drive and play defense. He doesn't miss from 22 feet on it. He's one of the best all around players I've ever had."

But Pennington hardly does it alone. Asher, a junior and a first-year starter, has provided surprisingly strong help -- though not necessarily to Keith. As the center on Clay County's "B" team last year, Asher averaged over 30 points a game.

"We knew after watching him last year that Asher would be an exceptional player," Keith said. "The fact that he was moving up to the varsity didn't make any difference. He's especially good on defense. He's a super jumper and he gets position really well. He just plays hard all the time."

Asher has hit 62 percent of his shots this season, and entered the Breathitt County game with averages of 12.8 points and nine rebounds a contest.

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Another pleasant surprise for Clay County has been the performance of its freshman starter, 6-foot wingman Richie Farmer. Playing for a grade school team last season, Farmer served notice of his potential greatness by averaging 40 points a game. His varsity numbers, though not as awesome, are impressive. This year, Farmer has averaged 16.8 points a game, and has hit 56 percent of his shots.

"He has to be, without question, the best freshman in the state this year," Keith said. "He can hit from 25 feet. He's just an exceptional shooter. There's no telling how good he can become."

Eddie Sutton, a 6-4 senior, also starts in Clay County's one-guard alignment. Sutton, who often teams with Asher in a double-low setup, is averaging 11.8 points and eight rebounds a game. Jamie Hoskins, a 6-foot senior, is the point guard who runs the Clay County offense.

Keith also owns the luxury of having a sixth man who can play all five positions if need be. He's Mark Jackson, a 6-4 senior who averages seven rebounds and seven points a game. "Anywhere we need him, he can come in and play," Keith said. "He started a lot for us last year, but he's become a valuable sub."

Jackson was forced to the bench with the arrival of Farmer. That caused Jackson little depression, Keith said. "He adapted to the change really well," Keith said. "He helps out wherever and whenever he can for us now."

Clay County received a favorable draw in this week's 49th District Tournament. It was to play Jackson County, the tournament host, Tuesday night, then advance to the final Friday if it won. The 13th Region Tournament begins next week at the new Bell County gym in Pineville.

Keith said the region is more wide open than in past years. "Any one of five or six teams could win it," he said.

Cawood is considered to be Clay County's most likely challenger for the region crown. Cawood, which never has been to the state, is led by junior Nick Sanford, one of the state's top scorers. Sanford has a 55-point game to his credit this season.

Keith also respects Knox Central's experience. "They have a lineup that's been together three or four years," he said. "They're physical, and they play well together."

Other teams Keith considers likely contenders include Middlesboro, Cumberland and Harlan. But Keith admitted he'll be disappointed if his biggest Clay County team doesn't give him a ninth region crown; and perhaps, the biggest prize of all -- a state championship.

"People in Manchester expect us to do well. They're very supportive," Keith said. "But we've never had the size we have now. Our lack of size has hurt us in state tournaments before. I hope it helps us this time."

## Leslie County Shaping Up For The State Tourney

Leslie County's not the biggest team in the 14th Region, but it's been one of the best this season. According to its coach, Ronnie Stidham, that's because what Leslie County has lacked in size, it's compensated for with stamina.

"Our key has been that we've been in such good shape," Stidham said. "We won as much early as we did because we were in super condition. We wore a lot of teams down."

But in order to prepare properly for this week's 54th District Tournament at Hazard, Leslie County might have worn itself down last week.

Through late January, Leslie County had won 16 of its first 17 games. It later owned a 17-3 record. But the heavy snows of the past two months brought Leslie County, like many teams, to an abrupt halt. Stidham said his team's physical condition was ruined in the process.

"There were I don't know how many days when we couldn't practice, and we lost a bunch of games," Stidham said. "The snow really hurt us. We got out of shape, so we've had to worry about getting back in condition as quick as possible."

Once the weather cleared, Stidham determined that the best way to do that was by playing as many games as possible. As a result of the makeshift schedule Stidham put together for his team last week, the Leslie County players either should be toned or tied for the district tournament.

Leslie County played five games last week. The team faced Knott County Central on Sunday, Letcher on Monday, Owsley County on Tuesday, Johnson Central on Thursday and Lee County on Friday. Only the games with Letcher and Lee County were in Hyden.

That's a schedule that could exhaust any high school team. But, Stidham said it was the only way Leslie County could return to playing form adequately for the district.

"Once the weather got good enough that we could practice, I worked as hard as I could to get us games," Stidham said. "Practicing isn't the same as actually playing a game. If this was the beginning of the season, it might have been different. But we had to try to get back to the top of our game as quick as we could. Playing a lot of live competition was the best way to do that."

Leslie County got another break in the draw for the district, which will be played at the Hazard Memorial Gymnasium. It drew into the bracket opposite M.C. Napier, a team regarded as one of the favorites to win the region and the defending region champion.

Leslie County played Buckhorn in the district tournament Tuesday night, the 26th. A win in that game automatically would have qualified it for next week's 14th Region Tournament, which it will host at the Richard Nixon Gymnasium in Hyden. M.C. Napier was to play Wednesday night in the district against the winner of

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By J. C. Dumas

Monday's meeting between Hazard and Dilce Combs.

"We could be tired going into the district," Stidham said. "But I hope not."

Getting in condition became a priority for Stidham because of Leslie County's penchant for scoring off a fast-paced transition offense. "Almost all our points come off the (fast) break one way or another," Stidham said.

