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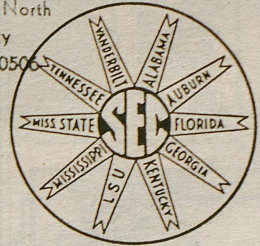
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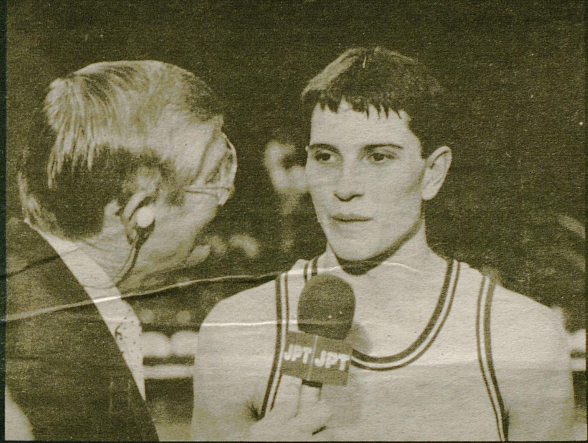


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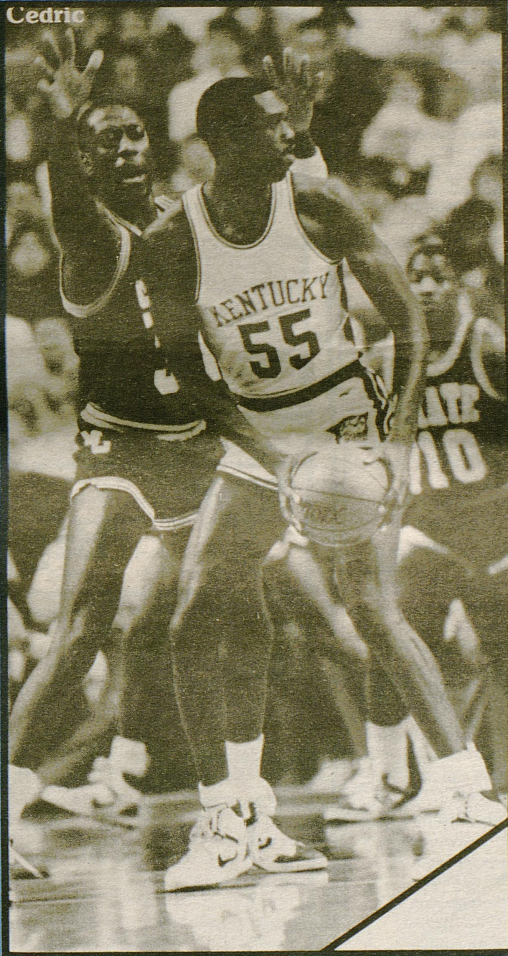
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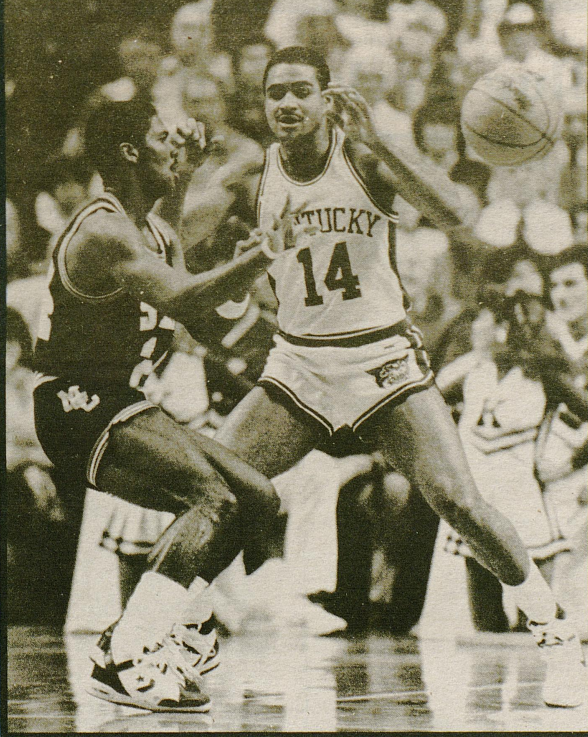
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS

G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
CHAPMAN, REX	18	18	591	32.8	106	230	46.1	47	107	43.9	22	34	64.7	35	1.9	25	1	59	40	6	20	281	15.6	
DAVENDER, ED	18	18	598	33.2	91	212	42.9	6	35	17.1	67	92	72.8	59	3.3	33	1	60	51	1	27	255	14.2	
BLACKMON, JAMES	18	18	511	28.4	57	121	47.1	20	54	37.0	23	43	53.5	54	3.0	45	1	41	23	4	29	157	8.7	
MADISON, RICHARD	18	14	569	31.6	53	97	54.6	-	1	-	35	49	71.4	132	7.3	48	4	27	38	5	5	141	7.8	
LOCK, ROBERT	18	15	395	21.9	59	101	58.4	-	-	-	17	41	41.5	101	5.6	57	1	9	35	15	13	135	7.5	
MILLER, DERRICK	18	-	302	16.8	42	102	41.2	25	57	43.9	6	14	42.9	50	2.8	23	-	13	17	2	8	115	6.4	
THOMAS, IRVING	18	7	347	19.3	30	60	50.0	-	-	-	18	41	43.9	74	4.1	57	3	15	33	4	12	78	4.3	
ANDREWS, PAUL	13	-	160	12.3	8	15	53.3	1	1	100.0	3	5	60.0	15	1.2	8	-	5	9	-	3	20	1.5	
JENKINS, CEDRIC	12	-	94	7.8	2	7	28.6	-	-	-	7	8	87.5	13	1.1	14	-	4	7	5	2	11	.9	
SHIGG, TERRY	4	-	8	2.0	1	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.5	
SCOTT, MIKE	4	-	18	4.5	1	3	33.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.5	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	.5	
BRUCE, STEVE	3	-	7	2.3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	.7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TEAM	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WILDCATS	18	-	3600	200.	450	954	47.2	99	256	38.7	198	328	60.4	570	31.7	312	11	233	254	42	120	51	1197	66.5
OPPONENTS	18	-	3600	200.	438	972	45.1	51	154	33.1	214	306	69.9	591	32.8	343	15	220	295	44	108	50	1141	63.4



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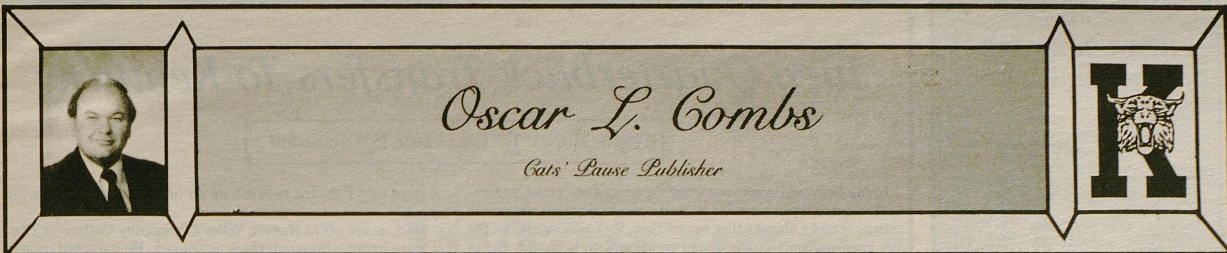


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CHAPMAN, REX	10	10	321	32.1	51	121	42.1	24	58	41.4	9	14	64.3	20	2.0	15	33	24	2	9	135	13.5
DAVENDER, ED	10	10	335	33.5	45	116	38.8	3	21	14.3	32	43	74.4	26	2.6	17	28	38	1	9	125	12.5
BLACKMON, JAMES	10	10	288	28.8	32	72	44.4	15	42	35.7	13	22	59.1	29	2.9	20	21	9	3	14	92	9.2
MADISON, RICHARD	10	10	315	31.5	36	60	60.0	-	-	-	14	21	66.7	69	6.9	27	9	24	2	1	86	8.6
LOCK, ROBERT	10	10	223	22.3	27	48	56.3	-	-	-	8	22	36.4	61	6.1	31	6	23	6	7	62	6.2
MILLER, DERRICK	10	-	156	15.6	19	59	32.2	12	33	36.4	2	5	40.0	24	2.4	12	8	5	-	2	52	5.2
THOMAS, IRVING	10	-	155	15.5	9	22	40.9	-	-	-	4	15	26.7	32	3.2	27	4	15	1	3	22	2.2
ANDREWS, PAUL	9	-	105	11.7	6	11	54.5	1	1	100.0	2	3	66.7	12	1.3	5	4	7	-	-	15	1.7
JENKINS, CEDRIC	9	-	84	9.3	2	7	28.6	-	-	-	7	8	87.5	13	1.4	12	3	7	4	2	11	1.2
SCOTT, MIKE	3	-	17	5.7	1	3	33.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.7	1	-	1	-	1	2	.7
BRUCE, STEVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHIGG, TERRY	1	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEAM	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	10	-	2000	200.	228	519	43.9	55	155	35.5	91	153	59.5	311	31.1	167	116	153	19	48	602	60.2
OPPONENTS	10	-	2000	200.	252	534	47.2	27	86	31.4	106	161	65.8	329	32.9	173	129	155	21	61	637	63.7



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher

Kentucky Still Lacking A Floor Leader

For the past few weeks, it seems, we've been saying the next two or three games "will be the most vital games of the season for the Kentucky Wildcats."

They were, perhaps, but no more so than the next two, and the following two, etc.

In the past, Kentucky's success almost always had a direct bearing on the outcome of the Southeastern Conference race, usually with the 'Cats right in the thick of the action.

Not so this time around. Oh, Kentucky hasn't been officially eliminated from the race to defend its crown of a year ago. But anything less than a holy miracle will have the Wildcats clawing, just to finish in the top four of the SEC.

With a current 5-5 league mark, Kentucky could go undefeated (which it won't) the rest of the way and still not win the league. There's no way Alabama is going to lose four more games and Florida probably won't either.

What Kentucky desperately needs to accomplish is some consistent team play with an eye toward the new season at the Omni in Atlanta in March.

In the process, coach Eddie Sutton's team needs to play its games one at a time with a theme of giving a total effort toward improving each time out.

Obviously, Kentucky needs at least 17 or 18 victories to have a good shot at an NCAA at-large invitation. Anything less and the 'Cats will have to depend on a strong SEC Tournament showing.

And the way pairings have worked out in recent years, you never know which team you'll be playing. And as close as the league

race has been, sometimes the No. 4 seeded team really hasn't been as good as the No. 7 seeded team because the No. 7 seeded team was playing on an emotional high at the season's end.

It could happen again this season. With the current standings in mind, the top candidates for the qualifying round of games on March 5 are Mississippi State, Tennessee, LSU and Mississippi.

Two of those clubs aren't surprising, but when you mention the names of LSU and Tennessee as two of the bottom four teams in the SEC, you know something is wrong.

Taking the standings as of this past Sunday, the seeding order would be Alabama, Florida, Auburn, Georgia, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, LSU, Mississippi, Tennessee and Mississippi State. You can rest assured the order will change, but for the sake of discussion, let's use this one.

Such a finish would have in the top bracket third-place Auburn going against sixth-place Vanderbilt. Second-place Florida would play the winner of a qualifying round involving LSU and Mississippi State.

In the bottom bracket, fourth-place Georgia would take on fifth-place Kentucky. SEC winner Alabama would take on the winner of the Mississippi-Tennessee contest.

One semifinal game would pit the Auburn-Vandy winner against the winner of the Florida-(victor of LSU-Miss. State) game. In the other semifinal, the winner of the Georgia-Kentucky contest would meet the winner of the Florida-(victor of the Mississippi-Tennessee) contest.

What you would then see would be league runner-up Florida probably having to face LSU in the Gators' first game. You can't make me believe that's a reward for being the league's second best team.

Of course there's no better method of seeding the teams, but it just goes to show how the system can be a bit unfair when the league is so balanced. By the first week of March, you might see a situation where a team might actually benefit itself by losing a game so it can avoid a tough first-round game.

Despite such possibilities, each club has to go after every game as though the outcome could affect the team's NCAA chances. First, one loss could mean the difference when the NCAA selection committee chooses between two teams.

Every SEC team has to avoid the bottom four qualifying round if it wants to have any chance of winning the SEC Tournament. Since the tourney was revived back in 1979, only one team (Auburn in 1985) has ever won the title by emerging from the qualifying round.

The SEC race is barely past the halfway mark, but because of the enormous success enjoyed by Alabama and Florida, eight other schools are already thinking of another season—one which begins in Atlanta early next month.

Last week's performances against Ole Miss and Mississippi State did nothing to excite UK fans, yet it may have been the most im-

portant lessons the Wildcats will learn all season.

To say the Big Blue faithful are disillusioned would be putting it mildly. Ole Miss has proven itself to be a worthy opponent (the Rebels had a great week by mowing down Tennessee in Knoxville two days later) but neither the Rebels or the Bulldogs of Mississippi State will have a say in the NCAA next month.

Those who should have learned the valuable lessons reside at Wildcat Lodge on Lexington Avenue. Perhaps now, these Wildcats understand that last year was last year and this year is this year.

All-American Kenny Walker is no longer around. Neither is All-SEC Roger Harden. For that matter, neither is sparkplug Leroy Byrd and rugged Winston Bennett who is out for the season with an injury.

This current bunch of 'Cats played on raw talent and emotion early, but as soon as opponents had a couple scouting films to tear down, the weaknesses have been exposed fairly regularly.

Missing are several ingredients which made last year's team so successful. The obvious, of course, were the players mentioned above.

And Sutton has repeatedly pointed that out. Sutton probably was also making another point which, perhaps, has not been so obvious to the public.

This team has no leader. Period. Last season, the club had a bundle of leaders—Walker, Harden and Bennett.

With them gone, no one has stepped forward. It's as simple as that. Coaches have often said they like a team which has at least two or three seniors who are counted on heavily, both on and off the court.

When you count so heavily on young people—like Rex Chapman, Derrick Miller and Irv Thomas—you can expect to face this problem. What this team needs and needs quickly, is for someone to surface with a take-charge attitude.

Oh, how nice it would be if Winston Bennett could just put on his uniform for just five minutes.

The football wars are really heating up around the country and UK boss Jerry Claiborne is in the midst of his most important recruiting season since he arrived on campus five years ago.

For a change, the state is blessed with an abundance of blue-chip grid stars who could have both an immediate and long-lasting effect on the Big Blue program.

Verbal commitments are beginning to surface and the 'Cats need to collect a lion's share of the crop to beef up the Wildcat roster.

Word also has it that Kentucky could finally score a couple of big out-of-state prospects for the first time when the signing date arrives on Feb. 11.

The 'Cats had their third big recruiting weekend of the winter last weekend as the recruits watched the hoop 'Cats hold off Mississippi State 50-36.

One of the prized recruits spotted on a front row seat at Rupp Arena was Phil Logan, the

highly talented 6-2, 180-pound wide receiver out of Louisville Holy Cross.

Logan reportedly has narrowed his choices to Kentucky, Tennessee or Michigan. He's one of the state's top candidates for Mr. Football and one of those "musts" on UK's recruiting list.

Being the great year that it is for Kentucky prep football products this year, the situation hasn't gone unnoticed by the ratings services.

Max Emfinger, director of the National High School Football Recruiting Service, has three Kentuckians listed among the nation's top prospects.

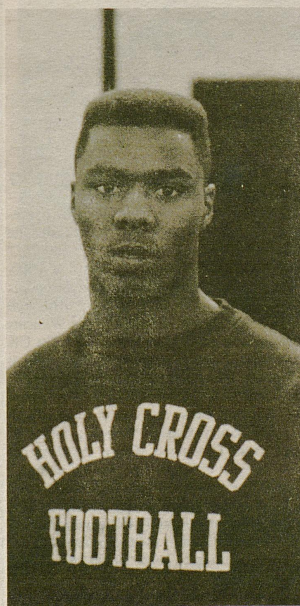
Newport Catholic defensive end Frank Jacobs is listed as the nation's No. 1 defensive end. Emfinger believes the race will boil down to Kentucky, UCLA, Boston College, Notre Dame and Penn State.

Both Eddie Thomas and Phil Logan are listed among the top 20 wide receivers.

Kentucky also is in the hunt for some great out-of-state prospects like the nation's No. 2 offensive tackle in Scott Ball, a 6-6, 285-pounder of Brandon, Fla., and No. 5 running back Carlos Snow of Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING NOTES. Early reports out of the recruiting circles have **Notre Dame** enjoying a great recruiting year along with Eastern powers **Penn**

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Holy Cross' Phil Logan



Paul Galvan Calling It Quits

NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

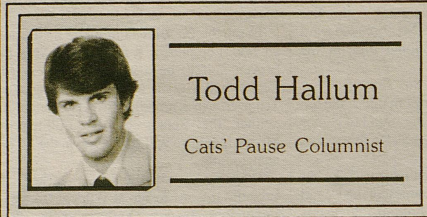
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SOUTHEASTERN							
Alabama	9	1	800	16	3	842	
Florida	8	2	800	16	5	762	
Auburn	5	4	556	12	6	667	
Kentucky	5	5	500	12	6	667	
Georgia	5	5	500	12	7	632	
Vanderbilt	5	5	500	13	6	619	
Mississippi	4	5	444	11	7	611	
Louisiana St.	4	7	364	13	10	565	
Tennessee	3	6	333	9	9	500	
Mississippi St.	1	9	100	5	14	263	
METRO ATHLETIC							
Memphis State	4	1	800	18	5	783	
South Carolina	4	2	667	11	7	611	
Louisville	3	2	600	10	10	500	
Southern Miss.	3	3	500	14	6	700	
Virginia Tech	3	3	500	8	12	400	
Cincinnati	2	4	333	10	9	526	
Florida State	1	5	167	11	7	611	
OHIO VALLEY							
Middle Tenn.	6	1	857	15	3	833	
Morhead St.	6	1	857	12	5	667	
Akron	4	3	625	14	5	737	
E. Kentucky	4	3	571	11	7	611	
Murray St.	4	3	571	11	8	579	
Austin Peay	2	5	286	10	10	500	
Youngstown St.	2	6	250	9	10	474	
Tennessee Tch.	0	7	000	5	14	263	
SUN BELT							
W. Kentucky	7	1	875	19	6	760	
Jacksonville	7	1	875	12	7	632	
Ala.-Birmingham	6	2	750	14	6	700	
Va. Commonwealth	5	3	625	14	8	636	
N.C. Charlotte	3	6	333	14	10	583	
South Alabama	3	6	333	11	11	500	
South Florida	0	7	222	5	15	250	
Old Dominion	0	7	000	5	15	250	
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE							
N. Carolina	7	0	1000	18	2	900	
Clemson	5	2	714	19	2	905	
Duke	5	3	625	16	4	800	
Virginia	4	3	571	14	5	737	
N. Carolina St.	4	3	571	12	7	632	
Georgia Tech	3	4	429	11	7	611	
Maryland	0	6	000	6	8	429	
Wake Forest	0	7	000	9	9	500	
ATLANTIC 10							
Temple	9	0	1000	20	2	909	
West Virginia	9	2	819	14	5	737	
St. Joseph's	5	4	556	10	6	625	
Rhode Island	5	5	545	13	7	650	
Penn. St.	5	5	500	13	7	611	
Geo. Washington	5	5	500	8	11	421	
Massachusetts	4	7	364	8	11	421	
Duquesne	4	7	364	8	12	400	
St. Bonaventur	3	8	273	5	15	250	
Rutgers	2	9	182	4	14	222	
BIG EAST							
Syracuse	6	2	750	17	3	850	
Providence	6	2	750	16	3	842	
Pittsburgh	6	2	750	17	4	810	
Georgetown	5	3	625	15	3	833	
St. John's	4	4	556	14	7	718	
Villanova	4	4	556	12	8	600	
Seton Hall	3	7	300	12	7	632	
Connecticut	2	8	222	11	11	500	
Boston College	1	8	111	5	11	421	
BIG EIGHT							
Oklahoma	5	1	833	17	3	850	
Kansas	5	1	833	15	5	750	
Missouri	1	8	333	15	7	682	
Kansas St.	4	2	667	14	5	737	
Nebraska	2	4	333	12	7	632	
Iowa St.	2	4	333	10	9	526	
Oklahoma St.	1	5	167	5	14	263	
Colorado	0	6	000	6	13	316	
BIG SKY							
Montana St.	7	0	1000	16	4	800	
Montana	5	2	714	15	6	714	
Boise St.	4	3	571	14	5	737	
Idaho	4	3	571	14	7	667	
Nevada-Reno	3	4	429	9	11	450	
Idaho St.	2	5	286	8	9	450	
Weber St.	2	5	286	4	16	200	
N. Arizona	1	6	143	7	12	368	
BIG SOUTH							
Baptist S.C.	7	0	1000	13	7	650	
Radford	6	2	750	14	8	636	
Campbell	5	2	714	9	9	500	
N.C. Asheville	2	2	500	9	7	563	
Coast Carolina	1	2	333	9	10	474	
Augusta	2	5	286	6	12	333	
Armstrong St.	1	4	200	4	15	211	
Winthrop	0	7	000	5	15	250	
BIG TEN							
Indiana	8	1	889	17	2	895	
Iowa	7	2	778	19	2	905	
Purdue	7	2	778	16	3	842	
Michigan	6	3	667	16	6	714	
Illinois	5	3	625	15	5	750	
Ohio St.	4	4	500	13	7	650	
Michigan St.	3	6	333	9	11	421	
Minnesota	2	7	222	9	10	474	
Wisconsin	1	8	111	11	11	500	
Northwestern	1	8	111	6	13	316	
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION							
Navy	7	1	875	14	5	737	
James Madison	5	3	625	15	5	750	
American	4	4	500	10	7	588	
George Mason	4	4	500	11	9	550	
N.C. Wilmington	4	4	500	9	9	500	
Richmond	4	4	500	9	11	450	
East Carolina	3	5	375	11	9	550	
William & Mary	1	7	125	4	14	222	

Juco Quarterback Transfers To Kentucky

Fohr Hopes To Take Over For Ransdell

Glenn Fohr will confess he's not the immediate savior to Kentucky's quarterback situation for next season. However, the junior college transfer signal caller out of New York was signed by the UK coaching staff in January to compete with holdovers Kevin Dooley, Chuck Broughton and Bill Allen, for a wide open quarterback position left depleted by the graduation of Bill Ransdell.

