

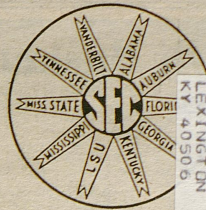


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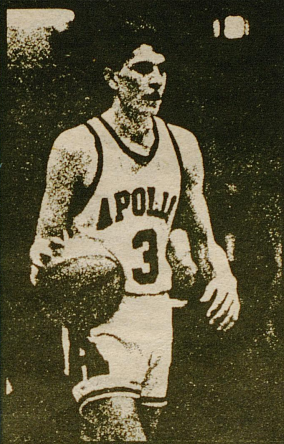


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## Hall's Victory Ride



# UK Basketball Statistics

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (30 GAMES)

Player	G-GS	Field Goals	Free Thrus	Rebounds	PF-D	A	T	Points	High
Kenny Walker	30-30	236-426-55.4	215-281-76.5	307-10.2	84-1	37	54	687-22.9	36-KAN
Ed Davender	(C)19-19	152-265-57.4	137-182-75.3	204-10.7	59-1	24	43	441-23.2	14-FLA
Winston Bennett	(C)19-19	88-216-40.7	77-104-74.0	42-1.4	53-1	80	74	253- 8.4	27-TES
Bree Bearup	30-30	74-175-42.3	45- 65-69.2	170- 5.7	90-6	28	35	193- 6.4	13-TEN
James Blackmon	(C)19-19	49-101-48.5	28- 43-65.1	109- 5.7	58-4	13	17	126- 6.6	13-TEN
Richard Madison	23- 0	44-109-40.4	30- 35-85.7	68- 3.0	32-1	13	27	118- 5.1	14-IND
Roger Harden	(C)19-17	60-157-38.2	25- 33-75.8	44- 1.5	58-0	135	52	145- 5.0	12-LOU
Troy McKinley	(C)18- 1	54- 98-55.1	9- 10-90.0	27- 1.4	39-0	87	32	96- 5.1	12-VAN
Paul Andrews	(C)12- 1	20- 43-46.5	1- 2-50.0	8- 0.4	24-0	17	9	41- 2.2	8-SMU
Robert Lock	(C)15- 0	12- 41-29.3	7- 17-41.2	54- 2.1	43-1	5	12	31- 1.2	8-TEN
Cedric Jenkins	(C)11- 0	4- 13-30.8	4- 6-66.7	17- 1.4	11-0	6	12	0- 0.0	3-VAN
Todd Ziegler	(C)4- 0	1- 3-33.3	0- 3-00.0	3- 0.8	0-0	0	0	2- 0.2	2-VAN
Leroy Byrd	(C)6- 0	1- 2-50.0	0- 0-00.0	2- 0.3	4-0	2	2	2- 0.3	2-TEN
Team			62			3			

Team	Points	Field Goals	Free Thrus	Rebounds	PF-D	A	T	Points	High
Kentucky	30	742-1634-45.4	483-669-72.2	1008-33.6	574-20	422	375	1967-65.6	92-TEN
Opponents	30	755-1605-47.0	380-546-69.6	948-31.6	624-19	455	387	1832-61.1	89-KAN

MINUTES PLAYED: Walker 1103-36.8, Bennett 827-28.5, Bearup 799-26.6, Harden 790-25.2, Davender 700-23.3, Blackmon 632-22.6, Madison 373-12.6, McKinley 341-13.1, Andrews 180-9.5, Lock 193-7.4, Jenkins 84-4.4, Byrd 14-1.6, Ziegler 13-1.4

BLOCKED SHOTS: Walker 36, Bearup 17, Lock 8, Bennett 6, Madison 4, Jenkins 2, Davender 2 (UK 76, Opp. 57)

TEALS: Davender 32, Blackmon 30, Harden 28, Walker 27, Bennett 23, Bearup 12, Madison 6, McKinley 5, Lock 2, Andrews 2, Jenkins 2, Byrd 1. (UK 170, Opp. 175)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: Kentucky 60, Opponents 72

### RESULTS

GAME	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (H, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-66	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 9
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,846	Walker 19	Walker 7
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Bearup 11
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davender 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 22)	66-55	23,192	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,847	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 28	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-58	23,432	Walker 22	Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 12
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16)	58-57	23,628	Walker 15	Walker 8
Florida (H, Jan. 19)	55-67	23,325	Walker 26	Bennett 11
Georgia (A, Jan. 23)	73-81	19,163	Walker 28	Walker 17
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27)	65-81	12,700	Walker 23	Walker 17
LSU (H, Jan. 31)	53-43	22,135	Walker 21	Bearup 8
Auburn (A, Feb. 2)	49-47	10,672	Walker 15	Bennett 8
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7)	68-62	15,626	Walker 31	Walker 15
Mississippi (H, Feb. 9)	67-52	23,232	Walker 33	Walker 13
Alabama (H, Feb. 13)	51-48	21,125	Walker 19	Walker 8
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16)	69-82	9,799	Walker 27	Walker 12
Florida (A, Feb. 20)	76-68	10,884	Walker, Davender 17	Bearup 9
Georgia (H, Feb. 24)	71-79	23,230	Walker 25	Walker 12
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28)	92-67	23,820	Walker 33	Walker 18
LSU (A, Mar. 2)	61-67	13,446	Davender 22	Walker 13
Florida (B'ham-SEC Tourney)	55-58	13,300	Bennett 14	Walker 8
Washington (NCAA-Salt Lake)	66-58	7,351	Walker 29	Walker 10
UNLV (NCAA-Salt Lake)	64-61	9,226	Walker 23	Walker 6

### 1984-85 Kentucky Basketball Superlatives

	TEAM	Opponents
Points	Kentucky 92-Kansas, Tennessee	89-Kansas
Fewest Points	49-Auburn	43-LSU
Field Goals Made	37-Tennessee	37-Kansas
Field Goals Att.	79-Kansas	66-Kansas/Florida
Field Goal %	55.4-Georgia	66.1-Indiana
Lowest FG %	34.8-Alabama	29.1-Cincinnati
Free Thrus Made	36-N.C. State	30-Purdue, Miss. State
Free Thrus Att.	40-Washington	41-Purdue
Free Throw %	94.4-Vanderbilt	100.0-East Tennessee St.
Rebounds	51-Kansas	42-Alabama, Florida
Most Fouls	34-Purdue	28-N.C. State/Kansas/Washington
Fewest Fouls	10-East Tenn. St.	13-Louisville
Assists	21-Kansas/Georgia	27-Kansas
Most Turnovers	22-Purdue	25-N.C. State
Fewest Turnovers	6-Florida	2-Vanderbilt

	INDIVIDUAL	
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas	34-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville	14-Brooks (Tennessee)
Field Goals Att.	23-Walker vs. Louisville	22-LaStrid (Ole Miss)
Free Thrus Made	13-Walker vs. Wandy/Ole Miss/Wash.	13-Gadis (Purdue)
Free Thrus Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas	14-Gadis (Purdue)
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas	15-Koncak (SMU)
Assists	12-Harden vs. Tennessee	11-Webb (N.C. State)
Blocked Shots	4-Walker vs. Cincinnati	4-Koncak (SMU)

## Joe B. Hall

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after UK defeated Nevada-Las Vegas 64-61 in second-round action of the West Regional last Saturday:

Coach Hall: A key for us was getting the lead down the stretch. Then we went to a stall tempo because we were a little tired. Everything was going fine until we had those turnovers. But give them (Nevada-Las Vegas) credit, too. Their composure and long-range shooting got them back into the game. It was just sensational.

What about the season overall?

Coach Hall: There's been a lot more pressure this year. Start 1-4 at Kentucky, that's the greatest pressure you can have in coaching. That's negative pressure. We were trying to avoid a bad season. Last year, we had positive pressure. We were trying to live up to expectations. We went from a traditional fast-break team to a more controlled, mechanical team. The other players should get a lot of credit, too. They all accepted the change.

What about Kenny Walker's exceptional block of Richie Adams?

Coach Hall: He's made plays like that all year long. When we've needed a great play, Kenny Walker has been the one to find it.

What about Cedric Jenkins' play?

Coach Hall: He's been playing real hard and hustling. Sometimes you can get a lot done that way.

## Jerry Tarkanian

The following are Coach Jerry Tarkanian's postgame comments following Kentucky's 64-61 victory over UNLV last Saturday.

Coach Tarkanian: At times we played really good. But we got hurt giving them three baskets when the game was close. They drove the baseline and we didn't step in to take the charge. That was the game. We played hard, and I'm proud of the kids. This team on December 8 was 1-2 and could have folded. But they didn't, and they've come a long way since then. We had our chances, but the teams that advance are the ones that make the big plays.

Could you comment on Kenny Walker's block shot late in the game?

Coach Tarkanian: We went into a 1-3-1 offense, and got Richie (Adams) at the perfect spot. No one else on the floor could have blocked it. Maybe we should have gone to the other side. It was just a great play by Walker.

What about Walker's overall play?

Coach Tarkanian: There are several ways to play him. You can pack in your defense like St. John's did on Joe Kleine, but we don't play that way. And I felt an adjustment at this late date would backfire.

Could you comment about your defensive collapse when freshman Richard Madison was able to dunk the ball?

Coach Tarkanian: When you are pressing and gambling, you're going to give up a couple like that. But really what really hurt us were those three drives down the baseline with about eight minutes left.

At the end of the game, did you want to foul Madison?

Coach Tarkanian: We wanted to foul (Winston) Bennett or (James) Blackmon, but Madison wouldn't give the ball up, so we had to foul him.

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## Kentucky Searching For Upset No. 3

Could fate have the Kentucky Wildcats next week at Rupp Arena in the NCAA Final Four? Could the Wildcats be reliving the Cinderella story of 1958 when the Fiddlin' Five surprised the basketball world by winning the NCAA title in the Bluegrass State?

The obvious answer to those two questions is an absolute "no." At least, until you've thought about the possibilities for a few minutes.

Remember that 1958 team, the team with a mountain boy, a preacher boy and a city slicker among others. Oh, that team ranked fairly high compared to the current Wildcats, but like this current edition, the 1958 champs had trouble in more than just a few games. As the late Adolph Rupp once said, you wouldn't want to take them to Carnegie Hall. "They're more like fiddlers," summed up Rupp.

Joe B. Hall's 1985 Cats best lives up to their nickname. They really do fight like Wildcats. Throughout a season of ups and downs, the Cats kept coming back. Time after time UK was diagnosed as being "near death" by the experts. Coffins could have been ordered after the loss to Florida in the SEC Tourney.

Thankfully, the NCAA selection committee felt otherwise.

What transpired in Salt Lake City, Utah, last week, would have Brigham Young and Oral Roberts both very happy in the Wildcats' faith, faith to bounce back.

Perhaps Salt Lake City is just what the Wildcats needed all along. Out in the open country, the Kentucky players were away from all the pressure and hoopla of the east. Why, some of the reporters out there didn't even know who Kenny Walker was when he arrived.

While all the attention was being directed to the likes of Chris Mullins & Company at St. John's, and Eddie Sutton and his Arkansas Razorbacks, the Wildcats were quietly sitting in their corner. During press interviews prior to the Washington game, UK players were virtually ignored in favor of the bigger names.

For the first time in years, the Wildcats were not in the limelight. They were there only by the courtesy of the NCAA which didn't want to snub the host school of the Final Four, according to some people. Obviously, the Kentucky players didn't appreciate the accusations.

More importantly, Kentucky is beginning to jell like most of Joe B. Hall's teams have done in the past during tournament time. Except for 1981 and 1982, Kentucky usually fares much better than the average school at tournament time. Last week was

evidence again.

When Kentucky upset No. 9 ranked UNLV Joe B. Hall's NCAA tourney record improved to 20-8, which just happens to be the best NCAA tournament record of anyone in this year's event.

There is not a more exciting player in the country right now than Kenny Walker. More importantly has been the play of his teammates who have been improving by leaps and bounds the last couple weeks.

Roger Harden has developed into the floor general that Hall has been looking for the past year and half. Ed Davender has developed into one of the toughest little guards in the country. His confidence and determination are unmatched and his talent is unquestionable. At the same time, Winston Bennett and Bret Bearup are quietly going about their chores, doing their job without all the fanfare.

A couple real pluses have been Richard Madison and James Blackmon. Madison, coming off knee surgery late in the season blossomed out in Salt Lake City and had reporters drooling over his sudden contributions. Ditto for Blackmon, the sophomore from Marion, Indiana, who came in with a great deal of confidence and provided the Cats with that third guard so vital in a stretch run.

With all those ingredients and superb coaching on the sidelines,

Kentucky pulled its biggest two upsets in years. And those folks in Salt Lake City promptly penned UK as the "Cinderella" team of the 1985 NCAA.

For Kentucky to advance in Denver this Friday, upset No. 3 will be required when the Cats challenge St. John's, the second best team in the tourney right now. The Redmen are 32-2, one of only two teams to beat Georgetown this season, and possess a line-up which has four potential pro players on it.

Can Kentucky stop the explosiveness of a Bill Wennington and Chris Mullin, a pair of Olympic stars. Does UK have anyone to hold down Walter Berry and Willie Glass. Will Florida Gator transfer Mike Moses dominate UK's guards.

Those who make their living at such things as predicting outcomes of basketball games say St. John's is a solid 4-point favorite. But games are not won on paper, as clubs such as UNLV, Michigan, LSU and Kansas have already discovered.

While UK's bid to duplicate the Fiddlin' Five's feat is a very long shot at best (pretourney had UK a 150-1 longshot), the Wildcats are playing at the top of their game right now.

If there is a right time to hit a peak period, it is March in the basketball world. Remember when Marquette and Al McGuire supposedly didn't deserve an invitation back in 1977?

Well, Marquette went on to win the title.

Strange things have happened before and will happen again. Don't be surprised if Kentucky does it again Friday. After all, UK found Cinderella's slipper on the way West.

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Joe B. Hall will, no doubt, be getting together with some old friends this week in Denver. It was Denver, if you recall, that gave Joe B. his first college coaching experience at small Regis College. After a year as an assistant, Joe B. was named head coach and compiled a 57-50 mark at the Colorado school.

It'll also be homecoming of sorts for junior guard Roger Harden who was born in Denver and spent much of his childhood growing up in Colorado.

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Just when it appeared Kentucky could be facing a long, tough season next year, the younger Wildcats blossomed like a flower in the spring sun.

With the arrival of 6-7 Irving Thomas and possibly another forward and a guard, Kentucky might be well set for next season.

Those concerned with guard play and low post play obviously didn't witness the Washington and UNLV games. Robert Lock and Cedric Jenkins give the Cats a solid future at that position although back-up help is needed. Jenkins looked like a true veteran against UNLV.

And what about those guards. That position will be one of the target areas in recruiting next season, but returnees should have UK in good shape for 1985-86. With Davender, Harden, Blackmon and Andrews leading the way, don't look for too many teams to pick on UK's backcourt in the future.

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**HITS AND MISSES . . .** Wildcat guard Ed Davender says he's eager to face St. John's Friday because it will give him an opportunity to play against some of his old high school buddies. Davender's second choice when he decided on UK was St. John's. . . This week's West Regional in Denver offers a lot of possibilities. Kentucky, with an upset win over St. John's could meet Alabama (if the Tide should beat N.C. State) for a third time. The two clubs split in regular season. If the two should meet, it would be the first time two SEC teams have ever met in a

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**THE BIG EAST**

**1985 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

PROBABLE STARTERS:

KENTUCKY		PPG	RPG
F	34 - Kenny Walker (6-8, junior)	22.9	10.2
F	25 - Winston Bennett (6-7, sophomore)	7.2	5.4
C	24 - Bret Bearup (6-9, senior)	6.4	5.7
G	23 - Roger Harden (6-2, junior)	5.0	1.5
G	15 - Ed Davender (6-1, freshman)	8.4	1.4
ST. JOHN'S		PPG	RPG
F	21 - Walter (6-8, sophomore)	17.6	8.9
F	30 - Willie Glass (6-6, sophomore)	6.9	3.1
C	23 - Bill Wennington (7-0, senior)	12.7	6.4
G	20 - Chris Mullin (6-6, senior)	20.2	4.8
G	24 - Mike Moses (5-11, senior)	6.0	1.0

# Springtime In The Bluegrass

## Basketball Still In The Air

With basketball, baseball, and football overlapping each other these days, a sportswriter's thoughts might be disarrayed to some extent.

During the springtime month of March this Bluegrass state is definitely intermingling in the athletic world.

For example:

\*Joe B. Hall and his Kentucky Wildcats have showed the Floridas, Purdues, and West Virginias that they do belong in the 64-field tournament, beating Washington and Nevada-Las Vegas in West Regional action.



## Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

\*The NCAA championship road comes to its destiny next week in Lexington!

\*Kentucky's high school girls have just completed their "Sweet 16" b-ball tournament in Bowling Green, while this week the boy prepsters gather in Rupp Arena to see who's best.

\*Some interesting figures were discovered when the football Wildcats went through a few tests during "Pro Day" drills.

\*Coach Keith Madison's Bat Kats were lookin' good before they traveled to Nashville. But like I said . . . before they traveled to Nashville.

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Kenny Walker.

Kenny Walker is finally getting the national attention he deserves. While a forward out of Oklahoma, and a 7-foot-2 giant out of Georgetown have been among the center of national attention, 'Sky-Walker' showed the maximum ability of a basketball player like no other last weekend.

Against Washington on national television the 6-9 agile forward poured in 29 points and grabbed 10 boards in leading the 'Cats over the Huskies 66-58. Walker's block shot of Richie Adams short jumper in the closing seconds enabled UK to hold on to a slim lead for the 64-61 nailbiting victory over the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV. The second-team All-American (AP) finished with a game-high 23 tallies and six rebounds in 37 minutes of action.

But without the play of Roger Harden, Richard Madison, Ed Davender, Winston Bennett and Bret Bearup, Walker might not be able to showoff his talents in the tourney. All the Wildcats seem to be playing with new life. For instance reserves James Blackmon, Robert Lock and Cedric Jenkins have come on like young lions to contribute vastly to their teams recent NCAA success.

When the Wildcats play with enthusiasm and determination they're a whole new ballclub. It's definitely not the same team which lost earlier in the year by 16 in Tennessee.

Now Walker and troops must try to outstage popular Chris Mullins, Bill Wennington, Walter Berry and Lou Carnesecca and his new cream sweater. Everybody knows these guys, but UK is still somewhat unfamiliar to the national scene.

Last Sunday, CBS expert Brent Musburger noted that 'David Walker' blocked Adams' shot. Brent, don't you know who Kenny 'Sky' Walker is? C'mon now.

As the Final Four draws nearer and nearer, here's who I feel should be listed on the '85 all-America team.

