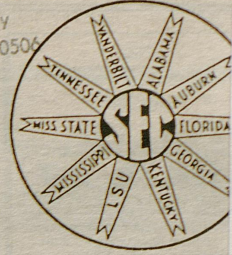




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**Back to the drawing board**  
Reggie Hanson and the 'Cats had their hands full with Gerald Glass (No. 4) and the Ole Miss Rebels. But UK still has time to get back on track.



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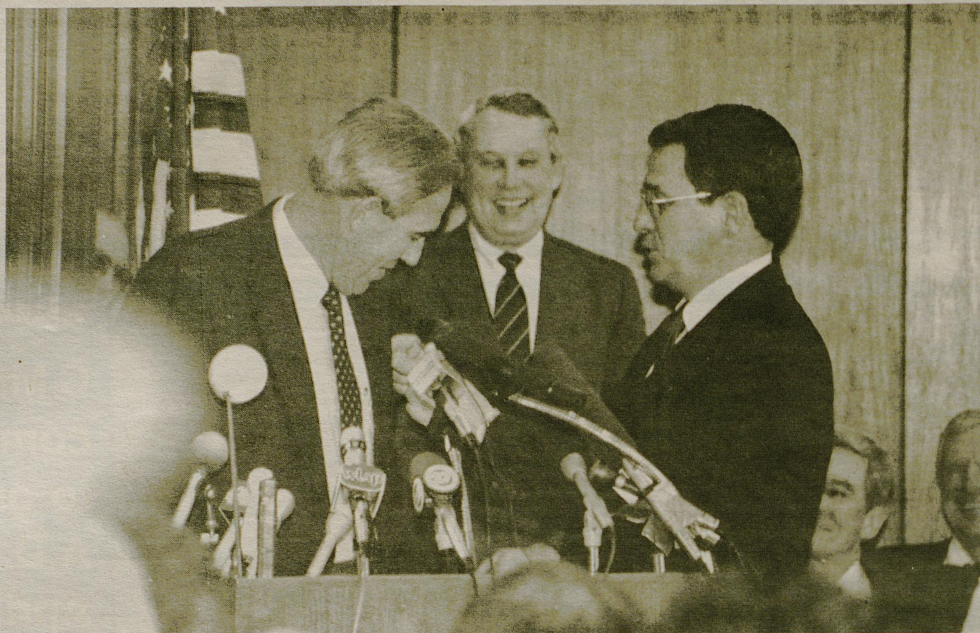
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Here, University of Kentucky president David Roselle (right) fits new athletics director C. M. Newton with a UK lapel pin, the one he received when he became the school's president. In the middle is UK public relations director Bernie Vonderheide. For more info about Newton, Roselle and interim AD Joe Burch, please see page 22.

photos by Nick Nicholas

## C.M. Newton returns to UK as new AD; says he's excited to start new adventure

By TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

C.M. Newton had no intention of passing by David Roselle's open invitation of returning to Kentucky without a look see. The overall picture, although stained by 18 allegations of impropriety, was enough to lure the former Wildcat who learned X's and O's from Adolph Rupp back to his alma mater. "This is a unique opportunity and a unique challenge that excites me," confessed Newton.

Last Tuesday at the university's Patterson Office Tower, Newton made it official by announcing his acceptance to UK's athletics director's opening.

Newton's first day of work for Kentucky won't take place until April 1. Until then, his duties will be centered around the Vanderbilt basketball team till its final game, whether it's in the NCAAs, NIT or SEC tournament of the '88-'89 campaign.

After answering questions for 30 or 40 minutes, Newton went back to Nashville to take care of present business—Commodore basketball. "I've got practice at 4:30," said Newton, with only a couple of hours to spare. "I've got to get back and put on the hat of an old, gray-headed basketball coach, and to try to do all I can to help the Vanderbilt basketball team till April 1."

Earlier last month Newton won his 500th basketball game as a head coach, defeating Texas in Nashville.

About his future career, Newton said, "I'm excited and eager to get on with it. I'll be here ready to go on the first of April."

The first question on almost everyone's mind was why now? Why not make the announcement until the end of the season?

"There's been so much speculation," reasoned Newton. "I just felt that to end all the speculations, the distractions and so on

that this was the appropriate time. Plus, I'm not very good of doing things under a hat. I think the way to do this is the way we're doing it."

The hiring of Newton comes more than two months after longtime AD Cliff Hagan resigned amidst the problems surrounding the UK basketball program. Once Hagan resigned, Joe Burch was immediately named interim athletics director, and will hold that post until April 1.

Newton brings to UK a reputation of doing things by the book. And with Kentucky's report almost completed, the addition of Newton has to be considered by the NCAA as a positive move on the university's part.

"I want a program that operates within the SEC and NCAA rules," Newton said. "I want a program that does not sacrifice the integrity of the university in any way."