Many of Leslie County's points have come from Jeff Sizemore, a 5-foot-11 senior guard who carried a 27.2 scoring average into last week's play.



Sizemore

"He's without a doubt the best guard in this area," Stidham said of Sizemore. "He can do it all. He's an outstanding shooter from 18 to 19 feet, and he penetrates well, too. And he's not a selfish player. He's selective about his shots."

Sizemore's season high of 52 points came in a game early in the season against Buckhorn.

Sizemore's generosity is reflected in the scoring balance exhibited through the rest of the Leslie County starting lineup.

Six-foot junior guard Bernard Hoskins, who played quarterback for the school's football team last fall, possesses a 15.3 scoring average. "Most of his baskets come off penetration," Stidham said. "He's exceptionally quick."

Dean Collett, a 6-6 junior center, has averaged 11.4 points a game. His responsibilities: Stay under the basket, score, rebound, and set picks and screens for Sizemore. "Dean's play has really helped take a lot of pressure off Jeff," Stidham said.

Senior forwards Tim Hacker and Roy Napier both average 7.2 points a game. Leslie County's top reserve, 5-11 junior guard Jeff Hacker (no relation to Tim), has contributed 7.3 points a game. Stidham said Jeff Hacker possesses a very special skill. "He can dunk anyway you want," the coach said. "He jumps exceptionally well."

The question remains; however: In a region with the likes of M.C. Napier and Breathitt County -- the latter among the state's tallest teams -- will Leslie County's players feel like hibernating during the region tournament its rigorous schedule of late?

"That's possible," Stidham said. "I hope it works out for us. There's nothing better for your team than playing games."

If that's true, lately Leslie County has had it better than almost anybody.

## Betsy Layne Using Team Concept

By J. C. Dumas

If your basketball team isn't big, perhaps it should try a little togetherness.

That philosophy has been practiced quite well by Betsy Layne, which won 20 of its first 23 games as district tournament week approached.

"We're basically a young team, and we sure don't have as much size as a lot of teams," Betsy Layne coach William Newsome Jr. said. "But the best thing about us is that we're so unselfish. The team plays well together. It plays like a team. That's what will help us go however far we go in the tournaments."

Betsy Layne begins its tournament journey Thursday, the 28th. It opposes McDowell in the 58th District tourney at Betsy Layne. Should it win that game, it automatically would advance to next week's 15th Region Tournament at Sheldon Clark. That's because both district champions and runners-up participate in region tournaments.

A region championship would be greatly appreciated by Betsy Layne. In recent years, they've come close often.



Center Jim Parsons



Jeff Campbell

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Betsy Layne last won the region in 1980. Led by Ronnie Akers, Paul Layne and Darrell Newsome, Betsy Layne lost 64-60 to Ashland Blazer in the opening round. In both 1981 and '82, Betsy Layne lost in the semifinal round of the region to eventual champion Virgie.

Betsy Layne then lost in the final of the 1983 region tournament to Sheldon Clark. Last season, it fell to Belfry in the first round of the region.

"We've come close enough times," Newsome said. "But all those teams had good overall balance, too. That's what will help us go as far as we go."

Leading the balanced Betsy Layne attack is Jeff Campbell, a 6-foot-1 senior guard. A two-year starter, Campbell averages 17 points and six assists a game.

Newsome said leadership is Campbell's most important byproduct on the court. "He's a tremendous help to all the younger players," Newsome said of Campbell. "It's like having a coach on the floor."

Newsome said Campbell's individual skills aren't bad, either. "He's a pure shooter, and he can hit from 25 feet in," Newsome said. "He has the green light to put it up whenever he wants to. And he's a 90 percent foul shooter. When the game's close, our kids know who to get the ball to."

Brett Meade and Jimmy Parsons have helped, too. Meade, a 6-3 junior forward, averages 12 points a game, and is the team's leading rebounder with an average of 12 a game. Parsons, a 6-4 junior center, averages 14 points and 11 rebounds a contest.

"Brett's not the biggest guy out there," Newsome said of Meade, who weighs 185 pounds. "But he's a very strong player who jumps exceptionally well. Jimmy's solid, too, and he's an excellent passer from the high post. He doesn't mind giving it up."

Duran Hall, a 5-11 junior forward, loves to shoot from long range. He's done it adequately, averaging 10 points a game. Davey Mitchell, a 5-10 junior point guard, rounds out the lineup. "Davey's important because he handles the ball so well," Newsome said. "He gives Campbell a lot more freedom to shoot."

Newsome said the biggest plus Betsy Layne has on its side entering the postseason tournaments is that it "knows how to win." His team proved that this season by, among other things, beating two of the top teams in the 16th Region, Greenup County and Ashland Blazer. Greenup County has one of the state's most regarded players in Mike Scott, a 6-11 center who already has signed with Wake Forest.

"Beating people like that shows that we can play with anybody," Newsome said. "Our balance should help us. I just hope we play to our potential in the tournaments."

If Betsy Layne doesn't, Newsome said Sheldon Clark may win the region. "In my mind, they're the favorite," Newsome said. "They've got good size, and they get to host the region tournament. That's an awfully big plus for anybody."

## Like 'Sky', Scott Is The Target Of Rough Treatment

By J. C. Dumas

To hear his coach, Randy Ward, tell it, Mike Scott of Greenup County can identify with Kenny Walker's problems all too well this season.