### FIRST TEAM

Forwards -- Kenny "Sky" Walker (Kentucky), Wayman Tisdale (Oklahoma)

Center -- Patrick Ewing (Georgetown)

Guards -- Chris Mullin (St. John's), Dwayne "Pearl" Washington (Syracuse)

Coach -- Bill Frieder (Michigan)

### SECOND TEAM

Forwards -- Keith Lee (Memphis State), Carl "The Mailman" Malone (Louisiana Tech)

Center -- Joe Kliene (Arkansas)

Guards -- Steve Mitchell (Alabama-Birmingham), Sam Vincent (Michigan State)

Coach -- Andy Russo (Louisiana Tech)

### THIRD TEAM

Forward -- Xavier McDaniel (Wichita State), Alfredrick Hughes (Loyola)

Center -- Roy Tarpley (Illinois)

Guards -- Mark Price (Georgia Tech), Calvin Duncan (Virginia Commonwealth)

Coach -- John Thompson (Georgetown)

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Tie -- Gary Grant (Michigan) and Danny Manning (Kansas)

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Rex Chapman.

Rex Chapman will probably draw a crowd in the boy's state tourney. The 6-3 Owensboro Apollo guard will not only be the subject of the opponent's swarming defenses, but a big contingent of Kentucky high school basketball fans will be on hand at Rupp Arena to see the junior sensation.

Last week TCP prep editor -- J.C. Dumas and I ventured down to Owensboro (see Dumas's story on Chapman in this edition) to see Chapman's squad play Owensboro in the Third Region finals. When we walked in the Owensboro Sportscenter, coaches Denny Crum, C.M. Newton, Clem Haskins were some of the college dignitaries on hand to see the contest between two of Kentucky's Top Ten teams.

Those coaches were treated to an Apollo victory, who erased a 13-point deficit in earning a spot opposite Somerset in the state tournament.

Chapman lit up the scoreboard with 39 points as Apollo won for the third time in five games this season over the Red Devils.

The Apollo guard can flat do it all; he jumps center, plays tenacious defense, dribbles the ball with extreme deception and takes the jumper with confidence. But most of all, Chapman is a team player. You see, all the younger cared about was his team winning against their arch-rivals and being able to play in Rupp Arena.

"That's going to be a dream come true for all of us," said Chapman about playing in the gigantic UK arena. None of us have never played there. A lot of good teams got knocked off and we've got a chance to go a long way. But we're going to have to play great.

"This was one of the biggest games of our lifetime. It's something that we'll never forget. We just love each other to death and we've come together as a team. That's what it is . . . a team."

Kentucky has also been one of the many colleges eyeing the prep recruit. Assistant coaches Lake Kelly and Jim Hatfield were in attendance at the Sportscenter the night before when the Eagles played and beat Muhlenberg Central.

If Kentucky lands Chapman, you can be assured that the Wildcats reeled in one of the country's biggest catches in '86.

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Kentucky football.

The Kentucky football team went through a few drills last week in the 'Cats' annual spring "Pro Day."

Several pro scouts were on hand to check the players on their 40 yard sprints, weight, and bench pressing abilities. Also some of UK's current seniors -- ala George Adams, Joker Phillips, Cam Jacobs, Frank Hare, Paul Calhoun -- participated in drills for the scouts. Former Wildcat quarterback/receiver Terry Henry was even at the Shively practice field trying to get the scouts' attention.

Senior-to-be Brian Williams turned in some impressive stats. The defensive back, while weighing in at 208 pounds, ran an impressive 4.65 in the 40 yard dash. After being suspended from the Hall of Fame game for team violations, Williams seems to be going all out to redeem himself for the upcoming season.

A lot of the Wildcats appear to have been working hard as 35 players on the roster have weighed in with 10 percent or less body fat. According to UK sources, anything under 15 percent is good.

Cornell Burbage and Mark Logan turned in the fastest speeds with a 4.4 time. The fastest player ever recorded in a 'Cat uniform was back Ken Northington with a time of 4.3-plus.

Sophomore-to-be Mark Higgs was clocked at 4.52.

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Kentucky baseball.

With three games scheduled against Vandy in Nashville last weekend, Coach Keith Madison's felt his squad was ready to get back in the SEC's eastern division race. UK with a 2-4 conference record (7-8 overall) trailed leader Florida by only 3 games and had just won 3 of 4 games. But after Saturday's twin-bill loss to the Commodores, the Wildcats' found

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# Last-minute blocks by Walker, Wennington lead teams to wins

## Next up for St. John's, Kentucky is confrontation in Denver

**By Kurt Kragthorpe**  
Deseret News sports writer

Kentucky forward Kenny Walker and St. John's center Bill Wennington will never qualify for membership in the Macho Shot-Blockers Club if they keep talking like this.

"I think they were kind of stunned," said Walker. "I know I was."

"I had my eyes closed," noted Wennington.

Their blocks came a little more than two hours apart Saturday in the Special Events Center, as they sent East-bound shots from Nevada-Las Vegas and Arkansas players due West. That's the opposite direction of Denver, where Kentucky and St. John's are now headed for the NCAA West Regionals Friday.

Both blocks helped save three-point victories, Kentucky holding off UNLV 64-61 after St. John's had downed Arkansas 68-65.

Trailing by one point with 55 seconds remaining, Nevada-Las Vegas called a timeout, then worked the clock down into the high 20s before 6-foot-8 center Richie Adams took a pass on the baseline.

"That's what we wanted to do," coach Jerry Tarkanian would say later. "We had been in what we call our overload offense for most of the game, but for one shot we went to a 1-3-1, and got Adams the ball on the baseline."

Adams was in his favorite place, about 10 feet to the right of the basket. Left-handed flip shots from that spot had made him a two-time

PCAA player of the year and helped carry the Rebels to a 28-3 record this season.

"He got the perfect shot," Tarkanian noted. Trouble was, Walker made the perfect block.

He knocked the ball back over Adams' head, and Kentucky forward Richard Madison chased it down on the endline and saved it from going out of bounds with a pass to guard James Blackmon. He relayed the ball to guard Roger Harden and, by this time, the 6-8 Walker was streaking toward the other end. Walker got a lob pass for a dunk and was fouled with 21 seconds remaining.

Walker missed his free throw, but Kentucky still had a 62-59 lead and Madison's two free throws with nine seconds left wrapped things up.

"He's made that kind of play all year," insisted Wildcat coach Joe B. Hall about Walker, who led all scorers with 23 points. "His defense, on occasion, has been as great as his offense. When you need a great play, he finds it."

Said Tarkanian, "Nobody else on the floor could have blocked it. We should have gone to the other side."

Actually, Walker was on the other side as the play developed, sliding across when the pass came to Adams. "I was able to come in from the weak side and time the ball," noted Walker, who averaged about one block a game

this season. "I was glad he moved out a little. If he had gotten in a little closer, he might have dunked it on me."

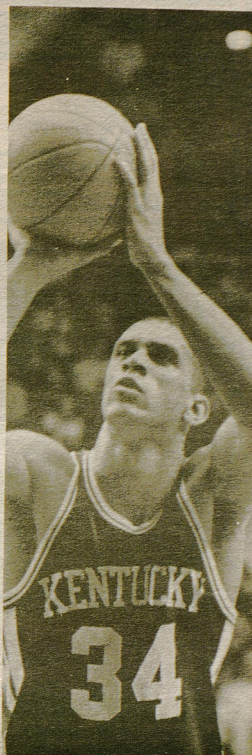
As if by design, Walker's block was just soft enough. "Everybody just stopped for a minute, thinking the ball would go out of bounds," he noted. "It was a good thing I didn't block it too hard."

Wennington's block for St. John's of a William Mills shot in the lane also had the right touch, the Redmen gaining possession with a three-point lead. They proceeded to run nearly half the remaining time off the clock before Chris Mullin's two free throws made it 66-61 with just 36 seconds left.

After joking with the media — as he had done all weekend — that he had his eyes closed, the 7-foot Wennington admitted, "I knew it was Mills. He drove in and I stepped up."

To cut off the 6-foot-7 Mills' drive, Wennington had to gamble and leave his assigned man, Arkansas center Joe Kleine. Kleine's turn-around jumper had brought the Razorbacks within 62-61 with 1:32 left, before Mike Moses countered with two free throws for St. John's.

On Arkansas' next trip downcourt, the ball never reached Kleine. Mills drove into the lane and went up with a shot toward the "Denver" basket but, just as Walker would do in the second game to UNLV, Wennington sent Arkansas in the other direction.



Kenny Walker

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# 'Cinderella' Kentucky tops UNLV

**By Mike Sorensen**  
Deseret News sports writer

It's been a long time since Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall has been carried off the floor on the shoulders of his players. And it's been even longer, as in never, that Kentucky has been referred to as the "Cinderella team" in an NCAA basketball tournament, or any tournament for that matter.

But that's what they're calling the Wildcats after their 64-61 upset victory over Nevada-Las Vegas Saturday in the Special Events Center. At the end of a post-game press conference, when a writer asked if Kentucky was this year's Cinderella team, Hall grinned and said, "I hope so. Say that," and walked off in the direction of Denver, next week's site of the West Regional.

It's two down and two to go for the team that wasn't even supposed to be in this year's NCAA tourney. Thanks to Kenny "Sky" Walker and a couple of wet-behind-the-ears freshmen, the Wildcats are just two wins away from a Final Four appearance on their home floor at Lexington's Rupp Arena, after defeating their second western opponent in three days.

Afterward, all the plaudits were going to Walker, certainly the best college player to play on the Special Events Center hardwoods in some time. He was the one who was invited to the interview room to speak to all the writers, the one who was interviewed on TV by Billy Packer and Dick Stockton.

After all it was Walker, who led his

team in points and rebounds, just like he has all season. This time the numbers were 23 and 6. And it was Walker, who came up with the key play of the game, when he came flying across the court to block Richie Adams' attempt to put the Rebels ahead with a half minute to go. But it was the freshmen, who came up with some key plays of their own to keep the Kentucky season alive for another week.

Ed Davender, an 18-year-old out of Brooklyn, who somehow got away from the grasp of St. John's Lou Carnesecca, came up with the big plays that broke the Rebels' backs and Jerry Tarkanian's heart long before Walker's big block.

It was Davender who scored 11 of the Wildcats' 17 points over a six-minute stretch when the Wildcats went from a 38-36 deficit into a 53-48 lead. Three of the baskets were on reverse layups when he went around the left side of the UNLV defense, came back under the basket for a reverse layup on the right side. Those were the baskets that had Tarkanian stomping his foot on the sideline and lamenting about after the game.

"Where we got hurt was when we gave them the three baskets around the 8-10 minute mark, when they drove the baseline and we didn't cut them off," said Tarkanian. "We gave up some easy baskets, where we should have stepped in and taken the charge. Other than that we played pretty well."

"Ed Davender, what can I say about him. He was just sensational with all

those baskets on the baseline," gushed Walker of his young teammate.

The other freshman, who hurt the Rebels was Richard Madison. He scored just 7 points in the game, but two of them came on foul shots with nine seconds left and his team leading by just a point. It was also Madison who was the unsung hero on Walker's big block with 30 seconds left.

After Walker came out of nowhere to block Adams' shot, it was Madison, who came running across to retrieve the loose ball just before it went out of bounds. Just before he fell over the endline, Madison threw the ball into James Blackmon, who hit Roger Harden, who subsequently hit Walker, sprinting ahead of the Rebel defense following his block. He scored the layup to put his team up by three points with 21 seconds to go.

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It was an uphill battle all afternoon to block Adams' shot, it was Madison, who came running across to retrieve the loose ball just before it went out of bounds. Just before he fell over the endline, Madison threw the ball into James Blackmon, who hit Roger Harden, who subsequently hit Walker, sprinting ahead of the Rebel defense following his block. He scored the layup to put his team up by three points with 21 seconds to go.

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the three-point edge turned out to be their biggest lead of the day.

The Wildcats bounced back from that deficit to outscore the Rebs 9-2 and go up 26-22. The Rebels came back to take a 30-28 lead on a Spoon James' jumper with eight seconds left, but Blackmon tied it at 30 with an 18-footer at the buzzer.

In the second half, the score was tied every two points from 30 to 42, before Davender got loose with a couple of his baseline drives. After that, the Rebels never caught up again. The weight of Western basketball (only one other Western team, UTEP, is left in the NCAAAs) must've just too much for them to carry.

Now it's on to Denver for the Wildcats, who had been criticized from many corners for being allowed in the NCAA event in the first place with their mediocre 16-12 regular-season record. They were, in fact, the second-lowest seeded of all the at-large teams in the tourney. But the Wildcats certainly have proved their worthiness, although Hall claims they've had nothing to prove this week.

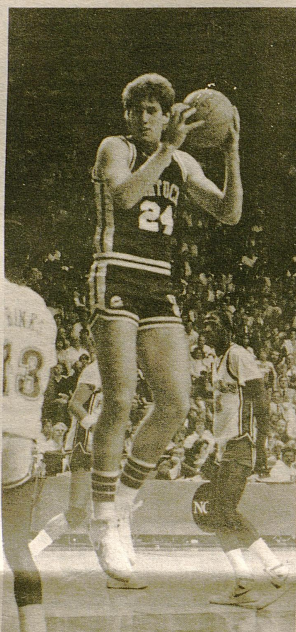
"We never doubted for a moment that we deserved to be here," he said. "We just happy to get this far. This team keeps amazing me the way they can play and win."

On the other hand, Walker said the Wildcats did have something to prove this week because of the criticism received. "That's what makes winning so sweet," said Walker, "because so many people said we shouldn't be in the NCAAAs."

# Kentucky vs. UNLV



Oh, How Sweet It Is



The Bear Uses Force

## Cinderella Kentucky Takes On The Rebels

Because the Kentucky Wildcats compiled only a meager 16-12 mark during the 1985 campaign, and because the Cats lost four of their last six and because the final game was a disappointing 58-55 defeat at the hands of Florida, one can easily understand why UK has been given little respect in recent weeks.

Those statistics gave critics plenty of ammunition in arguing against the Wildcats' invitation to the NCAA this month. But those same critics also forgot that the Wildcats played one of the nation's toughest schedules, that UK beat such notables as Kansas, N.C. State, Alabama and Auburn, not to mention close losses to the likes of numerous other teams.

Still, Kentucky has no respect when the Wildcats arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, last Wednesday, facing huge odds of staying past the first game. After all, the Cats shouldn't be in the mood to send retiring Washington coach Marv Harshman home early. But the Cats did. And then, there was No. 9 UNLV, perhaps the most explosive team west of Georgetown. This, certainly, would be the end.

## Cats Not In Awe Of Runnin' Rebels

Most of the pregame hype surrounded the ability or inability to keep the Rebs from running the Cats all the way across the Rockies before the ten-minute mark of the first half. Fear, said some, would end UK's season within the first five minutes.

That, it did not. In fact, it was Kentucky which leaped out to a 17-10 lead midway in the first half as Kenny "Sky" Walker totally dominated play, scoring 13 first-half points on six of nine from the field as the UNLV man-to-man defense was helpless.

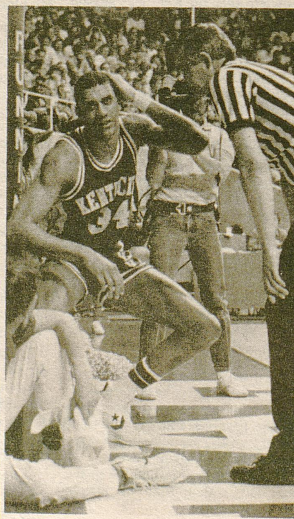
UNLV, though, rallied back late in the half with a 10-point spurt of its own and took command of a 30-28 score on Spoon James' 24-foot jumper with 0:08 left as the Rebs held for one shot.

Not to be outdone, reserve James Blackmon raced back down court and pumped up an 18-footer at the buzzer to give the Cats a 30-30 tie.

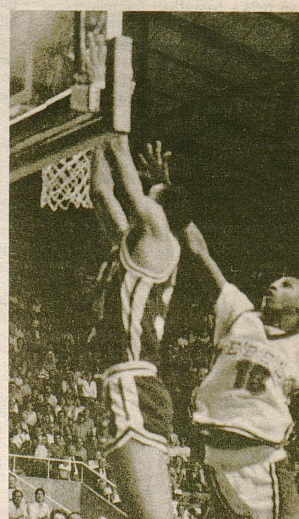
## First Half Stats Told The Story

Many times, statistics are misleading, but this game, the stats really told the story of a stand-off first half. Believe it or not, each team shot 46.4 percent from the floor on identical 13 of 28 firing. Each team scored four free throws with UK shooting seven to UNLV's five. Each club was credited with 16 rebounds and each club had six turnovers. It was only fitting that the score stood at 30-30.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date: March 16, 1985 Site: Salt Lake City, Utah														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	f	1	2	2	4	3	4	21	2	1	0	0	
34	Kenny Walker	f	10	14	3	5	6	1	23	37	1	0	2	0
24	Bret Bearup	c	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	23	3	3	0	0
15	Ed Davender	g	6	10	1	2	4	0	13	28	1	3	0	1
23	Roger Harden	g	4	6	0	0	1	3	8	36	6	5	0	1
10	James Blackmon		2	6	0	0	2	0	4	16	2	1	0	0
42	Richard Madison		2	4	3	3	0	7	7	25	0	1	0	0
44	Robert Lock		0	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
55	Cedric Jenkins		1	2	0	0	2	1	2	11	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS		26	47	12	16	28	9	64	200	15	14	2	2	
FG %: 1st Half		13/28 - .464		2nd Half		13/19 - .684		Game		26/47 - .553		Deadball		1
FT %: 1st Half		4/7 - .571		2nd Half		8/9 - .889		Game		12/16 - .750		Rebounds		
HOME														
No.	NEVADA LAS VEGAS	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Spoon James	f	5	8	0	0	1	0	10	28	5	1	0	0
35	Armon Gilliam	f	3	3	0	0	1	3	6	21	0	0	0	0
31	Ricchie Adams	c	6	14	2	2	13	3	14	34	1	3	0	4
11	Anthony Jones	g	6	14	1	1	4	1	13	35	4	0	0	0
13	Fred Banks	g	4	8	0	0	1	5	8	27	2	3	0	0
00	Richard Robinson		0	3	2	2	2	2	2	17	0	0	2	0
20	Ed Catchings		4	6	0	1	2	2	8	20	3	1	0	0
32	Gary Graham		0	1	0	0	0	1	0	13	2	1	0	1
33	Eldridge Hudson		0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0
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FG %: 1st Half		13/28 - .464		2nd Half		15/20 - .500		Game		28/58 - .483		Deadball		0
FT %: 1st Half		4/5 - .800		2nd Half		1/1 - 1.000		Game		5/6 - .833		Rebounds		
OFFICIALS														
Charles Vacca, Don Shea, Carol Kite					SCORE BY PERIODS					1st H	2nd H	OT	OT	FINAL
Technical Fouls: Jones					Kentucky					30	34			64
Attendance: 9,226					UNLV					30	31			61



A Rough Time For Sky



Sky's Clincher

**Cats Control Tempo, Stop Rebels**

Patient as patience can be, the Wildcats played see-saw most of the early minutes of the second half as the score was tied six times before the Wildcats took command for good with a pair of Kenny Walker free throws at 13:54 for a 44-42 advantage.