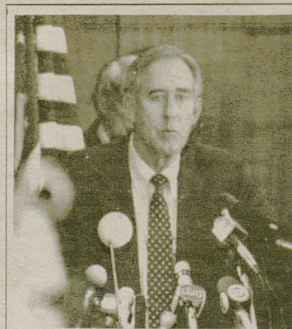
From now until he walks into his office at Memorial Coliseum as UK's athletics director, the 59-year-old Newton (he turned 59 Feb. 2) will not have his hand in the issues surrounding the basketball problems. "That's something I have no control over and have really not been involved in. I can't be involved in that, coming in as an outsider.

"I'm not interested in dealing in rumors, speculation or that stuff. Until April 1, really, I'm not going to be involved."

Newton was asked if he would take over as UK's head coach if Eddie Sutton were to be dismissed from his duties. Newton said that under no circumstance did he want to coach basketball at UK.

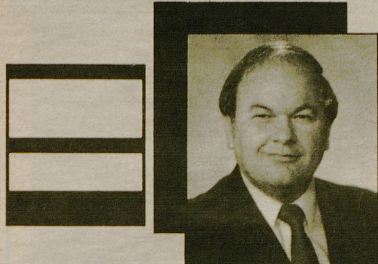
"I've made that statement very plain and very clear, that the only place I was going to coach basketball was at Vanderbilt. I have no interest in coaching basketball and Kentucky or anywhere else.

"They didn't hire me as a basketball coach, they hired me as an athletic director. Hopefully, I'm going to do a good job at that."



**C.M. Newton on file**

- ✓ Born Feb. 2, 1930 in Rockwood, Tenn.
- ✓ Lettered on Kentucky's '51 NCAA championship team. Owns undergraduate, Master's degrees at UK.
- ✓ Ace pitcher for UK baseball team. Lettered '50, '51.
- ✓ Left UK after junior season to enter minor leagues—New York Yankees. Spent four seasons in minors.
- ✓ Head coach at Transylvania from 1956-64, '66-'68, recording a 169-137 mark. Missed '65 season due to doctorate work at Alabama.
- ✓ Head coach at Alabama 1969-1980, winning three SEC titles while posting a 211-123 mark.
- ✓ Named assistant commissioner of the SEC in 1980
- ✓ In 1981 named Vanderbilt head coach and associate athletics director, the positions he currently occupies today. His Vandy record after losing to Florida last Wednesday stands at 120-110. His overall state is 500-370.
- ✓ Assistant coach and administrator under Bobby Knight for the 1984 Gold Medal-winning men's USA basketball team
- ✓ Jan. 24, 1989, named Kentucky athletics director.
- Quote from UK president, Dr. David Roselle about Newton: "Here's a guy who people believe stands for integrity. It's very, very nice that he's an alum of the University of Kentucky. It's very, very nice that he's won 500 basketball games. It's very, very nice that he's interested in the total sports program and etc. He presents a good total package."



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CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

# Newton's hiring first step toward new respectability

The first step back.

That's what UK president David Roselle took last week when he nominated and introduced University of Kentucky grad and currently Vanderbilt basketball coach C.M. Newton as the school's new athletics director.

It was a move, which most everyone agreed, that was not only wanted but demanded if UK athletics, basketball in particular, are to begin the long road back to the top.

Newton, who once played for the late Adolph Rupp, was the unanimous selection of the UK Board of Trustees. Officials and college sports officials around the country lauded UK's decision to bring Newton back.

C.M. will continue coaching at Vanderbilt for the remainder of the season and will assume his new duties in Lexington on April 1.

We won't go into great detail of Newton's experience, qualifications and skills to handle the job at Kentucky. We went over those details several weeks ago.

What we'd rather do right now is to commend the selection committee, the board of trustees and president Roselle for having the foresight to go after the man uniquely qualified for the job.

What we have in C.M. is not only a man who can and will get the job done, but a man who will take great pride in rebuilding his alma mater into the great athletic tradition of years gone by.

You don't often get to work with people as nice as C.M. He's one of a kind. During his introduction to the board of trustees last week and the ensuing meeting with the media, he talked about the past tradition of Kentucky basketball and what he hoped to accomplish with UK's athletics department in the future.

But most touching to me was a brief pause when he referred to former UK athletics director Cliff Hagan, another former UK great who was forced to resign that position back in November.

C.M. said he was disturbed that Cliff had not been given credit for the many good deeds he had done over the years and Newton took time to point out many of his achievements.

"I would hope people will not forget all the good things he's done for UK," said Newton, "he's certainly not been given the credit he deserves."

Not many people in C.M.'s position would have made those remarks, certainly not at the time he did. But this just gives you an indication of the type person this man named Charles Martin Newton is.

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**KENTUCKY'S 70-65 LOSS** to Ole Miss did nothing to help the Wildcats in their quest of a Southeastern Conference title, but thanks to a sudden nosedive by the Tennessee Volunteers, the 'Cats are anything but out of the hunt.

That's not to say the loss wasn't extremely disappointing. It certainly was,

especially when you consider the fact that the Rebels really didn't play well enough to win, yet they did.

The lesson to be learned from the Oxford journey is that Kentucky certainly isn't good enough enough to take anyone for granted and that if an opposing team doesn't play up to its potential (as Ole Miss did), then you'd better take advantage of the opportunity.