Fohr, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound QB, caught the eye of UK football assistant Rod Sharpless, earning All-Coastal Conference honors while at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. Though not heavily recruited by the bigger schools in the country, Fohr



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

jumped at the chance to play for the Wildcats, a team whose back-up quarterbacks saw little action in 1986.

"They (coaches) told me the quarterback spot was wide open," said Fohr. "That's one of the reasons why I came here because I wanted to play. They also said I would have a pretty good chance at starting but I would have to work hard for it."

(Since arriving to the UK scene along with two other jucos transfers (Jim Wetta and Jim Graves), all three have been enrolled in school and enduring the annual winter workouts with the rest of the UK football team.

Wetta is a 6-2, 180-pound wide receiver out of Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College and Graves is a 6-6, 240-pound end from Tennessee Military Academy.

With a jucos transfer coming aboard you might anticipate some animosity developing between Fohr and the rest of the Wildcat quarterbacks. However, that has yet to materialize since he set foot into the UK camp.

"The quarterbacks here have been very nice to me and accepted me," said Fohr. "They have all helped me out during winter workouts."

But once spring practice begins Fohr realizes each candidate will get the right to start on the field when the fall season arrives.

"I really hope I can play but I am going to have to work hard for it," said Fohr. "The competition is going to be real close. They (quarterbacks) want to play just as much as I do. Hopefully, I might have an edge because of my junior college experience."

Fohr Had Excellent Junior College Career

During his final year at Hudson Valley the New Jersey native completed 100 of 205 pass attempts for 1,512 yards and seven touchdowns last season. Those stats were compiled while directing the run-and-shoot offense made famous by former Houston Gambler quarterback Jim Kelly of the now defunct USFL.

"I like to drop back but with the run-and-shoot it's more exciting because you get to run the ball more," said Fohr, whose facial features resemble Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde. "Plus you have the luxury of four receivers that can get open down field."

However, don't get the idea the run-and-shoot offense is easy to master especially after experiencing only one year of it while at Hudson Valley.

"The run-and-shoot was tough to get used to, but after the third game I started to get the grasp of it," explained Fohr. "I called all my plays and had to think of one play ahead of time."

The run-and-shoot also will help Fohr when he feels pressure in the pocket of called upon to roll out on a pass play.

"It helps me move around more," said Fohr, whose Hudson Valley team improved from 2-7 to 5-4 during his two-year junior college career. "I'm used to throwing on the run. That's probably my biggest strength is positioning myself to find receivers while throwing on the run."

Wasn't Heavily Recruiting Out Of High School

At Belvidere (N.J.) High School, Fohr, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds, was a quarterback/defensive back on a team which had an impressive 21-6 record during his career. In fact, as a defensive back he earned second-team honors in one New Jersey newspaper. Nevertheless, college recruiters were not impressed. Instead, they told Fohr he needed more experience in order to play at the major college level especially if he wanted to be a quarterback.

"I did talk to some recruiters after high school but the majority

of them said I needed to brush up on my skills and improve my speed."

Thus, it was off to Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y., to improve his quarterback techniques. He improved enough to earn a spot in a junior college all-star game held in Murfreesboro, N.C.

For Fohr it was a chance to show what he could do. As the signal caller for the North squad, which hadn't defeated a South team in four years, Fohr threw a long touchdown pass with less than two minutes remaining to lift his team to a come-from-behind 18-14 victory. His heroics also caught the attention of UK coach Jerry Claiborne who invited Fohr to visit the UK campus.

"I had heard a lot about coach Claiborne," Fohr recalled, who also was recruited by Richmond, Hofstra and Delaware. "I got a chance to visit. He (Claiborne) is a very nice man and sincere. I was also impressed with the nice people and facilities."

After the visit, Fohr's mind was made up. He was so enamored with the UK program that he soon signed with the Wildcats. The decision also received the blessing of his parents.

"The were all excited," said Fohr, a psychology major. "My parents were overwhelmed. They are all excited for me."

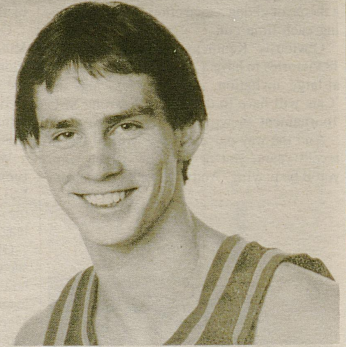
Now, the question remains is can Fohr take over for departed Bill Ransdell and get the 'Cats back on track. After working out with his new teammates at Shively Sports Center for the past few weeks, he believes the team is hungry for a good season.

"I feel right now everybody is working real hard," said Fohr. "They want a bowl game. As I see it we have a pretty good nucleus on offense with some good backs and big linemen."

"I just hope I can live up to everybody's expectations. I feel I can be successful. But I'm just going to try my best and see what happens."

UK Notebook

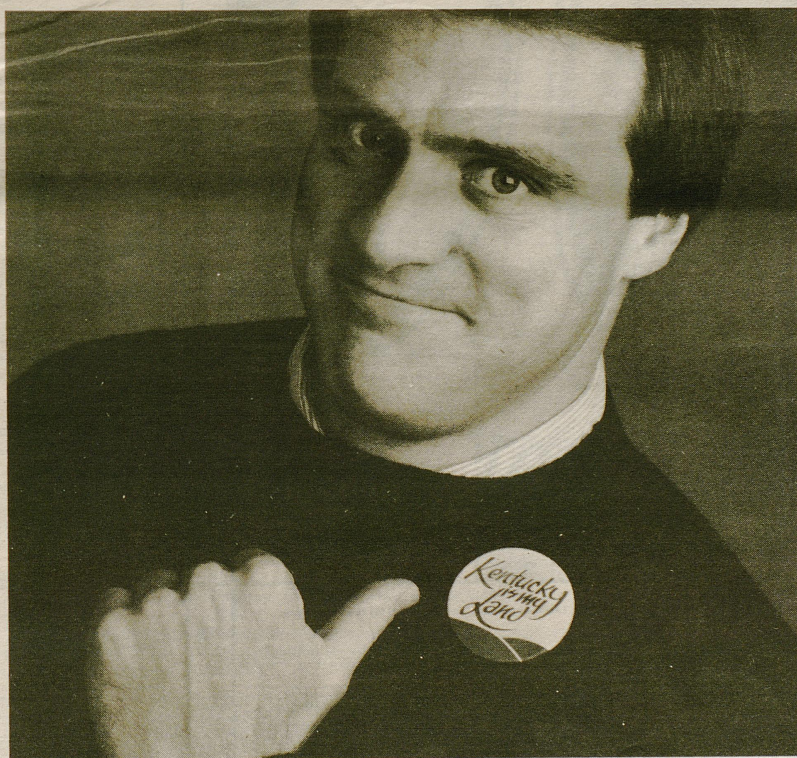
Sean Sutton certainly has felt the wrath of opposing fans as he continues his senior year at Lexington Henry Clay High School. The son of Kentucky head coach Eddie Sutton, Sean was presented chants of "LCC" and "Redshirt" by city rival Lafayette students at a recent game at Henry Clay. The "LCC" chant, of



Sutton Scores 22 Points Against Lafayette

course, was in reference to where newest Wildcat Mike Scott attended before joining the UK basketball team as a transfer. Despite the verbal abuse Sutton scored 22 points during a hard-fought 87-77 victory over Lafayette before a standing-room-only crowd of 3,500. Sutton has already signed with Kentucky. Both Lexington schools were ranked in the Top 10 by the Associated Press. . . Although UK already has lost three home games this season, the Wildcats have never lost two consecutive contests in Rupp Arena. . . The UK football team has already started winter workout sessions held at Shively Sports Center. Said one UK player, "I think we have started one week earlier and they are much tougher this year." . . In attendance at the Navy-UK basketball game was one of the top high school running backs in the country, Carlos Snow, a 5-foot-10, 200-pound running back from Cincinnati (Ohio) Academy of Physical Education was making an official visit to the UK campus. Snow has 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash, and has narrowed his list of potential schools to Kentucky, Penn State, Ohio State, Nebraska, Purdue, Georgia, and possibly Cincinnati. Also making official visit at UK were two junior college prospects from Northeast Oklahoma Junior College: Tom Bolyard, a 6-2, 195-pound quarterback and Charles Darrington, a 6-3, 220-pound tight end. Bolyard used to be a backup signal caller at Ohio State before transferring to Northeast Oklahoma.

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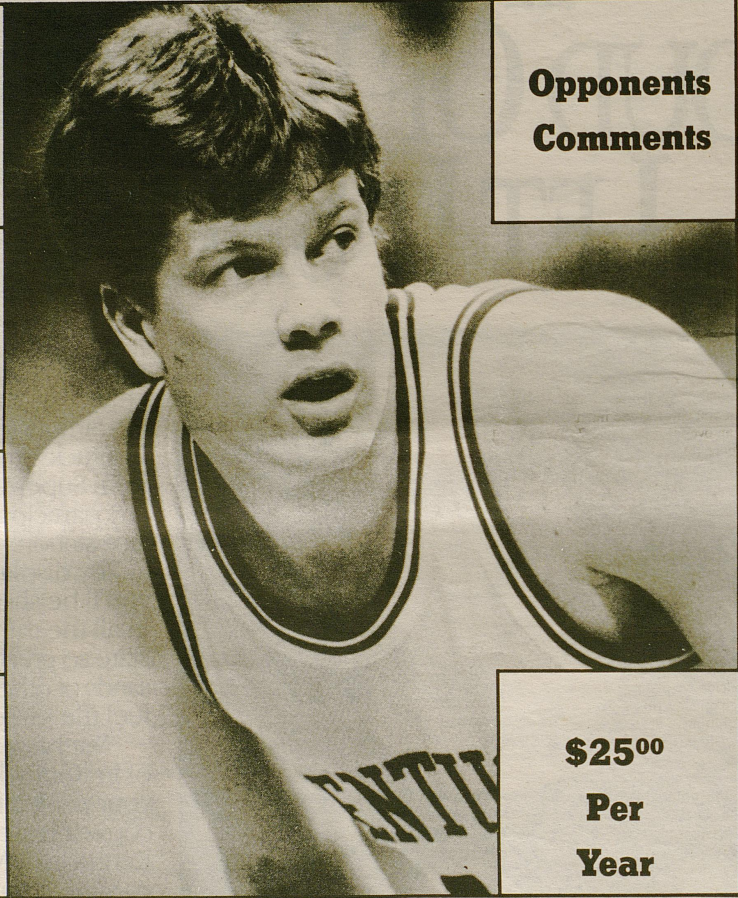
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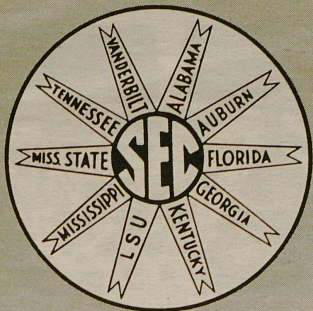


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Rebel Romp

Kentucky's Missed Opportunitites Inside Open The Doors For 11-point Mississippi Victory; Lose For Fifth Time In Southeastern Conference

By Nick Nicholas

From a psychological standpoint it was time for Ole Miss to turn off its cruise control and accelerate to the big time. In fact, Rebel guard Ronnie Miller, quoted in a Mississippi newspaper—*The Clarion-Ledger* on game day—felt his ballclub would do just that last Thursday night as Kentucky invaded Tad Smith Coliseum.

"There hasn't been much talk, but you can feel the intensity growing," said Miller, whose team entered the game with an overall record of 9-7. "We played hard all year, but we'll try to turn it up a little more this game."

Kentucky should have taken a hint because the Johnny Rebs blitzed past Eddie Sutton's Big Blue machine, 76-65, handing the 'Cats their fifth SEC setback in nine outings.

Asked if he thought UK might have overlooked the Rebels, senior guard Paul Andrews said, "I don't think so because we were well-prepared for them. They're a different team than in the past. They have a good coach and they're very aggressive. They play sort of like we do as far as defenses go.

"I don't think it was a fact that we overlooked them. They just came out and played a great game and executed better than we did.

"I guess they just wanted it more."

Once on the short end of a 42-37 score, Ole Miss began to click while the visiting Wildcats started to fizzle. Following a media timeout, Roderick Barnes handed out four consecutive assists to help UM pass the 'Cats, 45-42 with 13:55. The Rebels by now were in overdrive while their opponents were stuck in neutral.

Tied at 45-all, during the next seven minutes Mississippi proceeded to outscore Kentucky 17-5. It was a case of Ole Miss hitting in the second half and the Wildcats failing to put in the easy shots underneath. UK missed numerous opportunities within a few feet of the basket in the final stanza.

Eddie Sutton said afterwards, "I've never had a team that missed so many easy shots and you can't do that against a good team like Mississippi.

"It was a very poor performance on our part," the UK coach continued. "But at the same time I would like to compliment Ole Miss on a fine game. They play their man-to-man defense very well. It's something similar to what we teach."

"To say that we played well is an understatement," said first-year Rebel coach Ed Murphy. "We played just as well as we could.

"I'm not naive to think that we're that much better than they are. But tonight we were better."

Mississippi, led by four of its five starters in double figures, shot a sizzling 53.8 percent from the field (14-26). Joe Ayers accounted for 19 points followed by Eric Smith (14), Ronnie Sims (13) and Barnes (10).

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15	g	5	11	1	2	5	7	0	3	3	16
4	g	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
14	g	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
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12	g	5	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	10
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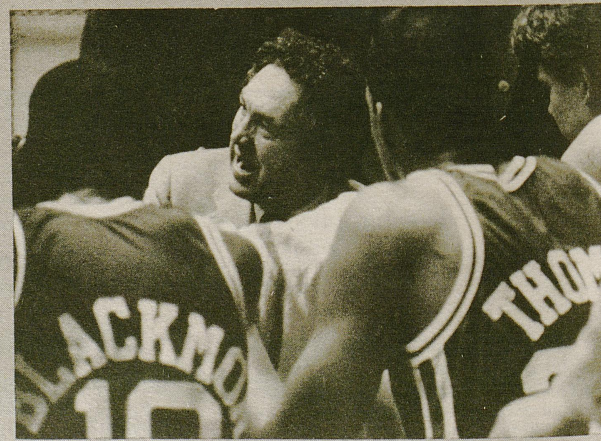
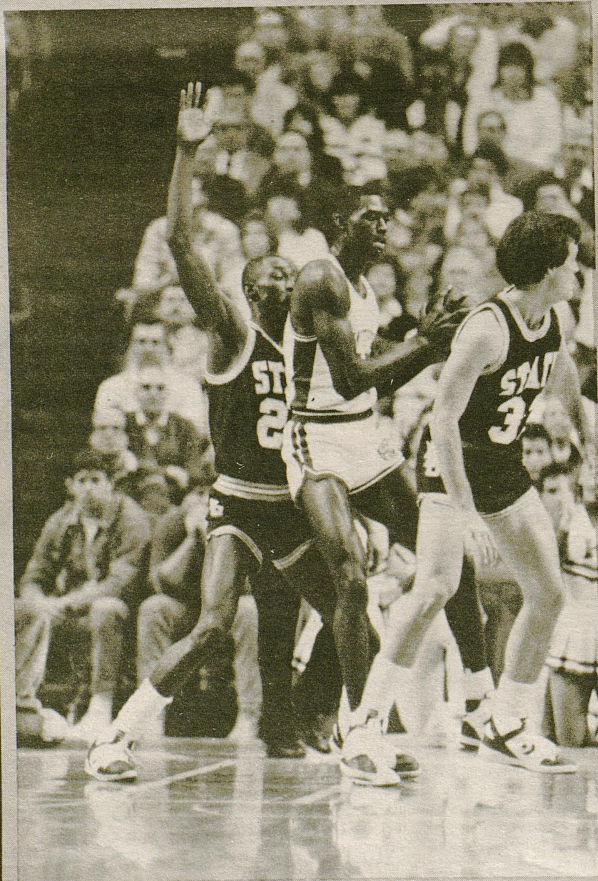
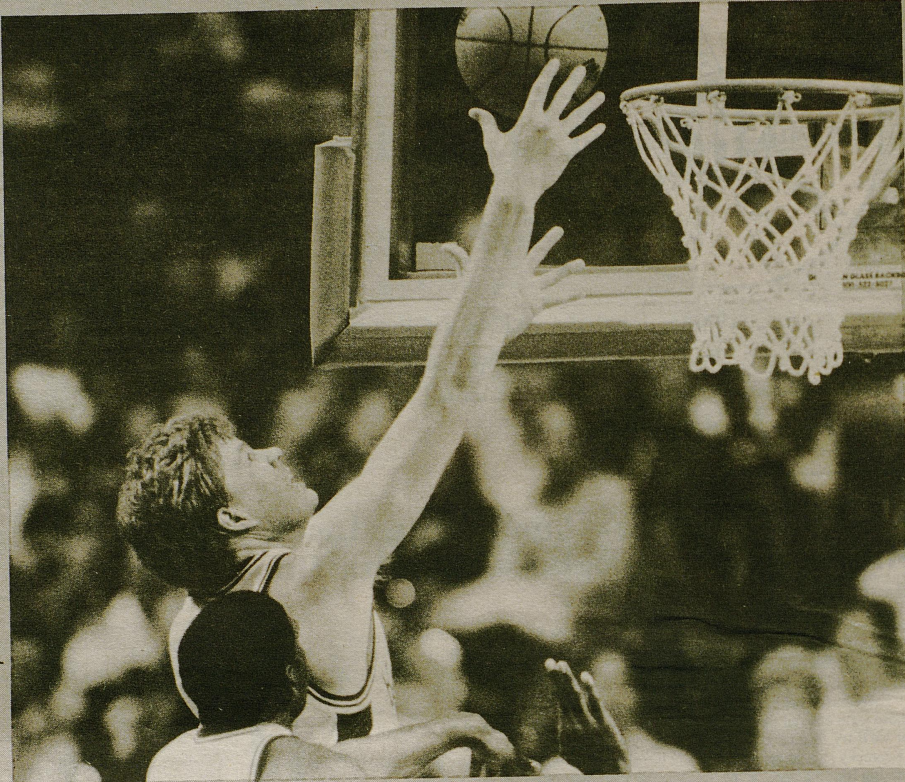
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Tar Heels Destined For Final Four

The Early Favorites Bound For Superdome

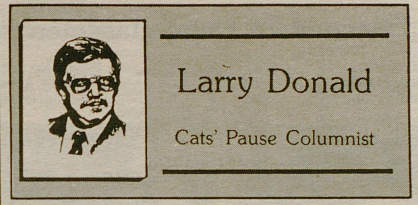
Them That's Got—North Carolina is a class of one. The Tar Heels, after losing the No. 1 ranking in early December (the defeat at UCLA did that) have steadily improved and though Nevada Las Vegas held the top spot in the polls, Carolina was clearly the best team. As expected, coach Dean Smith has received exceptional play from backcourt partners **Jeff Lebo** and **Kenny Smith**. **Joe Wolf**, though injured off and on, has mostly boosted his stock as an NBA first rounder. Senior **Dave Popson** has been a nice surprise and **J.R. Reid** has continued to make progress. There's great frontcourt depth and at this pace the Tar Heels might make things rather

unbeaten and maybe rated in the Top Five. It is a solid unit and one that's well prepared for tournament play by coach **John Chaney**. Don't forget 'em.

Auburn has excellent talent, but after the Christmas holidays ran into a string of injuries and illnesses which disrupted matters. The Tigers have been the Children of March during the past two seasons, so if they get everyone healthy we could see ACT III.

Down the road at **Alabama**, coach **Wimp Sanderson** tells me his team isn't as good as it was last year. But the Tide has enjoyed some impressive early moments, notably the win at Kentucky. The return of guard **Terry Coner** makes a significant difference. The key is staying healthy.

Georgetown's chances for post-season success will probably pick up if it doesn't have to play Seton Hall. The parts here are



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

academic in New Orleans.

Them That's Hopin'—Several names fill this category, headed by the **University of Iowa**. Under new coach **Tom Davis**, the Hawks have stormed through six weeks of the season untouched. His platoon basketball style fits nicely with the talent that's available. **Roy Marble** gets most of the recognition, but **Brad Lohaus** is the key guy. When he plays well, Iowa is almost impossible to beat.

Nevada Las Vegas had its win string snapped at Oklahoma, but this is a sound, capable club. I think **Jerry Tarkanian** has had more talented collections, but the Rebels fit nicely. It is a smart team which, by group effort, overcomes size problems.

Purdue has what many people are calling the best starting lineup in the country. And there's merit to that argument. The Boliermakers can come at you from a lot of directions, but the depth coach **Gene Keady** hoped to build still doesn't seem to be there. This team can make it to New Orleans only if it stays healthy.

Them That's Prayin'—**Syracuse** coach **Jim Boeheim** remains very suspicious of his team which got off to a much better start than anyone anticipated. But the product looks very solid. Outside, the backcourt of **Sherm Douglas** and **Greg Monroe** has been steady while inside freshman sensation **Derrick Coleman** and **Rony Seikaly** are real forces. The question is Seikaly. When he plays well the Orangemen move up a group, but when he doesn't they can be ordinary.

Illinois has lost a couple of mystery games to North Carolina and Iowa. You have to be impressed by this team's balance and talent. **Ken Norman** is right on track to a first team All-American berth and guard **Tony Wysinger** is vastly underrated. But in both losses the Illini seemed to wear down at the end for reasons which probably confuse coach **Lou Henson**.

Most analysts would have **Indiana** in a higher bracket, but to me the Hoosiers overall talent really doesn't seem comparable to the others. What makes them successful is the tenacity of guard **Steve Alford**. He does for Indiana what **Scott Skiles** did for Michigan State last year.