With Roger Harden engineering the UK offense, the Wildcats played some of their best basketball of the season. Freshman Ed Davender, who has been coming on like gang-busters late in the season, totally shocked the Rebels with some baseline drives which put the Rebels on the ropes.

After Walker's free throws, Davender drove the baseline for a three-point play, then came back for a reverse lay-up after Winston Bennett's two charity shots and offset a pair of long-range bombs from UNLV's Ed Catchings. To top off the Davender drive, the young rookie drove down the middle and pulled up for a short jumper as the Cats roared out to a 53-48 lead.

UK eventually went up by a count of 60-52, thanks to a pair of slam dunks by James Blackmon and Richard Madison which sandwiched Walker's turnaround jumper in the paint.

UNLV wasn't through, however as Spoon James and Anthony Jones went on a scoring spree seven straight points to cut the score to 60-59 at 1:34 when Jones completed a three-point play.

After a Kentucky turnover, UNLV called a time-out at 0:55 to set up a play. That's when Sky Walker made his defensive play of the night on Richie Adams. The UNLV star pumped up a semi-hook jumper from the baseline, only for Walker to come roaring across the lane and blocked the shot to the

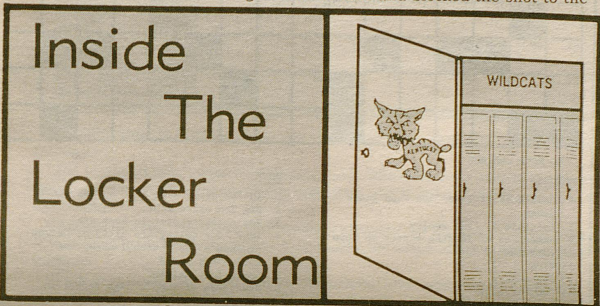
corner where Richard Madison saved the ball to Blackmon who in turn hit Roger Harden. By this time Walker was motoring down court and Harden spotted him for a lay-up and a 62-59 lead. Walker was fouled on the play, but missed the free throw.

UNLV came right back and Fred Banks brought Jerry Tarkanian's crew back within one at 62-61 at 0:14. After a time-out, UNLV fouled Madison at 0:09 and the Memphis native promptly hit two free throws to seal the win.

**Kentucky-UNLV Game Notes**

Walker won game scoring honors with 23 points and led the Cats in rebounds with six, although he got only one the last half. UK outrebounded the Running Rebs 28-27. It gave the Cats the rebounding edge in five of their last six games. UK has outrebounded its opposition in 17 of UK's 30 games.

Lexingtonian Steve Rardin attended his 500th consecutive Wildcat game Saturday and coach Joe B. Hall awarded him the game ball. He'll start on his second 500 this Friday in Denver. Hall took his Wildcats to the famous Park City ski resort on Friday where he taped his weekly television show. The players rode a ski lift, but none took part in any actual skiing. Dr. Ken Weaver, a UK graduate and physician in Lexington who also is a free-lance photographer, was one of the first people to help treat victims of the Alta Goldminer's Daughter Ski Lodge disaster last week. A gas pipe explosion ripped apart the lodge which left two dead and seven injured. Weaver had drove out to Alta to ski and had just arrived before the explosion. Both Washington coach Marv Harshman and UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian came by to wish Hall and UK luck in the West Regional against St. John's.



**Cedric Jenkins**

(About playing a key role for Kentucky in the NCAA tournament)

Well, I just wanted it real bad and wanted to contribute in every way that I could. I feel like I've come a long ways since I came up here. But they're areas that I need to improve in.

(About the team, after two straight losses, getting mentally ready for NCAA action)

After we got the bid, it kind of put everybody in a good frame of mind. It kind of fired everybody up and we were ready to play.

(About the Wildcats getting the feeling that 'they're playing to win')

I think that has made a big difference in the team now -- playing to win and not just to keep from losing.

(About St. John's)

It's definitely going to be a tough one, but if we gut it out and play as hard as we can and with a little help from the Man up above, we can do it.

(About facing the Redmen's center, Bill Wennington)

It's going to be a big challenge, but challenges are what it's all about.

**Roger Harden**

(About being able to control the tempo against UNLV)

I think that's my contribution to this team is to control the tempo. When you want to win, you can't help but exploit what you can do for the team the best you can.

(About if there were any doubts that UK could beat the Runnin' Rebels)

I really didn't doubt it. I knew when we came out and we went up by six I knew right then (UK was going to win). I told coach (Jim) Hatfield and coach (Lake) Kelly when we came off the bench that we were going to win this ballgame.

(About being able to compete against Vegas)

We can play with them. I think we can play with anybody in the country.

(About the reserves coming in and really helping out)

Cedric Jenkins came in and had a good jumper in the first half. He also blocked out well, which I'm sure some people probably won't notice and he went to the boards well for us. Richard Madison was my savior today after I threw two (passes) away during the late going. He hit two free throws to ice the game. He's my roommate and I'm proud of him.

(About Madison)

You can't measure his talent, he's got so much of it. I think it's just a matter of him maturing and turning it over and letting his mind control his body.

(About getting some help from Blackmon and Davender)

James Blackmon had one of the most fantastic slam dunks on the baseline I've ever seen. He handled the ball awfully well coming off the bench in the second half. He had a lot of poise. Eddie Davender just took over for a four-minute span. He's a freshman from New York City and he's awesome.

(About St. John's)

I'm just going to say that we're all happy right now and I think we're going to go home happy. But I know this team and I know the character of Joe Hall and we're going out to the Mile High City with an upset on our minds. If we fall a little short then we'll start celebrating.

**James Blackmon**

(About really playing with emotion in the last two games)

I had myself mentally ready to play when I came in. I had my mind in the

game and I was trying to concentrate on the game.

(About the first half against the Runnin' Rebels)

They were shooting from the outside and we got most of our baskets from the inside. I felt that their shots from the outside was going to wear out because they couldn't continue to hit like they were. They were shooting from about 20 out.

(About the team being on the biggest emotional-high since he's been at Kentucky)

We're an underdog team and they don't expect us to be here. So we proved that (with the two wins) that we have a right to be here.

(About St. John's)

We are aware of St. John's. Chris Mullin and Walter Berry are outstanding players. Once again we're going to be the underdog team and we've just got to go out and play hard.

(About if this team thrives on challenges)

Well, I think that when they (media) picked us to be an underdog team, we don't have nothing to lose, but we've got a whole lot to gain.

**Kenny Walker**

(About his block of Richie Adams late in the game)

He (Adams) took off on the outside of the lane, so I figured he had no chance of dunking it. I thought that he would throw up a little jump hook, which he did. It was just good timing.

(About UK guard play against UNLV)

They all did one great job, especially James (Blackmon). I was glad to see James have a good game because he's been down a little confidence-wise. When he got that dunk, I knew he was going to be fired up. And hey, what can I say about 'the freshman,' he was sensational tonight -- going down the baseline and making circus shots. Roger (Harden) did a great job of running the offense -- spotting everybody on the fastbreak and getting the people posted up in the inside.

(About the freshmen being almost like sophomores in tourney play)

Well, I think it's that time of the year where they 'graduate'. They are sophomores right now because they've been through a whole year and they know what it's all about now. They've been in the big games and have been

in key situations, so I feel like they have grown up. To me they are sophomores right now.

(About Madison's two free throws near the end of the ballgame)

Richard is a great free throw shooter. He's been hitting them all year, and I think he's probably got the best percentage on the team. I wasn't worrying about him at all.

(About Roger Harden)

I thought that he held his composure. Sometimes Roger gets us a little bit excited and throws some passes. He did today but he held his composure most of the time. The times that he did make some mistakes he just came back and redeemed himself. He never panicked. He got trapped in the corner a couple of times, but he didn't panic. I'll be the first to tell you that I think Roger Harden was the key to the game today, in how he controlled the offense.

(About somebody asking if Kentucky was having fun)

I have a lot to say about that. We are serious, but we are having a good time. I think that everybody is real loose. I think that the coaches are real loose and the players are real loose. When that happens who knows what can happen. I'm having a great time.

The thing that makes this victory so sweet is because the critics said we couldn't win and didn't deserve to be in the NCAA. We've done won two games, and that's great.

(About St. John's)

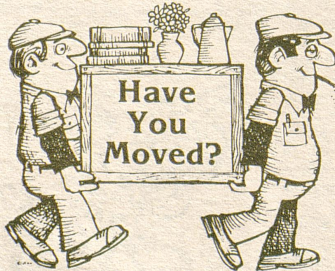
St. John's is going to be a tough ballgame. We must go out and play like we played tonight -- try to control the tempo, try to play with a whole lot of emotions and the main thing is to go out and be loose and have a whole lot of fun.



# PARADE'S ALL-AMERICA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	CITY	HT.
<b>FIRST TEAM</b>			
Danny Ferry	DeMatha Catholic	Hyattsville, Md.	6'10"
Alfredo "Tito" Horford	Marian Christian	Houston, Tex.	7'1"
Jeff Lebo	Carlisle	Carlisle, Pa.	6'3"
J.R. Reid	Kempsville	Virginia Beach, Va.	6'10"
Rodney Strickland	Oak Hill Academy	Mouth of Wilson, Va.	6'2"
Kevin Madden	Robert E. Lee	Staunton, Va.	6'6"
Iving Thomas	Miami Carol City	Carol City, Fla.	6'9"
Michael Jones	Oak Hill Academy	Mouth of Wilson, Va.	6'7"
Lowell Hamilton	Providence-St. Mel	Chicago, Ill.	6'7"
Terry Mills	Romulus	Romulus, Mich.	6'9"
Tom Hammonds	Crestview	Crestview, Fla.	6'8"
<b>SECOND TEAM</b>			
Tom Lewis	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Calif.	6'7"
Tony Kimbro	Seneca	Louisville, Ky.	6'8"
Kenny Payne	Northeast Jones	Laurel, Miss.	6'8"
Jerome Richardson	Benjamin Franklin	Philadelphia, Pa.	6'2"
Roland Shelton	Columbia	Decatur, Ga.	6'5"
Walker Lambiotte	Central	Woodstock, Va.	6'6"
Rick Calloway	Withrow	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'6"
Steve Bucknall	Governor Dummer Academy	Byfield, Mass.	6'6"
Ron Huey	Whitehaven	Memphis, Tenn.	6'6"
Doug Roth	Karns	Knoxville, Tenn.	6'11"
Mark Stevenson	Roman Catholic	Philadelphia, Pa.	6'5"
<b>THIRD TEAM</b>			
Roy Marble	Beecher	Flint, Mich.	6'6"
Lance Blanks	McCullough	The Woodlands, Tex.	6'4"
Trevor Wilson	Grover Cleveland	Reseda, Calif.	6'7"
Dennis Scott	Flint Hill Prep	Oakton, Va.	6'6"
Ed Horton	Lanphier	Springfield, Ill.	6'8"
David Butler	Calvin Coolidge	Washington, D.C.	6'7"
Jonathan Edwards	O.P. Walker	New Orleans, La.	6'9"
Richard Morgan	Salem	Salem, Va.	6'4"
Toney Mack	Brandon	Brandon, Fla.	6'5"
Jerome Lane	St. Vincent-St. Mary's	Akron, Ohio	6'6"
Jerry Pryor	Southeast Bulloch County	Brooklet, Ga.	6'9"
<b>FOURTH TEAM</b>			
Rodney Walker	Cardinal Gibbons	Baltimore, Md.	6'9"
Terry Dozier	McClunbar	Baltimore, Md.	6'9"
Greg "Boo" Harvey	Andrew Jackson	Cambria Heights, N.Y.	6'0"
Glen Rice	Northwestern	Flint, Mich.	6'7"
Anthony Sherrad	Jenkins County	Millen, Ga.	6'6"
Terence Greene	Central	Flint, Mich.	6'4"
Mike Christian	Mullen	Denver, Colo.	6'3"
Doug West	Altoona	Altoona, Pa.	6'6"
Charles Shackelford	Kinston	Kinston, N.C.	6'10"
Darryl Prue	Dunbar	Washington, D.C.	6'7"
Fess Irvin	East Ascension	Gonzales, La.	6'0"

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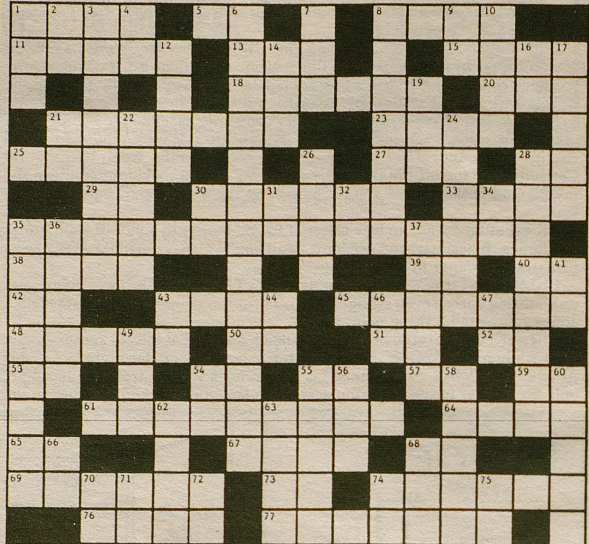
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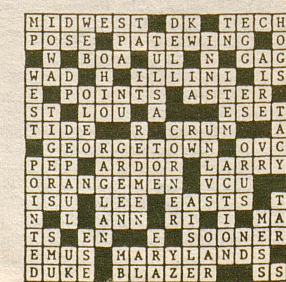
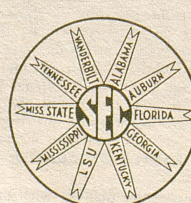
WHO RUPP COACHED

**ACROSS**

- Namesakes of late-'50s Rupp guard Cohen
- Initials of '50s Shelby
- Namesakes of leading scorer on Rupp's last team
- Fire \_\_\_\_\_
- Big monkey
- '60s Argento
- Namesakes of #2 scorer on Rupp's back-to-back National Champions
- Mineral
- High scorer for Rupp's '59-'60 and '60-'61 squads
- Not sloppy
- Arena passageway
- Center Jennings
- Initials of one of Rupp's finest guards; a '60s Cat
- Symbol for "silicon"
- High scorer for Rupp's '49-'50 and '50-'51 squads
- Small deer (plural)
- Could have been coach Rupp's best team
- At \_\_\_\_\_ time
- Symbol for "radium"
- Initials of '50s letterman Ross
- Abbr. for "Egypt"
- Became Rupp's top one-season scorer when he hit for 24 ppg in '63-'64
- First Cat All-American from Rupp's home state
- First name of one of 35 Across
- Roman numeral for # of national championships for Rupp
- Initials of Rupp's first All-American of the '60s
- Initials of forward Jerry of Rupp's mid-'50s squads
- Abbr. for "United Nations"
- Abbr. for an outfield position
- Initials of Rupp's high scorer in '65-'66
- Initials of Kenny of 35 Across
- Initials of Ellis; first All-American guard for Rupp
- High scorer for Rupp's '54-'55 and '55-'56 squads
- Relating to aircraft
- Initials of one of 35 Down
- Money let out at interest
- Initials of Rupp's first All-American from Illinois
- Late-'60s/early-'70s forward Larry
- Abbr. for "Yukon Territory"
- Rupp's first 4-year letterman, Jack
- '50s Evans
- Larry of Rupp's last team

**DOWN**

- In '62 Herky Rupp \_\_\_\_\_ on the bench
- Big Ten state abbr.
- Top career scorer in Rupp era
- Abbr. for collegiate class of Harton of Rupp's '58 National Champions
- Early-'60s guard
- Short for "Melvin"
- Namesakes of Rupp's high scorer in '56-'57 season
- Initials of 55 Down
- "A" \_\_\_\_\_ at the buzzer"
- '67-'68 high scorer Casey
- First name of 55 Across
- Symbol for "iridium"
- Rupp's win record at all \_\_\_\_\_ all coaches, and might forever
- View
- Abbr. for an NY island
- Barker of 35 Across
- '50s guard Smith
- Declare openly
- Rupp's first All-American from Louisville
- Initials of early-'60s Scotty
- MVC state abbr.
- Symbol for "europium"
- \_\_\_\_\_ were small in size but big in heart for coach Rupp
- High scorer for Rupp's '51-'52 and '53-'54 teams
- First name of co-captain with 36 Down in '52-'53 and '53-'54
- Initials of '50s letterman Mills
- NE state abbr.
- Abbr. for "high voltage"
- Initials of '30s letterman Carlisle
- Initials of 27 Across
- Don became a top \_\_\_\_\_ star
- Initials of '60s Cliff or Carroll
- Mike of the late-'60s \_\_\_\_\_ nie Lyons
- It \_\_\_\_\_ d "cats and dogs"
- One of 35 Across
- First name of 30 Across
- Namesakes of Roberts of early-'60s
- Initials of 74 Across
- Ladle
- Initials of center Ed of Rupp's '58 National Champions
- 2nd and 3rd vowels
- Initials of Little of Rupp's early-'30s team
- Initials of Mills or Nobley
- Rupp All-American Alex \_\_\_\_\_ oza





# Rollins Was Destined To Be A Wildcat

Picked By UK After Being Rejected By Toppers

"Fabulous Five" guard Kenny Rollins' University of Kentucky basketball career was full of surprises. Probably his biggest surprise was making the Wildcats' squad after being turned down by famous Western Kentucky University head coach Ed Diddle.

"In my last year at Wickliffe (Ky.) High, I was playing in the district tournament against Heath," said Rollins. "I had a good game and Waldo Page, who had some connections at Western and Kentucky, saw me play.

"He wrote a letter to Coach (Adolph) Rupp and my principal, O.A. Adams, also wrote Coach Rupp," Rollins continued. "But those letters weren't too effective. I didn't hear anything from Rupp."



## Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

So Rollins went to Bowling Green after being asked by Diddle to try out for the Hilltoppers.

"But Uncle Ed didn't want me," Rollins said. "His comments were to the effect that I was too small to play college basketball and that he couldn't offer me a scholarship."

Crushed, Rollins — whose parents couldn't afford to pay his way through college — went back to Wickliffe, a small town of about 1,000 people about 30 miles south of Paducah.

"I was very disturbed," Rollins said. "I came back home extremely depressed. I thought that if I couldn't make it at Western, there's not much hope at Kentucky, either."