Had the 'Cats won, UK would have moved into a first-place tie with LSU in the conference race. Instead, the 'Cats are running neck-to-neck with Ole Miss, Vandy and Tennessee for third place in the league behind second-place Alabama.

Kentucky has a pair of crucial games this week, first at home with Mississippi State on Wednesday and then at Georgia on Sunday. It's another one of those weeks where one figures to be satisfied with a 1-1 mark, but hoping for a sweep and praying not to get swept.

Actually, neither game figures to be a toss-up. Kentucky should be a decided favorite against State and a decided underdog against the uh, other 'Dogs.

Richard Williams' team has been struggling of late after getting off to a very fast start back in December. Since entering conference play, the Bulldogs have won only two of eight contests and have fallen one spot from the cellar.

Before SEC play, the Bulldogs raced off to a 6-3 record, including impressive showings in the Sugar Bowl tournament.

State's latest setback came at home Saturday when Vanderbilt pulled off an 81-70 victory, increasing the Bulldogs' losing streak to five games.

State's chances of an upset at Rupp Arena center around the outside shooting of Tony Watts, who pitched in 25 points (including five three-pointers) against Vandy, and Greg Lockhart, who scored 21.

But it should be a contest where UK's front line of LeRon Ellis, Reggie Hanson and Chris Mills get well after a dismal showing in Oxford.

Most of the criticism by media and fans was directed toward Ellis, who hit only two of 10 from the field and scored only four points, but the game wasn't lost by Ellis alone. After all, he did collect a team-high 10 rebounds and that's something not to be ignored.

To be perfectly honest, not many other Wildcats were burning up the nets. In fact, only Reggie Hanson among the starters hit 50 percent of better. He hit three of five and scored eight points.

Usually-reliable Derrick Miller hit only seven of 19 from the field and led the 'Cats with 17 points, but Chris Mills scored only six of 15 from the field and an overall 16 points.

Guard Sean Sutton, who played despite a sprained ankle still bothering him, hit only three of nine from the field and did not have one of his better games.

Strangely enough, Kentucky's bench, a place coach Sutton has visited less and less as the season has developed, gave

him 60-percent accuracy, but shot only five attempts, hitting three.

Kentucky hit only four of 14 from three-point range and one of those came in the final minute when the game had long been decided. Ole Miss hit three, but took only five shots from the outer perimeter.

When a team hits only 39 percent, like Kentucky did, and Ole Miss hits 46 percent, and with the 'Cats being out-rebounded 40-32, you'd figure the game was a runaway. Well, the game wasn't exactly in doubt, but what really prevented a total blowout was Kentucky's perfect 13 of 13 from the charity line.

If the 'Cats get untracked for State, UK certainly has a shot at the SEC title, but it cannot afford an upset at home to the likes of Mississippi State.

What Kentucky needs to do now is to beat State, hope for a split on the road with Georgia and Vanderbilt next week and then be prepared for a visit by the Florida Gators on Feb. 11.

If the 'Cats can own a 8-4 league mark going into the LSU game on Feb. 15, then that one will be the game of the year for the top spot. It would be a great one.

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**SPEAKING OF LSU**, wasn't the Tigers' victory over Georgetown a great statement for the SEC?

It came at a time when most everyone in the nation was labeling the Southeastern Conference as the weakest of the major basketball conferences. And it was hard to dispute the claim.

Sure, Vanderbilt had beaten Louisville earlier in the year, but look at all the disappointing losses. Kentucky had lost to Indiana, Notre Dame and Louisville, not to mention a couple weaklings.

Florida had been humiliated more than once and Georgia had gone flat after upsetting Georgia Tech earlier in the year.

No one gave the Tigers a prayer of beating the Hoyas, who were primed to move into the nation's top spot after Illinois was upset by Clem "The Gem" Haskins and his Minnesota Gophers last week.

Ricky Blanton's putback spelled doom for the Hoyas and gave the SEC a great lift. And to that game, Tiger fans might ought to give athletics director Joe Dean an assist.

Dean is the fella who put the game together for the Superdome, where a couple corporate sponsors bought some 40,000 tickets and enabled the game to be played before more than 56,000 fans, the largest attendance to ever watch a regular-season college basketball game.

Don't be surprised if he doesn't top that one somewhere down the line. When you speak of today's promoters, you seldom find one more experienced and successful than Dale Brown, unless you run into his boss, String Music himself.

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**AS MOST OF YOU KNOW**, UK officials were supposed to make their response on Monday to the NCAA concerning the 17 allegations against the basketball program.

And as you know, court action has temporarily stopped the university's response and it most likely won't be delivered before the end of this week.

Basically, legal action on two fronts have halted progress. First, three state newspapers are suing to gain access to the report, which the newspapers claim should be made public under the state's open records laws. That issue should be decided by the time you receive this edition of TCP.

On the other front, lawyers for Wildcat Eric Manuel sought and received a temporarily restraining order in U. S. District Court, preventing the university from discussing, releasing or providing any information concerning Manuel's ACT test scores or any other academic records to anyone, including the NCAA.