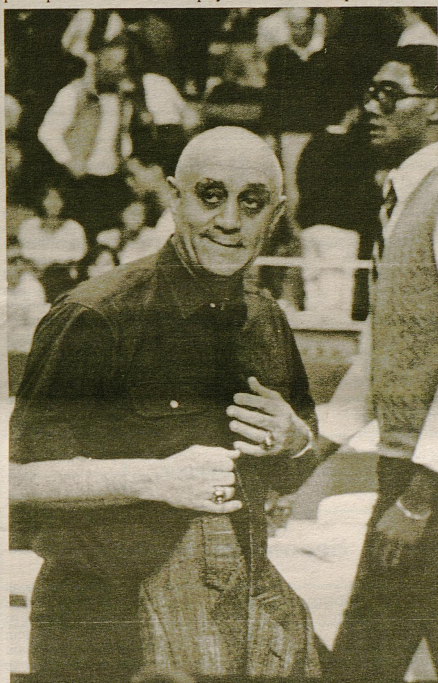
DePaul has been quietly efficient in the early going. **Dallas Comegys** is finally playing to his ability and has lifted the others. Like Vegas, I think there have been more talented teams here, but the players seem to fit nicely.

Them That's Wishin'—**Temple** might deserve a little higher rating



Carolina's Hot Combo—Smith and Lebo

because the Owls have played a demanding schedule and come within a jump shot or two of finishing the first half of the season



Tarkanian's Rebels Runnin' To Perfection

rugged and durable, but lack one star player to be a legitimate threat for New Orleans.

Them That Can't Be Counted Out—Well, **Oklahoma's** good and then Oklahoma's bad. Will the real Oklahoma please stand up.

And **Kansas** loses at Wichita State with an awful effort, but comes back home and beats a very good Temple team two nights later. **Danny Manning** looks like an all-World proposition one night and merely an all-League proposition the next. Who are these guys?

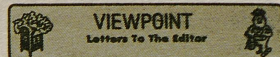
Clemson has already wrapped up the Sara Lee Award for french pastry scheduling, but one question remains: Do they know what the big boys eat?

It's almost impossible to run an effective offense against **Duke** because of its quickness and attention to defensive detail. But who's gonna shoot? And can you really find happiness in big time hoop with a 6-foot-7 center?

When **Navy** lost **Vernon Butler** a lot of us felt it was Anchors Aweigh even with **David Robinson**. A lot of us appear to have been correct.

St. John's Little Looie Carnesecca has always been the Casey Stengel of his profession—difficult to understand. But not even Looie can explain this edition of the Redmen. Are they good? Or just good during games played in New York?

And **Louisville**, my Louisville. The Cardinals made their neighbors look like world-beaters (which Kentucky obviously wasn't) and they've put themselves in the lead role for a few other teams' highlight films. But can you say there's no way **Denny Crum** and his team won't make it to New Orleans? Somehow? You didn't hear me say "no way."



Play Ball, Eddie!

Dear Sir:

I am a displaced Kentuckian and a fan of the Big Blue. However, I was appalled at the performance (or the lack thereof) by the 'Cats in the LSU blowout game at Rupp.

Throughout the game I kept searching for a clue as to what was wrong with this team and/or its coach. And then the ABC cameras captured the most revealing scene: the 'Cats were down by 30 points late in the second half as the camera scanned the bench and recorded a towel thrown down the Kentucky bench into Winston Bennett's face, eliciting a smile from Bennett and a laugh from Richard Madison!

That, is what is wrong with this team. . . nothing but pure old-fashioned MOTIVATION. The shortcoming must be shared by the players and coaching staff alike, for all the talent in the world will not a winning team make, without motivation.

Although I never professed to be a Joe B. Hall fan, I couldn't help but think that perhaps Sutton was better suited as a color analyst for this game, with Joe B. on the floor guiding the 'Cats.

If the University of Kentucky athletic department expects fans to care about its teams, then UK must produce teams that do the same. The team that wore the Blue and White on Jan. 18, 1987 in Rupp Arena was more interested in playing grab- . . . than basketball and a hungry, well-coached Tiger team made them (an us fans) pay the price.

No, the 'Cats don't have to win every game for me to be a loyal fan. I'll even concede the hard-fought blowout game that everyone seems to suffer. But I've got to see a team that WANTS to win.

Show me I'm wrong, Eddie, 'Cats. PLAY BALL! And play it like you mean it!

Barry E. Fields
Chatsworth, Georgia

Keep Three-Pointer

Dear Sir:

Upon renewal of *The Cats' Pause*, I would like to congratulate you and your staff on a job well done.

I was disappointed when you dropped your high school sports column. I thought it was well done and provided us subscribers out of the state with up to date coverage of high school sports, which I am keenly interested in. If financial reasons were the reason for dropping the column, then that is understandable. If not, here is one individual that would enjoy seeing the column again.

Another item I would like to comment on is the new three-point shot. I think it is the most exciting thing they have done with basketball since they allowed the "slam dunk." Prior to the advent of the three-point shot, the game had turned into every team trying to stockpile 6-10 players. Also, the game had developed to where the little man (6-0 to 6-4) was used primarily to bring the ball down and feed the big man for the better close-in percentage shot which was causing every team to play zone. This will not only upgrade the little man's value to a team, (but) it will open the game up more for the big man to show his stuff. I certainly hope the NCAA keeps this newfound weapon in the game.

Thanks for listening and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Moseley
Chesapeake, Virginia



NCAA Title In '88?

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much. I like your magazine a lot, and though it appears that the 'Cats may struggle for a while, once (Cedric) Jenkins and (Mike) Scott get into the offense, the team should be tough to beat. With super freshmen (Rex) Chapman and (Derrick) Miller, as well as the great recruiting class, Winston Bennett should get to play on his championship (team) after next year. I'm very excited about (Eric) Manuel, (LeRon) Ellis and (Johnny) Pittman. Especially Manuel. He appears to be able to have the same impact that (Jack) Givens had from day one. I believe that in five years, Chapman and Manuel will be one and two on the all-time scoring chart. Which one will be No. 1, though? (Jonathon) Davis appears to have what it takes in athletic ability and desire to be a great player. (Deron) Felhaus and (Sean) Sutton are also players that can contribute to a championship team. If Kentucky does not sign Jerome Harmon, will (coach Eddie) Sutton offer Brian Williams or Elliot Perry scholarships, as has been rumored? From what I have heard, Perry would be next in line, but that was just speculation. I personally hope that John Pelphrey attends Vanderbilt University. He will be in a position to pick up significant playing time at Vanderbilt as well as gain a fine education. Pelphrey is a fine student, but doesn't appear to have the talent to get enough playing time at the University of Kentucky to make sense for him to attend UK. Also, is C.M. Newton still recruiting Matt Etiutis?

Sincerely,

Greg Downs
Nashville, Tennessee

Good Job, Dicky

Dear Sir:

Having done some grad work in Chicago where I met Rev. Jesse Jackson, I was delighted to see Dicky Beal's article on the PUSH-EXCEL classic. Jesse Jackson is "a man for all seasons, religions and races." He has devoted his life to the poor and to improving race relations.

Also, Beal's treatment of the Todd Ziegler "affair" is the most humane I've read on the subject. After all, Eddie Sutton is coaching humans, not saints. Everyone is entitled to a second chance. I've made a million mistakes in my 52 years of life and I'm sure I'll make many more before I die.

Thanks to Mrs. Angela Stocton of Gulfport, Miss. Angela is keeping the Blue flag aloft, in the deep South. TCP even reaches Ireland, albeit a bit late.

Go 'Cats. Go Dicky Beal. Go Angela.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas McEvay
Dublin, Ireland

Wants UK News Only

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find my check for another year of renewal of *The Cats' Pause*. I have lost count as to the number of years I have been taking your publication, but I was first-month subscriber and have not missed an issue. My congratulations to you for the finest university sports publication in the nation. I will admit my only exposure to other

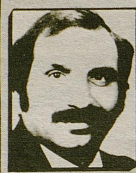
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Ranking Indiana's Top Schoolboy Talent

Marion Has Three Of State's Top Five

Indiana's Top 25 Seniors

Player	Ht.	Hometown, School
Jerome Harmon	6-5	Gary Lew Wallace
Jay Edwards	6-5	Marion
Lyndon Jones	6-3	Marion
Rick Fox	6-7	Warsaw
Daric Keys	6-6	Marion
Keith Gales	6-3	Michigan City Rogers
Kenny Turner	6-7	Indianapolis North Central



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Terrell Rolling	6-3	Anderson Madison Heights
Scott Wilder	6-9	Woodburn Woodlan
Sam Howard	6-8	North Manchester
Malcom Reed	6-1	Michigan City Rogers
Brett Etherington	6-7	Russaviille Western
Isaac Washington	6-3	East Chicago Central
Eric Hathcock	6-3	Anderson
Mike Giunta	6-4	Carmel
Mike Wologo	6-9	Portage
Jim Havrilla	6-10	Portage
Keir Rogers	6-4	Michigan City Rogers
Preston Lewis	6-3	Gary Lew Wallace
Anthony Palm	6-1	Gary Lew Wallace
Jack Bolly	6-9	Clarksville Providence
Curtis Stevens	6-4	Michigan City Rogers
Cedric Cusic	6-8	Gary Lew Wallace
John Wilcozynski	6-6	Merrillville
John Shoup	6-1	Michigantown Clinton Central

Top Sleeper

Ron Peck	6-8	Indianapolis Cathedral
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Second 25 Seniors

Elbert Turner	6-1	Gary Roosevelt
John Schellenberg	6-2	New Albany Floyd Central
Rodney Harden	5-9	Valparaiso
Jimmy Apple	6-3	Salem
Don Vandaele	6-7	Ft. Wayne Bishop Luers
Adam Friend	6-7	South Bend Adams
Tony Jones	7-1	Rochester
Marty Collier	6-4	Bloomington South
Rob Berger	6-1	South Bend Riley
Scott Gross	6-2	Decatur Bellmont
Dave Barrett	6-0	Lafayette Central Catholic
Joe Eylens	6-0	Lafayette Jefferson
Jesse White	6-0	Ft. Wayne Southside
Steve Jobe	6-8	Brookville
Craig Stanley	6-3	West Lafayette Harrison
James Jones	6-4	East Chicago Central
Cameron Forbes	6-5	Evansville Reitz Memorial
Anthony Kelley	6-0	Anderson
Ron Beaver	6-0	Lafayette Jefferson
John McLaughlin	6-3	Monticello Twin Lakes
Jerry Tharp	6-0	Franklin
John Karaffa	6-4	Noblesville
Anthony Gray	6-2	Elkhart Central
Britt Petty	6-4	Terre Haute North
Kevin Stallman	6-3	Washington Catholic

Second Sleeper

Todd Grace	6-0	Plainfield
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Top 16 Underclassmen

Player	Ht.	Class	Hometown, School
Shawn Kemp	6-10	Jr.	Elkhart Concord
Damon Bailey	6-2	Fr.	Bedford North Lawrence
Chris Lawson	6-10	So.	Bloomington South
Chris Lovelace	6-8	Jr.	Ft. Wayne Northrop
Henry Williams	6-1	Jr.	Indianapolis Ben Davis
Woody Austin	6-1	Jr.	Richmond
Craig Riley	6-8	Jr.	Ft. Wayne Harding
Cedric VanLeer	6-3	Jr.	Muncie Central
Broderick Jolly	6-9	Jr.	Gary Roosevelt

Rodney Holmes	5-10	So.	South Bend St. Joseph
Derwin Webb	6-5	Jr.	Indianapolis Lawrence North
Sean Woods	6-2	Jr.	Indianapolis Cathedral
Richie Mount	6-0	So.	Lebanon
Jeff Perlich	6-2	Jr.	Churubusco
Hunter Atkins	6-2	Jr.	Highland
Mark West	6-2	Jr.	Indianapolis Manual

Top Sleeper

Greg Graham	6-3	So.	Indianapolis Warren Central
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Second 16 Underclassmen

J.C. Harris	6-8	Jr.	Ft. Wayne Northrop
Gary Frazier	6-4	Jr.	Evansville Bosse
Brett Archbold	6-3	Jr.	Ossian Norwell



Marion High's Lyndon Jones

Tommy Smith	6-5	Jr.	Ft. Wayne Northside
Kenny Rowan	6-3	So.	Brazil Northview
Mike Boles	6-7	Jr.	Lapel
Greg Gary	6-1	Jr.	Anderson Highland
Tornell Moore	6-5	Jr.	Ft. Wayne Elmhurst
Scott Allison	6-6	Jr.	Sullivan
Chris Kinney	6-7	So.	Ft. Wayne Dwenger
Roger Staggs	6-1	Jr.	Bloomington North
David Scott	6-5	Jr.	New Albany Graceland
Eric Jones	5-11	Jr.	Pendleton Heights
Lance Madison	6-4	Jr.	Vincennes Rivet
Noble Duke	5-9	Jr.	Indianapolis Cathedral
Brian Good	6-0	Jr.	Rossville

Second Sleeper

Luke Gross	6-7	Jr.	Decatur Bellmont
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Indiana's Top 12 Teams

1. Marion
2. Michigan City Rogers
3. Gary Lew Wallace
4. Ft. Wayne Worthrop
5. Bloomington South
6. Lafayette Central Catholic
7. Elkhart Concord
8. Evansville Memorial
9. Jeffersonville
10. Muncie Central
11. Evansville Bosse
12. Ft. Wayne Harding

Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



Readers
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Oscar
Combs

Nick
Nicholas

Mike
Estep

Todd
Hallum

Gary
Cromwell

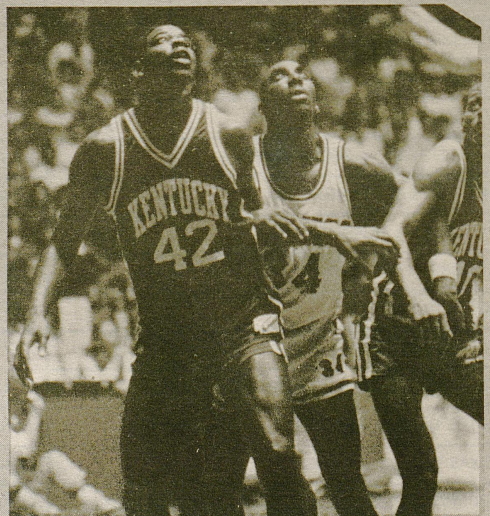
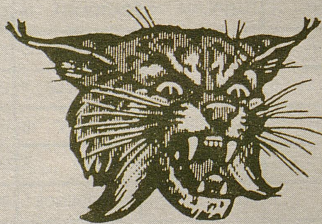
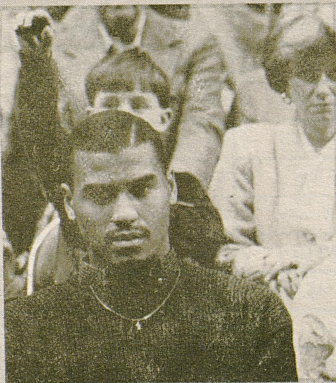
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Two Weeks Ago		17-8	19-6	17-8	19-6	20-5	20-5
Total		164-61	159-66	166-59	161-64	164-61	161-64
NOTRE DAME AT VANDERBILT		VANDY 1	VANDY 3	N. DAME 1	VANDY 2	N. DAME 1	VANDY 1
KENTUCKY AT ALABAMA		ALABAMA 11	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 1	ALABAMA 4	ALABAMA 4	KENTUCKY 2
AUBURN AT GEORGIA		AUBURN 1	AUBURN 3	GEORGIA 3	AUBURN 6	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 2
FLORIDA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 10	FLORIDA 8	FLORIDA 2	FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 7
TENNESSEE AT LSU		LSU 6	LSU 7	LSU 5	LSU 5	LSU 2	LSU 3
IOWA AT ARIZONA		IOWA 1	IOWA 2	IOWA 6	IOWA 3	IOWA 7	IOWA 4
WISCONSIN AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 12	ILLINOIS 15	ILLINOIS 15	ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 5
MICHIGAN AT INDIANA		INDIANA 14	INDIANA 8	INDIANA 9	INDIANA 16	INDIANA 4	INDIANA 4
MARYLAND AT DUKE		DUKE 16	DUKE 14	DUKE 20	DUKE 20	DUKE 8	DUKE 10
VIRGINIA AT NORTH CAROLINA		CAROLINA 14	CAROLINA 16	CAROLINA 15	CAROLINA 6	CAROLINA 14	CAROLINA 10
SOUTH CAROLINA AT CLEMSON		CLEMSON 2	CLEMSON 2	CLEMSON 13	S. CAROLINA 2	CLEMSON 6	CLEMSON 6
N.C. STATE AT LOUISVILLE		LOUISVILLE 6	LOUISVILLE 2	LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 3	N.C. STATE 2	LOUISVILLE 4
WAKE FOREST AT GEORGIA TECH		GA. TECH 12	GA. TECH 9	GA. TECH 10	GA. TECH 2	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 1
VILLANOVA AT GEORGETOWN		G'TOWN 6	G'TOWN 7	G'TOWN 8	G'TOWN 5	G'TOWN 5	G'TOWN 4
PITTSBURGH AT PROVIDENCE		PITT 7	PITT 11	PROVIDENCE 1	PITT 4	PITT 5	PITT 4
ST. JOSEPH'S AT TEMPLE		TEMPLE 12	TEMPLE 6	TEMPLE 5	TEMPLE 9	TEMPLE 8	TEMPLE 6
TCU AT TEXAS A&M		TCU 1	TCU 1	TCU 3	TEXAS A&M 3	TCU 5	TCU 2
UCLA AT CALIFORNIA		UCLA 1	UCLA 8	UCLA 2	UCLA 2	UCLA 9	UCLA 4
NEW ORLEANS AT SOUTHERN MISS		SO. MISS 2	SO. MISS 2	SO. MISS 3	UNO 1	SO. MISS 3	UNO 4
NOTRE DAME AT KANSAS		KANSAS 6	KANSAS 6	KANSAS 9	KANSAS 14	KANSAS 7	KANSAS 5
TEXAS TECH AT ARKANSAS		ARKANSAS 3	ARKANSAS 9	ARKANSAS 5	ARKANSAS 3	ARKANSAS 1	ARKANSAS 2
AUBURN AT FLORIDA		FLORIDA 3	AUBURN 2	FLORIDA 6	AUBURN 2	FLORIDA 1	FLORIDA 1
TENNESSEE AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 11	KENTUCKY 9	KENTUCKY 9	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 5
ALABAMA AT VANDERBILT		ALABAMA 3	VANDY 1	VANDY 4	ALABAMA 4	ALABAMA 11	ALABAMA 2
LSU AT GEORGIA		GEORGIA 2	GEORGIA 2	GEORGIA 6	LSU 4	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 3

Photos By Gary Cromwell



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Last week TCP ran these two photos on our cover. They should have been identified as Jeff Ellis (Above), of Louisville Male High School, and Frank Jacobs (Right), of Newport Central Catholic.

Unpredictable Year In College Hoops

Parity Makes The Game More Exciting

Who can figure out this crazy college basketball season? I can't. Can you? It's all a maze.

For example, the University of Kentucky defeated the University of Louisville, 85-51, in December, handing the Cardinals their worst-ever defeat at Freedom Hall.

Then, last month, the Wildcats were hammered at Rupp Arena by Southeastern Conference arch-rival Louisiana State University, 76-41. It was Kentucky's worst home-court loss since 1950 and second-worst overall in the modern era.

Louisville, the defending national champion, lost three key



Mel Holbrook
Cats' Pause Columnist

players, yes, but still had the nucleus of a good squad returning. The Cardinals were expected to be a national contender, but at press time were only 10-9, coming off a humiliating 64-48 loss at home to Memphis State University at Freedom Hall. Louisville was ranked either number one or two in the country in all the pre-season polls.

Memphis State, on NCAA probation for Dana Kirk's alleged improprieties and other violations, also lost three starters but is 17-5 overall, tied at 4-1 in the Metro Conference with surprising South Carolina.

Want some more examples? It's getting stranger and stranger as the season progresses.

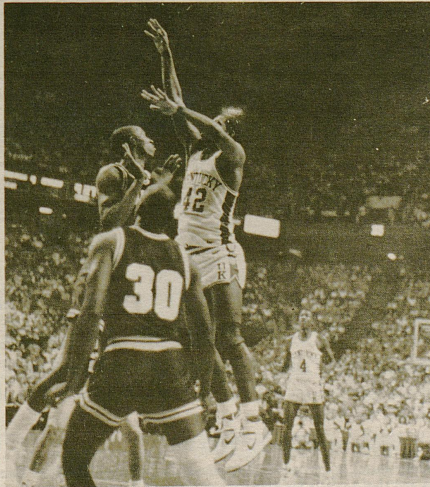
Western Kentucky University, at one time ranked as high as eighth in the country, defeated Memphis State by one point, 68-67, in the pre-season National Invitational Tournament. It then lost by only one point, 96-95, to third-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas in the NIT championship game.

Western Kentucky then lost to Louisville, 58-56, at home. WKU, now 17-6, then lost at unranked, unheard-of again Eastern Kentucky University, 68-66, at Richmond.

After LSU defeated Kentucky, it lost its next game at home to the University of Florida, 75-51. Kentucky had defeated Florida earlier in the month, 67-62, at home. LSU, expected to contend for the league title, is a surprising 4-6 in the league, 13-9 overall.

UK Riding Rollercoaster

"There have been ups and downs all over the country this season," says UK head coach Eddie Sutton. "I don't think we've ever seen anything like this in college basketball."



UK Prime Example Of Unusual Season

Want still more reasons to be confused? Florida State, 11-6 overall, defeated three SEC teams in the mid-season. It won over league co-leader Alabama, 72-71, league co-leader Florida,

80-76 and Tennessee, 91-90. FSU is now 1-4 in the Metro Conference, having lost to Louisville, 73-64, at Tallahassee.