University of Kentucky basketball coach Joe B. Hall long has complained this year that Walker, his star forward and All-America candidate, has had to endure excessive physical treatment from opposing centers and forwards. Despite the alleged "muggings," Walker has gone on to enjoy a banner season.

Scott, Greenup's 6-foot-11 senior center, entered this season with a lofty reputation, as did Walker at UK. Scott also has put together impressive numbers, though not as overwhelming as Walker's. Scott, who signed with Wake Forest in November, averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds a game through Greenup County's first 23 contests.

But, Ward said, Scott has been unnecessarily bumped, pushed, shoved and slugged in the process.

Ward thinks it isn't fair.

"The referees have let other teams get away with pure murder this year on Mike," Ward said. "It's been a disgrace. What's happened a lot of times is that we may tell refs to watch the pushing, and they may call it once. But then they let it go the rest of the game, and teams get away with anything. Games get to be a real free-for-all."

Ward said he imagines Glenn Collie, who coaches Seneca standout Tony Kimbro, and Bill Kerchr, who coaches Eastern's 7-footer, Felton Spencer, have faced the same problems this year. "It gets frustrating, and I'm sure they're frustrated, too," Ward said. "You tell your kids to go out and play clean, then before you know it, it becomes a knockdown, dragout game. It's enough to make you bang your head against the wall."

Regardless, Greenup County -- and Scott -- have suffered little, though one player, Jack Gullett, has been forced out of the lineup often this season because of injuries. "Every time Jack gets close to being healthy, he goes in a game, gets beat around and gets hurt again," Ward said. "It's a direct result of the way teams play us, and it's a crime. He really would have helped us."

Ward has been satisfied with Scott's play despite the constant defensive pressure. "He's seen about every kind of defense now, and he's played well against them all," Ward said. "I've thought about moving him outside some games to relieve the pressure and get him out of the traffic. But he's really more effective under the basket. And as soon as I do that, some people will say, 'There he (Ward) goes, putting a 6-11 guy way out on the floor.'"

Greenup county's supporting cast has complemented Scott well, though

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at times they've been guilty of looking for Scott too much. "When we've been inconsistent this year, I think that's why," Ward said. "Sometimes we just don't mentally get ready. We don't show enough maturity sometimes. And sometimes our offense slows down, like they're waiting to get Mike open. But it's hard to complain a lot, because when the team has played well, they've played really well."

Jay Bates, a 6-1 senior guard, has been Greenup's No. 2 weapon this season. Bates averages 13 points a game, and has hit 50 percent from the field. "Jay's helped a lot this year with his outside shooting," Ward said. "When he's on, Mike gets a bit more room to move inside."

Jay Wright, a 5-9 guard, fits that role, too. He's hit 60 percent of his shots from the field. Another solid long-range shooter is Timmy Veach, a 6-2 wingman. "Timmy burns it up in practice, and in some games he's exceptional," Ward said. "Jay started the season really strong, but he's been in a slump lately. We have to hope he comes out of it."

Among Greenup County's helpers along the baseline are David Beach, who Ward called "an amazing leaper," and Todd Martin.

Above all, Ward said he hopes Greenup County finds its consistency before post-season play begins this Thursday. "We played great, for instance, against (Louisville) Eastern, though they beat us by three," Ward said. "We held Spencer to 14. But then we lost to Betsy Layne (of the 15th Region) at home last week. We need to keep a high level of intensity up, and we should do well in the tournaments."

Having Scott healthy will help, too. Last year, Scott suffered a broken wrist late in the season. He played with a cast in Greenup's first 16th Region Tournament game, but the team lost to Ashland Blazer.

Greenup County will face archrival Russell Thursday night, the 28th, in the 63rd District Tournament at Raceland. A win there automatically would qualify Ward's team for next week's 16th Region Tournament. There would be an added bonus for Greenup County that week -- the region is in its home gym.

"That can't hurt us," Ward said. "You should get good play at home. But we need to be intense, and we need to mentally prepare. And, we need to get the referees to give Mike a break and not let teams beat him up." Ward knows, of course, that he and his team can control only two of those three factors.

He's hoping, however, that like UK and Walker, Greenup County can finish the season on a high note.

And he'd like nothing more than to do it in UK's home gym -- at Rupp Arena, in the State Tournament.

## Inside The Locker Room After The Florida Game

ED DAVENDER

(About leading by seven at halftime even though Kenny Walker didn't score a point)

Everybody has always been saying that we're a one-man team, but I think tonight we came out and everybody got into a little bit of the offense. That opened things up for Kenny a little more in the second half because they started paying attention to us a little bit. It was easy for us to get the ball into Kenny in the second half. I think that's the thing that really came through for us in the second half.

(About if the team discussed about getting the ball to Walker at the halftime break)

It wasn't talked about too much at halftime because you knew what was happening... we just had to take our time.

(About his theft of McDowell's pass in the second half -- resulting in a three-point play)

I take notes during the game and everytime the ball goes down low and two guys drop, then the guy on the top of the key is open. I just hit that passing lane all the time.

(About the team playing with intensity the entire night)

When we played at Starkville, we came out kind of flat the first 10 minutes, and then we got behind. Tonight we came out and played with real intensity right at the tip-off.