A hearing on a motion to make the order permanent will be heard in Pikeville this Friday.

Officials with the NCAA in Shawnee Mission have told UK they would prefer for UK to wait until after the hearing before sending the report to them.

President Roselle said the NCAA "wants to receive the report in full rather than in a piece-meal fashion."

Whether the NCAA will change its mind and accept everything except the portion pertaining to Manuel (if the restraining order is continued Friday) isn't known.

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**UK OFFICIALS SAY** they plan to meet with NCAA officials around March 1 in Shawnee Mission to discuss the charges and UK's response in a "negotiating" session where some charges could be withdrawn by the NCAA.

But that session is based on the NCAA receiving UK's response probably not later than the middle of February. UK officials have been anticipating an appearance before the NCAA Committee on Infractions in early April when the committee meets in Charleston, S.C. If that should happen, the committee's final ruling could be rendered by the middle of April.

Fallout from the weekend's events appears to be more concern for members of the UK coaching staff and players Manuel and Mills.

Kentucky officials still won't say what their response is but it is evident UK won't fight all the charges.

Roselle had planned on delivering the university's response to the NCAA first without detailing it to the board of trustees, but that group overrode his desire by a 12-6 vote and instructed him to meet in closed session last Saturday to brief the entire board.

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# UK tames hapless Tigers 86-76

## Sean Sutton, strong board play allow UK to down winless Auburn in game that had Ringling Brothers atmosphere

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON — Kentucky and Auburn played to a late circus crowd last Wednesday night at Rupp Arena.

However, before the comedy hour had run its course, Auburn's Sonny Smith had seen enough serious acts to offer this sage observation after a 86-76 'Cat win:

"I think Kentucky ought to be making believers of you all," drawled the clown prince of SEC basketball. "Add me to the list of believers."

Sonny a 'Cat convert?

Think about it a while. Hark back to those dark days of December. First Northwestern State took the 'Cats to the cleaners. Then it was Bowling Green.

'Cat fanciers were at a minimum. Few people came to praise them. Many buried them.

But now, Sonny, the master of the one-liner, says, "I believe." And means it.

**PREACH ON SONNY**, and Eddie Sutton will pat his foot.

"Well, I had watched Kentucky on film and was concerned they might not board with the best in the league," continued Smith. "But tonight they showed me they could. We're leading the league in rebounding and they just wiped us out."

Oh, there's one more thing. Add Sonny to a growing list of Sean Sutton admirers:

"Sean Sutton, if he does to other ballclubs what he did to us tonight...well, Kentucky really has a chance to win it all."

Sean Sutton, booted earlier by an unforgiving Kentucky crowd, stuck in three three-point buckets in four attempts. He added a pair of two-point buckets—one of the freakish variety—for a total of 13 points. The boo-birds have flown their Rupp coop.

With 9:33 left the Son of Sutton left the game with a twisted ankle. But he already had five assists and two steals to go with his 13 points.

It was Sean's first three-pointer that got the 'Cats off winging 3-0. His second finished a 10-0 spurt that wiped out a 10-9 Auburn lead and put the 'Cats on top to stay.

And then, with 14:58 left, his third three-pointer put the 'Cats ahead by 20 at 58-38.

**HOWEVER, IT WAS** his two-point bucket early in the second half that told Sonny and his Tigers this wasn't their night.

Sutton, trying to hit 6-11 center LeRon Ellis with an alley-oop pass for a dunk, instead saw the ball accidentally hit the rim and drop through.

"That might make ESPN highlights," chuckled Sean later in the 'Cats' dressing room.

Whatever, it established the 'Cats in firm control at 52-30. Auburn closed fast in a circus atmosphere but came no closer than the final margin.

"We played a good basketball game until late," said coach Sutton. "But if we had a couple of pink elephants and clowns we would have had a circus going out there."

Sean Sutton's twisted ankle seemed to precipitate most of the wild doings.

Kentucky had just taken its biggest lead of the game, 67-43, on a short jumper by Ellis.

Eddie Sutton decided it was time for benchwarmers like Richie Farmer, Johnathon Davis, and John Pelphrey to get some play-

ing time.

Davis, the team's DB (Designated Boardman) had played...well, sparingly before last night's game.

But in eight minutes of action Davis grabbed five rebounds—one more than he had totaled all season.

Deron Feldhaus also played well in his reserve status. He chipped in with three rebounds and four points.

And don't forget the Great Scott, Mike. He totaled nine points. Farmer contributed seven.

**OH YES, THE STARTERS.** Derrick Miller led all scorers with 16 points. Chris Mills had 15 and Ellis 14. When the starters were in, things flowed.

But in the final minutes...well it resembled a three-ring circus. Even walk-ons Jeff Ginn and Chris Jones got into the frenzied romp through Rupp.

"Things got ragged to say the least," said Pelphrey. "Playing all those different people with different combinations."

Sutton, Eddie that is, said the Raggedy Ann play might not have happened if Sean had not suffered his twist of fate.