Georgetown, ranked 11th in the country by the Associated Press, has lost twice to Big East rival Seton Hall. Duke University, which lost four starters, including Johnny Dawkins, is now 16-2 and ranked 13th in the country. Top-ranked North Carolina lost to unranked UCLA, 89-84, at Los Angeles. UCLA is now 12-4.

Kentucky, prior to its game at the University of Mississippi, was 3-1 on the road in the SEC, something no one expected from a team that lost all-SEC forward Winston Bennett for the season



Chapman Receives Award From Hagan

with a knee injury. Alabama, after its 90-80 overtime loss at Florida in Gainesville, was 4-1 on the road.

Meanwhile, freshman guard Rex Chapman has both surprised and delighted the state and country with his outstanding performances against Indiana, Louisville and Auburn, scoring 26, 26 and 24 points, respectively. After the crushing blow to Louisville, Chapman was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Besides Pervis "Never Nervous" Ellison, Chapman is the first freshman in a while to receive such an early honor. He's currently UK's leading scorer with 15 points per game.

Yes, it's been a crazy season, and I've loved every minute of it. Who wants all the powerhouses to dominate year after year after year, like it seems to be in college football all the time. In the wonderful game of basketball, anything's possible from five players on the floor.

For still another example, just compare the current top 20 teams in the Associated Press poll to the pre-season ranking. Eighth-ranked DePaul, for example, wasn't even ranked. Neither was seventh-ranked Temple University of Philadelphia. Neither were Duke, Texas Christian, or Florida. I'm sure I'm overlooking some of the others and even more extreme examples.

What's Going To Happen Next?

Some have blamed the new three-point goal for the topsy-turvy season. A team can get hot from the 19 feet, nine-inch line and destroy a more-talented club. Louisville, for example, has experienced tremendous difficulties with the three-point line. Kentucky, a perimeter team, could probably beat anyone in the country on a hot night. But, like Sutton has said, it would probably lose to Blind Sisters of the Poor if it went cold. That's what happened against LSU.

We could have a very different Final Four in New Orleans this year. That's the general consensus. It's a lot of fun for the fans, but it's probably driving the coaches crazy. The future is uncertain, but it's definitely interesting.

I, for one, am not going to count Kentucky out of the SEC race until it is mathematically eliminated. That sounds silly, I know, but true. Kentucky could go on a hot streak and beat everyone else left on its schedule. Or it could go cold and finish in the middle of the pack, where it is now. Who can predict for sure? The gamblers in Las Vegas are upset. What's going to happen next?

NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

EAST COAST				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Lehigh	4	1	.800	10
Bucknell	5	2	.714	13
Pader	4	2	.667	7
Lafayette	3	2	.600	8
Towson St.	3	3	.500	10
Drexel	2	4	.333	7
Hofstra	1	4	.200	9
Delaware	1	5	.167	9

ECAC METRO				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Marist	5	1	.833	8
F. Dickinson	7	3	.700	13
Loyola, Md.	7	3	.700	10
St. Francis, P.	4	3	.571	8
Wagner	4	4	.500	11
Robert Morris	3	4	.429	9
St. Francis, N.Y.	7	3	.700	12
Monmouth, N.J.	2	5	.286	6
Long Island U.	2	7	.222	9

ECAC NORTH ATLANTIC				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Northeastern	9	0	1.000	16
Niagara	8	2	.800	12
Boston U.	7	3	.700	11
Cornell	7	3	.700	11
Siena	6	4	.600	9
Hartford	3	7	.300	9
Maine	3	7	.300	10
New Hampshire	2	7	.222	3
Vermont	2	8	.200	4
Colgate	2	8	.200	3

GULF STAR				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Stephen Austin	4	0	1.000	13
SW Texas St.	3	1	.750	9
NW Louisiana	2	2	.500	12
Sam Houston St.	2	3	.400	9
SE Louisiana	1	2	.333	6
Nicholls St.	0	4	.000	6

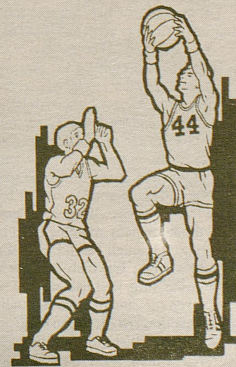
METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
St. Peter's	7	2	.778	14
La Salle	6	3	.667	11
Holy Cross	4	2	.667	7
Iona	5	4	.556	9
Army	3	4	.429	7
Fairfield	2	3	.400	8
Fordham	2	5	.286	8
Manhattan	2	6	.250	6

MID-AMERICAN				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Cent. Michigan	7	2	.778	13
Kent St.	6	3	.667	12
W. Michigan	6	3	.667	9
Miami, Ohio	4	4	.500	8
Ball St.	4	5	.444	8
Bowling Green	4	5	.444	8
Ohio U.	3	6	.333	9
Toledo	3	6	.333	9
E. Michigan	3	6	.333	7

MID-CONTINENT				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
SW Missor St.	5	1	.833	16
Cleveland St.	4	1	.800	15
Ill.-Chicago	4	1	.800	11
Wis.-Green Bay	3	3	.500	8
Valparaiso	2	3	.400	6
N. Iowa	2	4	.333	10
W. Illinois	1	4	.200	11
E. Illinois	0	5	.000	5

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Howard	6	1	.857	14
N. Caro. A&T	5	1	.833	11
S. Carolina St.	5	2	.714	9
x-Coppin St.	3	3	.500	14
Bethune-Cookman	4	6	.400	14
Morgan St.	2	4	.333	5
Delaware St.	2	4	.333	2
Md.-East Shore	0	6	.000	1
y-Florida A&M	x	x	x	7

MIDWESTERN COLLEGIATE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	St. Rank
Loyola, Ill.	4	1	.800	10
Butler	4	2	.667	10
Evansville	4	3	.571	11
Xavier, Ohio	3	3	.500	11
St. Louis	3	4	.429	15
Oral Roberts	2	3	.400	8
Detroit	1	5	.167	5



'Cats Even SEC Slate

Blackmon Tallies 18 As U

By Mike Estep

At some point during last Saturday's regionally televised game between Kentucky and Mississippi State, announcers Joe Dean and Tom Hammond probably went through the obligatory television disclaimer. You know the one: "This game is intended solely for the entertainment pleasure of the viewing audience. Any misuse or rebroadcast of any of the events without written permission is strictly prohibited."

It was just a formality. They didn't have to worry about it. Not this game. Some nut with a VCR might try to rebroadcast something interesting like roller derby, but not this game. No way.

Kentucky played flat in the early going, taking a slim one-point lead into the locker-room at halftime. But then senior guard James Blackmon scored Kentucky's first nine points of the second half, keying an 11-4 UK run, and the 'Cats went on to dispose of hapless Mississippi State 50-36.

"What happened was we won the ballgame, and again it was a typical Kentucky performance," UK coach Eddie Sutton said to open up his postgame press conference. "At times we played well enough to beat anybody in America, but at times, the 287th team probably could have beat us. We were just so darn inconsistent within the game itself."

State Stayed Close In First Half

Mississippi State, the cellar-dwelling team in the SEC and the league's worst shooting club from the field, came out with the hot hand early in the game. The Bulldogs, who had been firing bricks at the basket at a 43.1 percent conversion pace coming into the game, made nine of their first 12 attempts and sprinted out to an 18-11 advantage with 11:55 remaining in the first half.

During that stretch, State executed its offense almost to perfection. Hubert Henderson had six points and Reginald Boykin, Anthony Blakley and Rob Woodard each had four, as the Bulldogs worked the ball around until they could get high percentage shots against Kentucky's man-to-man.

That's when Sutton and the 'Cats turned the defense up a notch.

"Early, they really executed well when they jumped out on us," Sutton said. "And then, finally, we got our defense a little higher on the floor and put more pressure on the basketball and on the people that were one pass away, and I think that disrupted their offense and hurt them."

After Woodard hit a 10-foot jumper to give State the lead at 18-11, the Bulldogs could manage just one field goal in the next nine and a half minutes. During that long dry spell, MSU saw its 11-point lead turn into a five-point deficit.

"We started the ballgame playing very well, executing our offense well, and I don't think Kentucky was playing quite as hard as they needed to play to start the ballgame," losing coach Richard Williams said. "And when they found out that we were right there with them early, they picked up the pressure, picked up the tempo. They made it very difficult for us and we shot it about like we've been shooting it all year, and that was the difference in the ballgame."

Leading 25-20 with 3:04 left until halftime, Kentucky had a chance to break the game open. But Bulldog guard Tracy Taylor connected for a pair of buckets, and the 'Cats had to settle for a 25-24 lead going into the lockerroom.

"They fought back," Sutton said. "We had the lead just before the half, and I thought we might get to halftime (leading by) double figures, but we did not. We only got in with a one-point lead."

UK guard Rex Chapman said Sutton had some words of inspiration for his team during intermission, and that sparked Kentucky in the second half.

"We came out and we were just kinda flat," Chapman said. "We came in at halftime and coach kinda got on us, and we came out and played better in the second half."

James Blackmon was largely responsible for the UK turnaround. The 6-3 senior guard, who finished with a season-high 18 points, scored Kentucky's first nine points in the second half and 10 of the 'Cats' first 11, to stretch the UK advantage to 37-28 with just over 13 minutes to play in the game.

From then on the outcome was never in doubt. Mississippi State connected on just five of 23 field goal tries in the second half, and Kentucky coasted to the 50-36 win.

"You can't beat good teams, or bad teams, if you can't make easy baskets," Williams said, "and we missed a ton of 'em."

"I think the poor shooting (hurt us), but Kentucky's defense contributed to our poor shooting. Although we did miss some easy shots. We missed two or three layups, we missed a dunk. But their defense had something to do with it."

"I thought the first half we had played well, about as well as we're capable of playing, given the situation we find ourselves in with players. If we could have continued to do that through the second half, maybe the game would have been a little bit better."

Sutton said that although the win wasn't aesthetically beautiful, a win is a win.

"Well, I think we're on a plateau. I'm not sure we're playing any better right now than we did two weeks ago," Sutton said. "But we're happy we won the ballgame. Now



Blackmon Follows His Own Shot For 2 Of His Season-High 18 Points

we can get back to practice tomorrow and hopefully continue to improve on some of the things we're not doing very well."

Bulldog-Wildcat Tidbits

With the win, Kentucky raises its record to 12-6 overall, 5-5 in the SEC. The 'Cats are tied with Georgia and Vanderbilt for fourth place in the league. Mississippi State drops to 5-14 and 1-9, and occupies the basement in the SEC standings. . .The crowd of 22,831 was the smallest in Rupp Arena since Kentucky began conference play. . .For the game, Kentucky shot 46.7 percent from the field, hitting on 21 of 45 attempts. From three-point territory the 'Cats were only three of 12 for just 25 percent. UK also struggled from the foul line, converting only five of 11 free tosses for 45.5 percent. . .After shooting

UK-MSU Photo

By TCP's

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s UK Takes Care Of MSU

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date Jan. 31/87 Site Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS												A	TO	BLK	S	WIN											
No.	Name	FG	FTA	FT	FTA	REB	AST	PF	TP																		
10	Mississippi State	4	8	0	0	0	2	3	5	1	8	0	7	1	0	38											
20	Hubert Henderson	4	8	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	8	1	1	1	1	38											
12	Reginald Boykin	4	9	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	8	1	1	1	1	38											
34	Anthony Blakley	2	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	1	2	0	3	33											
24	Tracy Taylor	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	6	0	4	35											
25	Robert Woodard	0	3	0	0	2	2	2	4	6	2	8	1	0	0	19											
10	Bernard Ballard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	8											
13	Tony Edmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7											
21	Elvde Tables	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1											
22	Keith Kelly	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18											
32	Mark Peters	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	1											
44	Walt McKeller	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1											
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TOTALS												17	46	0	3	2	5	8	17	25	17	36	6	19	2	8	200
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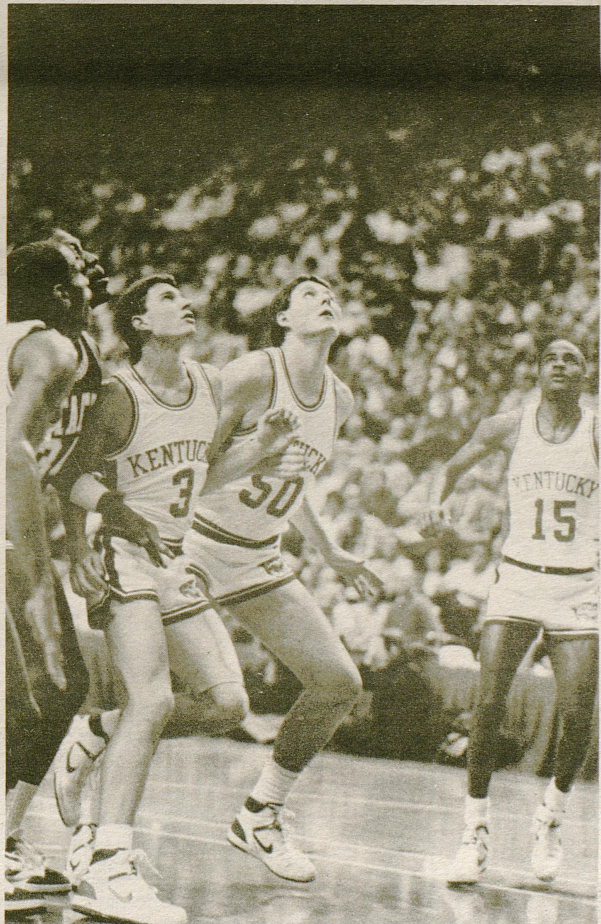
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44	Rob Lock	1	3	0	0	2	4	2	3	5	1	4	0	3	1	24											
3	Rex Chapman	0	5	1	2	6	0	0	2	2	0	12	6	3	0	33											
10	James Blackmon	0	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	5	0	2	1	1	19											
15	Ed Davender	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	7											
4	Derrick Miller	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7											
14	Paul Andrews	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	0	23											
20	Steve Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1											
21	Terry Shlad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1											
20	Irv Thomas	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	4	0	1	0	13											
50	Steve Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4											
55	Cedric Jenkins	1	3	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	0	14											
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3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-5, 20.0%												2nd Half 2-7, 28.6%		Game 3-12, 25.0%		Rebounds		3									
FT %: 1st Half 2-2, 100.0%												2nd Half 3-3, 100.0%		Game 5-11, 45.5%													

OFFICIALS: Paul Galvan, Paul Andrzejewski, Pat Nugent

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	OT	OT	FINAL
Miss. State	24	12	XX	XX	36
Kentucky	25	25	XX	XX	50

Technical Fouls: None
Attendance: 22,831

play (more), he told us at halftime that he was really fatigued," Sutton said. "He was tired. We started him the second half and we played him a few minutes. When he came out he told our trainer that if we could get by without playing him, he would appreciate it, because he was just so tired. Ed doesn't have the stamina that perhaps some of our other players have." . . . MSU coach Richard Williams on Chapman: "He's a good player. He's just a very good basketball player, understands the game, knows how to play the game. All the things that have been written about him already are true." . . . Well, almost. Chapman took the opportunity after the game to squelch some rumors that have been finding their way into some local newspapers: "I'd like to say just one thing," Chapman said. "All this talk about jealousy, that's not really fair. Because all this time that everybody's been writing everything about it, nobody ever asked me, and a lot of it was about me. Ed and James and the rest of the guys are such great people that they don't let it bother them. But I would hate for somebody to tell me that I was jealous of somebody, that might affect the way that I play. It's just really unfair. And if anybody would notice it, it would be me. And there's no jealousy on our team. We're just out there to have win and have a good time and make the people of Kentucky proud of us." . . . Here's one that's sure to break the Rupp Arena fans' hearts: Saturday's game marked the last time official Paul Galvan will work a game in Rupp. Galvan is hanging up his whistle following the 1986-87 season.



UFO Watching? Nope, 'Cats Wait For A Rebound

State's Poor Shooting Tells The Tale

52.2 percent in the first half, the wheels came off the Mississippi State scoring machine. After intermission, the Bulldogs scored just 12 points and connected on only five of 23 field goal tries for a horrid 21.7 percent. For the game, MSU made 17 of 46 field goal attempts for 37 percent. The 'Dogs were also 0-for-3 from three-point range and two of five from the charity stripe for the contest. . . State coach **Richard Williams** did a good job of milking the clock and shortening the game, holding Kentucky to just 50 points, the 'Cats second-lowest output of the season. But MSU still didn't have a chance to win the game. When asked how he would have felt if he had known going into the game that his team would hold Kentucky to just 50 points, Williams said: "For us, I'd think we'd probably score 48, the way we shoot. It's not like we're scoring a lot of points ourselves. I would have thought if we held Kentucky to 50, at least we have a chance. We held Kentucky to 50 and we didn't have a chance." . . . **James Blackmon**, who's raised his scoring average to 8.7 in recent games, led Kentucky with a season-high 18 points. In 34 minutes, Blackmon hit on eight of 12 from the floor and finished with five rebounds. . . **Rex Chapman** was the only other Kentuckian to place in double figures in scoring with 12 points. The freshman from Owensboro also dished out a game-high six assists. . . **Richard Madison**, who leads Kentucky on the boards with just over seven per game, hauled in a game-high seven rebounds in just 27 minutes of action. . . **Paul Andrews** filled in for **Ed Davender** in the second half and logged 23 minutes of playing time for the game. Davender played only 19 minutes after complaining of being exhausted at halftime. "The reason Ed didn't

-High 18 Points

UK-MSU Photos

By TCP's

Gary Cromwell

NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

MISSOURI VALLEY				
Tulsa	6	1	857	16 4 800
Wichita St.	5	2	714	14 7 667
Bradley	5	2	714	11 9 550
Drake	4	4	500	14 9 609
Illinois St.	4	5	444	11 9 550
So. Illinois	3	5	375	9 11 450
Creghton	2	5	286	7 13 350
Indiana St.	1	6	143	6 15 286

PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION				
Neu-Las Vegas	9	0	1000	21 1 955
San Jose St.	6	4	600	10 9 524
Long Beach St.	6	4	600	11 9 500
Cal-Santa Brb	5	4	556	10 8 556
Cal-Irvine	6	5	545	11 9 550
Utah St.	4	6	400	11 11 500
New Mexic St.	4	6	400	10 11 476
Pacific	4	6	400	8 11 421
Fullerton St.	3	6	333	10 8 556
Fresno St.	2	8	200	7 14 333

PACIFIC-10				
Oregon St.	8	3	727	15 4 789
UCLA	7	3	700	13 5 722
Arizona	7	3	700	12 7 632
Washington	6	4	600	10 9 571
Oregon	6	5	545	12 8 600
California	6	5	545	13 10 565
Stanford	3	6	453	11 9 550
Southern Cal	3	7	300	8 11 421
Arizona St.	2	8	200	6 12 333
Washington St.	2	8	200	6 12 333

SOUTHERN				
Marshall	9	0	1000	15 4 789
Tn-Chattanga	8	1	889	15 5 750
Davidson	8	1	889	13 6 684
Furman	6	3	667	12 8 600
Ciadel	2	6	250	7 10 412
VMI	2	7	222	7 12 368
x-E Tenn St.	2	7	222	5 13 278
W. Carolina	2	8	200	4 14 222
Appalachian St.	1	7	125	4 14 222

SOUTHLAND				
Louisiana Tch.	4	1	800	14 6 700
Arkansas St.	3	2	600	14 7 667
Lamar	2	6	400	11 9 550
McNeese St.	2	3	400	9 9 500
N. Texas St.	2	3	400	7 12 368
NE Louisiana	1	4	200	8 10 444

SOUTHWEST				
Tex. Christian	9	0	1000	18 3 857
Baylor	6	3	667	11 8 579
Texas Tech	6	3	667	11 9 550
Houston	5	4	556	12 7 632
Texas A&M	4	4	500	12 7 632
Arkansas	4	5	444	13 9 591
Texas	3	6	333	10 12 455
So. Methodist	2	7	222	10 10 500
Rice	1	8	111	7 13 350

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC				
Texas Southrn	5	2	714	8 11 421
Grambling	5	2	714	8 12 400
Alabama St.	4	3	571	9 7 588
Southern U.	4	3	571	9 8 529
Jackson St.	4	3	571	9 10 474
Miss. Valley	4	3	571	8 12 400
Prairie View	1	6	143	12 250
Alcorn St.	1	6	143	2 17 105

TRANS AMERICA				
Ark.-L. Rock	10	1	909	16 6 727
Ga. Southern	8	3	727	13 6 684
Hardin-Simms	6	4	600	10 9 526
Stetson	6	4	600	8 9 471
Houston Btst	7	5	583	11 8 579
Mercer	5	5	500	10 8 556
Georgia St.	4	6	400	8 10 444
Centenary	4	8	333	8 11 421
Texas-Sou Antr	3	7	300	9 10 474
Samford	0	10	000	2 14 125

INDEPENDENTS				
DePaul	18	1	947	
New Orleans	16	3	842	
Notre Dame	12	5	706	
Pan American	13	6	684	
Marquette	11	7	511	
Miami, Fla.	10	10	500	
Uica	10	10	500	
Dayton	9	9	500	
SW Louisiana	8	10	474	
Brooklyn	9	11	450	
Tennessee St.	8	10	444	
Chicago St.	8	11	421	
U.S. Internatl	8	11	421	
Md.-Ball County	7	11	389	
N. Illinois	8	13	381	
Cent Florida	7	12	368	
Texas-Arlington	6	14	300	
Cent. Conn.	5	14	253	
E. Washington	3	18	143	



Tough-Natured Davender Keeps Chin Up

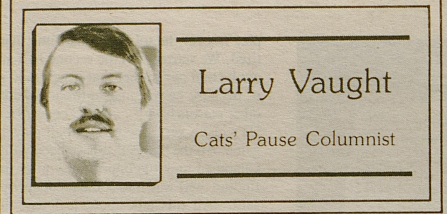
Criticism For UK's Leader?

When Ed Davender lived in New York, he always had to worry about someone trying "mug or mess him up."

But this season some Kentucky fans tried to do the same thing to the 6-3 junior guard by blaming him for UK's inconsistency in Southeastern Conference play.