It was the summer of 1941, the pre-World War II years. Rupp was at the beginning of his dynasty years at UK. He had a habit of inviting players to Lexington to try out for the team. Rollins was one of those 35 players, all high school graduates, Rupp invited to camp to show what they could do.

"It was a week-long tryout," Rollins said. "We had one scrimmage a day, usually about two hours long. They were shuffling players in and out through each scrimmage. Coach Rupp stood at one end of the floor and Coach (Paul) McBrayer at the other. They were really looking us over."

At week's end, Rupp and McBrayer got the players together and told them UK would be in touch. But before Rollins left that night, he was called into Rupp's office and told he had made the squad and offered a scholarship.

What a contrast it was. From Diddle to Rupp. From Western to UK. From no education to an education. Rollins didn't hit the ground on his way back to Wickliffe.

"They told me, 'We like your style of play,'" said Rollins. "'We like your quickness. We think you're good enough to play at the University of Kentucky.'

"I was delighted," said Rollins. "I had no idea I would be offered a scholarship. My parents were very excited. I was just happy I would be getting a college education."

"I have no animosity against 'Uncle Ed,'" Rollins continued. "Different coaches have different needs. He already had a guard in Dee Gibson, who was 6-0, like me. But Uncle Ed liked players 6-4 or better. So he had enough short guys around. I thought he was a good coach."

Rollins was one of four players to whom Rupp offered scholarships. The others were Bill Ham of Ohio, Muff Davis of Indiana and Clyde Parker, who was from near Evansville, Ind. None of those are household names to Kentucky fans.

"Muff did play some," said Rollins. "He was the starting forward on the 1942-43 team. After the war, he came back and played one year. Parker didn't play that much and after the war he ended up studying dentistry at the University of Louisville. He also played varsity basketball for two years. He went to Louisville because there wasn't a dental school at UK. Ham ended up at a school in New Mexico."

Rollins did stay, and he's glad he did, but he experienced a lot of self-doubt about his worthiness to the team, especially after the war was over. He felt this way even though he was a starting guard on the 1942-43 team that went 17-6.

It was the fall of 1946. Rollins, and many others like him, was returning to school. Rollins had served the Navy and served for three years.

"My confidence hit a new low when I came back," Rollins said. "We had three All-Americans, two of them guards, trying out for the varsity squad. Those two guards were Jack Parkinson and Jim Jordan. I made the starting unit, and to this day I still don't know how it happened. Once again, I was very, very surprised."

Those two varsity years are among the best in Kentucky basketball history. The 1946-47 team was 34-3 and the 1947-48 squad was 36-3. Rollins — yes, Rollins — was elected team captain by his teammates both seasons.

He scored 310 points on the 1946-47 team that was a National Invitational Tournament (NIT) runner-up and won the Southeastern Conference (SEC). No record was kept on his points per game (ppg.) average because it's not sure how many games each player participated in.

"Another record they didn't keep was assists," said Rollins. "That was my role. Today's point guard was what I was back then. I was playmaker, defensive man, feeder. In those days they didn't call us point guards."

The next season was possibly the greatest ever, the season of the "Fabulous Five." The Wildcats won the national tournament (NCAA) and were SEC champs again. And they also made up part of the team that won the Olympic gold medal at the 1948 games in London.

"We had a generous mixture of maturity, experience and ability," said Rollins. The team consisted of Alex Groza, a 6-7 junior center who averaged 12 ppg., Ralph Beard, a 5-10½ junior guard who averaged 12 ppg., Wallace 'Wah Wah' Jones, a 6-4 junior forward-center whose output was 9.3 ppg., James Line, a 6-2 sophomore forward (6.9 ppg.) and Rollins (6.6 ppg.).

"Probably the best games in the United States that season were played between the first and second teams," said Rollins. "The basketball was tremendous. All the players had played before or during the war, so the median age was 24."

The 1947-48 team's season ended in disappointment for Rollins and his teammates. Kentucky lost to Hank Iba's Oklahoma A&M team in the Sugar Bowl and then to Utah in the NIT finale, when illness and injury hampered UK's players.

But the next season Kentucky defeated Baylor for the NCAA title. Rollins would have missed out on all that if he had let his self-doubt cause him to transfer somewhere else.

"When I came back, I thought there was too much competition for me to make it," said Rollins. "I hadn't even made All-SEC. I was tempted to go elsewhere, like with McBrayer when he moved over to Eastern (Kentucky University). So I talked to Paul about it. He thought I had a better future at Kentucky. I still think the world of McBrayer."

After the season ended, the Wildcats played a series of games against teams from around the country to see who would represent the nation in the Olympic games. It lost to the nation's amateur champion, Phillip's 66, in the finals. An amateur club was a group of players that worked for a firm but were not paid for playing basketball. At that time, there were six amateur clubs in the nation.

"The college champs and amateur champs played in a trial series," said Rollins. "We played a team (Phillip's 66) whose players were from age 21 to 35. They had been playing together a long time, some of them for years."

The Olympic squad was a mixture of Phillip's 66 and UK players. The first five were taken off each squad. Then four other outstanding players — two from the universities and two from the amateurs — were chosen to make up the 14-player team. Rupp was an assistant to Bud Browning, whom Rollins said was an excellent coach.

"He had to be," said Rollins. "Look at the ages of those guys. That's a hard group to handle."

After the Olympics were over, Rollins played professional ball for four seasons. Two seasons were spent with the now-defunct Chicago Staggs of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

He then spent one year with the Louisville Alummites, which was a member of a six-team professional league that lasted only one season (1950-51). After sitting out a year, Rollins played with the Boston Celtics as a back-up to Bob Cousy.

"I don't even remember what that pro league was called when I played with Louisville," said Rollins. "It was a strange league. We had teams in Shebogan, Wis., and Waterloo, Iowa. And I didn't play much at Boston. 'Red' Auerbach just didn't take Cousy out that much."

After he left the Celtics, Rollins moved on to work for Reynolds Metals and then joined his present company, Container Corporation of America, seven years later.

"I call on industry all over Central Kentucky and sell them shipping containers," Rollins explained.

Rollins, 61, now resides in Lawrenceburg (Ky.), with his wife, Mabel, a lady he met in zoology class at UK and married in July of 1947.

The couple has two children — Corinne and Kevin — and three grandchildren: Lee, Jenny and Ben. Lee is Corinne's son and Jenny and Ben are Kevin's children.



Rollins (lower Right) And Fabulous Five

# Claiborne's Cats Ready For Spring Drills

## Dale Brown Holds Court In Birmingham

People and things.

The University of Kentucky's spring football drills get underway Mar. 27 and a poster hyping the grid season, including a pre-spring practice prospectus, arrived last week.

UK lost 15 lettermen from its 9-3-0 team last year including George Adams and Paul Calhoun. But don't shed too many tears because 43 returnees are listed, including seven names (alphabetically) under the heading 1985 All-Star Candidates.



### Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

**MARK LOGAN, 5-11, 195** tailback got the 'outstanding player award' in last year's Hall of Fame Bowl. If Logan cuts down his tendencies to fumble the football and demonstrates that he is as capable as George Adams at blocking and catching passes out of the backfield, he could be one of the SEC's premier backs this season.

**MARK HIGGS, 5-7, 184** is a little man who is being touted in a big way. *Could be most exciting runner in UK history*, the prospectus says.

**Comment:** A tall (no pun intended) order, but there is something special about this kid.

**BILL RANSDALL, 6-2, 199** quarterback With Bernie Kosar gone pro, he could be the best in the south by the end of next season. A genuine All-American candidate here.

**JON DUMBAULD, 6-3, 241** defensive tackle Good candidate for All-SEC honors and, barring injuries, will draw lots of attention from professional scouts if UK has any success at all this year.

**LARRY SMITH, 6-2, 227** linebacker was the team's leading tackler through five games as a sophomore before being injured. A wonderful nose for the football.

**BRIAN WILLIAMS, 5-10, 203** defensive end has already gotten the attention of coaches and writers in the south (as a defensive back). If he keeps his nose clean after being suspended before last year's Hall of Fame Bowl, Williams, a three-year starter, could be a preseason All-SEC pick.

**MAURICE DOUGLASS, 5-11, 203** defensive back played with wreckless abandon last year, too much at times. Like Williams, if Douglass makes more of the ordinary plays instead of going for all the spectacular ones, he could cement quite a defensive backfield this season.

UK has some other potentially outstanding lettermen coming back next season as well. Some names to remember... Center/guard Dermont Dawson, running back Chris Derry, wide receivers Cisco Bryant and Cornell Burbage, offensive guard Joe Prince, defensive tackles Jerry Reese and Tom Wilkins and defensive end Steve Mazza.

Kentucky's football season opens Sept. 14 against Bowling Green in the first of five straight games at Commonwealth Stadium.

#### Missing...

Whatever happened to basketballers Tom Parker ('72) and Bill Trott ('31)? And footballers Roger Greer ('69) and Tom Hutchinson ('62)?

#### Other coaches, other subjects

Florida basketball boss Norm Sloan was fit to be tied Mar. 10 when the NCAA Tournament bids were dealt and not only did his Gators not get an invite, but Kentucky—a team Florida beat twice—got one.

"I'm not opposed to Kentucky," Sloan told The Associated Press. "But you have to question how they can get in with a record like they have. The system is too susceptible to politics and I don't see any checks and balances."

Sloan knew his team's chances of getting a bid dimmed when Auburn beat his team and then upset Alabama in the SEC tourney finals.

But when Auburn was joined by Georgia, LSU, Alabama and Kentucky, Sloan was upset.

"There are probably some other teams around the country who can say they should be in it too," he said. "The thing that upsets me is that there is every indication that Kentucky's athletic director (Cliff Hagan) knew before the SEC tournament that regardless of what happened, they had a bid. And that's wrong." And Sloan disputed contentions that Kentucky's non-conference schedule was more difficult than Florida's.

"What they're saying is it doesn't matter if you win, it's who's on your schedule. It's got to be more to it than that," Sloan said. "I defy them (selection committee) to put our non-conference schedule up against a lot of teams that made it."

**Comment:** Well Norm, right on the first two, wrong on the third.

Sloan is correct on his allegation that UK knew before the weekend that it would get an NCAA bid. I was in Birmingham for the SEC Tournament and following Florida's win over Kentucky, UK officials never blinked an eye.

"We're going to the NCAA Tournament," one of them said Thursday. "Coach (Joe) Hall has already scheduled a Sunday night practice."

Second, difficulty of schedule is a factor. However, lost someplace is the (practical) idea of "being successful" against a difficult schedule should be a primary criterion. I thought rewards (NCAA bids) ought to go to the teams with the most success.

Incidentally, Joe Hall's reiteration in Salt Lake City that his team's victory over Washington confirmed that his team belonged in the NCAA tourney avoided the central issue. A win over Washington or any other team proved that UK was better than that team on that night and nothing else.

UK still had the poorest record of any at-large team in the tourney and apparently got a bid on its reputation and not because of success against a brutal schedule.

And third, Florida's schedule? Taking a look at the Gators pre-SEC opponents along with their records as of March 3 — Central Florida (10-18), Jacksonville (15-14), South Florida (16-11), Florida State (12-15), Villanova (18-9), Stetson (12-16) and Indiana (15-11).

Sorry Norm, not even close to UK's December slate.

#### Dale Brown

LSU's outspoken (sometimes perplexing) basketball mentor has a radio call-in show out of Baton Rouge on Monday nights and Brown was in vintage form last week. Two exchanges...

A fan called to complain about LSU giving scholarships to two foreign players, Zoran Jovanovich of Yugoslavia and Jose Vargas from the Dominican Republic.

"You know," Brown responded, "I really resent you're saying that about these young men. Zoran is going to be a great player. And he has a 3.75 grade point average and is majoring in engineering."

The point here was that Brown took his critic on nose to nose, no pretense or excuses, just straight talk.

The next caller hailed the LSU coach for his contribution to LSU sports and his sense of justice, but mostly because of his outspoken modus operandi in the face of periodic heavy criticism.

Brown: "Thank you, I am genuinely humbled by what you've said. But you know, anybody in this life who has opinions and expresses them, says what he thinks right up front, is going to have critics, people who get mad at him, don't like him because of his views, want to change him. But that's just the way life is and I understand that."

Comment: Brown's remarks reminded me of something humorist/philosopher Leo Buscaglia said recently. "Some people don't believe in anything and they're determined to have you share their beliefs."

#### Recruiting

When University of Kentucky recruiters hit the trail next year an excellent crop of in-state seniors-to-be will be available. And an effective theme for Leonard Hamilton Inc. might be "Ole State U. needs you, son."

In a time when a high schooler is attracted by how quickly he will be a starter and how much television exposure he will get and which school will accelerate his

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chances of making the NBA, UK would do well to use a little Jerry Claiborne philosophy, inject a bit of "patriotism" into the process.

Last year, Claiborne is said to have gone to the home of one in-state football prospect who was considering UK and Tennessee, and told the youngster it was "his duty to play for his home state." And that might be looked upon as a "traitor" if he did not.

The player signed with Kentucky.

State loyalty?

It might sound corny, but it could be the difference particularly to a youngster who has been exposed to "the big blue" on WHAS Radio all his life.

Certainly there are some excellent in-state prospects for next year. First among them are Scott Draud (Ft. Thomas Highlands) who one observer told me last week, "is remarkably like Louie Dampier."

Rex Chapman (Owensboro Apollo) is already a *can't miss* prospect. And 7-0 Felton Spencer (Louisville Eastern) is being touted as America's best big man prospect for 1986.

College recruiters are already in hot pursuit after all three to make a decision for the early signing period in November.

Incidentally, Spencer and Chapman will be in the Sweet 16 this week.

#### Tidbits

A comment at the SEC Tournament about Cedric Henderson from a Georgia assistant coach. "When this is all over (NCAA investigation) Cedric is going to have some things to say that will really shake some people up."

Boys Sweet 16. Only one of the state's active winningest coaches has a team in the State Tourney this year. Clay County's Bobby Keith ranks tenth among active prep coaches on my *Unofficial Win List*. His Clay County teams have 426 victories (and counting).

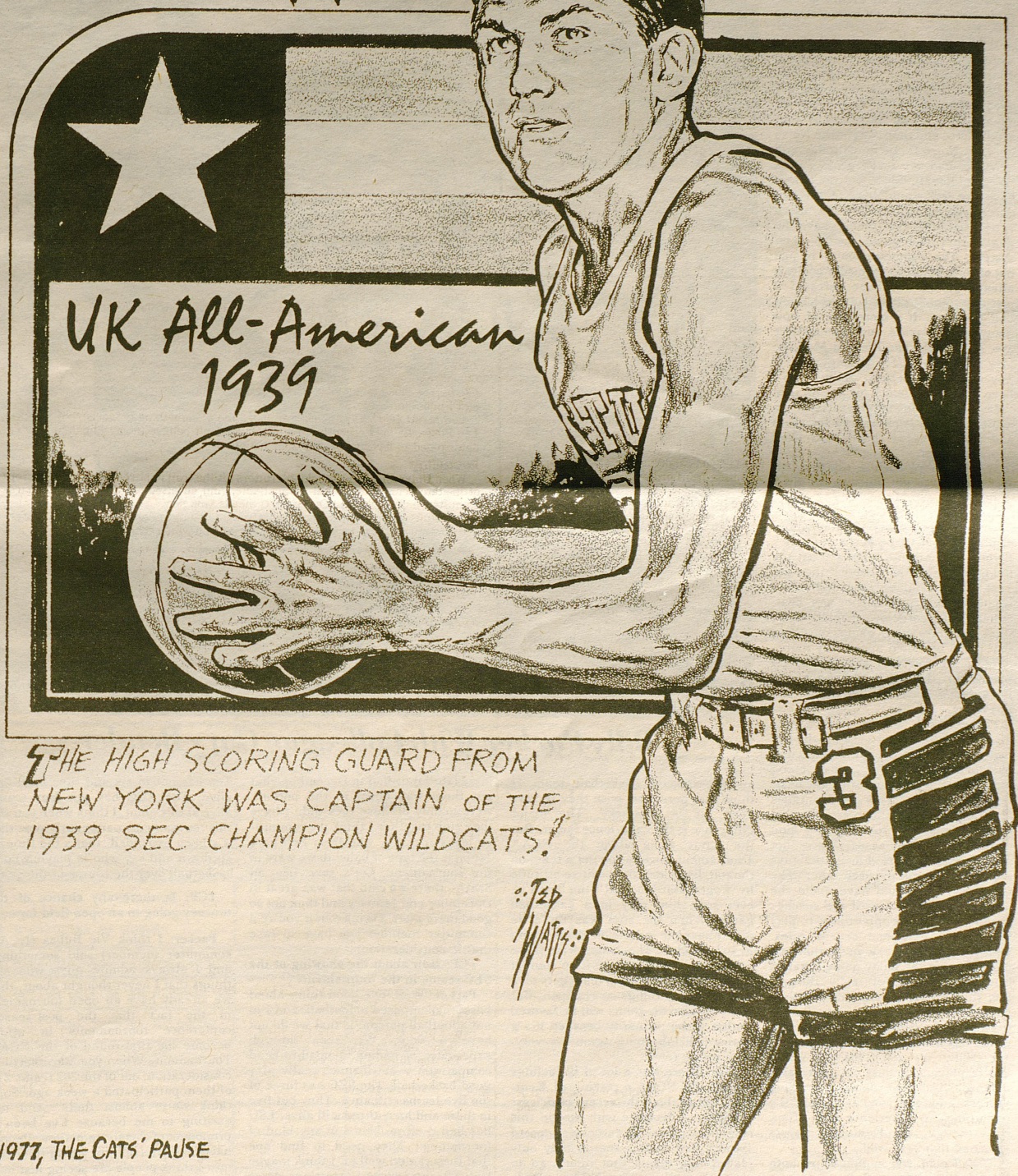
The top 10: 1. Jim Mitchell at Scott High, 620; 2. Marvin Meredith, Russell High, 590; 3. Al Prewitt, Henry Clay, 528; 4. Joe Harper, Wayne County 507; 5. Don Parsons, Madisonville 495; 6. Berny Miller, Paducah Tilghman, 484; 7. Russ Day, Bourbon County 474; 8. Lyle Dunbar, Christian County 432; 9. Craynor Slone, Ashland Blazer 431; and Keith.

#### Parting shot

Noting that Bobby Knight got a 1-game suspension for throwing a chair across the court during the Indiana-Purdue game this season, Minnesota basketball coach Jim Dutcher was asked what penalty he thought he or another Big Ten coach might get for the same offense.

"Probably life," Dutcher replied.