(About what being down by seven points early in the contest)

We've been down in most of our games. We didn't quit. We kept on banging, scrapping and scrapping, and doing the things that take for us to win the game.

(About Florida minus guard Darryl Gresham -- who was recently suspended)

Because Gresham wasn't here, that didn't mean anything. We look at them as a great team even without Gresham.

(About making the crucial free throws down the stretch)

I did hit some crucial free throws in the Alabama game (Feb. 13) and I hit some tonight. I just stepped to the line tonight with the type of attitude that I'm going to make those free throws.

KENNY WALKER

(About the team meeting prior to their game with the Florida Gators)

There wasn't a whole lot said. We just got some of the dirty stuff out of our system tonight -- things that have been preventing us from playing well and playing the way we're capable of playing. I'm not saying that the meeting really helped us in the way we played tonight, but I think a lot of people got some stuff off their minds that was interfering with them playing well.

(About if he's ever been shutout before in a college ball)

Yes, I've been shut out. In the Cincinnati game (December 20, 1983) I had goose-eggs all across the scoring sheet. But I'm glad that the guys came through and played well.

(About the team playing with intensity against the Gators)



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### Davender's View

When they got the lead (Florida 9-2) we just kept fighting back and never gave up, and I like that. We've been doing that all year, people just haven't been taking notice to that. Even with the outside shooting not there, we're still hustling and still playing our game. Sometimes we've won and sometimes we've lost, but we still kind of kept the faith. We want to believe in ourselves and we just want to keep fighting regardless of what everybody else thinks. I know some games we look bad, and people talk on how we can't shoot from the outside, but like I said these guys can play. I'm not a psychic; I'm not going to tell you what's going to happen, but let's hope that we can play well for the rest of the season like we did tonight.

(About himself keeping the faith despite the rough treatments he's been receiving lately)

I think I've got to try to keep my faith more than anybody because the way I got brutalized tonight... I don't mind it, but I just hate for my mother to sit out in the stands and see me get brutalized like that (Walker smiles). I'm one to never complain about physical play. But when you come down and get knocked down when you don't have the ball, something's got to be said. I know I got a little frustrated in the first half tonight, I must admit.

People have been telling me all year not to get frustrated, but that's easier said than done. Tonight it got to me, I must say, in the first half. I was working hard in the first half and trying to get position, but they knocked me all over the place, even when I'm nowhere near the ball. Something's got to be said. I didn't mind getting shutout in the first half, just as long as we won the game. I'm just proud of the way that we played tonight and we showed a lot of character. I wouldn't care if I had goose-eggs all across the stat sheet. Hey, I'm just glad that we won. I feel good about the team right now and this was a big road win for us. We're in a position to win the conference. Going back home, we can't let up. We've just got to keep working hard. Who knows, we might be on top of this thing at the end of the season.

## Lady Kats Fall To MSU, Ending Season

The Kentucky Lady Kats were defeated by Mississippi State 58-55 at Memorial Coliseum in a first-round SEC tournament game held last Saturday night. The loss, which dropped the Kats to 16-12, eliminated Coach Terry Hall's team from further competition this season.

Coach Hall benched three of her starters -- Leslie Nichols (18.4 points per game), Karen Mosley (12.9 ppg.), and Sandy Harding (8.4 ppg.) -- for the entire evening.

"I just don't think they care a whole lot," Hall told the Lexington Herald-Leader. "I'd as soon the fans know who I'm talking about. I think anybody who saw our last four games could see that their play was lackadaisical. I just don't think they care a lot."

"What's one more loss. We weren't going to get an NCAA bid and even if we'd won tonight, Mississippi (the

next game in the tourney) is undefeated at home and have only lost one time. Why not play the people who are going to try? The season was already ruined anyway."

At one time this season, Kentucky was in the Top Twenty and had almost upset the nation's No. 1 squad -- Old Dominion -- twice. Though, the Lady Kats had fallen on hard times as they lost four games in a row.

Mississippi State (8-18), which had not won an SEC game all year, was led in scoring by Daisy Casher with 25 points. The Lady Kats were paced by senior Diane Stephens with 14 points, followed by Debbie Miller and Laurie Hudgens with 10 points apiece.

UK outscored State 32-28 in the first half, but could not hold on for the win. Mississippi State will face Mississippi in SEC tourney competition.

The game was played before an estimated crowd of 709 fans.

### Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments following Georgia's 79-77 win over Kentucky at Rupp Arena last Sunday:

Coach Hall: Our players really played a hard game. We played about as hard as we can play. Shooting 51 percent from the floor was as much as we could ask for. It was a tough game to lose, especially here on our homecourt. But we lost it to a team that really fought back. Georgia

deserves a lot of credit for its comeback, after being down by 11 points in the second half. We did an exceptional job, and it's just a real tough loss for us to take. I thought everyone that played gave a great effort and did everything he could. We just fell a little short. Everybody knows how tough a loss this was to us. It doesn't eliminate us, but it certainly would have put us in a great position if we had won.