Some fans think he is jealous of freshman Rex Chapman and isn't passing the ball enough to him.

Not true, said Davender. "To blame me for games we lose just isn't fair," said Davender. "I can't beat teams by myself or lose by myself.



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

"You can never satisfy fans, especially at Kentucky. Some expect you to play like Superman every game. When you don't, they get upset."

"Ed is one of the best guards in the nation," said UK assistant coach Doug Barnes. "There are better scoring guards but for all-around guards he is one of the best. He proved the last two years that he was a great defensive player but this year he is also scoring more and running the team.

"His play has also helped Rex. They compliment each other so well. Ed sets up Rex and takes the ball-handing responsibility off of him. Having Ed around takes pressure off Rex because if you concentrate on Rex, Ed will burn you."

Injured senior forward Winston Bennett has seen critics take aim at other players during his stay at Kentucky. He knows Davender, though, can weather the storm.

"He's a veteran and has been a leader since he got here," said Bennett. "He knows you can't take your critics to heart. If he scores 22 points and has six assists they will praise him. If he gets four points and makes six turnovers the same people will criticize him. You just have to keep things in perspective here and Ed can do that."

If Davender has a fault, it is that he often tries to do too much himself to help UK win. He'll sometime force a shot or make a turnover after he has penetrated inside the defense when UK needs a lift.

"If I don't see the other guys making something happen, I try to," said Davender. "That's just me. Maybe I do try to do too much at times but I'm a competitive person."

Growing up in New York would make anyone competitive. Surviving that atmosphere, though, is also a major reason fan attention or criticism has never bothered Davender like it has other UK players.

"I'd rather have people talk to me or about me instead of having one come up and try to rob me," said Davender. "That's what you can look forward to in New York where I grew up.

"In New York you can be walking down the street and suddenly somebody will do something to have the police after you. The situation is just that bad. That's why I've always enjoyed being here."

Other players have also benefitted from Davender's presence. He leads the team in assists and averages almost 15 points per game. Davender is also one of the nation's premier defensive guards and is counted on each game to disrupt the other team's ball-handler.

The UK junior guard prefers making a great defensive play over a superb offensive maneuver. "My high school coach believed in defense," said Davender. "If you didn't play defense, you didn't play."

Davender tried to play basketball 24 hours a day growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had to play on goals without nets and the courts would have cracks and holes.

"But you won't find any better competition in the country than what you find on the New York playgrounds," said Davender. "I played against pro and college stars on those playgrounds."

He learned his lessons well, too. Davender has played in 84 straight games since coming to UK and led the team in steals both his freshman and sophomore years. He had scored 918 career points going into the Mississippi State con-

test and has scored in double digits in 37 of his last 52 games.

Davender is not a great outside shooter and is hitting 43.5 percent from the field. He's at his best, however, when he can penetrate and either shoot or pass to an open teammate.

"Ed Davender does a lot of things for our club," said Coach Eddie Sutton. "He was more or less forced into running our club this year but he has done a great job. He's the



Weathering The Storm

best defensive guard in college basketball and he has improved his shooting range this season. His play is very important to us."

His teammates agree. "Ed is our leader," said junior center Rob Lock. "He's a quality player and a great guy to have on your team."

"He is probably more important to this team than any other player," said freshman guard Derrick Miller. "He's our leader on and off the floor."

"Ed runs our team," said Chapman, the team's leading scorer with an average of 15.1 points per game. "He is a great player at both ends of the floor."

Winning, though, is what matters to Davender. His high school teams compiled a 91-13 record during his four years and UK is 61-23 with him in the lineup.

"I'm a person that wants to win and I'm willing to play hard to make that happen," said Davender. "I don't mind getting bruises going after loose balls. And I won't ever give up. That's not my style."

SOPHOMORE forward Irv Thomas had his best game since December when he had six points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 19 minutes of play against Navy.

Thomas was UK's best inside player early in the season but his play, and playing time, had both gone downhill until he turned in solid efforts against Vanderbilt and Navy.

He had not been happy with his lack of action but knows he must perform to earn playing time.

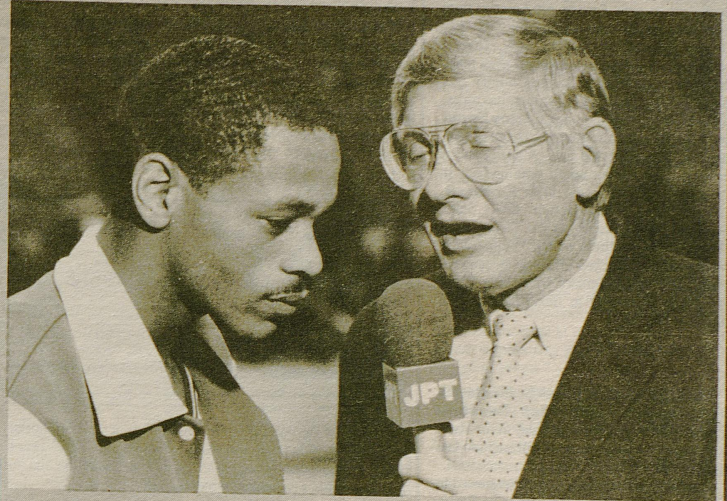
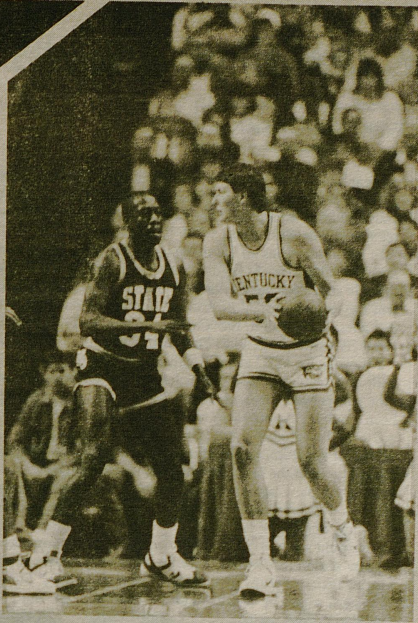
"This is a team game and the team comes first," said Thomas. "I always want to play and always will. But I understand why a coach has to do certain things.

"We have a stronger and deeper bench now and everybody is contributing. I haven't been overlooked by the coaches. I just have to keep playing well to impress them and prove that I'm ready to play more again."

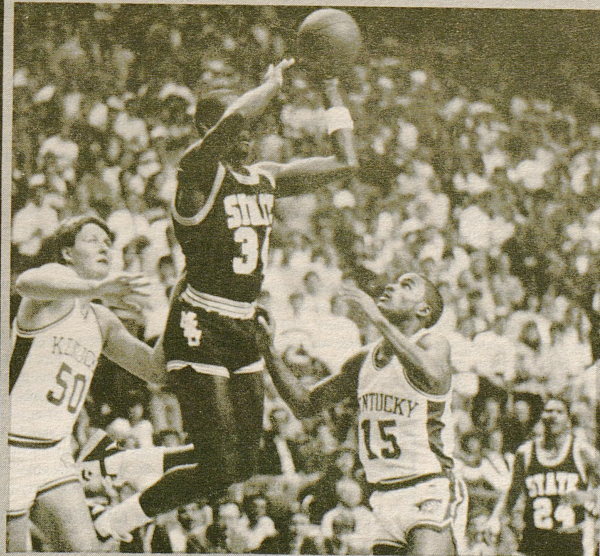
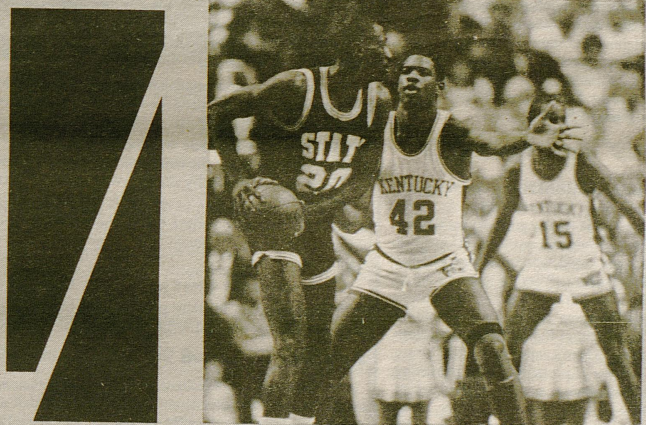
NAVY'S DAVID Robinson certainly showed Kentucky why he deserves to be the Player of the Year in college basketball. His record-setting 45-point performance against UK was unbelievable.

His play against Kentucky was the best I've seen in 13 years of covering UK basketball. Magic Johnson was certainly impressive when he faced the Wildcats in the 1978 NCAA Tournament but even Magic wasn't the force Robinson was. Other great players like Charles Barkley, Sidney

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State and Pittsburgh . . . In the SEC, Tennessee supposedly is on the verge of having the greatest harvest since Johnny Majors returned home almost a decade ago. And that's saying something since Majors has hauled in enough Parade All-Americans to win four national championships. You talk about a fight to earn playing time. There'll be prep All-Americans who never even make the scout team in Big Orange Country . . . **Kentucky**, according to rumors, has an excellent shot at running back Carlos Snow, the 5-8, 190-pound running back out of Cincinnati, Ohio. The kid has 4.4 speed and is rated as the fifth best speed running back in the nation by superscout Max Emfinger. Schools after Snow include Ohio State, Michigan, Nebraska, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, in addition to UK. Supposedly, several schools backed off Snow because of academics, but Kentucky is looking better every day according to those close to the scene in Cincinnati.

UK baseball coach **Keith Madison's** highly-acclaimed **Wildcat Baseball Clinic** will be held this Saturday at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington and it still isn't too late to sign up.

Madison says adults or youths interested in attending can register at the door on Saturday morning. More information is available inside this week's edition of *TCP*.

Highlighting the clinic will be appearances by such superstars as San Diego's **Steve Garvey**, Cincinnati's **Rob Murphy**, Chicago's **Joe Cowley** and former major leaguer **Doug Flynn**.

HITS AND MISSES . . . From reports down Louisiana way, looks like ole string music himself is finally going to get the opportunity to straighten out the LSU mess in Baton Rouge. Good sources say former LSU great **Joe Dean** will get the athletics director's job, and with the blessing of LSU boss **James Wharton**. Such a move would be good news to both LSU and the Southeastern Conference. Dean's input to the SEC from the standpoint of promotions and marketing will be a tremendous asset as we head toward the 1990s . . . On the same thought, Dean would be stepping down as color analyst with the SEC Game of the Week and former UK coach **Joe B. Hall** would love nothing better than to hook on with another Kentuckian, the very popular play-by-play announcer **Tom Hammond**. Elsewhere in this issue you'll read a column by Stan Torgerson which pretty much rips Joe B. for his effort in the Kentucky-LSU telecast. Stan is a very colorful writer, and quite opinionated. And we like him this way, but we believe Stan probably didn't realize a few things when he wrote his words of wisdom about Joe B. Sure, Hall wasn't critical enough about Kentucky. But what Stan forgets is that any criticism from Hall about the current UK team would be translated by some as being unfair criticism about the man who took over for Hall, in this case **Eddie Sutton**. Joe B. was in a no-win (sound familiar?) situation. We agree that Hall was put in an awkward position at best. Despite Stan's review, most others have given Hall more than just a passing grade. And if Hall goes for the SEC job, you can bet a lot of people will rip Joe B., just because of his Kentucky ties. But what else is new? . . . It would really be nice if **Dick Vitale** would just shut up his mouth for a while on the three-point shot. And this comes from a Vitale fan. I really love to watch Vitale, always have. But I must admit his

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Thank Goodness! January's Over

Now We Can Get On With Rest Of Season

Whew!

Thank goodness it's finally over—this thing called January. Throughout the rest of the nation and most of the world, people look forward to it. Millions upon millions stay up and celebrate, party all night just to usher in the New Year. It's looked upon as a chance to wipe the slate clean, forget about the past year and make a fresh start.

For basketball fans here in Wildcat Country, that ain't necessarily so. In Kentucky, January is almost a dirty word.

It all started back in the days of Joe B. Hall. It seems Kentucky



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Cats' Pause Columnist

fans, who as a group settle for nothing but perfection, noticed that Hall's teams didn't fare too well in January. In his 13 years at the helm of the UK program, Hall racked up 297 wins and suffered 100 losses for a winning percentage of .748.

But in January—that dreaded January—Hall's teams posted a combined record of 70-37, for a winning percentage of .654.

And as a result, all across Kentucky, almost every one of the commonwealth's 3,769,700 assistant coaches had a reason for the Wildcats' January demise:

*Kentucky's off-season conditioning program was too tough. After all that weightlifting and distance running, fatigue started to set in after the first of the year.

*The December schedule was too strenuous. After playing so many top-flight teams in the non-conference portion of the schedule, the 'Cats were emotionally drained when SEC play started.

*Wildcat players began to read their own press clippings, and worst of all, started to believe them. The players looked at the national rankings, saw Kentucky in the Top Twenty, and took lesser teams for granted.

*Conference teams always get "up" for UK.

*And the clincher, the most popular of all the armchair opinions to be offered up, seemed to be that Hall just couldn't coach.

Hall Was Supposed To Take Slump With Him

I find the latter a little hard to stomach, but then again, that's another story. The point of all this is that when Hall tendered his resignation following the 1985-86 season, and when Eddie Sutton accepted the job a short time later, that was supposed to be the end of the January slump. At least in the minds of many around the Bluegrass.

Last year, when Sutton assumed the job at Kentucky, his first team posted an overall record of 32-4, 9-1 in January. You could hear the critics far and wide, from Paducah to Pineville, from Covington to Creekmore, eulogizing the dreaded slump.

And then this season, January started off innocently enough—UK went to Auburn and pulled a big upset over the Tigers. The month ended with a win as well—a sloppy, uninspired win over an outmanned Mississippi State club, but a win nonetheless. But sandwiched in between were four losses, at home against Alabama, at Tennessee, the LSU debacle in Rupp Arena and the loss at Ole Miss, which brought Sutton's January '87 record to 6-4.

Looking at the calendar, it's over. No more January.

That's the good news.

The bad news is, it might not get much better. This season, unless things change in a big hurry, the January slump might carry over into February, and March.

"I think we're just having trouble right now, as players, we're not getting up for every game like we should be," Rex Chapman said. "Every big game that we've played, we've gotten up pretty much for it—Indiana, we played well, Louisville, Navy, Auburn—we just seem to get up for the so-called bigger games, what we think are big games. But all of these games are big. We should try to get our minds ready to play every time we go out on the floor whether it's Ole Miss, Mississippi State or Louisville. That's something we need to work on and get straightened pretty quick."

'Cats Could Be Watching NCAAs On TV

How quick? Well, if Kentucky doesn't turn its fortunes around in the next week or so, the 'Cats could be watching the NCAA tour-

namment on the tube for the first time since the 1978-79 season. With a 5-5 conference mark going into last week's games with Auburn and Alabama, Kentucky is at best, a 100-1 longshot to win the regular-season SEC title.

In fact, Sutton has all but given up on his teams chances of winning a second straight regular-season championship, instead setting his sights for the conference tournament. And if UK doesn't win the league tourney in Atlanta, and the automatic NCAA bid that goes along with it, the 'Cats would have to win enough games to receive an at-large bid. That means at least 17 or 18 wins.

Following the MSU game, Kentucky's overall record stood at 12-6, with nine regular-season games left on the schedule. But of those nine games, four of them are on the road, to places where it has been tough for Kentucky to win in recent years—at Alabama (UK is 2-4 in Tuscaloosa in the '80s), at LSU (where UK is also 2-4 in the last six years), at Georgia and at Florida, where Norm Sloan has put together the best Gator team in years. And the season finale, at Rupp Arena, is against highly-ranked Oklahoma, who presently sports a 17-3 won-loss mark and is ranked 10th in the country.

Things don't look too good.

"It would seem to me it would be impossible to compete for the regular season (SEC title), because I can't see both Alabama and Florida losing as many games as we've already lost," Sutton said. "I think it would be very difficult for us to win out. But I do hope



Eddie Sutton: UK Faces A 'Tough Week'

our ballclub will show improvement, and by the time we get to Atlanta, we will be in a position where we can compete for the SEC postseason tournament. And if we don't win it, I certainly hope we won enough along the way, and beaten enough quality teams that our good friends in Kansas City will extend to us an at-large bid to be in the NCAA tournament."

For all that to happen, Sutton admits his team had better start making improvements, and the sooner the better.

"Well, I think we're on a plateau," Sutton said after the Mississippi State game. "I'm not sure we're playing any better right now than we were two weeks ago."

And when sizing up his chances the rest of the way?

"We've beat Auburn at Auburn, and Auburn probably at this point might be the third best team in our league on what they have done thus far," he said. "There's no doubt that Alabama and Florida (who will both play host to Kentucky in coming weeks), by their records, would be the best two ballclubs (in the league).

"So, if what Rex says (is true), we oughta be sky high when we play the Tigers this week. And then when we go to Alabama Saturday. We've got a tough week ahead of us."

And it sure doesn't get any easier.

Playing In NCAAs A Dream Come True

Hard Work Pays Off Big Dividends

Basketball is a very important resource to the state of Kentucky. Fans just can't wait till basketball season is finally here. Fans aren't the only ones who consistently ponder the bounce of the round ball. The players themselves have basketball on the brain year-in and year-out.

During this past summer, the Kentucky Wildcats were working hard for the upcoming season. One might think when the season is over college hoopsters don't even consider looking at a basketball. That may be true. But . . . give a player three or four weeks and he's back on the hardwood or asphalt surface, firing away at



Dicky Beal
Cats' Pause Columnist

that familiar cylinder, hoping next year his team will be in the NCAA Tournament.

The goal of every team is to be in the NCAA Tournament. Sure, you want to do well in conference play, but the NCAA Tournament is the ultimate goal. Now, it seems everyone and their grandmother is getting invited to the prestigious hoop event. Sixty-four teams, count 'em 64 teams (1, 2, 3, 4, . . .) qualify for the National Championship. Once you reach the tournament, it takes skill, talent, good coaching and a little luck to climb the tourney's ladder.

A lot of teams are happy just to be involved in the NCAA tournament, but teams like Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina and Georgetown look a bit further. Because of strength of schedule, record and tradition, it's hard to keep the top programs out of the tournament.

For instance, the Louisville Cardinals aren't exactly having a great year, but because of the criteria previously mentioned by yours truly, they should be in the tournament. The Cardinals, though, need to get on track and win some big games.

If the Cards finish at .500 this season I still believe, because they're the defending national champions, they will be in the NCAA Tournament.

With the regular season halfway over, teams are starting to get serious about where they want to be by the end of the campaign. The 'Cats, who have been riding a rollercoaster all season, have to feel good right now about where they're at. Even with injuries,



Sam Bowie

inexperience and the ridiculous rumors of jealousy among team members, the 'Cats have had some big wins.

'Cats Are On Their Way

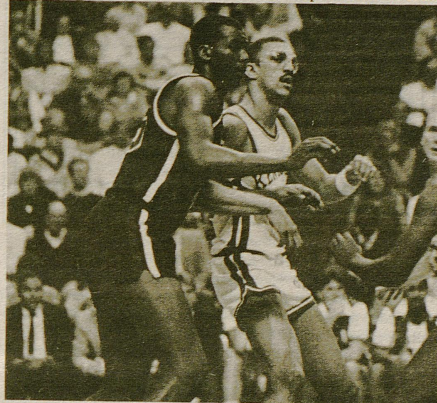
The NCAA will definitely look at Kentucky, especially if it finishes on a high note. I don't think the 'Cats have finally come together, but like many fans across the state are anticipating, you kinda get the feeling it will happen soon.

Here's hoping UK will save its best games for the NCAA Tournament. That's when you want the key ingredient—chemistry—to appear, take over and mold your club into a team destined to do well in the tournament.

A talented club which also is hitting on all cylinders will no doubt be next in line to wear the crown of NCAA champs. We only have to look back to last season to prove this theory correct.

Following their win over Duke in the NCAA finals in Dallas, the Cardinals positively were the best team in the country. On its way to Dallas, U of L played its best ball against a good, solid North Carolina team (West semifinals). When you play together and have a coach the caliber of Denny Crum, the results have to be positive.

Being in the NCAA Tournament offers most teams a feeling of being challenged against some of the best competition in the coun-



Kenny Walker

try. It seems to me it's very unfair when a regular season champion doesn't receive an automatic bid to the NCAA's. And teams having their own conference tournament are at a big disadvantage.

First of all, playing within your conference can be very draining, emotionally that is. That's why I like the idea of scheduling a couple of games outside of conference play during the regular season. It would take a little pressure off a team. When you have won the regular season and conference tournament, it really takes a lot of out of the players before getting ready for the NCAA Tournament.

Long Conference Race Can Wear You Down

During my playing days we won the regular-season title and the SEC Tournament once (1984). I wasn't mentally or physically tired because I didn't play until late in the season. Guys like Sam Bowie, Melvin Turpin and Kenny Walker, meanwhile, didn't have the same type of enthusiasm as in the early part of the season. It's hard to keep going under the circumstances which followed us.

High expectations, a tough coach and even tougher teams, can really take a toll on you. Our goal was to be in the Final Four, and we did everything expected of us except win the NCAA Championship. It's heartbreaking to know you were *that* close, but things just didn't turn out. But we did have a fine season. It really makes you appreciate the things you have done and where you're headed.

Not everyone gets the opportunity to go to the Final Four. When you finally reach this particular goal, there is a lot more to accomplish. You never know which teams will reach the Final Four. That's what makes the NCAA Tournament so special.

Teams no one thought would win, may knock off one of the top-ranked teams and advance as the tourney's Cinderella. That's why you have to have every phase of your team ready for the ultimate battle. No one can be taken lightly during the tournament.

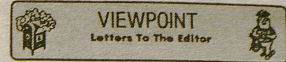
Every team which plays will be viewed by other teams. Games, that are televised at 11:30 a.m. are watched by many opposing players across the country. It's like everyone knows something about everyone.

Isn't it funny how a player can put on a different face during the NCAAs?