# Bernard Oppen



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# Tourney Chatter

## Billy Packer Talks About NCAA, Kentucky

The following is an exclusive TCP interview with CBS-TV commentator Billy Packer:

**TCP:** What are your feelings after Saturday's games about the NCAA Tournament?

**Packer:** Well, we've had nothing but good ballgames. I watched ESPN all day yesterday and saw nothin' but good games and then caught the North Carolina-Notre Dame game today and today we had two really great games (West regional). Since we no longer have the first-round byes, I think it makes these games just so much better because the teams have all gotten that one game out of their system. The competitiveness is just out of sight when you consider who has already played and been defeated. I just don't know where college basketball is going. It's incredible of how many good players and teams there are. I see a kid like Richard Madison play today and we're talking about a guy with All-American ability who's been sitting on a bench for a team. But today he comes in and plays like he's a senior that has been around for years and years. I was just thrilled with what happened today.

**TCP:** Is there such a thing as an upset when you get down to the final 16 teams?

**Packer:** I think Georgetown, because of their maturity and the caliber of players that they have and Patrick Ewing, they are the team against the field. I would be surprised if they get beat. They could be extended, but I would be surprised if they get beat. Other than Georgetown I really don't think there are many games out there that could be called upsets any more.

**TCP:** So you feel the first-round games in the tourney, without the byes, helps the teams get rid of the jitters?

**Packer:** Yeah, I think that it now gives an advantage to a team, who has had a good year. I really thought the bye for many years . . . that if you didn't have to play you can't get beat. But there were so many disadvantages of sitting out that all important day and it made the second round games kind of dull in a lot of cases. We're not seeing that any more; I mean the guys are really going after each other. The one thing that would have made the games even better was if the coaches would have had the opportunity to play this season with one set of rules. Today when Kentucky made that gut move to go in the delay game (against Nevada-Las Vegas) I really thought that they'd have a very difficult time maintaining that because you hadn't practiced all year long under game conditions with the delay. Even though Joe (Hall) was going for the score, you're playing against an aggressive defense. And that decision making process is one that you haven't had the opportunity to experience very often. So I thought the Kentucky players executed that very well.

**TCP:** Could you comment on both St. John's and Kentucky?

**Packer:** St. John's is a superior team to Kentucky in this respect -- they have



*Billy Packer With Colleague Gary Bender*

an experienced basketball team. I think that personnel-wise they're very deep, as is Kentucky. The major difference is the experience factor. But the funny thing about the NCAA Tournament is when you get a team on the roll, like today the positive attitude by (Roger) Harden; that's the best I've ever seen him play in a basketball game. When the shot was there he didn't have the indecision about taking it, so he took it. The passes were there and when he had to force it up court it was there. Sometimes a team gets on a roll and funny things can happen. But in my opinion St. Johns will be favored in that game primarily because it's a senior ballclub going against a very, very young team.

**TCP:** There was a lot of ill feelings toward the NCAA's picking of Kentucky. What about the recent criticism?

**Packer:** I disagree with that in this respect: I think Kentucky's record showed that in this season they only played five teams that didn't go to post-season play, either NCAA or NIT. They are a club that had a lot of adversity early in the year. Those

losses that they had in December, that put them way down in the bottom, were mainly because they didn't have their club together. I think the committee looks at that -- who from February 1st on is the type of ballclub we want in the tournament. Let's take like an SMU -- there's a club that was great in December and January and then not so good there after. I think that if you're a committee member you have to take that in consideration.

**TCP:** How about the showing of the SEC teams in the tournament?

**Packer:** Well, one good thing about basketball opposed to football, and I'm not a football person, is that we do not have a vote. We see, through experience of games in head-to-head competition, what leagues really play good basketball. The SEC has three of the five teams still alive. They put five in there and have three still alive. LSU has had their problems in any kind of tournament. They need to find one that they can do well in. I think maybe Dale (Brown) ought to start one down there in Louisiana so that he can win one just to break that string. The Big

Ten has put in six and they have one alive. The ACC has got four teams alive at this point. I think when you see this tournament, particularly now that it's been expanded, that's the time to sit down and say who is playing good basketball over the course of the year.

**TCP:** Is there any chance of the tourney going to an open field format?

**Packer:** I think Vic Bubas (NCAA committee member) said something, and I always admire guys who say things that I never thought about, that we already have an open tournament in the fact that the post-season conference tournaments in affect become the first-round of the NCAA Tournament. When you take that into consideration, out of the 282 teams 211 of them participated a week ago. So, I think we're almost there. And it's exciting to me because I've been a proponent of this for sometime. People have made fun of it for a long time and now I think people are seeing just how much better it's making collegiate basketball.

## Joe B. Hall

The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments after his team defeated Washington 66-58 in first-round of the NCAA West regionals at Salt Lake City, Utah:

**Coach Hall:** They got some scoring from some places that we didn't think they would -- like (Paul) Fortier. Fortier in the second half really mixed us up and we kept saying that he's not going to hit another one and we'll keep with our game plan. But he hit another one and another one and another one; he was very dangerous. We were patient offensively and we stuck to our plan and our players executed well. We avoided turnovers. I thought Washington was a foul prone team and we tried to get them into the foul situation, which we did. We didn't think that we would get (Clay) Damon into foul trouble, but that certainly helped us. (Christian) Welp being in foul trouble was a big key in the game.

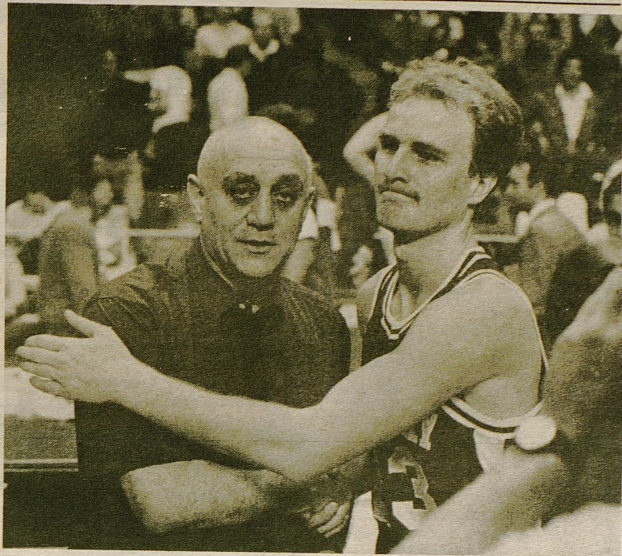
**Richard Madison** gave you a spark, was that your feelings?

**Coach Hall:** I have talked about him ever since the Auburn game, when he got his injury, and how he was coming

along at the end of the season. He was going to be a key to our ballclub had he not had the injury. I was sure of it because he's such a fine athlete and such a good player. After he came back, physically he appeared to be alright. He played very well as far as his movement and his stability on that knee. It was remarkable in the quickness that he came back. But he lost a little bit psychologically. Tonight I put him in and the first time that he entered I did not think he was playing well. When he went back in it looked like he had his confidence and was settled in. He played super. His 10 points and not a miss from the field and three rebounds were a key in the ballgame.









**Could you comment on Kenny Walker's play?**

**Coach Hall:** His first half was phenomenal. He really played like an all-American. Although he didn't get the ball that much in the second half, they were really battling him and was drawing a lot of fouls. He hit 13 of 15 free throws and had 10 rebounds. It was a real battle inside and he led both teams with 10 rebounds.



Tarkanian And Harden Meet

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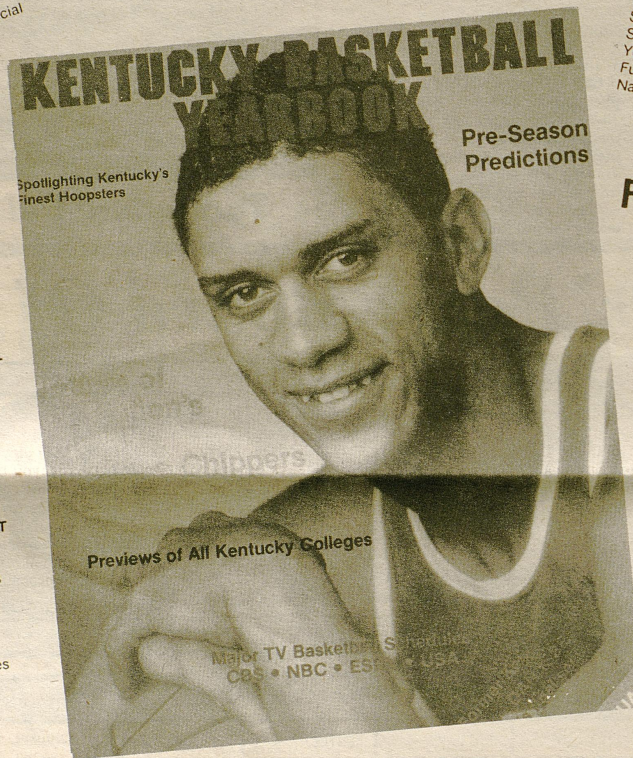
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# Hagan Favors "Big Four" With IU, UL And ND

If Details Can Be Ironed Out

Kentucky, Indiana, Louisville and Notre Dame could begin an annual college basketball doubleheader as early as next season if details can be worked out during the NCAA Final Four in Lexington.

The four basketball powers have been considering the possibility of an annual event for several months.

"I would like to see it happen," says Cliff Hagan, UK athletics director. "If we can agree on sites and the format, I think it could all come about next year."



## Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Several proposals for the series have been mentioned. They include:  
 — Having the four teams come together for a two-day, four-game event. Friday could pair Kentucky against Louisville while Indiana would meet Notre Dame. The next night Kentucky could play Notre Dame while Indiana played Louisville.  
 — Having a one-night doubleheader with the teams alternating opponents each year.  
 — Playing a one-night doubleheader each year at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.  
 — Playing a two-day, four-game series at the Hoosier Dome.  
 — Rotating a one-night doubleheader between the four schools.

The last idea is the one Hagan favors.

"I think the whole series is a tremendous idea and my suggestion has been that we all sit down and talk about it during the Final Four," says Hagan. "It would be of some disadvantage to Kentucky and Louisville to play in the Hoosier Dome each year.

"This is going to count as a regular season game and it will take away one game from Rupp Arena. I'm sure Bobby Knight would like to play two games in the Hoosier Dome each year but we can't do that. There is no neutral court in Indiana for Kentucky or Louisville."

Hagan feels moving the series would make the event even more special each year. "We could start in the Hoosier Dome," says Hagan. "Then we could come to Rupp Arena. The next year if Notre Dame didn't want to host it we could go back to the Hoosier Dome."

Then, with a laugh, Hagan adds, "And if Louisville doesn't feel like it wants the event, we could always come back to Rupp Arena again the following year."

The Hoosier Dome, though, can seat the most fans and supporters argue it would generate more revenue for each school.

Hagan disagrees and explains, "The tickets can be scaled to bring out the same dollars at every facility. If they charge \$6 in Indiana we could charge \$12 or whatever to make it come out the same."

If Hagan had his way the four schools would agree on a one-night doubleheader in late November that would open the cage season.

"I don't think a two-game, two-night deal is that attractive to any of us," says Hagan. "And we can work the schedule out. We wouldn't want to play Indiana in Indianapolis and Bloomington the same year but we can work those things out."

"I think we have a product we can showcase for the entire nation. And if we can agree on locations I really believe you could see the series start next season."

But if a snag does develop, don't look for a doubleheader involving Kentucky, Louisville and the other in-state schools.

"I'm sure somebody is going to ask why we can't do the same thing in our own state," says Hagan. "One, we couldn't get the national television dollars for that series the way we could for one involving Kentucky, Louisville, Indiana and Notre Dame."

"Two, we would want all the games at Rupp Arena and the other schools wouldn't go for that. I wouldn't blame them but we wouldn't give up home games. That's two reasons an in-state series wouldn't work."

But pairing rivals Indiana, Louisville, Kentucky and Notre Dame will work. The series will bring revenue and national attention to all four schools.

Just imagine having Joe Hall, Bobby Knight, Denny Crum and Digger Phelps in the same arena. What a night it would be.

And, if all goes well at the Final Four, it could happen in November.

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UK BASKETBALL players spend many hours each season signing autographs and speaking to various groups. That's one reason Kentucky

basketball remains so successful.

Recreation Director Richard Glasscock annually brings UK players to his Little League Recognition Day in Danville, Ky. The event has become such a hit that last year's program drew a crowd of 2,500.

This year Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett and Ed Davender will be the feature attractions at his program April 14.

Ten years ago Rick Robey became the first Wildcat to speak at the program. Since then Glasscock has brought an impressive list of speakers to Danville, which is 35 miles southeast of Lexington.

Past speakers have been Robey and Givens, 1977; Robey, Kyle Macy and James Lee, 1978; Dwight Anderson and Dwane Casey, 1979; Fred Cowan and Sam Bowie, 1980; Master and Hurt, 1981 and 1982; Master, Walker and Dicky Beal, 1983; and Bennett and Walker, 1984.

"All the players have been tremendous," says Glasscock. "I'll never forget the emotional speech Fred Cowan gave. It was a real inspiration."

"And Hurt and Master got to showing off in 1981 and kissed half the girls and women in the audience. Last year, though, was something else. I never dreamed Walker and Bennett would break dance. The kids really loved that."

The dancing was so popular that Glasscock knows the audience will expect a repeat performance next month. He laughs and says, "I just hope Davender doesn't mind because I know the other two won't. They were great."

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UK COACH Joe Hall has no use for the Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament. He feels it takes away from regular season play and drains a team's emotions and stamina as it prepares for the NCAA.

LSU Coach Dale Brown has an idea Hall might like. Brown would like to see the SEC regular season champion receive a guaranteed berth in the NCAA and not have to go to the conference tourney.

"The other nine SEC teams would play in the conference tournament," says Brown. "You would have a playoff between the ninth- and 10th-place teams on the ninth-place team's home court with the winner joining the seven other teams in the conference tournament."

Currently the bottom four teams have to play on the first day of the tourney while the top six teams receive byes. The first day survivors have to play the regular season champion and runner-up.

Brown's idea sounds okay. The problem would be getting the NCAA to agree. And if it did agree, why play the tournament at all because there is no way two SEC teams can be guaranteed NCAA berths.

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MARK LOGAN and Cornell Burbage were the fastest UK football players at the recent "Pro Day" workouts.

Each year pro scouts are given one day to measure, weigh and time the UK gridders. This year, though, the players had to run in a light rain and one group did not run because of the weather.

Logan, a sophomore running back, and Burbage, a sophomore receiver, each had a best time of 4.4 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Jim O'Neal, a sophomore wide receiver, turned in a 4.41 clocking while senior defensive back Barry Alexander was timed in 4.45.

Outstanding freshman running back Mark Higgs also had a best of 4.45 in his three tries.

Another name to remember, redshirt freshman linebacker Chris Chenault, was clocked in 4.45. The 6-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 226-pound Chenault should challenge for playing time next year at linebacker.

Defensive backs Russell Hairston and Tony Mayes ran 4.59 and 4.65, respectively, in their fastest dashes while junior defensive end Brian Williams turned in a 4.6. Receiver Eric Pitts also ran a 4.6 while freshman defensive back Ron Mack was timed in 4.63. Quarterback Bill Ransdell had a best time of 4.9.

One player who didn't run was freshman fullback Ivy Joe Hunter. He was hampered by a groin pull.

Offensive tackle Vernon Johnson bench pressed 430 pounds, the highest total on the team. Johnson, a 6-4, 259-pound junior, ran the 40 in 4.93.

Freshman Dermotti Dawson bench pressed 415 pounds but was clocked in 4.7 for the 40. Dawson, listed at 244 pounds last year, also weighed 253 pounds.

The tallest and heaviest Wildcat is transfer Jesse Newkirk. The 6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  junior tackle weighed 294 pounds.

Fullback Chris Derry, one of the hardest hitters on the team, bench pressed 355 pounds. The 6-0, 233-pound Derry also ran the 40 in 4.9.

The pro scouts timed the current UK seniors who are hoping to be drafted by the NFL. George Adams continued to impress the scouts with his ability and looks like a certain first-round draft choice.

Even former Wildcat Terry Henry showed up to work out for the pro scouts, who took a long look at junior defensive tackle Jon Dumbauld.

Kentucky opens spring practice March 27 and will conclude drills with the annual Blue-White game April 27.

# Tournaments Won't Be Wiped Out

## McDonald No Longer Wants Tournaments In One Week

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alice McDonald said last week that she now has no plans to change the scheduling of the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments for the remainder of her term, which ends in 1988.

Two months ago, McDonald had openly suggested that next year's tournaments should be played during the same week, forcing them to compete with each other for audiences. McDonald offered that proposal to the Kentucky High School Athletic

Association last week, and served to throw this week's State Tournament up for grabs in the process.

The two most surprising losers: Seneca and Scott County, regarded most of the season as Kentucky's top two teams.

Cold shooting did Scott County in, causing it to fall 46-36 to Oldham County in the Eighth Region final last Tuesday at Henry County. Scott County hit only six of 21 shots in the second half as its record fell to a still-outstanding 30-3.

"Couldn't get a thing to drop," Scott County coach Everett "Mutt" Varney said. "That's probably the worst second half we've had all year."

The win allowed Oldham County to exact a year's worth of revenge. Last season the same two teams met in the region final. But last season, Oldham County was the region favorite, and Scott County did the upsetting. "We've been thinking about that all year," Oldham County forward Jim Griffin said.

To hear Seneca coach Glenn Collie tell it, he'll be seeing referees in his sleep all year.

Seneca, ranked all year among America's best high school teams, entered its March 8 Seventh Region semifinal game with Eastern sporting a sparkling 32-1 record. And, it hadn't lost to a Kentucky school all year.


Until that night, that is. Though Seneca had pasted Eastern by 21 points three weeks earlier, it fell to Eastern 55-53 in the region semifinal at Fern Creek High. Eastern won the Seventh Region title four days later, nipping Ballard 61-56 to earn its first State Tournament trip since 1957.

Collie gave Eastern its due — but wasn't happy about the way he thought it happened. "It appeared to me that the officials decided it was time for us to lose a ballgame, and they worked on that project the best they could," Collie said.

Collie said the referees' calls against his two stars, Tony Kimbro and Keith Williams, was unfair, especially when compared with the officials' treatment of Eastern's 7-foot center, junior Felton Spencer.

"Tony had three fouls called on him in the first two-and-a-half minutes, and Keith got his third early in the second quarter," Collie said. "Spencer made enough fouls to have fouled out two or three times. The refs obviously made up their minds that they weren't going to foul him out."

Spencer enjoyed a memorable game. He grabbed 15 rebounds and scored 28



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Association's Board of Control as one step toward further adherence to the "six-hour school day" plan that McDonald is working to reinforce.

Last week, however, McDonald told Louisville Courier-Journal columnist Earl Cox that changes in tournament scheduling have become "less of a priority to me."