"When Sean went out that's a good indication of what happens to our club," said coach Sutton. "He provides the glue that holds the team together. He's not going to let things get that wild."

Things really got out of hand in the end when Ellis, who should have been on the bench, and Tiger pivot Matt Geiger got into a wrestling match on the floor with 1:05 left.

As altercations go, it would rate no better than a "2" on a scale of 1 to 10. Smith said

Ellis was no free-swinging. And did Geiger counter?

"I'm sure none of us would put that down as a World Wrestling Federation bout, would we," said Smith. "I didn't see any fight...just two guys rolling on the floor and no locks thrown."

Both players were ejected along with another Tiger, Robert McKie.

McKie, who was waiting to come into the game, was ejected because he didn't wait to be beckoned on the floor by the official. Instead, he rushed to join the fray.

So, too, did Sean Sutton as he left the bench. But the refs missed his action as assistant Jimmy Dykes hustled him off the court.

Sean's dad, needless to say, was upset by it all.

**"I WASN'T VERY PLEASED** with the fight and I told the team that in no uncertain terms," said coach Sutton. "There's no place in basketball for fighting."

Coach Sutton, who scolded LeRon for his act of self-defense, was pleased with the other defense.

He had to be. The Cats' hustling man took the Tigers out of their game plan to spread the floor and milk the clock on each possession.

"It was some of the best defense we've played all year," said coach Sutton. "We felt we had to get in their passing lanes and we did. I'd like to play more man defense if we can continue to get a little more depth."

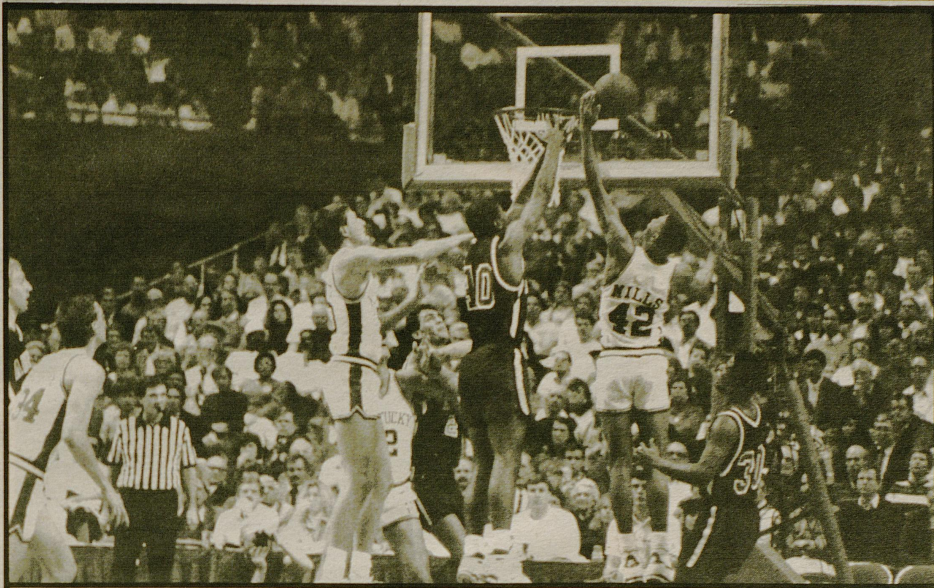
Well, if last Wednesday night is a good indication, the 'Cat bench may put more than a Tiger in its tank.