## Coach Hugh Durham's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Hugh Durham's postgame comments after his team beat Kentucky in Lexington for the first time since 1923:

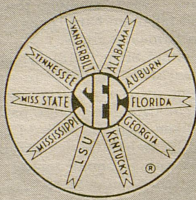







Coach Durham: We were behind by 11 points, but we continued to play hard and good things finally began happening for us. We weren't double-teaming (Kenny) Walker. We had a man dropping back on him and we were trying to cut off the passing lanes to him. It was a typical Kenny Walker first half. I told (Richard) Corhen to quit helping guard a guy averaging seven points, while leaving a 23-point scorer open. Kenny scored 25, but we had 29 points from one position with (Horace) McMillan and (Joe) Ward alternating. (Donald) Hartry, one of

our best scorers, was blanked. It was a super job on him by the UK defense. But we won and that says a lot for the other guys in picking up the slack. We primarily use the man-to-man defense and we didn't want to change today, although many teams have zoned Kentucky, some of them successfully. We didn't want to change, so we kept up the pressure. Keeping the pressure on their guards enabled us to come back. Kentucky was executing well, but as the game progressed, our pressure began to tell. Their guards made some mistakes late in the game. They may have been tired. Our depth was a factor. There were only seven turnovers for both teams in the first half. You were seeing some good basketball out there.

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# Looking Ahead To The NCAA

## Big Ten Tops List

With the expanded 64-team NCAA Basketball Tournament only two weeks away, here then is a synopsis of how many teams from each conference might make appearances in the March festival. Keep in mind the NCAA recognizes only conference tournament champions as the NCAA representative. Last season a few schools who accumulated 20 wins didn't make the 53-team field. Virginia last year was selected with a 17-11 record on the merits of its schedule and eventually went all the way to the Final Four.

**BIG TEN (6)** - Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Purdue, Michigan State, and Indiana. Ohio State also is a possibility but the upset loss to unknown Northeastern didn't help the Buckeyes chances. With a 18-game round robin schedule each of the Big Ten teams will end up with respectable schedules. Besides the ACC, the Big Ten has the best balanced league in the nation.

**ACC (5)** - Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Duke, Maryland, and N.C. State. Either Wake Forest, Clemson, or Virginia probably will be chosen. Virginia has the worst record of the trio at this time but the Cavaliers have definitely played the tougher non-conference clubs. It's possible the ACC will become the only conference in the nation that sends every member of their league to either the NCAA or NIT tournaments.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

**SOUTHEASTERN (4)** - This conference is by far the hardest to speculate how many clubs it will send into post-season play. Georgia and Florida should finish the season with decent records. LSU Kentucky, and Mississippi State have faced the toughest non-conference opponents in the league. With the type of slate Kentucky has went up against, 16 regular season victories and a victory in the SEC tournament should sew up a bid for the Wildcats. With the regular season title still up for grabs it's anybody's guess who will receive the automatic bid by winning the conference tournament. Alabama, Auburn, and Tennessee should not be eliminated yet.

**BIG EAST (5)** - Glancing at the latest polls reveals Georgetown, St. John's and Syracuse are rated in the Top 10. Each of those teams can make their hotel reservation for the third week of March when the NCAA begins. Boston College has played well as of late while Villanova seemed inconsistent and faltered somewhat. Don't leave out Pittsburgh who could turn out to be a real surprise team. Coach Roy Chipman could have Pitt vying for the Big East championship next year. Four starters will be returning including freshman sensation 6-9 Charles Smith. Also, such prominent players as Chris Mullin, Pat Ewing, and Ed Pinckney will be graduating next season.

**BIG EIGHT (3?)** - Kansas and Oklahoma are locks. Iowa State already chalked up 17 wins but will their schedule be formidable enough. Missouri should be considered as a possible participant.

**PACIFIC TEN (4)** - USC, Arizona, Oregon State, and Washington. Where's UCLA? Well, the Bruins are currently hovering around the .500 mark and will have to scramble for any post-season action. With guard Brock Brunkhorst returning from an injury, look for Lute Olson's Arizona club to win the conference title which hasn't occurred in decades.

**METRO (2)** - Memphis State and Virginia Tech. Cincinnati gets the comeback team of the year award after going winless in the conference last year could sneak into the tourney. Louisville's chances are slim but the Cardinals have the Metro Conference Tournament in Freedom Hall. Injuries have simply decimated Denny Crum's team this year and it has hampered the Cardinals usual late season surge. When the season is over, Louisville might have played more NCAA Tournament participants than anybody in the country.

**SOUTHWEST (4?)** - SMU, Texas A & M, Arkansas, and Texas Tech. SMU, with Jon Koncak in the pivot and the multi-talented Carl Wright in the backcourt could very well visit Lexington again for the Final Four (SMU played in Rupp earlier this year against UK). Texas A&M and Texas Tech have been the surprise teams in the SWC and both have decent chances. Houston shouldn't be ruled out and Guy Lewis' squad has faced some high caliber non-conference competition. By the time the SWC tournament has been played the league will probably send four schools to the NCAA tourney.

**INDEPENDENTS (4?)** - DePaul, Dayton, Notre Dame, and Marquette. The NCAA expanded version of 64 teams might just be large enough to include Notre Dame and their easy schedule. Take a look at Digger Phelps schedule which includes such weak sisters as Manhattan, Northwestern St.

Francis (PA), St. Louis, Valparaiso, Davidson, Rice, Holy Cross, Providence, La Salle, New Orleans, Loyola (MD), Fordham, and Butler in addition to a very mediocre BYU team. If the Irish only go .500 against the likes of DePaul, Dayton, and Marquette who they face twice and a few other classier teams, Notre Dame is assured of finishing the season close to 20 victories. Like Notre Dame, Marquette has an iffy schedule and could step into the NCAA tournament picture.