Sources close to Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins told Cox that Collins asked McDonald to ease off on the state tournament issue. The sources, who asked not to be identified, said it was Collins' fear that the combined efforts of Collins and McDonald to improve Kentucky's educational standard were being tarnished somewhat by public resistance to proposed athletic changes such as that involving the state tournaments.

Tom Mills, commissioner of the KHSAA, said last week that a joint KHSAA committee of the KHSAA and the State of Board of Education convinced McDonald and the board that the many positive byproducts of the state tournaments outweigh the fact that they're played while school is in session, and that the tournaments should not be changed.

The state tournament proposal was just one of many McDonald made to the KHSAA in an attempt to move athletic events and practices outside the six-hour school day. McDonald said the KHSAA "has done 95 percent of what we need."

James Ratcliffe, the chairman of the State Board, said last week. "The State Board and Alice McDonald are committed to a continuation of both boys' and girls' tournaments in the format that satisfies the portion of the population that is most interested in the tournaments. We don't plan to change them."

Among other things, McDonald's concession provides a greater and healthier life expectancy for the girls' tournament, which surely would have suffered in attendance were it forced to compete with the boys' tournament.

And, given that the KHSAA has agreed to move almost all other athletic event outside school time, six days at the outside (the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of both State Tournament sessions) isn't much school time for any student to miss. Very few schools are involved in State Tournament afternoon sessions, anyway. And, one of Kentucky's richest traditions is kept alive and vibrant in the process.

Outstanding job, Alice. Professor Dumas — and high school basketball fans from Paducah to Paintsville — give you an "A"....

**Speaking of Paintsville....** That Eastern Kentucky mountain town has been giddy ever since last Tuesday, when Paintsville High turned back Johnson Central 65-52 to win the 15th Region title and its first berth in the State Tournament since 1933.

Though Paintsville High has only 250 students in grades nine-12 coach Bill Runyon said he anticipated that some 3,000 fans would be in Rupp Arena Thursday at 1 p.m., when Paintsville opposes Fifth Region champ Washington County.

"It's hard to describe what people are feeling up here," Runyon said last Thursday. "It's hectic, and they're excited. But I think they all think it's a little like a dream. It's been so long that a lot of them think if they wake up, it'll be like it didn't really happen. I don't think it's sunk in with anybody yet."

Especially Runyon. He knows all too well about the pain one feels when reality crashes in. As a player at Paintsville in 1974, he helped lead the team to the 15th Region final. But, Paintsville lost to Pikeville. "That really hurt," Runyon said. "I didn't know if this would ever happen."

To make it happen, Paintsville had to beat a Johnson Central club that had beaten it three times earlier in the season. Paintsville had, however, beaten Johnson Central a week earlier in the 57th District championship game.

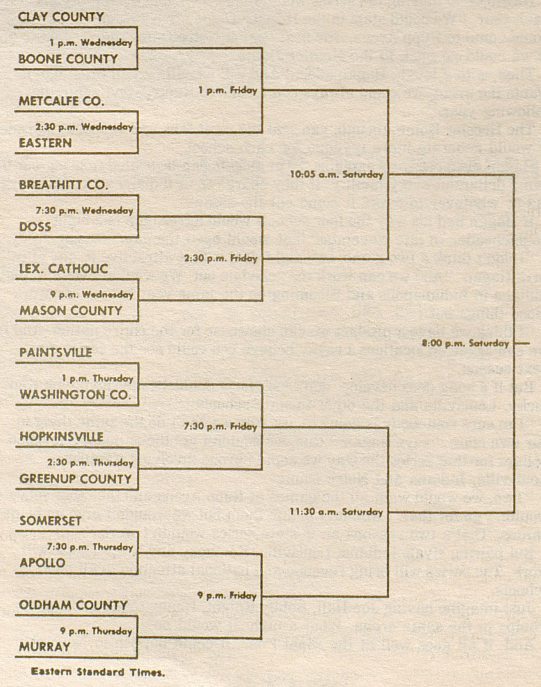
"We're a bigger club than they are, and when they beat us we had let them run," Runyon said. "So in the district and regional, we were determined to slow down the tempo and use our size to our advantage, and it worked."....

But, if you can win, you can lose.... Several regional favorites learned that the

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## Boys' State Tournament pairings

At Lexington, March 20-23





# Chapman Can't Wait Til State Tourney Opener

By J. C. Dumas

Rex Chapman can't wait for Thursday night to come.

At 7:30 p.m. EST on that evening, Chapman will lead his teammates from Apollo High School onto the Rupp Arena floor to face 12th Region champion Somerset in a first-round matchup of the 68th annual Boys' State High School Basketball Tournament.

That would seem special enough in its own right. A 6-foot-4 junior, Chapman doesn't disagree. "Getting to the state will seem like a dream come true," Chapman said last Wednesday.

Yet Chapman will approach the moment with an added measure of reverence. After all, as the son of a coach — Kentucky Wesleyan assistant and former Apollo head coach Wayne Chapman — Rex has spent a lifetime as an incurable "gym rat."

Now, the boy who grew up in Kentucky gyms gets to play in Kentucky's largest and, arguably, most famous gym — Rupp Arena, home of the University of Kentucky Wildcats — end home to the NCAA Final Four later this month.

The thought excites Chapman. "Rupp Arena — I can't wait to play there," he said. "So much has happened there, and the place will be almost full. It's had a lot of history."

Chapman — and Apollo — hope to make history this week. They're hoping to give Apollo its first state title in its third trip to the Sweet Sixteen.

Last Tuesday in Owensboro, Chapman helped Apollo toward another historic event. Before a packed house of over 5,600 fans in the Owensboro Sportscenter, Apollo overcame a nine-point deficit in the final six minutes to overcome arch-rival Owensboro 71-69 in the Third Region championship game.

The loss marked the first time in 35 attempts that Owensboro has been defeated in a regional final. In the other 34, Owensboro earned trips to the State Tournament.

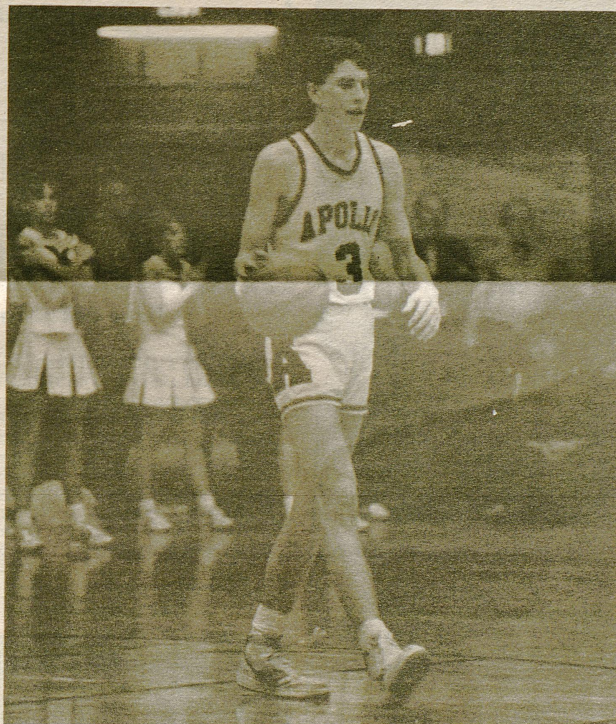
One day later, the hurt felt by Owensboro coach Randy Embry hadn't healed. "It's awfully hard to take," Embry said on Wednesday. "But anytime you play Chapman, anything can happen. He's not only the best junior in the state; he may be one of the best players ever to come out of Kentucky."

Chapman's statistics bear out his versatility. He leads Apollo in scoring with a 27.5 average, and in rebounds with 10 a game. Chapman also is second on the squad in assists (to point guard Greg Baughn), and second in blocked shots. That's significant, since Chapman stands but 6-feet-4 and plays outside as much as inside on defense.

Apollo coach John Whitmer was an assistant under Wayne Chapman in 1978 when Apollo lost its first game of the year in the first round of the state. Whitmer said Chapman's versatility is due in large part to an attribute that sets him apart from most players — aggressiveness.

"He never lets up," Whitmer said of Rex Chapman. "Whether it's the first quarter or the fourth, he keeps after you. He'll

*"He's got all the talent in the world, and he can really jump. And, you have to remember that he's still young. He can still develop and get better," says Vandy Coach C. M. Newton*



**Rex Broke Owensboro's Back In Finals**

dive on the floor for balls, he'll be constantly on you defensively. He's got all the fundamental tools in the world — he plays like you'd expect a coach's son to — but he never quits, either."

Chapman never quit last Tuesday against Owensboro. He scored 39 points, three under his season high of 42 that came against region rival Breckinridge County. Twenty-five of Chapman's points against Owensboro came in the second half, and 19 points came on 21 tries from the free-throw line. Chapman also contributed nine rebounds and a blocked shot.

The talented junior also used his amazing quickness to force Owensboro into defensive mismatches. That allowed him to either use his strong jumping ability to take jumpers or to find teammates Baughn

and center Kevin Hamilton for shots.

Hamilton said having Chapman on his team means "a hell of a lot. We could play without him, I guess. But I don't want to much. When you've got a guy who can pass, dribble, fastbreak, or do anything else he wants to, he makes you and everyone else more effective. And he can get it up from anywhere."

College recruiters have noticed. Last Tuesday at the Sportscenter, three Division I college coaches were in attendance — Denny Crum of Louisville, Clem Haskins of Western Kentucky and C.M. Newton of Vanderbilt. All three would love to see Chapman don their school's colors in the fall of 1986. All three have seen Chapman perform on other occasions this season. Yet all three were impressed enough

that they had to come back for one more look.

All three coaches liked what they saw. "He does everything well," Crum said. "They (Apollo) have a guy that does most of their ballhandling (Baughn), so his skills there are a bit hard to judge. But he's a shooter, and he does everything else pretty well."

Newton, who formerly coached at Transylvania University and Alabama, said Chapman's background has aided immeasurably in his progress. "The biggest thing about him, I think, is his court awareness," Newton said. "That comes, in part, from being a coaches' son. You learn to be more perceptive and aware of other players on the floor."

"He's got all the talent in the world, and he can really jump. And, you have to remember that he's still young. He can still develop and get better."

Haskins agreed somewhat. "Of course, his defense could improve," the Western coach said, "but his offense is so spectacular that it tends to overshadow the fact that he's a decent defensive player."

"Basically, though, he's got speed, quickness, a knowledge of the game. There's really nothing he can't do well."

In time, an underclassman who faced Chapman last Tuesday, David Hogg of Owensboro, may grab a large share of recruiters' attention. Hogg, a 6-4 sophomore, scored 16 points against Apollo, five less than team leader Avery Taylor. But, thanks in part to Chapman's defensive efforts, Hogg missed a five-minute stretch of the second half after being assessed his fourth foul. Apollo's big comeback — which saw it score 13 straight points while holding Owensboro scoreless during a 5:22 stretch — occurred during that period.

"Hogg is going to be a good player, but he's hardly in Rex's class yet," Haskins said. "He's got a lot of good qualities, but he needs time to develop them."

Embry agreed. "Right now, he's good in a lot of areas, but not outstanding in any one area," the coach said of Hogg. "He's a very smooth player, and the more he works, the better he'll get, and the more publicity he'll get."

This week, however, belongs to Chapman. No less an expert than former Owensboro coach Bobby Watson, who took his team to several state tournaments and won the title in 1980, said that with Chapman's leadership, this week may belong to Apollo, too.

"When you've got a player like that to work around, your team can accomplish about anything," Watson said. "You never stop him for very long. His desire keeps you from doing that. He may need a bit more body strength, though his natural maturity may take care of that."

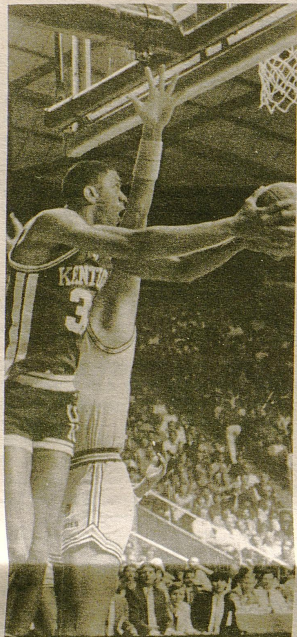
"But there's no doubt he may be one of the best players ever in Kentucky. They very easily could win the state with him out there."

That means, perhaps, that Chapman — as well as the whole Apollo team — can't wait for Saturday night to come, either.

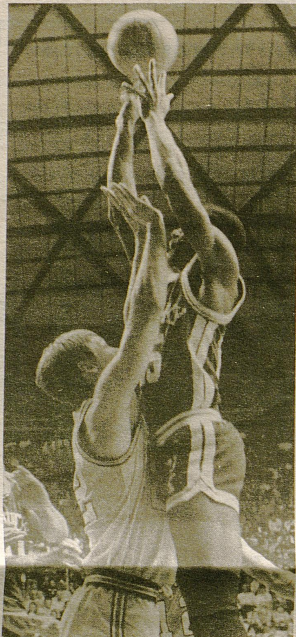
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Winston On The Go

### Cats Foil Harshman's Farewell Party

This was to be the beginning of a gigantic farewell voyage for the grand ole mentor Mary Harshman who has enjoyed one of the most successful coaching careers in NCAA history. It was also to be an exclamation mark to the NCAA's controversial decision to invite a team with a 16-12 mark as an at-large team to the NCAA tournament.

Critics shouted loud and long that the Kentucky Wildcats had no business in the post season tourney. Some critics argued that UK was awarded a bid only because (A) of its long tradition or (B) and more importantly, because UK and Lexington are to play host to the Final Four later this month.

What unfolded near the stroke of midnight from the Special Events Center on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah, was forty minutes of surprises to most of the experts.

### Smaller Cats Outrebound Huskies

Seven-foot sophomore Christian Welp did his part on the boards in the first half for the Huskies, but got little help from his teammates as the shorter Wildcats surprised most with an 18-14 advantage at the midway point as Kenny Walker led the way with five, but got surprising help from guard Ed Davender who yanked four misfires off the boards.

Rebounding and Walker's offensive explosiveness were the reasons why underdog Kentucky held command of a 27-24 lead, despite the Cats' 40.7 percent from the field on 11 of 27 shooting from the field.

Walker was virtually unstoppable. He scored almost at will, canning seven of 10 attempts from the field. In fact, 'Sky' was the only Wildcat (other than Troy McKinley who was true on his only attempt from the floor) to hit half of his shots in the first half.

### More Of The Same In Second Half

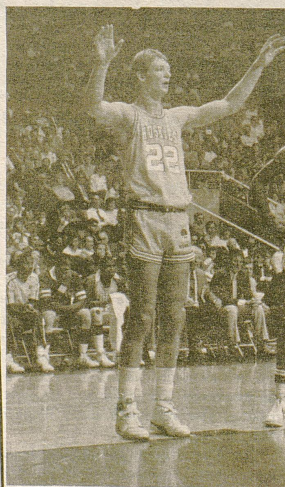
Kentucky's defense of sharp-shooting Detlef Schrempf stiffened in the second half after the West German senior cooled off from his four-for-four accuracy to three of seven in the final twenty minutes. Welp, who tore the Cats' defense apart in the first half for eight points and seven rebounds, was limited to a pair of free throws and only two boards in the final period.

Walker, who scored 16 of his team's 27 first half points, scored but one field goal in the last half, but canned 11 of 12 from the charity strip as the Huskies fouled in their aborted attempt to overcome the Kentucky lead.

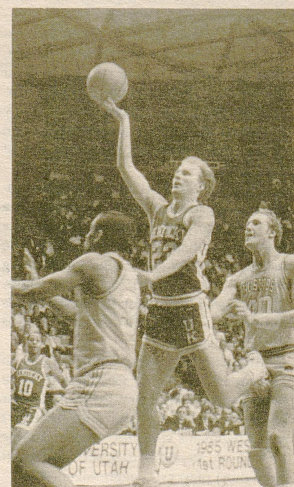
Kentucky, fortunate to be leading at 27-24 at intermission while shooting a pale 40.7 percent, found the going even tougher in the last period, going even colder at 35 percent on only seven of 20.

Still, coach Joe B. Hall's Cats maintained their dominance on the boards and created enough mismatches of their own to hold on for the win. Schrempf, despite his 16 points and seven rebounds, was charged with eight

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE													
Date: March 14, 1985 Site: Salt Lake City, Utah													
VISITORS (Last Name, First)													
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
KENTUCKY													
25	Winston Bennett	1	5	1	2	2	2	3	34	2	2	0	0
34	Kenny Walker	1	8	15	13	15	10	3	29	37	1	1	0
24	Bret Bearup	0	1	5	5	6	6	5	7	26	2	1	0
15	Ed Davender	0	2	8	5	7	4	1	9	30	3	3	0
23	Roger Harden	0	1	5	2	4	3	2	4	33	4	2	0
44	Robert Lock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1
55	Edric Jenkins	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	7	0	0	0
40	Troy McKinley	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0
10	James Blackmon	1	3	0	2	3	1	2	17	0	0	0	3
52	Richard Madison	3	3	4	4	3	1	10	18	0	1	1	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS		18	47	30	40	37	17	66	200	12	11	2	10
FG %: 1st Half		11/27 - 40%		2nd Half		7/20 - 35%		Game		18/47 - 38%		Deadball	
FT %: 1st Half		5/7 - 71%		2nd Half		25/33 - 75%		Game		30/40 - 75%		Rebounds	
HOME													
No.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
WASHINGTON													
22	Detlef Schrempf	1	7	11	2	5	7	4	16	40	5	8	1
33	Paul Fortier	1	7	14	2	8	6	4	16	36	4	0	0
40	Christian Welp	0	4	11	2	2	9	4	10	34	0	0	3
12	Clay Dannon	0	2	5	0	0	2	5	4	24	4	2	0
32	Shag Williams	0	4	8	0	0	7	3	8	35	0	3	0
10	David Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	Kevin Vidato	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	7	1	0	0	0
34	Troy McNeill	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	17	1	2	1
35	Reggie Rogers	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	1
45	J.D. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS		26	55	6	16	35	28	58	200	15	15	6	5
FG %: 1st Half		11/21 - 52%		2nd Half		15/34 - 44%		Game		26/55 - 47%		Deadball	
FT %: 1st Half		2/10 - 20%		2nd Half		4/8 - 50%		Game		6/16 - 37%		Rebounds	
OFFICIALS													
Mike Tanso, David Dodge, Terry Turlington													
SCORE BY PERIODS													
		1st H.		2nd H.		OT		OT		FINAL			
Kentucky		27		39						66			
Washington		24		34						58			
Attendance		7,351											



Detlef Schrempf



Harden Too Quick

turnovers, over half of Washington's total of 15. That was four more than Kentucky's total.