When you stay at the hotel with other teams, you try to act cool. You do things to make the other team feel you don't even notice them. Sure we speak, but it's the type of conversation that is a bit phony.

Playing in the NCAA Tournament is definitely something special. The media coverage, pressure, excitement and the atmosphere are second to none. Everybody is shooting to be the king, the best, No. 1. In other words, the national champions. It's a goal installed in each player's mind. To reach the tournament and to do well, is one of the best feelings a collegiate student/athlete can imagine.

To say you were involved is nice, but to win all the marbles has to be the ultimate feeling.



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publications are University of Louisville's and Ohio State University's.

My recommendation to Mr. Combs is that he limit the *TCP* columnists to writing about UK sports *only*. Over the past few years there has been a deterioration in UK news dealing with recruiting, personal profiles of individual athletes and UK coaches. There seems to be a tendency by the columnists to write their opinion or philosophy about something that is not interesting to read or has little or no impact on UK sports. The columnists' articles give the reader the impression there has been little research done and that his/her only objective is filling the required space.

Mr. Combs, your answer to Pam Walden's letter in the Jan. 10, 1987 issue was not in my opinion a well thought out answer when you stated, "Ms. Walden, as long as we are in the newspaper business and as long as we are covering the University of Kentucky, we at *TCP* will continue to try to be objective. That means emphasizing the *bad* points along with the *good* points."

Please keep in mind if your readers want to read about the bad points they can find lots of anti-UK feelings in the Lexington and Louisville daily newspapers.

Remember the *Cats' Pause* became a success because the subscribers felt good about what they were reading with regards to UK and its athletes and not because of objective reporting and journalistic excellence.

W.G. Morris
Columbus, Ohio

Chattanooga 'Cat

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the past year's issues which have been a true lifeline of information to us Kentucky fans in the Chattanooga, Tenn., area (Yes, there are lots of us!).

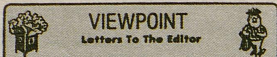
With such a great recruiting year, plus (Winston) Bennett coming back, we all know that next year may be a big one for the round-ball 'Cats, and certainly this year still has potential. But I also remain an eternal optimist about our football program. I believe the 'Cats are much closer to mounting a serious challenge to SEC football foes than most people suspect. I believe that a Sugar Bowl within the next three years is within our grasp. Now, poised to help make this not unrealistic goal happen, are some of the finest young high school football seniors in the country, right here in our own front yard. What a great experience it would be for many of these young men to become a part of what could be the greatest chapter in Kentucky football ever written. I hope that those considering Kentucky as a place to receive their education while playing football will not miss out on this opportunity by going elsewhere. And I know that those basketball seniors who have already chosen Kentucky are going to be glad they did when they take the court in front of the best fans in the world, bar none!

This is an exciting time for Wildcat fans because we have so much to look forward to in the near future. Cawood (Ledford, on the radio broadcasts) comes in a little fuzzy down here, but *The Cat's Pause* is always on time, loud and clear bringing us everything that's going on back home with the 'Cats.

Thanks again for a quality publication, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Marc Kenyon
Hixson, Tennessee



Play More Zone

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription and if possible send me any issues I may miss.

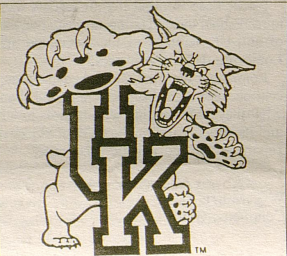
I'm glad Eddie Sutton came to Kentucky. I do admire him and his determination. *But*, what is it about a half-dozen college coaches in the NCAA who would go down to a defeat (using man-to-man defense) rather than use a zone when the other team is killing you inside?

Sutton made a comment before the season opened that he may be using a lot of zone for a change, and he has used it some, but I hope he will not let his "man-to-man pride" keep him from using (the zone) more when the need arises.

So, here's wishing Eddie and the 'Cats a good finish. They looked good against Vandy tonight.

Cats' Pause, keep up the good coverage of all Wildcat sports.

Jessee "Edd" Hale
Dayton, Ohio



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Joe B. Still Getting Bad Press Reviews

One of Few Who Didn't Like Hall's Debut

A few years ago there was an interview with a famous football coach on the subject of pressure.

The interviewer asked the coach how it felt on the eve of a big game. How heavy was the pressure? Did it get to you?

"Let me tell you about pressure," the coach said. "Handling that kind of pressure is part of my job and it doesn't bother me a bit.

"But back when I was in high school I played the second violin in the school orchestra," he continued. "Well, one night, just before the concert, the first violinist took sick and I had to move to his chair. "Now that," he said, "is pressure—trying to do something you're



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

not qualified to do."

Watching the LSU-Kentucky basketball game on TV recently, I felt for Joe B. Hall. The pressure on him had to be enormous. The former Kentucky coach was trying to do something he wasn't qualified to do—the color announcer on a major network basketball broadcast.

ABC had obviously given him little or no training. They had forgotten to tell him that his job was to talk to the viewers at home, not to his play-by-play partner, Al Michaels.

Six comments out of 10 either began with "Al!" or finished with "Al!" Hall never told us what was happening. He told "Al," who was quite capable of seeing for himself.

The ex-coach also made it a point to point out the obvious. LSU led by 15 Michaels told us. A Kentucky player hit a three-pointer.

"That cuts the lead to 12," was Hall's contribution.

Really, Joe?

As the game progressed and Kentucky's level of play sunk lower and lower against the inspired Tigers, Joe became afraid of saying



ABC's Al Michaels And Joe B. Hall

something of which his Kentucky friends wouldn't approve. His remarks were bland and almost sounded like praise for a Wildcat team that was actually playing its worst game in years.

Hall Afraid To 'Tell It Like It Is'

Michaels tried to get Hall to analyze the game. The more experienced network announcer gave Joe an opening and asked him to compare. Could he remember a Kentucky team playing this badly? Might anyone have anticipated seeing the 'Cats blown away by 35 in their own gym?

Joe touched on the loss to Georgetown in the 1984 NCAA Tournament, but he refused to say that Kentucky was playing horribly, which they were, and that LSU was playing great, which they were.

Coach Eddie Sutton wasn't afraid to say it after the game. He told the press that it was his most embarrassing game in 30 years of coaching.

Hall wouldn't go that far on the air. He obviously didn't want to make anyone mad. He didn't. He also didn't earn anyone's respect.

The reason ex-coach John Madden and ex-player Merlin Olsen have made good on TV is that they use their expert knowledge to tell it like it is. Cause and effect. Lay it out there. If some team is stinking up the place, don't try to tell the viewers that the air is filled with the fragrance of roses.

Newcomers to the business think of their friends and teammates before they think of their listeners. Who will ever forget Terry Bradshaw nervously laughing his way through the 1985 season, absolutely afraid to criticize anyone with whom he might have played during his career as a top quarterback?

We have no objections when a network attempts to convert a former player or coach into a sports announcer. After all, the ex-jock has to start somewhere.

But with all of the young people out there paying their dues at the bottom in high school, junior college or small college gyms learning the broadcasting business, it doesn't seem fair that a "Mr. Once Was" has the opportunity of starting at the top.

Not For Broadcast

A TV writer for the *Chicago Tribune* says that NBC didn't fight for a one-network TV deal on NCAA college basketball was because of its Thursday night lineup featuring "The Cosby Show," and its Saturday night hit, "Golden Girls." The NCAA regional semifinals would fall on Thursday and Friday nights and the national semifinals would be held in prime time on Saturday. NBC would have been forced to cancel "Cosby" and "Golden Girls" for basketball and they didn't want to do it. So the network made a deal with ABC for a joint pitch with each of them getting a piece of the action. CBS shot them down with a one-network proposal guaranteeing the colleges lots of prime-time exposure for their tournament along with a payout of \$166 million for the rights. Goodbye NBC and ABC, and hello CBS. "Bill Cosby will never know why he's getting a thank you note from me," the CBS negotiator told his NBC counterpart. . . The Florida Gators must be proud to note that in recent USA rankings their cross country team finished eighth, their golf team is rated 13th, their swimming team is ranked No. 1 and their tennis team is 25th. And their basketball team could very well win the SEC. That's what's called a well-rounded program. . . This year's SEC Basketball Tournament will begin on Thursday, March 5 and end Sunday afternoon, March 8. For the first time, the semifinals will be contested on Saturday afternoon, leaving Saturday night for fun and frolic. . . Alabam's Terry Coner is trying to become only the third player in SEC history to win three or more assist titles. The other two were Sean Tuohy of Ole Miss (who won it four times, 1979-82) and Tennessee's Rodney Woods (who took three titles, 1973-75). Tuohy was always categorized as "that slow white kid who can't jump" but every coach in the league loved him. In fact, they named the New Orleans native, whose father had been a high school basketball coach, to their all-conference team in 1982. . . How about the women's basketball poll which found six SEC teams—Ole Miss, Tennessee, LSU, Georgia, Vanderbilt and Auburn—named in the Top 11 nationally? Unbelievable. And you think it's competitive on the men's side of the gym. Collectively through Jan. 12, these six teams had won 71 and lost only seven, and two of those losses were in conference play against each other. . . Most people believe if you're not a big inside player you can't win the league scoring championship. Guard Tony White of Tennessee is proving them wrong again this year, as he did in 1986. So did Vernon Fleming of Georgia in 1984 and Jeff Malone in 1983. In fact, four of the last five SEC scoring leaders have been guards. Only Kenny Walker of Kentucky broke the string. He won it in 1985. . . When Auburn beat Austin Peay 115-93 and Southwestern Louisiana 107-91, it marked the first time in Auburn's 80-year history that the Tigers scored over 100 points in back-to-back games. . . Now that you know the final score of the Super Bowl, perhaps you'd like a final audit on how CBS came out. They won! The network sold 52 spots in the game at \$600,000 each for a total of \$31.2 million. They also peddled spots in the pregame for from \$150,000 to \$260,000 each, raising the price the closer you got to the game. CBS also sold seven 30-second units in the 15 minutes before the kickoff at \$400,000 each and 12 units in the postgame for \$325,000 apiece. Total income for the six-hour pregame, game itself and post game broadcast was somewhere between \$43 million and \$47 million. Not bad for a Sunday in January, huh! . . . The iron-man award goes to Frank Ford of Auburn. In his last five games up to mid-January, Ford played 188 out of a possible 205 minutes. He has played in all 109 Tiger games during his career, starting all but one of them. . . Florida's baseball team will play the New York Yankees on the Gators' field March 18. The university has played host to nine major league teams in its 74-year history—the Yankees, the Baltimore Orioles, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Philadelphia Athletics, the Boston Braves, the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Giants, the Washington Senators and the St. Louis Browns. . . The Last Word: University of Miami defensive lineman Jerome Brown after the school's president, Edward T. Foote, criticized the team for its conduct at the Fiesta Bowl: "Ask Tad Foote what Yale's record is. They wear suits and tuxedos to every game and they end up 0-10. That sure brings the school a lot of money."

Rollercoaster Ride Best Describes SEC

Never Seen So Many Peaks And Valleys

Halfway home. Whew, what a ride!
Bumpy you say? Unpredictable? Heck, I'll bet that Six Flags or Kings Island doesn't have a rollercoaster which compares to this recent jaunt around the SEC.

Following last Thursday's loss at Ole Miss, Kentucky reached the halfway point of its Southeastern Conference slate with a disappointing 4-5 mark. And if the Wildcats expect to earn one of the 64 NCAA tickets next March, things will have to improve. And in a hurry!

"It hurts right now, losing like this when we know we should



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

be winning," said Ed Davender, minutes after UK's 76-65 loss to the Rebels in Oxford, Miss.

Last Saturday, Davender and his Wildcat teammates started the second-portion of the ride on the right track with a 50-36 victory over Mississippi State, UK's second win over MSU this season. Granted it wasn't, gulp, pretty, and sure, State is the only team in the league with an overall losing record (5-14)... BUT a win's a win.

Right now Kentucky owns a 12-6 mark and a 5-5 conference record. With Auburn coming to town on Wednesday, UK currently is tied with Georgia and Vanderbilt for fourth place honors.

What's next for these Wildcats and their SEC foes? Can anyone overtake Wimp Sanderson's Alabama team (first in the league with a 9-1 record)? And, how many teams will be a part of this year's NCAA Tournament?

'Cats Face Two Toughies This Week

"We've got a tough schedule coming up," said senior Paul Andrews, a veteran of SEC wars. "We've got (this week) to go to Alabama (Feb. 7) and Auburn at home (Feb. 4). Hopefully, we'll bounce back, keep our heads up, and keep winning."

"Alabama is the team to beat."

Even though it lost at Gainesville and fell into a first-place deadlock with the Gators, the Crimson Tide was back in the driver's seat after Florida lost a few nights later in Auburn, Ala.

On down the road, Florida and Alabama again will meet, on the last day of February at high noon (CST). But this important reunion will hold where the echoes of "Roll Tide Roll" fill the air—Bama's Memorial Coliseum.

For now it's the Crimson Tide's title to win or lose.

"I think Alabama is going to win the league," said Ole Miss head man Ed Murphy last week. "They'll play the rest of the league (remaining schedule) better than Florida will. Those two teams are very good. I expected Alabama to lose at Florida and I think they'll probably lose at Auburn (Feb. 21)."

"They're both very good, but I think they (Alabama) will win it."

Final Four material?

"Alabama could be," said *Jackson Daily News* sports writer Danny McKenzie. Currently, McKenzie covers the Ole Miss sports scene. Before going to Jackson, Miss., in 1984, he covered the Kentucky Wildcats for the *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer*.

I talked to McKenzie in Oxford during halftime of the Kentucky-Mississippi game last week.

"(Wimp) Sanderson has been for some time the most underrated coach in the SEC," McKenzie continued. "They've got that inside-outside combination and have decent depth."

"Derrick McKey may be the best player in the conference, along with (Vernon) Maxwell and Tony White. As far as inside players go he (McKey) is the best, bar none."

"The top one or two places will be easier to predict than say the fourth or fifth places. There might be a lot of teams just jammed in there at 9-9 or whatever. But I like Alabama because they have Florida coming to Tuscaloosa."

Already a logjam exists. Auburn is 5-4, followed by Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Georgia, all possessing 5-5 marks. Next in order are: Mississippi (4-5), Louisiana State (4-7), Tennessee (3-6) and bringing up the rear is Mississippi State (1-9).

Mark this down: plenty of bizarre twists await nine of the 10 SEC teams and their followers for the second half of the season. Because Mississippi State is building for the future, Richard Williams' Bulldogs are steps behind the rest.

Alabama and Florida, in all probability, will battle till the end

for the '87 regular season title. As for third place through ninth place... one can only speculate who will finish where.

The main thing... the main thing is, how many teams will be selected to represent the Southeastern Conference in the NCAA tourney? That's what everybody's fighting for—that particular win which could conceivably snag the NCAA computer's memory drive and rank the lucky squad over another.

How many SEC teams might be in the NCAA's? Huh?

"Golley, that's a good question," McKenzie replied with a Southern twang, an important trait when discussing SEC basketball. "Alabama, Florida and Auburn. I don't know past that. Kentucky might get in there if they could put a little string together and get 17 or 18 (wins). Of course, who knows what Dale (Brown) is going to do at LSU. He might get 'em revved up to where they are playing above their heads... they might get in there some way."

Remember 1981 SEC Tournament?

And of course, any one of the 10 teams have a chance when the SEC Tournament rolls around in early March. Atlanta, be prepared for another tournament like the one in 1981 in Birmingham, Ala. Remember? The championship game pitted underdog Mississippi against underdog Georgia.

Elston Turner and Ole Miss defeated Georgia 66-62 for the SEC tournament championship, thus an automatic spot in the NAAs.

Somebody like the Rebels, whose talented starting unit consists of three seniors and two juniors, could pull an upset or two and make things interesting. When you have hoopsters like Joe Ayers, Roderick Barnes, Ronnie Sims, Eric Smith and Charles Prater anything is possible.

The only thing holding Ole Miss back is its lack of depth. But you could have fooled me. If not for the off-the-bench performances of guards Ronnie Miller and Keith Kessinger Ole Miss would not have upset Eddie Sutton's 'Cats.

Tennessee, Vanderbilt and even Georgia are three teams which



Ole Miss' Ed Murphy

are vastly improved from last season. I wouldn't be too shocked if the Bulldogs, Vols or Commodores don't pull a few magic tricks of their own at the Omni.

Hey Big Ten, Big East and Big Boys, the SEC, although it might not have four teams in the NCAA's Sweet 16, from top to bottom is better than one might believe.

"It's been an education," said Murphy, describing his first encounter of the SEC's round-robin tilt. "I've watched it for all my life from the outside in. When you coach you realize how good some of the athletes are. It's remarkable. I had very good players in Division II (Delta State), but you realize how good these kids really are."

"You have a kid like (Rex) Chapman, he pounds shots down that no one else has the nerve to take and nails them one after the other. He thinks they're all going in, you can see it on his face. He's shocked when he misses. (There are) the guards at Florida and the great kids at Alabama... the first time through this league they're better than I thought they were."

Murphy also mentioned how impressed he was with the overall "mental toughness" of the SEC.

"We play some pretty hard defense and we had some people really cave in during our pre-conference schedule," Murphy said. "But I tell you what, there hasn't been anyone (in SEC) cave in yet. We're pounding them as hard as we can but these kids in the SEC will pound you back."

"It's just an all-out war!"

OOPSI! Last week in this space the schools in the hunt for Jeff Ellis' services should have been listed like this: Alabama, Kentucky, LSU, Louisville, Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State and UCLA.

Oscar Combs

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crusade against the three-point has me rethinking. Dick was absolutely out of his head on the matter during the UNLV-Auburn game Sunday. Hey, the rule was supposed to change the game a little. Dick, you can't use UNLV's situation alone to knock the rule. Sure, any rule change will help one or two isolated teams, but give the dang rule a chance and then let's discuss it rationally at the season's end... Most fans probably didn't know it Saturday, but it was the final curtain for one of the game's most respected officials at Rupp Arena. Paul Galvan called his final Wildcat game at Rupp as he will retire after the current season and devote full-time to being supervisor of officials in the Southwest Conference. Galvan's last regular season game will be a dandy, the Kentucky-LSU battle in Baton Rouge on national television. He will also work one game in the SEC Tournament at Atlanta before hanging up the whistle. He's not only been a good one, but one of the very, very best to ever step on the floor.

'Cats Get Alabama Flavor This Week

Game 19: Auburn vs. Kentucky

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 1987

Site: Rupp Arena

Tipoff: 8:05 (EST)

TV: SEC/Jefferson-Pilot Television Network

About Auburn's coach: Sonny Smith is now in his ninth season on the Plains, where he has compiled a record of 139-118. Before coming to Auburn, he coached for two years at East Tennessee State. He is in his 11th year as a college coach and has an overall record of 166-141 for a winning percentage of .541. Smith's record against Kentucky is 4-16.

About the series: Kentucky has dominated the series with Auburn, 56-12. The Wildcats have won six of the last seven meetings between the two schools, the only setback being a 60-56 loss at Auburn last season. It marked Kentucky's only SEC loss during the '86 regular season. Earlier this season, the 'Cats upset the Tigers in Auburn, 63-60. Freshman guard Rex Chapman led UK with 24 points, while junior center Rob Lock pulled down 11 rebounds. In games played in Lexington, Kentucky leads the series, 34-1.

Game 20: Kentucky vs. Alabama

Date: Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987

Site: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Tipoff: 1:05 (EST)

TV: Nationally on NBC

About Alabama's coach: Wimp Sanderson has established himself as one of the nation's outstanding coaches since taking over at Alabama seven years ago. His record at 'Bama now stands at 143-64, for a winning percentage of .691. He has spent his entire career at Alabama, first as an assistant coach, then as the head man when C.M. Newton left. Sanderson's record against Kentucky is 7-11.

About the series: Kentucky leads the series with Alabama, 76-26. The Wildcats have won six of the last eight meetings between the two schools, including four straight last season. Earlier this season, however, the Crimson Tide handed the Wildcats a 14-point loss at Rupp Arena, 69-55. Kentucky's record in Tuscaloosa is 20-14. Last season in Tuscaloosa, senior guard Roger Harden sank a shot at the buzzer to give Kentucky a 73-71 victory over the Tide.

Rebs 76, 'Cats 65

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"We hope we can peak around (SEC) tournament time," said Ayers, who scored on 7 of 11 from the line and 5 of 9 from the charity stripe. "We think we have a shot at the tournament if we can get into the second night of the tournament (bye). We just can't play four games. We need at least a sixth (-place finish)."

Kentucky's Rex Chapman was the game's leading scorer. Recovering from a bout with the flu, Chapman countered the Ole Miss attack with 23 points. Ed Davender finished the night with 15 points followed by a superb 15-point, 13-rebound performance by Richard Madison.

Though Mississippi played the role of underdog entering the game, it was the same team which were spoilers in the end.

"I told the kids before the game. . . in conference play every win was the same," Murphy replied when asked what the win means to his program. "I told them (afterwards) I lied—that all wins aren't the same. I told them that this win was three times bigger than any one we can get. And I think it is."

"It gives us credibility. There's a 100 words you can use (to express the win). Recognition. . . that the University of Mississippi can play the best basketball program in the United States and win once in awhile. If we can sell that to some kids then they'll probably (want to) come here."

After trailing by as many as six points early in the first half, UK dribbled out to a five-point lead (27-22) when Andrews connected on his only shot of the night. Eric Smith then went to war, scoring six of Ole Miss' last 11 points. His 15-footer with two seconds remaining before intermission found the bottom of the basket, allowing the hosts to grab a 33-31 lead.

Not since they owned a 15-14 advantage had the Rebels been in front.

Smith paved the way for Ole Miss in the first half with 10 points, while Davender and Chapman led their club with 11 and nine points, respectively. And despite being outshot from the field (54.5 to 40.6 percent) Mississippi took 10 more shots than did its opponents.

Second-Half Surge Takes Its Toll On UK

If this game ever had a turning point it came right after UK grabbed its 42-37 lead. Things were going about as expected—Kentucky would have a tough time but would prevail when the final buzzer sounded.