**SUN BELT (2)** - Alabama-Birmingham and Virginia Commonwealth have enough victories to insure tournament invitations. Old Dominion and South Florida certainly will be considered by the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

**MISSOURI VALLEY (3)** - Tulsa, Creighton, and Illinois State. Remember Benoit Benjamin who was one of the most heavily recruited high school players in the nation coming out of the state of Louisiana. Well, Benjamin chose former NBA great Willis Reed instead of LSU's Dale Brown. Currently, Benjamin is enjoying an outstanding year and has made the Blue Jays a legitimate contender for the Missouri Valley crown.

**MIDWESTERN CITY (1)** - Loyola of Chicago. Loyola possesses the unique distinction of being the only team in the nation which has three players (Alfredrick Hughes, Andre Battle, and Keith Smith) who average over 20 points a game according to the recent NCAA statistics. Already coach Gene Sullivan's Ramblers have upset Louisville, DePaul and Illinois.



**SOUTHLAND (1)** - Louisiana Tech. Last year Tech led by the powerful Carl Malone shocked Fresno State in the NCAA Tournament. Louisiana Tech could turn out to be the sleeper this year.

**WESTERN ATHLETIC (2)** - San Diego State and Texas El Paso. UTEP coach Don Haskins is in his 24th season and incidentally was the coach at Texas Western (now Texas El Paso) who upset UK for the 1966 NCAA championship.

**MID AMERICAN (1)** - Ohio. Miami, Ohio could upset the pre-season favored Bearcats.

**ATLANTIC TEN (1)** - Temple. In last year's tournament Temple ended St. John's season early by upsetting the Redmen in the NCAA East Regional. West Virginia and St. Joseph's are question marks.

**WEST COAST ATHLETIC (1)** - Santa Clara or Pepperdine.

**OHIO VALLEY (1)** - Murray State moves into the NCAA tourney after a two-year layoff.

**BIG SKY (1)** - Weber State. Montana and Nevada Reno are possibilities.

**METRO ATLANTIC (1)** - Iona. Besides its Jim Valvano's old school.

**EAST COAST (1)** - Lafayette.

**PCAA (2)** - Nevada Las Vegas and Fresno State.

**SOUTHERN (1)** - Tennessee Chattanooga

**IVY LEAGUE (1)** - Harvard. Harvard is led by Joe Carribino and Bob Ferry. Dan Ferry who is Bob's brother, is one of the most heavily recruited players in the country.

**ECAC SOUTH (1)** - Navy.

**ECAC NORTH (1)** - Canisius.

**ECAC METRO (1)** - Marist.

**MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (1)** - North Carolina A&T.

**SOUTHWESTERN (1)** - Alcorn State.

**TRANS-AMERICA (1)** - Georgia Southern or Mercer.

**MID-CONTINENT (1)** - Cleveland State.

## Coach Joe B. Hall's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after the Wildcats beat Florida 76-68 in Gainesville:

**Coach Hall:** Our team really gave a great effort. Outside that five minutes start of the second half, it was probably as good a game as we've played. In the first half, there's no question that Florida had a good game plan, defensively. They did a great job of keeping the ball off of Kenny Walker; we could not get it to him. It's the first time this year that we came

## Norm Sloan's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach Norm Sloan's postgame comments after Florida was defeated by Kentucky 76-68 at the O'Connell Center in Gainesville:

**Coach Sloan:** Kentucky played well. There isn't any question about that. You can expect that our of them at any time because they have a lot of great athletes. I saw some encouraging things out of our basketball team tonight. This is kind of like starting over for us. I have no explanation for it and I don't know how we fell into it. I was very impressed by the way Pat Lawrence played tonight. Andrew (Moten) played a good game tonight. There was a little bad judgement on his part, but that is because he's trying to do so much. He wants to win so badly he feels he has to take it all the way himself. We've got to shake this off and get ready for probably the most talented team in the conference, and that's LSU on Saturday night.

### Oscar L. Combs

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assistant sports information director Brad Davis has put out a colorful Kenny "Sky" Walker promotional poster, promoting Walker for All-American honors. The poster can be purchased from the UK sports information office for \$3 each. You can write him in care of Memorial Coliseum. . .