But the big difference came at the free throw line as the patient Kentucky offense settled for the percentage shot, and that in turn meant getting the ball inside to "Sky" Walker who should change his mailing address to the local free throw line.

By the game's end, Kentucky had hit on 30 of 40 free throws, including 17 of its last 20 as the Cats held on for a 66-58 upset of the Huskies.

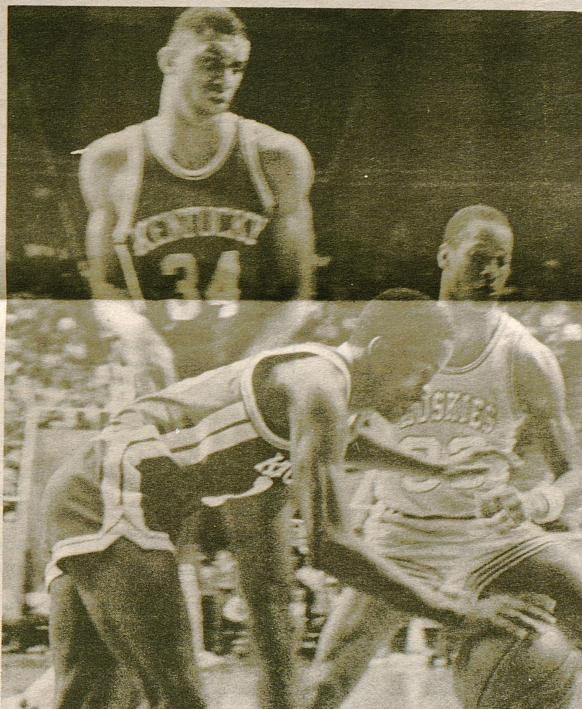
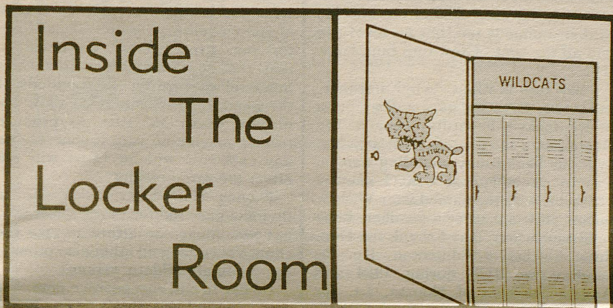
### Walker, Madison Dominate Stats

It was the "Kenny Walker Show" as the 6-8 Roberta, Georgia, junior poured home 29 points and hauled down 10 rebounds as he maintained his lead over Auburn's Chuck Person (SEC scoring race) and Florida's Eugene McDowell (SEC rebounding race). The surprise addition to the UK effort came from freshman Richard Madison (who proclaimed recently (after SEC loss to Florida) that he is now a sophomore and he plans to play that way the rest of the way, Madison came on to score 10 points in 18 minutes of action in a superb effort which had CBS-TV analyst Billy Packer praising his contributions. Madison connected on all three of his field goal attempts, on all four free throw tries and pulled down three rebounds plus a blocked shot.

### Kentucky-Washington Games Notes

Despite only four of 16 shooting from the field, the Wildcat guards give the Wildcat coaching staff plenty to smile about as the guards played excellent defense as evidenced by 10 steals, four by Roger Harden and three each by Ed Davender and James Blackmon who came off the bench and

halted a would-be comeback by the Huskies . . . The game officials included one SEC referee, Mike Tanco. Reportedly, the NCAA has decided to not follow a policy of the past when officials who worked a team's conference games were not permitted to work games of those teams in the NCAA tourney. Harshman, who announced his retirement months ago to take effect with the final game of this season, completed his coaching record at 642 wins and 448 losses. His Huskies finished in a three-way tie with Southern Cal and Arizona for the Big Ten title this season . . . It was a Bret Bearup reunion at the SEC Arena with some thirty relatives and friends in attendance . . . One of the spectators at the West Regional was Bill Walls, executive director of the ABA/USA basketball federation. Walls, who is a close friend of Joe B. Hall, is one of those fellas who lives and sleeps basketball, that being his business. Walls is also close to a number of college coaches. And what an array of coaches were participating in the West Regional first and second rounds in Salt Lake City. It was like a Who's Who of College Basketball coaches with Jerry Tarkanian at UNLV, Joe B. Hall of Kentucky, Eddie Sutton or Arkansas, Lou Carnesecca of St. John's, Marv Harshman of Washington, George Ravling of Iowa, among others . . . Words were once again exchanged by Harshman and Tarkanian. Bad blood broke out during the 1980 Pan Am games coached by Harshman. Harshman reportedly said two UNLV players showed up with credit cards which the players said came from Tark. At the West Regional last week, Tark said he couldn't believe that Harshman could make such an accusation, calling Marv a fraud. Tark added, "People believe him (Harshman) because he's got gray hair. He looks like a statesman." . . . The 7,351 fans who watched the UK-Washington battle was the second lowest crowd to watch the Cats play this season. The low came in Oxford, Mississippi, when only 5,479 showed up to watch Kentucky and Ole Miss.



### Bret Bearup

(About Washington's strength inside)

They were extremely tough and talented inside. They were rough and went to the boards well and they gave us as big a challenge we've faced all year.

(About being happy with the win)

I'm very happy. A lot of people said that we didn't belong in the top 64 teams in the country and we didn't deserve a bid. Now we're down to the top 32 teams in the country. So we've really proved that we deserve to be in here.

### James Blackmon

(About his two steals against the Huskies)

I just came in and tried to play aggressive. Coach (Joe) Hall wanted us to pick up (Detlef) Schrempf when he brought the ball down court. So I just tried to play aggressive defense on him.

(About the team picking up the tempo defensively once he was inserted into the lineup)

Well, I was coming off the bench and I was fresh and I had to try and pick them up to change the pace of the game. I'm glad I came out to help the team and get the momentum going.

(About if the high altitude affecting UK)

No, I don't think so.

### Cedric Jenkins

(About being surprised about playing against Washington)

A little bit, but I enjoyed it thoroughly.

(About going up against Washing-

ton's strong front line)

We haven't faced too many seven-footers. Everybody hustled and played as a team and we just pulled it off.

### Ed Davender

(About facing the pressure situation as a freshman in the NCAA tourney)

It's just something that, I was put in that situation to go to the line and hit those free throws. And I think that I went up to the line with the attitude that I was going to hit those free throws. Freshmen become sophomores in situations like that.

(About the team playing relaxed)

I think so (playing relaxed), but we're still taking everything seriously because we want to advance as far as we possibly can. I think we came out tonight and played kind of loose and we got the ball to Kenny (Walker). He went to work in the first half. I think things opened up for us in the second half.

(About being able to hold on to the lead for the win)

It gives us a lot of confidence because now we're in a tougher situation, but we know we're not going to fold. We opened up the game and had a big lead then they came back. At the end of the game we hit some clutch free throws and got some clutch steals. I think things like that show a good sign for us.

(About the SEC doing well in the national tournament)

In the SEC they're a lot of good teams and I think they're going to prove that.

### Roger Harden

(About pushing the ball up the

court)

I have a lot of fun doing that. I like getting the ball and pushing it up the floor and lookin' for my bread and butter man -- 'Walk' -- inside. He helps my assist column quite a bit. I like doing that and that's my job. That's my role here on the team.

(About missing 2 of 3 free throws)

I think I need to concentrate more. I got a little bit too cocky after I hit the first one. I think I just relaxed a little bit and stopped concentrating. I was feeling good at that time. It pretty much seemed that we were going to win the game unless we really turned the ball over. I think I need to concentrate a little bit more and keep my head in the game at the free throw line.

(About if the win proves that UK belongs in the tournament)

I guess so, in the eyes of the

University of Florida and those other universities that were sceptical about us. I knew we could come out here and beat Washington and I'm awful confident that we can give UNLV all they want.

(About if he was surprised that UK hit the clutch free throws down the stretch to seal the victory)

No, not really when you got guys like 'Walk' and Eddie (Davender) at the free throw line and even Richard (Madison). Richard's proven himself in a few games this year to be very effective at the free throw line in the clutch, so I had a lot of confidence in our fellows tonight.

(About Richard Madison)

He was very effective for us tonight. He hit that jumper and had a few key rebounds on the defensive end. He was awesome. His play really contributed to the win in a great proportion.



# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor

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### Fan Let Down

Dear Sir:

I have been a fan of the Kentucky Wildcats since 1941 and wherever I was stationed, I kept up with the games.

This year has been a great let down not only to the fans but to the players as well. I really feel sorry for the two seniors that only got to play this year. Troy McKinley, a fine player and an outstanding outside shooter, wasn't even a starter this year. The other players were good but you can't depend on getting the ball to Kenny Walker all the time. Kenny is an outstanding player and I hope he finishes his senior year before turning pro. The Final Four to be played in Lexington's Rupp Arena and the U.K. team watching from the sidelines.

I hate to see the basketball team go down, but lets face it, they are on the way down. They are not even on the top twenty listing this year or in the future.

Sincerely,

James M. Insko  
Warner Robins, Ga.

P.S. I agree with Sam Shepherd of Pineville, Ky. Troy McKinley sure couldn't shoot from the bench, yet a freshman guard was always put in.

### Question Too Easy

Dear Sir

Aw c'mon, ask a hard one. Your javelin-champion-turned-TV-star is Michael Landon. I knew that when I was younger than the current crop of Wildcats. He was then Little Joe and my adolescent heartthrob in the (pre-Beagle) era.

My favorite Wildcat? He can be no other than Kenny Walker. The day after the Vandy game in Nashville, I went to work humming, "To all the Cats I've loved before. . .you're great but Kenny's something more." And my basketball consciousness began shortly before I arrived at UK for freshman year in the season of Rupp's Runts. (What a way to get hooked, right?)

In spite of growing up in Louisville, I had no idea Kentucky was a basketball power until the day my father turned in an SEC Game of the Week and when Adolph Rupp was introduced he got a big ovation from the crowd -- and he was the visiting coach at this particular game. When I remarked on the uncommon display of sportsmanship, my father remarked "That's because he's the greatest basketball coach of all time." As a teen-ager I was already indoctrinated in the idea of Kentucky's

inferiority -- partly from my cousins in Cincinnati, partly from the "Kentuckians don't wear shoes" and "Kentuckians have one leg shorter than the other from walking on those mountains" canards -- that the idea of Kentucky being first in something landed on me with the impact of a bomb. So I began to pay attention to this phenomenon of greatness originating from within the borders of Kentucky and in all these years I've never seen a player more exciting than Kenny.

So I hope I win the picture. But no matter, I do love The Cats' Pause anyway. You're such a lifesaver to a lonely basketball fan down here in the swamp. I mentioned to my husband one day, "I think I know why basketball isn't more popular down here -- basketball season conflicts with Mardi Gras." He replied, "It's not that -- it's just hard to dribble a basketball in mud." Sometimes the Cats' Pause is the only newspaper I can get with a Kentucky game story in it. I also take the Sunday Courier-Journal -- but that doesn't do me much good when the Cats play on any day other than Saturday. And the New Orleans Times-Picayune has such an early deadline for the downstate edition that night games don't get into the next day's issue at all. That leaves the Houma Daily Courier, which is an afternoon paper but which very rarely mentions Kentucky games at all. Understandable in view of the readership you might say -- except that they ignore most of LSU's games too!

Good thing, I guess, that I mentioned Michael Landon in the first paragraph and Sky Walker in the second. As long as this letter has run, I wonder if I didn't lose you three-quarters of a page ago?

Sincerely,

Angela Stockton  
Houma, LA

### An Irish True Blue

Dear Sir:

Last year, it was rumored that Al McGuire was trying to step into Joe B. Hall's shoes.

Yes, that gossip even reached here (Ireland) and I'm at least five thousand miles away. What is it this year?

Is the man from Mars going to coach Sky Walker and company? Tsk, Tsk, Tsk. Give it a rest -- you disloyal fans. Joe B. Hall is under enough pressure as it is. He can take it, because he's a great coach, but I'm Irish and I won't. I'm also a true blue, so for the record, I support Coach Hall and our Wildcats all the way. Did you notice something? I didn't say I support Hall and our team halfway. Not even part or some of the way. I go all the way with UK. There is no other way.

Also, Oscar Combs is correct when he reports: "Since his arrival three years ago, Claiborne has preached the power of positive thinking." Yes, Kentucky's wide-tackle six defense magnificent against Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl, so Coach Jerry Claiborne is another hero to me. How do I know what went on in the game? Well, I read The Cats' Pause. It's the best sports paper I've ever read, but then, I am a true blue. The paper is for those who are interested in Kentucky's athletic programs. Others are entitled to their opinions too, but no team can win all the time. Grown up fans know that.

I like Bob Watkins. Why? Because, in his first piece, he gave a description of Kentucky's beautiful scenery. The Bluegrass is gorgeous. Also, Mr. Watkins likes funny sounding names. Twenty years ago at U.K. I knew a character with the name Lister Witherpoon. How's that for a moniker, Bob?

In conclusion, may I thank the Hon. John Blevins of Edmonton, Ky. for sending me TCP during 1984 and Angela Stockton of Houma, La. for renewing the subscription for 1985. Angela is a Southern Belle from Ole Kentucky. She keeps the Commonwealth flag flying in the deep South and supports Joe B. Hall one hundred percent.

I wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day and good huntin' U.K.

Sincerely,

Thomas McEvoy  
Loughshinny, Skerries  
Co. Dublin, Ireland

### Proud Of '85 Team

Dear Sir:

Although I have lived in Kentucky twenty-four years and have been married twenty-three years to a Kentuckian, a U.K. fan born and bred, I became a convert to U.K. basketball "fandom" Jay Shidler's freshman year.

My husband and some of our friends made it a habit of gathering in our home to watch the NCAA tournament. I, being an Illinois native, was always in the other room watching the Illinois State High School Tournament, which inevitably was scheduled simultaneously with U.K.'s tournament appearances. In 1976, I recall watching Jay and his Lawrenceville, IL. teammates win the state championship and being truly impressed with Jay's sterling performance.

Why Coach Hall is allowed to ruin such good recruits as Shidler, Hord, and others is beyond my comprehension! Why boast of terrific recruiting years, as U.K. has a coach who does not know how to make constructive use of those players?

I realize games do not always go according to the game plan, but a good coach will adjust the game plan to the situation at hand. Joe B.'s decision to begin pressing with U.K. down by 14 and 1:07 left in the game is poor coaching. Any team with a fairly comfortable lead will continue enjoying a comfortable lead when not being harassed and hassled by a pressing defense.

One bit of constructive criticism I'd like to offer to Coach Hall -- develop a team that is allowed to retain a degree of individuality, a little "street-fighter" (or "street-player", if you will) so that the guys can draw from their inner-selves during critical periods of the games. Joe B. does not allow his players heart. He tries to produce robotic machines; and anyone knows any endeavor without heart will not effect the same results.

Playing for U.K. must be a dream-come-true for those select few, but how many can afford to take the chance of ruining an otherwise promising collegiate athletic career?

I'd like to end on a positive note. I'm very proud of this year's team. I, like many, did not expect them to have a winning season. One contributing factor to their success, I feel, is that the press and the pollsters did not unfairly rank Kentucky pre-season, as is often the case. For most, it is not enough for U.K. to have a good season -- they must be near-perfect. Such unbelievable pressure is put on the players. We need a coach who will ease that pressure and who will help bring each player to his potential.

Sincerely,

Joyce Wright  
Murray, Kentucky

### Enough Criticism

Dear Sir:

My family and myself have been avid UK fans for quite sometime and sincerely appreciate the efforts of you and your staff, who bring all of us fans such a fine publication.

I noticed that "Viewpoint" had not been published for quite some time and to be honest, I was relieved. The nature of your publication should be an usually is a positive creative out picture of the entire UK sports department. I feel that in most cases, the letters of viewpoint are of a negative nature and sometimes present an ignorant view of those of us who follow Joe B. and Jerry.

I believe in the freedom of press, motherhood, and the Kentucky Wildcats, but not necessarily in that order. Also, I've never been of the mind that believes in censorship, at least until now. In order to keep your publication

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# Were Sloan's Gators Overlooked?

Selections Still Tough Even With 64 Spots

With the NCAA Tournament expanding to a record number 64 teams this season, the vast majority of schools would appear to be sufficient. The NCAA selection committee certainly has the unenviable task of choosing teams worthy of a tournament bid. But, they definitely drew the ire of Florida coach Norm Sloan when the committee decided to leave out the Gators.

Sloan accused the committee of collusion (according to a USA Today story), citing politics as one of the main reasons why the school was not selected. The veteran coach couldn't understand why Kentucky, with a 16-12 record, received a bid while his team, sporting a 18-11 mark (including two wins over UK), was not invited to the 64-team party. The NCAA committee said Kentucky got in on the merits of its schedule. The assumption there is that strength of schedule served as the main determinant in the selection process.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

A comparison of Florida's schedule with those of two teams that did make the NCAA field — Miami (Ohio) and Old Dominion — suggests that Sloan may have felt justifiably slighted by being snubbed. It's hard to figure how Miami and Old Dominion were selected instead of Florida, especially when the committee heavily emphasizes the strength of schedules. Furthermore, by participating in the SEC, Florida is a member of a much stronger league than either the Mid-American (Miami) or the Sun Belt (Old Dominion).

The non-conference opponents appearing on Miami's schedule did include Purdue, Cincinnati, Indiana, and Dayton (two games). Against NCAA Tournament teams, Miami was below the .500 mark with a 3-4 record with victories over Purdue, Dayton, and Ohio University. Although the Redskins won 20 games, this team still lost six games to the likes of Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois, Ball State, and Xavier (Ohio).

Florida, on the other hand, didn't play as many tough non-conference opponents as Miami. But the Gators had a 4-1 record facing Florida State (two games), Indiana, Arizona, and South Florida. Miami did gain an edge in playing better quality non-conference competition. But performing in the SEC gives Florida a huge advantage. One telling statistic is that, Florida played 12 games against teams in the NCAA Tournament, while Miami only faced six.



Sloan And Dean After Win Over UK

It's hard to believe that the NCAA committee didn't take this statistic into consideration in evaluating Florida. Finally, Florida didn't lose to lesser-caliber teams like Northern Illinois or Ball State all year. In other words, if Florida was in the same conference as Miami, the Gators definitely would win 20 games and would only have to face Ohio University twice for its only major source of competition.

In analyzing Old Dominion, the Monarchs did play the same amount of games against NCAA Tournament entrants as Florida. Also, by advancing to the final game of the Sun Belt Conference tournament, ODU finished the season with one more win (19) than Florida, with both having 11 losses.

But, Old Dominion piled up a majority of its wins in a rather weak Sun Belt league while Florida had to scramble against stronger SEC foes. The SEC is sending seven teams to either the NCAA or NIT tournaments, but the Sun Belt only has three teams in post-season play.