Not this night, however.

Murphy, a bit overweight and possessing a voice similar to Rodney Dangerfield's, then told his troops not to panic.

"I wasn't terribly concerned," Murphy said, "in a sense that we were getting good shots and that they (UK) were hitting some tough ones. When teams start scoring on you and pulling away, there's a couple of ways for them to do it. If they're pulling away because they're hitting tough shots, what can you say but call a timeout?"

"We were playing as good as we could but they were hitting tough shots. There's nothing else to say. I was worried for a while that we were going to get a little scared. I was worried that we were going to try and catch up all at once."

"In that instance, I just told them, 'Catch up with your defense. If you get 'em stopped for a couple of minutes then you'll be right back in business.'"

Whether it was UM's tenacious man-to-man defense or UK's inability to hit the easy buckets didn't matter. Fact is, UK missed 11 of its next 14 shots, including five shots underneath.

For example. . .

. . . Rob Lock, for beginners, couldn't get an easy bucket to drop. Once Madison missed a golden opportunity when Irv Thomas saved the ball from going out of bounds and flicked it to the forward. Madison, however, blew it. Then Blackmon misfired on a couple of short, short jumpers.

Mr. Mo had slipped into a Rebel uniform.

"They helped us in a way which was unfortunate for them," said Murphy. "They missed two or three (easy) ones. Ronnie (Sims) made them miss a couple but there were a couple of other which were just misses."

"We were fortunate during that stretch which got us the lead. But I tell you what, we did a good job of protecting the lead."

Ole Miss did miss a couple of crucial free throws down the stretch but at the same time the Rebs also hit some big ones. During the final 5:13, the Rebels were 10 of 15 from the charity line as they salted the game away when Ayers picked off a Davender pass near midcourt and jammed it home, making the score with only 50 ticks remaining—Ole Miss 74, Kentucky 62.

Wildcat-Rebel Tidbits

The 76-65 victory was followed by curtain call as all the members of the Rebs' squad came back on the court. . . **Eddie Sutton** on the key to Mississippi's win: "The biggest turning point in the ballgame as far as I was concerned, because we did have a lot of momentum when we had them down 42-37 and had the basketball, was when we came down and turned it over. On that play **Ed Davender** had it the ball stolen on a drive underneath, which was quickly turned into a fastbreak hoop by **Joe Ayers**. "We then came (back) down and Rob Lock missed a *dead* layup," continued Sutton.

"(Next, **Rex Chapman** hit a free throw but it was disallowed because we had a guy step in the lane. That was an area of the game when we should have seized control and didn't do so." . . . In the first half UK once led by as many as five (27-22 at the 6:44 mark) while the Rebels, by scoring the game's initial six points, had their biggest lead of the half (6-0, 17:45 and 8-2, 17:03). . . In the final 20 minutes, UK owned a five-point margin (42-37, 16:17) and following two **Eric Smith** free throws Ole Miss snared the biggest lead of the night (69-56, 3:27 left). . . UK center **Rob Lock** bruised his knee while diving for a loose ball early in the first half and had to be helped off the floor. He came back later in the half but was kept at bay. **Ed Murphy** said afterwards that by bringing center **Eric Sims** out on the perimeter put Lock and UK at a disadvantage on defense. . . Ole Miss was sparked in the second half by its seldom-used bench.

Guards **Ronnie Miller** and **Keith Kessinger** came off the bench and scored 12 and seven points, respectively. It was Kessinger's three-pointer which gave Mississippi a 55-47 lead. While Kessinger (the son of former Ole Miss and Chicago Cub standout Don Kessinger) contributed from downtown, Miller hit on four of five free throws, all

four coming in the final 4:30 of play. UK's bench only scored three points. . . A couple of days before the game, Sutton was somewhat worried that Rex Chapman might not play. However, he was feeling fine on Thursday. The Owensboro Apollo product played 35 minutes. He buried five of eight three-pointers. . . Ed Murphy on Kentucky: "Kentucky's kids fought hard, they've got a lot of pride. They're good players." . . Ed Murphy on coaching against Eddie Sutton for the first time. "You get a feeling for a guy when you're coaching against him. He didn't get where he was by accident. He's a great one; a great coach. I thought he was going in and I know he is now." . . Ole Miss snared 20 offensive boards on the evening while UK grabbed only 10. Overall, UK was out-rebounded 39-33 by the Johnny Rebs. . . Earlier in the season Ole Miss had to repaint its three-point line at Tad Smith Coliseum because LSU coach **Dale Brown** noticed it did not mesh at the top of key. . . **Paul Andrews** on what coach Sutton said at halftime: "He told us that maybe we weren't prepared for it as we should have been. But, I know the coaches did a great job of preparing for (Mississippi). We have respect for them (UM). He said that because a lot of layups were missed was why we lost the game. I feel that way, too." . . **Ed Davender** on Ole Miss. "We knew they had a pretty strong team; they beat LSU and Georgia. We knew what we were going up against. You've just got to give Ole Miss credit." . . The win over Kentucky marked only the sixth time in 75 outings that the Rebs have come up on the winning side. . . The last time Mississippi beat Kentucky was in 1982 in Oxford when the Rebels won, 67-65. . . UK is now 0-6 in games this season when trailing at intermission. . . You can probably say that junior Rebel guard **Roderick Barnes** saves his best performances for the Wildcats. In three games against UK last season Barnes, a 6-1 guard, scored 15, 14, and 16 points during encounters with the 'Cats. Although he only scored 10 points in 33 minutes of work, he did hand out seven assists and was credited with three steals. . . UK Center **Mike Scott** did not see any action. Sutton said afterwards that Scott still is not in the condition he needs to be in.



Larry Vaught

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Moncrief, Chuck Person, Scott May, Kent Benson, Akeem Olajuwon, Pat Ewing, Lancaster Gordon and Rodney McCray have had big games against UK but nothing like the show Robinson put on in Rupp Arena.

"He's going to be worth a trillion dollars," said UK forward Richard Madison after playing against Robinson. "He's the best I've ever played against or even seen."

Any one who watched Robinson play against UK would have to agree.

KENTUCKY'S football recruiting certainly suffered a setback when wide receiver Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox announced last week that he would attend Indiana, not Kentucky.

The 6-0, 190-pound Thomas is one of the state's premier high school players. He caught 103 passes for 1,641 yards and 26 touchdowns during his high school career.

The Ft. Knox standout had narrowed his choices to Kentucky and Indiana after visiting those two schools plus Georgia and UCLA.

UK assistant coach Jerry Eisaman, who spent the last two years recruiting Thomas, still hopes Thomas might change his mind before the Feb. 11 national signing date.

"We are going to swing until the end because we really felt we were in good shape," said Eisaman. "If he had been born and raised in Kentucky, it would not have been a contest. But the Thomas family is not oriented to Kentucky."

"We put in a lot of time on him and he is a game-breaker. He can catch the ball, run reverses or run back punts and kickoffs. But if we lose him, he won't be the first one we've lost."

Kentucky still thinks it can sign Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic, Jeff Ellis of Male and Phil Logan of Louisville Holy Cross. Those three and Thomas are considered the state's top players.

Logan, a 6-2, 180-pound wide receiver, has narrowed his list to Kentucky, Tennessee and Michigan.

Jacobs, a 6-5, 225-pound tight end, has his choices down to Kentucky, Notre Dame, Boston College, UCLA and Penn State.

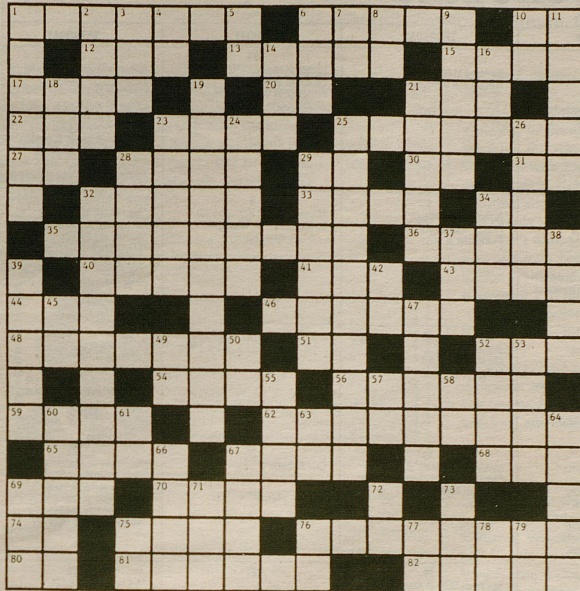
The 6-5, 232-pound Ellis, the son of former heavyweight boxing champion Jimmy Ellis, has spent time at Kentucky, Ohio State and UCLA.

He is also still considering LSU, Notre Dame and Michigan.

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TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



NCAA HOOPS '86-'87: THE COACHES

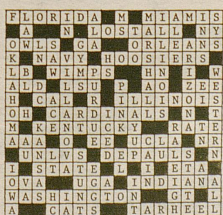
ACROSS

- 1 This is _____ 16th year at his school
- 6 1st name of UNLV's "Tack the Shark"
- 10 Initials of Big Ten coach Frieder
- 12 Abbr. for "Army of the United States"
- 13 "In the _____"
- 15 Where Cremins coaches some home games
- 17 Dean of Big 8 coaches Stewart
- 20 Initials of 10-year Hokie coach Motz
- 21 See 3 Down
- 22 Negative vote
- 23 Long-time Princeton mentor Carril
- 25 _____ charges are the Temple Owls
- 27 Abbr. for a time period
- 28 Poison
- 29 Continent abbr.
- 30 Abbr. for "large"
- 31 An extra period
- 32 Coaches Rodney, Dallas, et al
- 33 Sea eagle
- 34 Coach's boss
- 35 His team was unexpected member of Final Four last year
- 36 Fixed a shoe
- 40 Wander from course
- 41 ORU head man Owens
- 43 Steak order
- 44 Unconscious psyches
- 46 Northwestern or Miami, Fla. coach
- 48 _____ win total is highest among present-day Big Ten coaches
- 51 Compass abbr.
- 52 Indiana State coach Greene
- 54 J. Boehm coaches in the Carrier _____
- 56 Gary is in 7th year at New Mexico
- 59 Narrow opening
- 62 Utah's coach Lynn
- 65 Washington Huskie coach Russo
- 67 Feminine name
- 68 Boise State coach Bobby
- 69 Bradley's Albeck came from _____ ranks
- 70 British school
- 74 Initials of 65 Across
- 75 Not fast
- 76 Hoya head man
- 80 Initials of Bearcat coach Tony
- 81 _____ Div. I victories rank third among all present-day mentors
- 82 Fine Boilermaker coach

DOWN

- 1 _____ boys won it all last season
- 2 Drake's Garner or Buckeye's Williams
- 3 Sticky stuff
- 4 Initials of coach of Blackmon, et al
- 5 Initials of Sun Devil coach Patterson
- 6 Wyoming's Brandenburg or Pepperdine's Harrick
- 7 Verb suffix
- 8 Initials of coach Tueller at Utah St.
- 9 Coach Tom of the ODU Monarchs
- 10 Initials of 22-year Toledo coach Nichols
- 11 Coach Ed Murphy is in his _____ year at Ole Miss
- 14 Cat type
- 15 Abbr. for "madame"
- 18 Paddle
- 19 In 9th season at UAB
- 21 Namesakes of West Virginia's Catlett
- 23 One who settles a bill
- 24 Coach Holland of the ACC
- 25 Dean of the Big East coaches
- 26 In 5th year running the Badger program
- 28 Wenzel and Hanks are Sun _____ coaches
- 29 Commodore coach C.H.
- 32 Going after his 2nd national title
- 34 Pie _____ mode
- 37 Johnny of Iowa State
- 38 1st name of dean of ACC coaches
- 39 VCU's Pollio and Arkansas-Little Rock's Newell
- 42 Initials of Richmond Spider coach Tarrant
- 45 Initials of the new Nebraska coach, Nee
- 47 Coach Cliff has team on the rise in the ACC
- 49 Initials of Georgia's coach
- 50 Initials of coach Metcalf of Texas A&M
- 52 No coach likes to play here
- 53 Sole
- 55 Deserve
- 57 Abbr. for state of coaches Peirson and Hahn
- 58 Symbol for "antimony"
- 60 Coaches Farmer or Brown
- 61 Initials of Tenn. Tech coach Deaton
- 63 Initials of winningest coach in Div. I
- 64 1st name of dean of Metro coaches
- 66 Scream
- 67 Coach Tom Davis is now at _____
- 69 Foster is in first year at Houston
- 71 Also
- 72 Initials of Arizona's coach
- 73 Monkey
- 75 Initials of Sonny of Auburn
- 76 Initials of coach Suits at Rice
- 77 Initials of an '86 Final Four coach
- 78 Initials of coach Sonny of Nevada-Reno
- 79 Abbr. for "overdraft"

Last Week's Answers



Meet The Press

Sutton Says He Hopes Five SEC Teams Can Make NCAA Tourney; Chapman Scores 45 In Two Games Despite Flu

By Mike Estep

Time once again to fire up the old TCP tidbit machine and crank out some leftovers from Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton's weekly press conference, which was held the Tuesday before the 'Cats traveled to Oxford to play Ole Miss.



Secretary of defense: After reviewing the game films of Kentucky's contest with Navy, in which David Robinson scored 45 points, blocked 10 shots and grabbed 14 rebounds, Sutton said his team's low post defense wasn't as good as the coaching staff had thought.

"I thought we played a very good basketball game," Sutton said, "but after going back and looking at the film, we felt like (our) pivot defense wasn't as good as we thought at the time. That is not to take anything away from David Robinson, because he played perhaps the finest game of any player I've ever coached against. We helped him a little bit by not denying him the basketball, and perhaps our perimeter players not coming back and giving assistance to the guys that had to cover David."

Speaking of Robinson, Sutton said that he wanted to clarify his assessment of the seven-footer after he listened to several callers to *The Cats' Pause Sports Hotline* radio call-in show question his pregame analysis of the Navy center.

"I was listening to the call-in show last night, and somebody called in and said (Robinson) can't be a combination of Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell. Well, he's certainly not as good as either one of 'em at this point. But my point the other day was that *potentially*, in years to come, he can become that type of player. He's an outstanding college performer, and in the opinion of our coaching staff, is Mr. Basketball if he continues to play like he has played.

"But I did want to correct that because I too would agree, having played against Wilt Chamberlain several times and watching Bill Russell play, I grew up in the same period of time, that David Robinson is a great basketball player but he's certainly not nearly as good as either one at this point in his development. But 10 years from now he would have that opportunity."

Crazy season: A Mississippi writer asked Sutton to try and make sense out of the unpredictable year it has been in college hoops.

"I think there have been ups and downs all across the country in college basketball. I don't think we've ever seen anything like this before," Sutton said. "We talked about that in our staff meeting the other day, and I've talked with some of our local media folks, and no one can really answer that. "We knew that we were gonna be up and down, just because of the fact that we were playing some young players. And you don't lose three seniors like we did and expect to (play consistently). We've had some very good ballgames, and we've had a couple of them that were horrendous. But how you explain that, I'm not sure.

"How do you explain, for instance, in our league LSU playing such sensational game and our playing poorly (in the Tigers' 35-point win in Rupp Arena), and then they go back the next game, to Baton Rouge where they are normally tough to beat, and Florida comes in and beats them by 20 points? That's hard to explain."

NCAA hopes: Sutton was asked to handicap the Southeastern Conference, and give his thoughts as to how many league teams should make the 64-team field NCAA tournament.

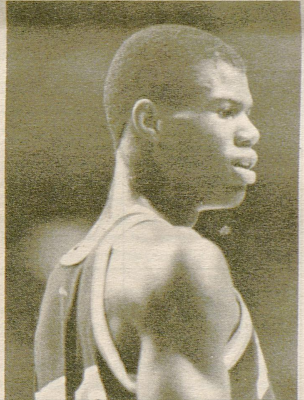
"I would think with the quality play that we have, that you're looking at at least four, and hopefully five (teams in the tourney), and then you might pick up a couple more in the NIT. I think it all depends on what happens down the stretch, and what happens when you get to the SEC tourney."

Hope it's contagious: After the Navy game on Jan. 25, Sutton revealed that he had considered holding Rex Chapman out of the game because the freshman guard was coming down with the flu. Chapman played 38 minutes and scored 22 points against the Midshipmen, despite being hindered with a 102-degree temperature.

At his press conference on Tuesday, Sutton said Chapman had been unable to practice all week and would be iffy for the Ole Miss matchup on Jan. 29.

"We did not practice yesterday (Jan. 26), Rex Chapman was sick and did not attend class. He's still sick today, and we tried to remove him for our squad. Fortunately, he has a grandmother (Mayme Hamby) who lives here in Lexington, and he's out at her house. Whether he'll be able to play Thursday night (against Ole Miss) we don't know."

It's interesting to note that Chapman did indeed dress and play in Oxford, and still suffering from the ill effects of the virus, he hit



Navy's David Robinson

eight of 16 field goals, five of eight from the three-point area and scored a team-high 23 points in 35 minutes of action.

If the flu bug makes causes you to have back-to-back performances like that, I hope it's catching.

Lock banged up, too: Kentucky's only center who is in 100 percent playing shape is Rob Lock, er, better make that was. Sutton reported that Lock has a chipped bone in his right (shooting) hand.

"Rob Lock hurt his hand the other night, and when I came to the press conference remember I said that Rob wanted me to tell you that had it not been for his hand, he wouldn't have thrown up that brick at the free throw line?" Sutton asked. "Well, there was a reason for him throwing the brick because he chipped a bone in one of his fingers. We x-rayed it and we think he will be able to play, but certainly he will play with some pain."

Speaking of Lock, Sutton said the coaching staff has been pleased with the 6-11 redhead's

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1987 Southeastern Conference Baseball Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22 Western Kentucky at Alabama Auburn at Georgia Southern Florida vs. New Orleans (Superdome Tourney) Georgia at Central Florida LSU vs. Florida State (Superdome Tourney)	23 Georgia at Jacksonville February	24 Eckerd College at Florida Georgia at Jacksonville Southwestern Louisiana at LSU	25 Samford at Alabama Auburn at UAB Union at Ole Miss (2) Tusculum College at Tennessee Middle Tennessee St. at Vanderbilt	26 Samford at Alabama Trevecca at Vanderbilt	27 Florida at Miami Campbell at Auburn Kentucky at West Florida Wichita State at LSU	28 Alabama at South Alabama West Georgia at Auburn Florida at Miami Campbell at Georgia Kentucky at West Florida Wichita State at LSU Christian Brothers at Ole Miss (2) Birmingham-Southern at Miss. State Tennessee at Wintthrop College
1 Alabama at South Florida Auburn at Samford NC-Wilmington at Georgia Kentucky at West Florida Wichita State at LSU Ole Miss at Memphis State Birmingham-Southern at Miss. State Tennessee at Wintthrop College	2 Vanderbilt vs. TBA at Orlando, Fla. March	3 UAB at Alabama Ferris State at Auburn (2) Richmond at Georgia Indiana at Kentucky Tennessee Tech at Tennessee Vanderbilt at Rollins	4 Alabama State at Alabama Florida at Central Florida Richmond at Georgia Southern at LSU Ole Miss at Delta State Jackson State at Miss. State Tennessee Temple at Tennessee	5 Richmond at Auburn Florida Atlantic at Florida Livingston at Miss. State	6 Miami (Ohio) at Kentucky (2) Vanderbilt vs. E. Michigan at Lakeland, Fla.	7 *Tennessee at Alabama (2) *Auburn at Ole Miss (2) *Florida at LSU (2) *Miss. State at Georgia (2) Louisville at Kentucky Vanderbilt vs. W. Michigan at Lakeland, Fla.
8 *Tennessee at Alabama *Auburn at Ole Miss *Florida at LSU *Miss. State at Georgia Louisville at Kentucky	9	10 Alabama at New Orleans Virginia at Auburn Central Florida at Florida Old Dominion at Georgia Ole Miss at Northeast Louisiana Miss. State at South Alabama East Tenn. State at Tennessee Tennessee Temple at Vanderbilt	11 Alabama at New Orleans Virginia at Auburn Old Dominion at Georgia Cumberland (Tenn.) at Kentucky Southeastern Louisiana at LSU Ole Miss at Louisiana Tech Miss. State at South Alabama Belmont at Vanderbilt	12 Bradley at Kentucky Ole Miss at Tulane Indiana State at Vanderbilt	13	14 *Alabama at Florida (2) *Georgia at Auburn (2) *LSU at Kentucky (2) *Ole Miss at Vanderbilt (2) Cumberland at Miss. State Morehead State at Tennessee (2)
15 *Alabama at Florida *Georgia at Auburn *LSU at Kentucky *Ole Miss at Vanderbilt Mississippi College at Miss. State Shorter College at Tennessee	16	17 Jackson State at Alabama Kentucky at Morehead State (2) Texas-Arlington at LSU Illinois at Ole Miss Texas A&M at Miss. State NC-Asheville at Tennessee Memphis State at Vanderbilt	18 Jackson State at Alabama Auburn at Samford Indiana State at Kentucky Texas-Arlington at LSU Illinois at Ole Miss Texas A&M at Miss. State Western Carolina at Tennessee Cumberland at Vanderbilt	19 Middle Tenn. State at Alabama Missouri at LSU Illinois at Miss. State	20 Oral Roberts at LSU	21 *Kentucky at Alabama (2) *Auburn at Miss. State (2) *Florida at Tennessee (2) *Vanderbilt at Georgia (2) Oral Roberts at LSU Missouri at Ole Miss (2)
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10 *Alabama at Miss. State *LSU at Auburn *Florida at Vanderbilt *Kentucky at Georgia *Tennessee at Ole Miss	11	12 Alabama vs. Auburn at Huntsville	13	14	15 May 14-18 SEC Baseball Championships at site of regular season champion	16

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Brown Speaks Out On College Basketball

Dislikes Three-Pointer, Freshmen Eligibility

For once, believe it or not, the *Preacher Man* is brief.