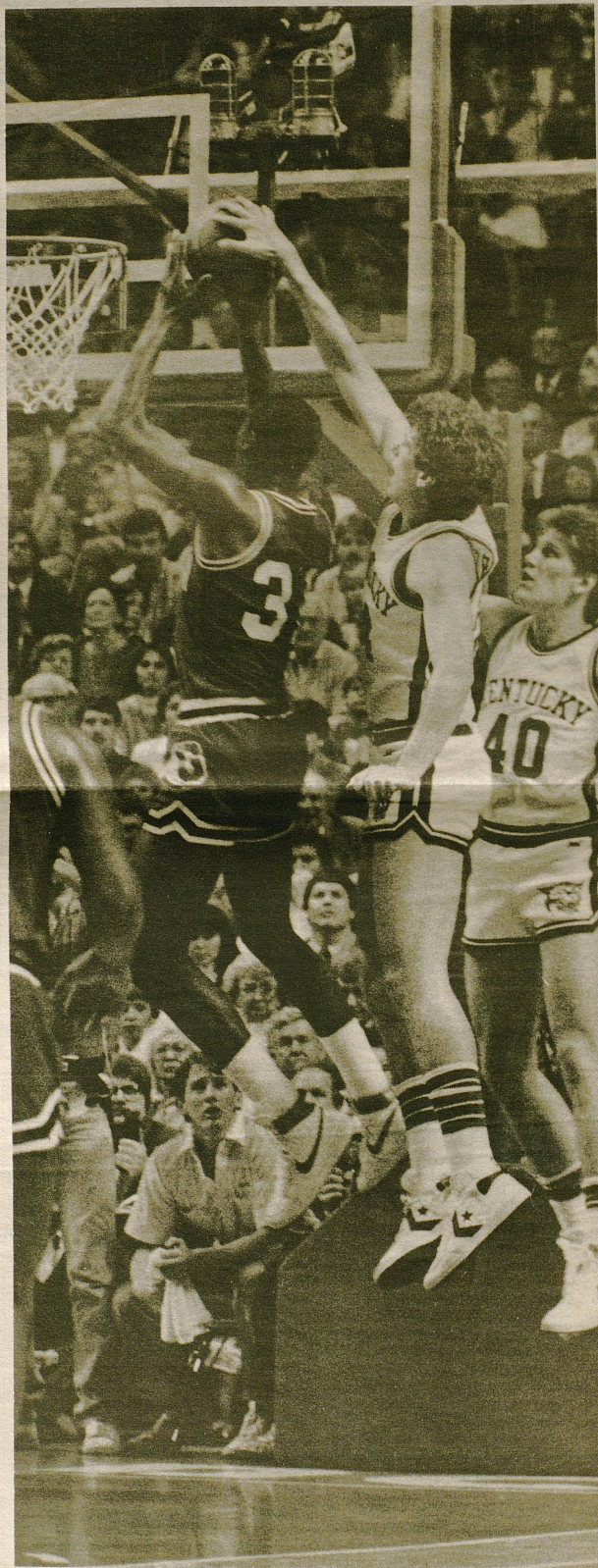
through in at other positions and on the perimeter. We had a good game from Ed Davender, Troy McKinley, Bret Bearup, and Winston Bennett. They all scored well for us. Their scoring -- their double-figure scoring -- and Paul Andrews hit a shot there in the first half, were the things that we needed to win a ballgame on the road. We shot 57 percent in the first half. All of that came from other than Kenny Walker. Kenny in the second half and Roger Harden came in and picked us up -- he had nine assists in the second half and he was getting the ball into Kenny. Kenny had 17 points in the second half and was just outstanding. Defensively, we made some adjustments. We played three defenses in the second half -- man-to-man, point-drop and 2-3 zone. The point drop was most effective. But they were hurting us early in the first half with (Vernon) Maxwell driving from that left side, and getting past that wing man. He hurt right at the start of the second half and (Andrew) Moten hurt us from the point. We then changed point-man, and then put Ed Davender out there; and he did a good job stopping 'em out on the point. Once we got our defense going again in the second half, then we were alright.

**With Walker only getting one shot in the first half, did you tell your players to go ahead and take the shot?**

**Coach Hall:** We always want them to shoot. It wasn't anything exceptional tonight. Bearup was really moving well with the ball inside, and he was releasing the ball well. I could see him in the second half starting to tighten up. I think he was getting above his average, and he got thinking about it too much. But he was really in the flow of the game in the first half. Davender was 4 for 6 in the first half and that was important to us. Troy McKinley was 3 for 4 against the zone as he was hitting well. It wasn't anything different. We were hitting the shots as we got 'em, and certainly that gave us more confidence.

**What were some of the other factors that led to UK's win here tonight?**

**Coach Hall:** We had six turnovers, and on the road that's very good. This time of year, you like to see those turnovers go down. We had 20 assists -- Roger Harden with nine of those, and Ed Davender with six. That's a good balance and I think we handled the ball very wisely. We played good down the stretch. We maintained our lead with good free throw shooting and that was important to us. If we had just done a little better job on the board; we had to make up for the deficit that we had on the rebounding. Florida outrebounded us 41 to 29, and you hate to give up that many possessions. But good ball handling and good shot selection made up for a lot of that.



*Where's The Foul?*

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## FIVE YEARS AGO

Kentucky football Coach Fran Curci and his staff traveled north and south last week as they inked 26 high school prospects to national letters-of-intent to play football at UK. Heading UK's out-of-state signees are Greg Wimberly from the junior college ranks, Steve Willis, UK's first ever signee out of Moeller High School and Ty Richmond, a defensive back from Texas. Among the 1st are nine in-state players, including all-stars Eddie Simmons, Choo Choo Lee, Kerry Baird, Jeff Smith and Ron Knott.

Kyle Macy sank a 22-foot jumper before the horn sounded as Kentucky defeated LSU 76-74 in Baton Rouge, giving the Cats their 32nd Southeastern Conference championship. The game went into overtime when UK lost an eight-point lead because they were

unable to hit some clutch free throws and LSU missed a last second shot. UK then failed to score on the first possession of the overtime and LSU went into a stall with 4:20 left. However with 27 seconds left, a jump ball was called between Greg Cook and UK's Sam Bowie. UK gained possession and called a timeout, setting up a double screen for Macy's winning shot. UK's Fred Cowan and LSU's Ethan Martin had exceptional games. Cowan hit 12 of 18 shots and scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Martin hit 12 of 15 shots and scored 29 points. UK also got 16 points from Sam Bowie and 11 each from LaVon Williams and Macy.