Both Miami, and Old Dominion are respectable teams and finished the season with decent records. However, Florida would have been a better selection for the tournament because they played a tougher overall schedule by simply performing in the SEC.

## Postgame Comments

ASSOCIATE COACH  
LEONARD HAMILTON

(About being pleased with the overall play of UK)

Anytime you can go as far as we've gone after having the adversity that we've had earlier in the year with the injuries and trying to put together a young club, it just makes you feel real good to see the kids still having that same fight and same spirit, working hard and playing well together. I thought the team work was good. They responded to Coach Hall and the instructions that they had. I thought that the kids communicated real well with the coach and executed real well. We made a few mistakes but none of the mistakes we made were because of lack of effort.

(About the team getting tired toward the end of the game)

They did get a little tired, but here again we were playing an awful good ballclub in UNLV. They have tremendous quickness and have a lot of depth. I think when you have a team like that it kind of wears you down. I thought we did show a little (fatigue).

Ed got tired toward the end and Roger got tired. But Roger really gutted it out. We knew he was tired, but he didn't want to come out of the game. He came back with one great play and one great play after another. You just can't say enough about Ed, James... We've gotten good play from our bench. It seems like every kid that has come into the game has given us a boost and has contributed. I noticed at halftime every kid on the team had a rebound that had played. That was significant. I mean everyone was in the game; everyone wanted to do their part. I'm just pleased and I hope that we can continue to work. There's no telling what goals we can accomplish.

(About this team being able to face the pressure situations)

They showed some maturity tonight. They reacted to the pressure real well and showed the mark of a team that has played a long season and have profited from their mistakes. I'm just pleased. I couldn't be more happy.

ED DAVENDER

(About the two recent wins proving that Kentucky does belong in the tournament)

I don't want to really get into nothing like that. A lot of people didn't think we belonged here, but I think we proved them wrong this past week.

(About driving the baseline on the UNLV defense)

The first time I went baseline they gave it to me. So I just said, they gave it to me the first time I might as well keep on trying to do it. They didn't cut me off or anything, so I just sort of took advantage of it.

(About not losing his confidence after missing some shots early)

I don't never lose my confidence because that's something that the coaches always tell me -- to keep shooting. It's just something that I try not to let get me down. I just kept on firing.

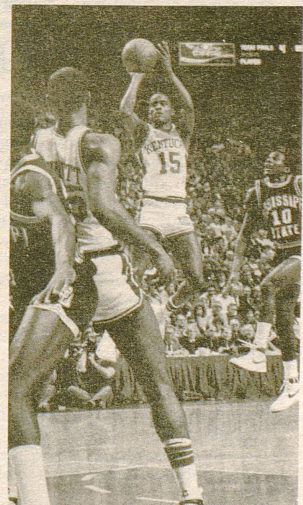
(About if this was the biggest win in his basketball career)

This one here takes it all, especially against UNLV.

(About playing your hometown city's school -- St. John's)

I'm looking forward to having a lot of fun, like always. But we're going to

take this game real seriously, but it's going to be a lot of fun going out there and playing against guys I played against on the playgrounds.



Uptown Ed



Adams Awaits Draft

## Kentucky Pro Day



Frank Hare Shows Pro Scouts His Speed



Williams Fights Back

## Nick Nicholas

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themselves almost out of the league race.

Vanderbilt won the first game 4-1 and captured the second when the home team scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh for an 8-7 victory.

Wednesday before the Vandy trip, behind the no-hit pitcher distributed by three different hurlers, UK shutout Georgetown College 6-0 in a rain-shortened contest at Shively Field.

Randy Clark drilled a three-run homer over the center field fence in the third inning, while Rick Campbell hit a solo shot over the 365 mark in left field during first inning action. Freshman pitcher Dan Eskew was the winner.

The game was called in the bottom of the fifth inning because of rain.

## J. C. Dumas

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points, the latter figure one less than Kimbro. But, Spencer was assessed his fourth foul in the third quarter, almost two minutes before Kimbro got his fourth foul.

Collie said the absence of Seneca and Scott County could hurt the State Tournament financially. "It'll throw the tournament wide open but it could cost the tournament a couple hundred thousand dollars," Collie said. "That place would have really filled up to see teams like that with the caliber of players they had," Collie said.

At the 6-foot-7 Kimbro, the prohibitive choice to win the coveted Mr. Basketball title, now appears likely to be a college "predictor." That means that because he's done so well in classes this year, Kimbro should be academically eligible to play college basketball next season.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he'll predict now," Collie said of Kimbro. "He'll have to do as well this semester as he did last (semester). But he's working awfully hard at it."

Collie said he expects Kimbro to sign a national college letter-of-intent on, or shortly after, the April 10 signing date. "He'll go ahead and sign, of course, because if he doesn't predict, the letter becomes void and he isn't tied to anything," Collie said.

And what college among the hundreds chasing Kimbro will be the big winner. Collie said he thinks that, as of now, the University of Louisville has the inside track. Collie also said Kimbro is still considering UCLA, DePaul, Kentucky and Western Kentucky.

Collie will coach a team comprised of Kimbro, Williams and other stars April 20 in the annual Derby Classic All-Star Game at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

## Bat Cats Win Series Finale

The Kentucky Bat Cats defeated Vanderbilt 7-4 in Nashville last Sunday afternoon. UK was led by Randy Clark's two home runs and pitcher Dan Eskew who picked up the win while raising his perfect slate to 2-0. Clint Arnold and Jim Leyritz also contributed to UK's offensive attack a double each.

Kentucky's record now stands at 3-6 in the conference, 8-10 overall.

After a game against Cumberland (Tenn.), the Bat Cats will play two games in Clemson against the Tigers Wednesday and Thursday (March 20-21). UK will then travel down the road to face SEC foe Georgia for a three-game weekend series, including a double-header on Saturday.

## Oscar L. Combs

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regional final. If UK should win its first game and N.C. State wins, there would be a rematch of UK's 78-62 victory back in early January. . . . A bit of superstition. The last two teams to beat UNLV in the NCAA tourney (prior to this year) went on to capture the national championship. Two years ago, N.C. State ousted UNLV and Georgetown did the trick last March. . . . Just when Kentucky figured it had seen the last of SEC officiating, it popped up once again. Mike Tanco worked the UK-Washington game while Charles Vacca and Don Shea were two of the officials in the UNLV game. . . . As Richard Madison sat on a training table the night NCAA bids were awarded on March 10, he remarked to a reporter, "You're going to see a new Madison from here on. I'm not a freshman any more. I'm a sophomore now and you're going to see a sophomore starting Thursday. Man, was he ever accurate on that one? The same could be said for Cedric Jenkins. The kid played like a true veteran. . . . CBS-TV awards went to

Kenny Walker and Roger Harden as "Player of the Game" against Washington and UNLV respectively. . . .

Kentucky sold only about 135 of its 250 ticket allotment for the sub-regional at Salt Lake City. One of the reasons was the \$700 or so airline ticket fare for fans. The interest will increase dramatically this week after the two upset wins and the opportunity to knock off St. John's. Still, UK may not use its entire allotment of 750. Assistant UK athletics director Larry Ivy says Denver has another 250 tickets available, if needed. One thing hurting advance sales is the absence of a regional team in the field. Alabama is the closest school with Kentucky next, then North Carolina State and then St. John's. . . . The site of the West Regional is McNichols Arena, the same facility which is home to former UK great Dan Issel and will be the site of the NCAA Final Four in 1990. . . . St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca said Kenny Walker's block of Richie Adams' shot was the greatest block he had ever seen.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## TEN YEARS AGO

Kentucky defeated Central Michigan 90-73 in the Mideast Regional semifinals in Dayton, Ohio. Central Michigan had trailed 55-44 but came back to take a 70-66 advantage with around 15 minutes left. The UK man-to-man defense then forced three straight turnovers. Kevin Grevey had 12 points and Mike Flynn and Rick Robey 11 apiece. Flynn also had 11 rebounds.

In one of the most intense college basketball games ever played, before 13,450 fans in Dayton, Ohio, Kentucky upset previously undefeated and number-one ranked Indiana 92-90. The win enabled Kentucky to advance to the NCAA Final Four next week in San

Diego.

UK's aggressive defense forced 20 Indiana turnovers. UK outscored the Hoosiers 14-7 in a three minute span to take an 85-75 lead with 4:02 left. Indiana battled back with courageous comeback but couldn't catch the Cats. UK was led by Hoosier native Mike Flynn, who hit nine of 13 shots for 22 points and guard Jimmy Dan Connor poured in 17 points to give the guard combo 39 points for the night. Kevin Grevey also scored 17 and Rick Robey and Mike Phillips added ten apiece. The Cats avenged an earlier 24-point setback to Indiana.

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The Kentucky Colonels have

signed UK basketball star Dan Issel for approximately \$1.4 million in salary, bonuses and deferred payments. The ABA team also signed Issel's teammate at UK, Mike Pratt, for an estimated \$400,000. The deal rivals the \$1,400,000 paid Lew Alcindor by the Milwaukee Bucks as the largest amount ever paid an athlete.

Five Kentucky players were named to the all-time SEC team, selected by 14 veteran observers and conducted by the Lexington Herald. Dan Issel, Cliff Hagan, Ralph Beard, Frank Ramsey and Alex Groza were all named from UK. Adolph Rupp of UK was named the coach. Other players selected to the team were Bob Pettit, Pete Maravich, Bailey Howell, Clyde Lee, Bernie Nehen and Jerry Harper.

Micheal Fanuzzi, a 6-1, 175 pound quarterback from New Jersey, signed a football letter-of-intent with UK. Fanuzzi was honored as the outstanding athlete in New Jersey.

The Kentucky tennis team ended a successful southern road trip by posting four wins in five matches.

Ray Edelman is the first prospect to sign a UK basketball grant this year. The 6-2, 180 pound guard from Pennsylvania scored 23.4 points a game as a senior.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

Quarterback Bob Hardy led the Blues to a 28-7 triumph over the Whites before approximately 10,000 fans at Stoll field for the annual spring intra-squad game. The triumph gave Backfield Coach Ermal Allen sweet revenge over the Line Coach Buckshot Underwood, who had won the last two outings. Hardy ran for two scores and passed for another.

Packed by the clutch stickwork of sophomores Jack Harston and Bill Williard, Coach Harry Lancaster's baseball team opened the year with a 15-3 clubbing of Georgetown College. Southpaw Ken Lehkamp, one of four Wildcat pitchers, earned the win.

# Wildcat Quiz

1. What team eliminated Kentucky in the 1979 NIT Tournament?

- a) Clemson
- b) North Carolina-Charlotte
- c) Providence
- d) Virginia

2. What NBA club drafted former UK guard Dirk Minniefield?

- a) New Jersey Nets
- b) Dallas Mavericks
- c) Indiana Pacers
- d) Cleveland Cavaliers

3. What was the most games UK ever played in one season?

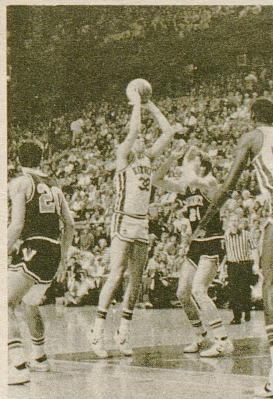
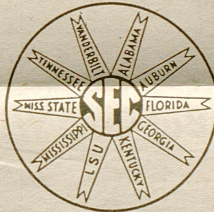
- a) 39
- b) 40
- c) 42
- d) 45

4. What ex-Wildcat guard tied the record held by Dirk Minniefield for most assists in one game during the 1983-84 season?

- a) Jim Master
- b) Roger Harden
- c) Dicky Beal
- d) James Blackmon

5. Did Tom Parker score over 1,000 points in his career at Kentucky?

Yes or No.



Todd Ziegler

6. In the 1953-54 season UK put together a long winning streak. How many consecutive victories did the Wildcats accumulate?

- a) 23
- b) 24
- c) 25
- d) 30

7. On Kentucky's current roster only one player is from the city of Louisville? Who is he?

- a) Paul Andrews
- b) Winston Bennett
- c) Todd Ziegler
- d) Leroy Byrd

8. During the 1983-84 season, what UK opponent scored the fewest points against the Wildcats?

- a) Ole Miss
- b) Mississippi State
- c) Wyoming
- d) Cincinnati

9. True or False? Sam Bowie made first team All-SEC last year.

10. Who was the leading scorer on the 1979-80 Kentucky team?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Truman Claytor
- c) Jay Shidler
- d) Fred Cowan

**Viewpoint**

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a positive creative out-picture of the UK sports department, I would trust that you keep from publishing those negative letters of viewpoint, who by taking a too personal point of view of Joe B. Hall, and any other "seeming" problem that might arise in UK sports. The nature of those letters derides the attention of why we all read the Cats' Pause.

I refuse to insult Joe with criticism. We've been friends in a unique way for several years. If there has been short comings reflected by him at anytime, it helps in reminding me that Joe is one, in the throngs of millions who are people.

For those of us who truly gain enjoyment in UK sports, "Viewpoint" is a great creative outlet. I know deep down that when one finds fault with another person, that same fault can be found in the originator. With that thought in mind, your publication becomes the psychiatrist and the readers absorb the unneeded tension. I am grateful for The Cats' Pause, and like most UK fans 1984-85 has been an extreme high in UK sports because of the success of football and the amazing story of the basketball cats, who no one expected to be the force they are. Thanks, sincerely, for allowing me to express my viewpoint.

Sincerely,

Dennis Pressnell  
Englewood, Fla.



- Answers
- 1. Clemson
  - 2. Dallas Mavericks
  - 3. 39
  - 4. Dicky Beal
  - 5. Yes
  - 6. 25
  - 7. Winston Bennett
  - 8. Cincinnati
  - 9. False
  - 10. Kyle Macy (15.4)



COLLEGE BASKETBALL: COUNTDOWN TO LEXINGTON

First round Second round Regionals Final Four Regionals Second round First round

1985 NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball Tournament

East

West

Midwest

Southeast

East Regionals: (1) Georgetown, 30-2; (16) Lehigh, 12-18; (8) Temple, 24-5; (9) Virginia Tech, 20-8; (5) Southern Methodist, 22-9; (12) Old Dominion, 19-11; (4) Loyola-Illinois, 25-5; (13) Iona, 26-4; (6) Georgia, 21-8; (11) Wichita State, 18-12; (3) Illinois, 24-8; (14) Northeastern, 22-8; (7) Syracuse, 21-8; (10) DePaul, 19-9; (2) Georgia Tech, 24-7; (15) Mercer, 22-8.

East Regionals: Georgetown, 63-46; At Hartford, Conn., Temple, 60-57; Southern Methodist, 85-68; At Hartford, Conn., Loyola (Ill.), 70-57; At Providence, R.I., Illinois, 74-58; Thursday 6:35 (11:39, CBS); Georgia Tech, 70-53.

East Regionals: Saturday 4:03 CBS; Thursday 9:09 CBS; Saturday 1:58 CBS; At Dallas; Boston Coll., 74-73; Thursday 9:09 CBS; Memphis St., 67-66 (OT).

Final Four: Lexington, Ky. March 30; April 1 at Lexington 9:12 (CBS); Championship game; Lexington, Ky. March 30.

Midwest Regionals: Oklahoma, 75-69; Thursday 8:35 ESPN; La. Tech, 79-67; Saturday 1:58 CBS; At Dallas; Boston Coll., 74-73; Thursday 9:09 CBS; Memphis St., 67-66 (OT).

Midwest Regionals: Oklahoma, 96-83; At Tulsa, Okla.; Illinois State, 58-55; Louisiana Tech, 78-54; At Tulsa, Okla.; Ohio State, 75-64; Boston College, 55-53; At Houston; Duke, 75-62; Ala.-Birmingham, 70-68; Memphis St., 67-66 (OT); Memphis St., 67-55.

Midwest Regionals: (1) Oklahoma, 28-5; (16) N. Carolina A&T, 19-9; (8) Southern Cal, 19-9; (9) Illinois St., 21-7; (5) Louisiana Tech, 27-2; (12) Pittsburgh, 17-11; (4) Ohio State, 19-9; (13) Iowa State, 21-12; (6) Texas Tech, 23-7; (11) Boston College, 18-10; (3) Duke, 22-7; (14) Pepperdine, 23-8; (7) Ala.-Birmingham, 24-8; (10) Michigan St., 19-9; (2) Memphis State, 27-3; (15) Penn, 13-13.

West Regionals: (1) St. John's, 27-3; (16) Southern, 19-10; (8) Iowa, 21-10; (9) Arkansas, 21-12; (5) Washington, 22-9; (12) Kentucky, 16-12; (4) Nevada-Las Vegas, 27-3; (13) San Diego State, 23-7; (6) Tulsa, 23-7; (11) Texas-El Paso, 21-9; (3) N. Carolina St., 20-9; (14) Nevada-Reno, 21-9; (7) Alabama, 21-9; (10) Arizona, 21-9; (2) Va. Commonwealth, 25-5; (15) Marshall, 21-12.

West Regionals: St. John's, 83-69; At Salt Lake City, Arkansas, 63-54; Kentucky, 66-58; At Salt Lake City, Nevada-Las Vegas, 85-80; At Denver, Texas-El Paso, 79-75; N. Carolina St., 86-73; Friday 7:35 ESPN; Alabama, 63-59.

West Regionals: Friday 10:09 CBS; Kentucky, 64-61; At Denver, Sunday 4:03 CBS; N. Carolina St., 86-73; Friday 7:35 ESPN; Alabama, 63-59.

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Southeast Regionals: Auburn, 59-58; At South Bend, Ind.; Kansas, 49-38; Notre Dame, 79-70; At South Bend, Ind.; North Carolina, 76-57; Michigan, 59-55; At Dayton, Ohio; Villanova, 51-49; Maryland, 69-68 (OT); At Dayton, Ohio; Navy, 78-55.

Southeast Regionals: Auburn, 66-64; Friday 10:40 (12:39, CBS); N. Carolina, 60-58; At Birmingham, Ala.; Villanova, 59-55; Friday 8:07 NCAA Prod.; Maryland, 64-59.

Southeast Regionals: (6) Purdue, 20-8; (11) Auburn, 20-11; (3) Kansas, 25-7; (14) Ohio Univ., 22-7; (7) Notre Dame, 20-8; (10) Oregon St., 22-8; (2) North Carolina, 24-8; (15) Middle Tenn., 17-13; (1) Michigan, 23-3; (16) F. Dickinson, 21-9; (9) Dayton, 19-9; (5) Maryland, 23-11; (12) Miami (Ohio), 20-10; (4) Louisiana St., 19-9; (13) Navy, 25-5.



Seeds in parentheses

All times p.m. EST