After coach Dale Brown concluded his press conference following LSU's recent 76-41 thrashing of Kentucky, the controversial and colorful Tiger boss agreed to a brief exclusive interview with this columnist. The 51-year-old Brown was on his way out of Rupp Arena when this interview took place, but Brown—to his credit—found the time to express his views on various topics.

Here's the taped interview:

The Cats' Pause: Have you changed your mind about the three-point field goal? Is the distance too short or just right?



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Dale Brown: I'm a little perplexed with the three-point play right now. I'm not sure I like it. I thought at the beginning of the year I would like it, but I think there are so many controversial things happening. I think it's an added burden on the referees, and for that primary reason, I don't think I like it.

TCP: How do you feel about the new 13-man scholarship limit for basketball (opposed by Kentucky's Eddie Sutton and Tennessee's Don DeVoe, along with most other Division I basketball coaches)?

Brown: I think it's a good idea. I would suggest it even go to 12 because I think it brings parity and I believe in a tryout system. It would bring more parity to collegiate sports. I think (making the team) should involve tryouts and I think the student body gets more involved, too.

TCP: What about freshman eligibility?

Brown: I don't believe freshmen should play.

TCP: Are you planning to stay in coaching for the next few years?

Brown: I don't have anything that I'm going to do right now. I'm real concerned (about LSU's troubled athletic department). I hope LSU hires a top-notch athletic director. It'll make my job easier. If they do, I may stay for many years.

TCP: Do you have any preference about who you want to take over as LSU athletic director?

Brown: Yes, I do. I think we need, if you could combine two people, Joe Dean and Larry Jones. I think it would be ideal, kind of like Blanchard and Davis—Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside. I think that would be the best combination with Joe Dean being the athletic director and Larry (now LSU's interim athletic director) being a guy that handles eligibility and academics. I think they (would) make a great team.

TCP: What are your feelings about the news media? Do you think they have been fair to you? What about that Sports Illustrated article over a year ago (with Brown on the cover in Nov. 18, 1985 edition)?

Brown: Yes. You grow over the years. In general, I think they have been extremely fair to me. Only one guy has always given me a tough time—but we are having a hit-team come in from Iraq to take care of him.

TCP: Your reaction on that SI article?

Brown: No, I wasn't upset. I thought they sensationalized the thing about "Crazy Days At LSU." But I thought the article on me was fair and it was the truth. But the other thing was not fair and it was not the truth.

TCP: Is the NCAA's 64-team tournament too big?

Brown: Not for me it's not. When you're in the cellar of the Southeastern Conference (LSU was 1-5 and in last place), they could put it to 128 (teams). That's my recommendation. But (seriously), I like it (at 64). It saves a lot of people's jobs.

More With Brown

From time to time, Brown continues to amaze me with his philosophical, but interesting, thoughts. It looks as if he should quit coaching and become a full-time philosophy professor.

When the Tigers got off to their worst start in Brown's 15 years at LSU, the coach recently commented about how to handle such pain and adversity after being at the top of the world.

The following comments by Brown were made on his weekly TV show with Gus Weill, as reported by *Tiger Rag* publisher Steve Myers.

"This may sound ludicrous," Brown said, "but it's actually a

stimulant. Sure, I have a little hurt but it makes me want to go back and get better.

"Most insane asylums are filled with people with delusions of grandeur or persecution complexes. I've got it in perspective. I'm thankful for what basketball is. My wife game me a Norman Rockwell with four little boys in knee pads. It brought tears to my eyes because I realized basketball is everything to us."

Brown also pointed out that "everyone looks good in an inauguration parade" but that it's in tough times that character shows through.

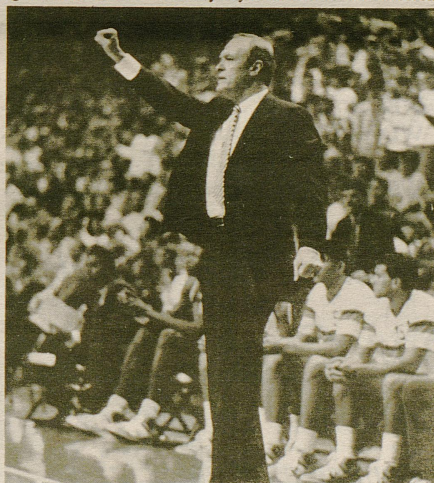
"I don't want to belittle the loss, but I noticed where the population of China just went over a billion," he said. "And those one billion Chinese don't even know we played. If this kind of disappointment can help our players with their lives, it'll be worth it."

"My final solution to failure and pain is to remember what Bob Richards said—it's your *FQ*, not you're *IQ*, that counts. Your 'Failure Quotient.'"

"Most people quit when things don't go their way. I don't know if there is an elephant gun big enough to knock me down for good. I'm one who knows that other side of pain and suffering is peace and love and happiness. But you have to keep getting up."

Dis 'n Data

Alabama guard **Terry Coner** was leading the SEC in assists and could become only the third player in league history to win three assists title. Other winners were **Sean Tuohy** of Ole Miss and **Rodney Woods** of Tennessee. Tuohy won four times (1979-82) and Woods won three times (1973-75). Yes, it is the same Rodney Woods who is coaching the boys' squad at **Wayne County High School** in Monticello, Ky. . . Former LSU star **Don Redden**, who last spring helped guide the Tigers to a trip to the NCAA Final Four, is now playing basketball in **Switzerland**. Earlier, he was playing with the French team, but quit due to a contract dispute. . . Also, another ex-LSU standout **Greg Cook** reportedly is playing roundball in **Israel**. . . Many of you had known that Vanderbilt



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mentor **C.M. Newton** missed one game (an 81-71 setback to Tennessee in early January) because of an illness, but didn't know exactly what was wrong. Newton was hospitalized for several days (Jan. 1-6) because of a case of ileitis (pronounced ill-ee-EYE-tis). It is an inflammation of the ileum, part of the small intestine. . .

Before last month's Kentucky-Tennessee hoop clash in Knoxville, legendary sportscaster **Lindsey Nelson** said he is enjoying his retirement. A University of Tennessee graduate who makes his home in K-town, Nelson said he has no current plans of getting back on the air. Nelson, a five-time national Sportscaster of the Year, was a broadcaster for the New York Mets (for 17 years) and the San Francisco Giants (for three years), in addition to doing college and pro football, baseball, basketball and golf for NBC and CBS. . .

Third baseman **Phil Garner** to the Houston Astros will be the featured speaker at the 10th annual "Diamond Dinner" to be held on Friday, Feb. 6 in Knoxville. The event is sponsored by the UT baseball program, the Knoxville Blue Jays and the City Recreation Bureau. Garner is a former Vol standout. Baseball awards will be presented and the public is invited (tickets are priced at \$10 each). . .

LSU's **Oliver Brown**, a 6-6 senior forward, said that Tennessee star **Tony White** "is the **Michael Jordan** of college basketball."

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recent progress.

"We believe that Rob has really made a lot of improvement," Sutton said. "He's become more competitive, even though he had a rough day against Robinson, but his teammates that tried to cover (Robinson) fared the same. Overall, we're very pleased with the way he's played in the last few ballgames."

"When Rob gets a little tired, and we have to have the coaches spotting that, then there's a tendency for him to relax and maybe not concentrate as much. There are a lot of players like that."

If you win it's good, if you lose it's not so good: The game against Navy came in the middle of the heated SEC race, and Sutton was asked if playing a non-conference opponent like that was a benefit or a burden.

"I think it's a benefit if you win," Sutton said with a grin, "and a burden if you lose. But one thing I would mention about that Navy game, and I don't know who wrote this, but don't think those other Navy players aren't pretty good. Don't think that there aren't a couple of them that couldn't help the University of Kentucky. They don't just have David Robinson. They're not as good as they were a year ago, but they're still a good ballclub and they'll be in the NCAA tournament."

"They've got a pretty good supporting cast. What you all have to remember is, (Doug) Wojcik, for example. He's a lot better shooter than one for eight, and a lot better basketball player (than he displayed Sunday). But when you got Ed Davender on you, and doggin' you all over the court, that makes a lot of difference. And that's why our defensive perimeter play the other day was outstanding."

Re-s-p-e-c-t: No, we're not talking about Bruce Willis' latest single, but about the SEC teams finally getting their due in the national media, and in the wire service polls.

"I think the coaches, for sure, recognize it, and the media in certain areas of the country are beginning to recognize the SEC has a very fine basketball league," Sutton said. "The three teams that at the present time deserve to be in the Top Twenty, in my opinion, are Alabama, and they should be in the Top Ten, Florida, perhaps is close, and Auburn. Those are the three teams in our league that oughta be there."

Sutton then gave his recipe for ranking SEC clubs on his UPI ballot.

"I think we voted Alabama fifth, and maybe Florida ninth, and Auburn 14th. But what I do, I will sometimes move conference schools up one or two notches maybe over what the ought to be. And the (other) coaches do the same thing. Then I go across the country and try to pick out teams from each conference that merit being there."

Mr. President: Sutton will become the president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches this coming March, and he said the first order of business might have something to do with trying to change the new rule which allows teams just 13 scholarships.

"I'll get a chance to talk a couple of times all of the coaches, and this would be one area that I would certainly propose that we do some lobbying, to try to convince the NCAA that we need to go back to 15 scholarships. I think what you're gonna see this summer, if the NCAA has the special convention like they say they're going to, then you're gonna see some *real* yelling."

And Sutton said the coaches would probably try to do some work on the three-point basket as well.

"There will be some type of power play to change it," he said. "I'm still not convinced it's a good thing. Talking to coaching friends, they say the fans really like it. (But) I'd be very surprised to see a change until we play with it another year."



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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*Paul "Bear" Bryant, the former Kentucky football coach and a true legend in his own time, died at the age of 70. He was the winningest coach in collegiate history, amassing 323 wins during his coaching career. He was the head coach of the Wildcats during the winningest period of UK's history, the late 40s and early '50s.

*Even though Melvin Turpin became the first UK player since 1970 to surpass the 41-point plateau by scoring 42 points, it was not enough as Kentucky lost to Tennessee in Stokely Athletics Center, 65-63. The loss was the 10th in the last 11 years for UK in Knoxville. The Vols jumped out to an 11-2 lead, but Turpin roared back and closed the gap to 19-13 by scoring all 13 points. UK started in a man-to-man defense and Dale Ellis ate them alive, but when UK switched to a zone, the 'Cats outscored Tennessee 23-21 and went

to the half down 32-25. Turpin had 19 points and 11 rebounds. In the second half, Turpin continued his dominating play and got the 'Cats within two with 11:23 to play, but Kentucky could never get over the hump as Ellis sank two foul shots with seven seconds left to ice the game. Turpin finished with 42 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. Ellis, the Vols' All-American, led UT with 22 points and six rebounds.

*Kentucky defeated Alabama 76-70 with hot shooting in front of 23,784 fans at Rupp Arena. The 'Cats shot 59.1 percent from the field. Kentucky placed five players in double figures with Jim Master leading the way with 17 points, followed by Melvin Turpin's 16. Kenny Walker led UK in rebounding with nine. 'Bama jumped out to a 7-2 advantage, but then the Wildcats outscored the Tide 14-5 over the next five minutes and never trailed again. Bobby Lee Hurt led 'Bama with 23

points and 10 boards.

*An NCAA record 10,622 fans watched as the Lady Kats of Kentucky defeated the sixth-ranked Old Dominion Lady Monarchs 80-66 at UK's Memorial Coliseum. Kentucky put five people in double figures in the victory. The previous record for attendance at a women's basketball game was held by Old Dominion.

Five Years Ago

*Dicky Beal came off the Kentucky bench to spark his team to a 77-67 win over arch-rival Tennessee in Lexington. The loss was the third in a row for the Vols who had looked as if they would breeze to the SEC regular-season title. Kentucky placed six players in double figures with Jim Master leading the way with 15, 11 of them at the free throw line. A halfcourt trap press by Kentucky caused Tennessee to make turnover after turnover. The Vols started a taller lineup and moved star Dale Ellis out on the floor and that proved to be a mistake as he made several turnovers handling the ball.

*The 'Cats traveled to Auburn and were slapped with another SEC defeat as the Tigers won in overtime, 83-81. In the game great debate resulted when a basket by UK's Derrick Hord was nullified when the clock would not start. The basket came with just over two minutes left in overtime and would have brought Kentucky within one point of the Tigers. Kentucky blitzed out to a 10-2 streak early but Auburn rallied to take the lead at 19-18 behind freshman sensation Charles Barkley. Jim Master scored 29 points for Kentucky and Hord added 23.

Seven Years Ago

*In a game which was marred by 57 personal fouls, Kentucky defeated visiting Mississippi State 80-65 behind Dwight Anderson and Kyle Macy.

Eighty-five foul shots were taken in the game, 56 of them by UK. Eight different players fouled out, six on State's team. Anderson led UK with 26 points, with 18 of them coming from the free throw line. Macy hit seven of nine shots from the field and scored 19 points, many coming when State would start to make a run.

LaVon Williams added 14 points and Jay Shidler, making his third straight start, hit some clutch baskets for 10 points. Anderson also led Kentucky on the boards with a career-high 14 caroms. Greg Grim and Wiley Peck scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, for State. UK led 35-30 at the half.

*With a screaming capacity crowd at Rupp Arena, UK downed Alabama 80-71 in what was probably the 'Cats best game since December.

"We played with as much emotion as we have shown since December," said coach Joe Hall.

UK hit 29 of 50 shots from the field, led by nine of 16 from Kyle Macy, who scored 22 points. Dwight Anderson scored 20 points and forward LaVon Williams chipped in with 17. Reggie King scored 36 for Alabama, which trailed 38-33 at the break.

*Kentucky came out slow and never picked up as they dropped a 68-58 decision at Vanderbilt. UK hit only 23 of 58 shots for 39.7 percent and fell behind by seven at 11-4 in the early going.

Charles Davis led Vandy by hitting a Memorial Gym record 13 of 15 shots for 31 points. Kyle Macy led UK with 24 points, most of them coming in the second half. Davis and Macy were the only two players to score in double figures.

Vandy led 39-26 at the half.

Eight Years Ago

*Suffering their worst loss since a 98-84

setback to Indiana on Dec. 9, 1974, the Kentucky Wildcats were killed 101-84 by the Tennessee Volunteers in a game played in Knoxville.

"I can't remember us playing this badly since I've been at Kentucky," said UK coach Joe Hall.

UK seemed in good shape when Vol star Reggie Johnson picked up his fourth foul with 8:38 left in the first half and the score tied at 23-23. However, the Vols went on to a 48-43 halftime lead and then scored the first eight points of the second half to blow out UK. Terry Crosby led Tennessee with 23 points and Gary Carter scored 19. Dwight Anderson scored 22 points for UK and Kyle Macy added 16.

*The UK Wildcats pulled away in the closing minutes to take a 90-74 win over host Georgia. The win was UK's 14th of the year against 10 losses and assured this Kentucky team of not being the first in 52 years to finish with a losing record. UK led 47-44 at the half and then pulled out in the final minutes, hitting 20 of 21 free throws for the game. From the field, UK was also hot, hitting 35 of 59 attempts for 59.3 percent. Dwight Anderson continued his torrid streak for the 'Cats, hitting for 23 points and grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds.

Thirteen Years Ago

*Ronnie Lyons' magic continued in Starkville as he and the Kentucky Wildcats buried Mississippi State 82-70. Kentucky reeled off 18 of the first 20 points scored in the second half to take command of the game. Lyons scored 17 points. Jimmy Dan Conner led Kentucky with 18.

*Ken Northington, an all-state offensive and defensive halfback from Thomas Jefferson High School in Louisville signed an SEC letter-of-intent with the University of Kentucky.

Fourteen Years Ago

*The Wildcats came off a disappointing loss to Vandy and punneled Auburn 88-57 in Lexington to strengthen their chances of receiving an NIT bid later in the season. Jimmy Dan Conner was awesome against the Tigers, scoring 27 points. The 'Cats took control of the game early and led 46-21 at the half. The win left Kentucky's record at 11-7 and 6-4 in the SEC.

*The play of senior center Jim Andrews turned Kentucky's game with Ole Miss from a close encounter into a rout. With Kentucky battling to maintain a 30-23 lead with 7:09 left in the first half, the 6-11 Andrews went to work. He scored on a jumper, another and then another, all from close range, a layup and then another short jumper. The score climbed to 42-25 and Kentucky went to the lockerroom leading 48-25. The second half was little different as Kentucky won 88-70. Andrews finished with 24 points on 12 of 18 shooting from the field.

Thirty-One Years Ago

*Duke refused to quit but Kentucky held on to take an 81-76 win over the highly-rated Blue Devils before a full house in Memorial Coliseum. Each time UK started to pull away, Duke rallied back. Jerry Bird paced UK with 29 points and 20 rebounds. Vernon Hatton scored 18 and Phil Grawemeyer added 11. Joe Belmont paced Duke with 29 points.

*Veteran line coach Clarence "Buckshot" Underwood, a member of the UK football staff since 1948, has resigned to take a post as head coach at a Texas high school. The popular Underwood will be joined by UK frosh coach John Shelton.

Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Kentucky has a winning record in the series against Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

2. Who led the Wildcats in scoring in with 22 points in UK's thrilling 73-71 win at Alabama last season?

- a) Roger Harden
- b) James Blackmon
- c) Kenny Walker
- d) Ed Davender

3. Who did Wimp Sanderson replace when he was named the head coach of the Crimson Tide?

- a) Jock Sutherland
- b) Hayden Riley
- c) C.M. Newton
- d) Jerry Harper

4. True or False? Alabama has never failed to make an appearance in the NCAA or NIT since Wimp Sanderson became head coach.

5. How many Wimp Sanderson-coached teams have advanced to the finals of the SEC tournament?

- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

6. What former Bama star was a first round draft pick of the NBA's Houston Rockets?

- a) Bobby Lee Hurt
- b) Eric Richardson
- c) Darrell Neal
- d) Buck Johnson

7. What Crimson Tide player was a member of the SEC's all-freshman team last year?

- a) Terry Coner
- b) Michael Ansley
- c) Derrick McKey
- d) Jim Farmer

8. Who led the Tide in scoring in Bama's 14-point victory over UK in Rupp Arena earlier this season?

- a) Jim Farmer
- b) Derrick McKey
- c) Terry Coner
- d) Mark Gottfried

9. Who is Alabama's all-time leading scorer?

- a) Bobby Lee Hurt
- b) Buck Johnson
- c) Reggie King
- d) Jerry Harper

10. True or False? Alabama has advanced to the final 16 of the NCAA tournament the last two seasons.

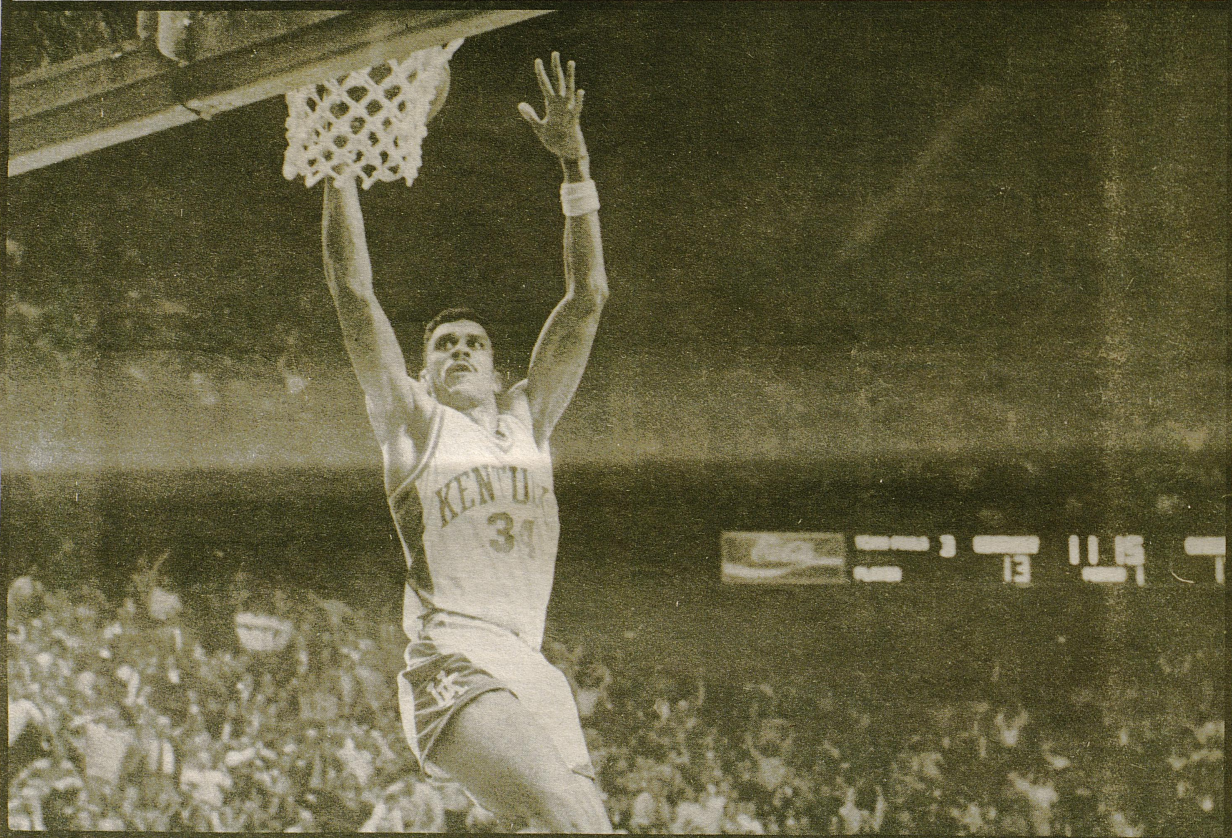
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Answers

- 10. True
- 9. Reggie King (2,168 pts)
- 8. Derrick McKey (25 pts)
- 7. Michael Ansley
- 6. Buck Johnson

- 1. True (UK leads 20-14)
- 2. Ed Davender (22 pts)
- 3. C.M. Newton
- 4. True
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