More than 8,000 fans, Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins and former Kentucky Gov. Happy Chandler were on hand at Memorial Coliseum to greet the UK basketball team after their 76-74 triumph of LSU which gave UK

the SEC regular season crown. Collins read a proclamation which declared Feb. 25 as "University of Kentucky Wildcat Day."

\*What started as an emotional high almost ended in an emotional low as UK barely downed Mississippi State 71-65 in Rupp Arena. The game started with the introduction of UK seniors Kyle Macy, Jay Shidler and LaVon Williams, making their final home appearance. State led seven minutes into the second half. Macy led UK with 18 points while Sam Bowie added 14 and Derrick Hord came in to bust the State zone for 14 points. Charles Hurt also sparked the Cats with two strong moves to the basket.

## TEN YEARS AGO

\*UK's Kevin Grevey was the only player named on every ballot for the UPI All-SEC basketball team, but

Tennessee freshman Bernard King was voted SEC Player-of-the-Year. It was Grevey's third time on the UPI team. Jimmy Dan Connor was named to the third team.

\*In the final home appearance for UK seniors Kevin Grevey, Bob Guyette, Jimmy Dan Connor, Mike Flynn, Jerry Hale and G.J. Smith, it was freshman Rick Robey who sparked the Cats to 109-84 blitz of Vanderbilt.

The 6-10 freshman center scored 28 points, got ten rebounds and brought the crowd to its feet with a steal and behind the back dribble for a layup. Grevey also scored 28 points, Connor 15 and Flynn 11.

\*Piling up 643 points to 461 by runner-up Eastern Kentucky, the UK swim team captured the 17th annual Kentucky Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving championships held at the University of Louisville. Eastern had won the competition the last 12 years.

# Wildcat Quiz

1. In which of the following years was the last time UK defeated LSU in Baton Rouge?

- a) 1984
- b) 1982
- c) 1978
- d) 1976

2. In the Wildcats 53-43 decision over LSU on Jan. 31 in Rupp Arena, what Tiger starter led the team with 14 points?

- a) John Williams
- b) Jerry Reynolds
- d) Nikita Wilson
- d) Derrick Taylor

3. Does Joe B. Hall hold a winning record over LSU's Dale Brown?

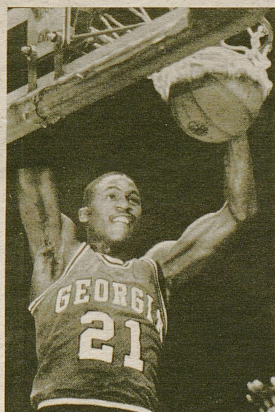
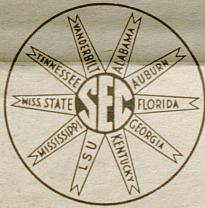
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4. Against which of the following SEC schools did Kenny Walker score his career 1,000th point for Kentucky?

- a) Florida
- b) Tennessee
- c) LSU
- d) Georgia

5. Who was Kentucky's scoring leader during the 1967-68 season?

- a) Johnny Cox
- b) Mike Casey
- c) Mike Pratt
- d) Kent Hollenback



Dominique Wilkins

6. Which of the following players holds the single-game scoring record against Kentucky?

- a) John Stroud - Ole Miss
- b) Pete Maravich - LSU
- c) Dale Ellis - Tennessee
- d) Dominique Wilkins - Georgia

7. True or False? Former UK guard Louie Dampier was never a Academic All-American.

8. What former Wildcat received a Pan American Games gold medal?

- a) Kenny Walker
- b) Jim Master
- c) Dicky Beal
- d) Dirk Minniefield

9. Who was Kentucky's high scorer back in 1948 when the Wildcats defeated Baylor 58-42 for the school's first ever collegiate title?

- a) Ralph Beard
- b) Ken Rollins
- c) James Line
- d) Alex Groza

10. What NBA club drafted former UK center Mike Phillips?

- a) Denver Nuggets
- b) Indiana Pacers
- c) New Jersey Nets
- d) Washington Bullets

### Answers

- 1. 1984
- 2. Nikita Wilson
- 3. Yes
- 4. Georgia
- 5. Mike Casey
- 6. Pete Maravich (64 points)
- 7. False
- 8. Jim Master
- 9. Alex Groza
- 10. New Jersey Nets



## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

\*UK squandered a 15-point lead, but downed Vandy 90-86 to avenge their only loss of the season. Dan Issel had 31 points and Tom Parker 21.

\*Dan Issel and Mike Pratt were named to the SEC's first team by UPI, but Pete Maravich of LSU won Player-of-the-Year honors. Bob Linnard of Georgia and John Mengelt of Auburn were also on the first team. Larry Steele of UK made third team.

\*Dan Issel was named on the 1970 NEA All-American college basketball team. Also on the team were Pete Maravich, Bob Lanier, Charlie Scott, Rick Mount and Rudy Tomjanovich.

\*Adolph Rupp was named UPI Coach of the Year in the Southeastern Conference.

\*Dan Issel has been named AP first-team All American. Pete Maravich was named Player-of-the-Year. Mike Pratt of UK received honorable mention.

\*Mike Pratt and Dan Issel received long standing ovations in their salute then led UK to a 102-81 romp over Auburn. Issel had 42 points and Pratt had 21 points.

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