### UK-Auburn play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Auburn
19:37	Sean Sutton 20 ft.	3-0	
18:50		3-2	Geiger field goal
18:17		3-4	Dennison field goal
17:43	Ellis FT, FTA	4-4	
16:32		4-6	Carpenter field goal
15:47	Miller field goal	6-6	
15:17	Miller field goal	8-6	
15:05		8-7	McKie FTA, FT
14:48	Ellis FT, FTA	9-7	
14:36		9-10	Carpenter 20 ft.
13:47	Hanson field goal	11-10	
13:25	Miller field goal	13-10	
13:00	Miller field goal	15-10	
12:10	Miller FT*	16-10	
11:26	Sutton 20 ft.	19-10	
11:11		19-11	Geiger FTA, FT
10:39	Hanson FTA, FT	20-11	
9:51		20-13	Geiger field goal
9:25	Scott field goal	22-13	
9:03	Mills field goal	24-13	
8:46		24-14	Geiger FT, FTA
8:33	Feldhaus field goal	26-14	
8:10		26-15	Carpenter FT, FTA
7:35		26-17	Dennison field goal
7:05	Farmer follow layup	28-17	
6:23	Farmer 21 ft.	31-17	
6:03	Ellis field goal	33-17	
5:33	Ellis field goal	35-17	
5:03	Hanson field goal	37-17	
4:29		37-19	Arnold field goal
4:13		37-21	Arnold field goal
2:47		37-22	Hankton FT, FTA
2:33	Scott field goal	39-22	
2:20		39-23	Dennison FTA, FT
1:49	Mills field goal	41-23	
1:20		41-26	Carpenter 20 ft.
1:09		41-28	Dennison FT, FT
0:49	Scott field goal	43-28	
0:27	Farmer FT, FT	45-28	
<b>HALF 45-28</b>			
19:20	Mills 21 ft.	48-28	
19:03	Mills layup	50-28	
17:47	Sutton 8 ft.	52-28	
17:29		52-30	Geiger layup
17:02		52-32	Geiger 6 ft.
16:42	Sutton 6 ft.	54-32	
16:34		54-34	Carpenter 14 ft.
15:59	Miller FTA, FT	55-34	
15:48		55-36	Geiger 6 ft. follow
15:17		55-38	McKie FT, FT
15:07	Sutton 20 ft.	58-38	
14:44		58-41	Carpenter 21 ft.
14:14	Davis FTA, FT	59-41	
12:26	Ellis 8 ft.	61-41	
11:57		61-43	Geiger 4 ft.
11:30	Mills layup	63-43	
11:04	Mills dunk	65-43	
10:42	Ellis 6 ft.	67-43	
9:56		67-45	Carpenter 15 ft.
9:24		67-48	Carpenter 22 ft.
8:53	Feldhaus 6 ft.	69-48	
8:31		69-51	Carpenter 21 ft.
7:27	Scott FT, FTA	70-51	
6:20		70-54	Dennison 21 ft.
6:12	Scott layup	72-54	
5:28	Pelphrey FT, FTA	73-54	
5:14		73-55	Arnold FT, FTA
4:52		73-57	Carpenter FT, FT
4:04		73-59	Carpenter layup
3:45	Mills FT, FT	75-59	
3:30		75-61	McKie 3 ft.
3:01	Miller FT, FT	77-61	
2:40	Miller layup	79-61	
2:09		79-63	Geiger FT, FT
1:46		79-64	Arnold FT, FTA
1:45		79-66	Geiger FT, FT
1:44	Ellis FT, FT	81-66	
1:27	Ellis reverse dunk	83-66	
1:20		83-69	Carpenter 24 ft.
1:05	Flagrant tech: Ellis	85-69	Flagrant tech: Geiger
1:05	Miller FT, FT	85-70	
1:05		85-73	Carpenter FT, FTA
0:56		85-73	Brandt 21 ft.
0:15	Jones FT, FTA	86-73	
0:03		86-76	Eaddy 21 ft.

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24	Dennison, D.	1	3	0	1	2	4	4	8	1	6	0	0	1
40	Arnold, Rance	2	7	0	1	4	8	4	3	3	18	0	5	0
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Auburn 28 48 76														
Kentucky 45 41 86														
Technical Fouls: Ellis-1; Geiger-1														
Attendance 23,506														

\*lane violation disallowed Miller's first FT  
—Cats' Pause chart



**UK TAKES FIGHT OUT OF AU**

Top left, clockwise: In UK's 10-point win over Auburn, Chris Mills beats Zane Arnold to the boards for one of his 11 rebounds; Mike Scott cradles possession and sends Robert McKie back on defense; Speaking of rebounds, Johnathon Davis soared for five; the matchup of LeRon Ellis and Matt Geiger resulted in a wrestling match late in the contest. Both players were ejected; John Pelphrey played for the first time since the UKIT; and coach Sonny Smith is still looking for his first SEC win this season.

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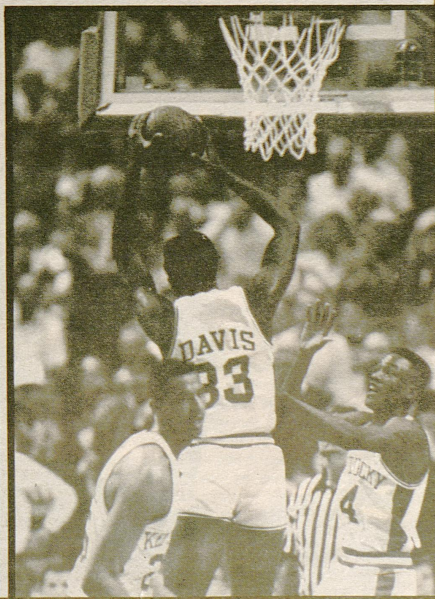
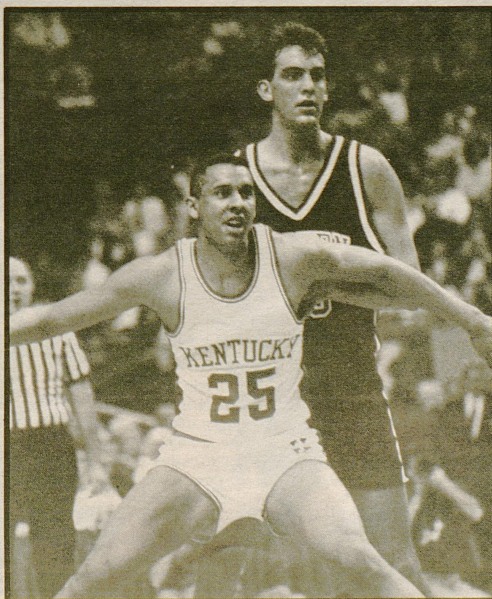
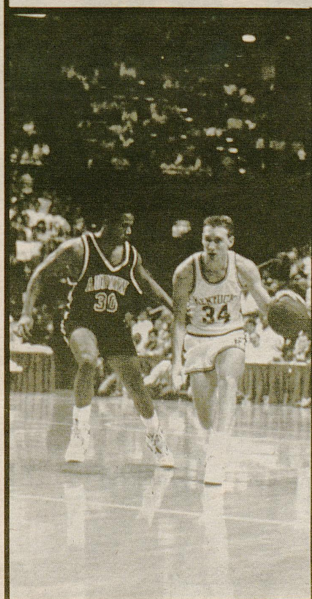
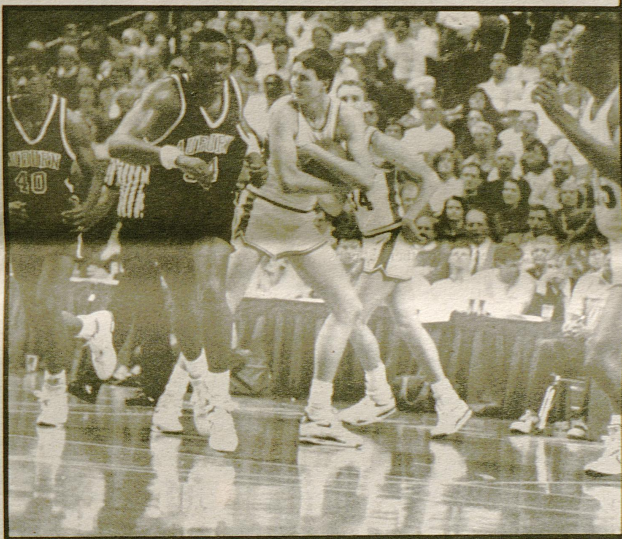
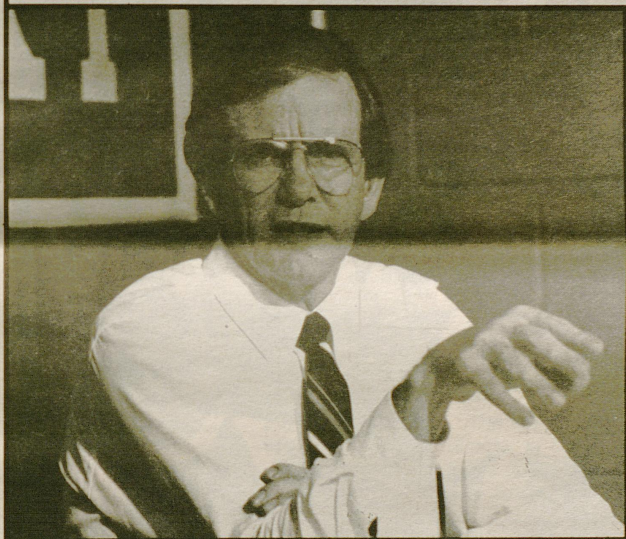


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*Anton Ellis*



## Plummer was one of UK's first sports publicists

Paved way for guys like yours truly

The roots of sports publicity directors at the University of Kentucky are dug in somewhere in antiquity, but we do know that L. Niel Plummer, who died recently in Lexington at the age of 83, served in that capacity 60



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

years ago.

A native of Beaver Dam who later lived in Louisa, Plummer joined the UK staff in 1929 as a part-time instructor of journalism and sports publicity. A year later, he became a full-time member of the journalism faculty.

Plummer, who received bachelor's and master's degrees from UK in 1928 and 1932, became a full professor and head of the journalism department after he received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1940. He remained in that position until 1965, when he stepped down as chairman of what by then was the School of Journalism.

By the time he received his bachelor's degree, Plummer was an experienced newsman, having served three years on the staff of the old *Lexington Herald*. He remained there until 1930, working at various times as state editor, city editor, assistant news editor and assistant sports editor.

Upon becoming a full professor in 1932, he gave up his part-time position in athletics and was succeeded, also on a part-time basis, by Gerald Griffin, another UK graduate. Griffin, later to enjoy a long and successful career as a writer for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, gave the athletics department its first set of statistics, which are modest in comparison to today's computerized totals.

Griffin was the father of attorney Robin Griffin and Mrs. Harry (Pat) Miller, both of Lexington.

A familiar name in UK athletics in the mid-1930s was that of Norman "Moon" Garling, who wrote seasonal roundups of Wildcat football, basketball, baseball and track for the school yearbook in 1935. The following year, he was editor of the *Kentucky Kernel* and a publication entitled *Sour Mash*. He also was president of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association, sports editor of the *Kentuckian*, a member of the UK student radio staff and assistant director of athletic publicity (there is no mention of a director).

There is no official listing of sports publicists at UK during the World War II era, although Edwards Templin occupied that position, apparently on a "moonlighting" basis, during the 1944-45 and 1945-46 school years. As a sportswriter for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in 1934, one of Templin's favorite stories was about Leroy "Cowboy" Edwards, strongboy sophomore center who was to earn All-America honors in his only season as a Wildcat.

After UK opened the season with a 61-10 victory over the alumni, Templin wasn't too generous in his assessment of Edwards' performance. As the Wildcats were warming up prior to a game against Oglethorpe three nights later in Alumni Gym, Edwards walked up to Templin, no little man himself, picked him up with one hand from his seat at the press table, and asked, "Now, what was that you wrote about me not playing a good game last Saturday?"

Edwards then proceeded to lead UK to an 81-12 game over the visitors.

Templin later became director of promotions for the newspaper and a respected journalist throughout the state and nation. He died of a heart attack several years ago.



The late L. Niel Plummer, shown here during Christmas 1979, was the sports publicity director at UK 60 years ago. He came over from the old *Lexington Herald* and assumed those duties in 1930. Upon receiving a full professorship in 1932, Plummer turned the reins over to Gerald Griffin.

The sports publicist in 1945-46 was Carl "Hoot" Combs, a Hazard native who lettered three years in football ('38, '39, '40) and one year in basketball ('40) at UK, where he earned his BS in '41 and LLB in '52. While practicing law in Lexington he was the announcer for UK football and basketball home games in the early 1960s. Combs now resides in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Athletics publicity at UK after WWII was under the supervision of the department of public relations, which was directed by Raymond W. "Jack" Wild, who had received his B.A. in journalism at UK in 1937.

Wild hired Jim Dance, another UK graduate, as a replacement for Combs in 1946-47. Dance later became a noted columnist for the *Miami Herald*. He died five years ago.

Roy Steinfort, who earned his BA in education at UK in 1946, was the sports publicist in 1947-48, the year of the Fabulous Five. He went on to become a high-ranking official in *Associated Press Radio* and recently was inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. (Dr. Plummer became a member of that honor group in 1982).

Ken Kuhn came to Lexington in 1946 from Michigan State University, where he had worked as an assistant in the public relations department after graduating from that institution in 1942. He spent two years as news editor at UK before Wild named him as Steinfort's replacement in athletics, with the title of sports editor, department of public relations.

In the early 1950s, Kuhn's title was changed to sports

publicity editor, then to sports publicity director in 1959. By that time, control of the office had been transferred to the athletics department.

During the next two decades, Kuhn presided over the sports information office during some of the most exciting moments in the history of UK athletics. In the early years of his reign, the 1949 basketball Wildcats repeated as NCAA champions, the 1951 team also annexed that honor, while the 1954 team was undefeated.

Meanwhile, Paul "Bear" Bryant's footballers competed in three major bowls, pulling one of the sports biggest upsets by defeating national champion Oklahoma in the 1951 Sugar Bowl.

Kuhn also was on the job when the Fiddlin' Five defeated Seattle for the 1958 NCAA championship at Louisville, and when Rupp's Runts lost a heartbreaker to Texas Western in the 1966 NCAA championship game at College Park, M.D.

A pioneer in the development of press guides, Kuhn won national prizes for both his football and basketball publications.

Suffering from Parkinson's disease, he turned the reins over to yours truly, his assistant of the past two years, in 1969 and remained attached to the athletic director's office for a short while before retiring.

In light of his long years of service and taking into consideration that the job of sports publicist was usually a part-time affair before he came along, Kuhn must be considered the true father of UK sports information as we know it today.

We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students.

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- Western Hills
- Wheelwright
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- Whitesville Trinity
- Whitley County
- Williamsburg
- Williamstown
- Wolfe County
- Woodford County



## Call C.M. Newton best man for A.D. job

But just don't call him 'fig'

Hallelujah!  
That's all I've heard from University of Kentucky alumni and basketball fans following the announcement that C.M. Newton is coming home



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

to instill honesty, integrity and other good things to the UK Department of Athletics.

I've got it all figured out: Newton will talk his good friend Bobby Knight into shifting to Lexington as the new head coach of the Wildcats. That may cause several thousand UK fans to turn in their alumni cards, but surely when UK goes before the NCAA Infractions Committee this spring, the NCAA people will say, "With Knight, you've been punished enough. We'll put you on probation for two years. Now go back to Lexington, Mr. Newton and Coach Knight, and show the rest of intercollegiate athletics how a basketball program should be run."

Let me tell you some things about Charles Martin Newton that not many people know. He came out of Florida in the spring of 1948 with the reputation of being the greatest athlete the Sunshine State had ever produced. He was a quarterback in football, a pitcher in baseball and a high scorer in basketball -- such a good basketball player that the legendary Adolph Rupp successfully recruited him.

Newton and his friend and fellow basketball player Guy Strong had more success in baseball than basketball, pitching the Wildcats to their first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

But in basketball, Newton and Strong suffered from the same disease; they were both a step slow. Strong switched to Eastern Kentucky University where he helped one of Paul McBrayer's teams to an Ohio Valley Conference championship. Later, Strong coached Kentucky Wesleyan to an NCAA Division II championship before returning to Eastern to coach his alma mater to another OVC title.

Newton took a different route, signing for what was then a big bonus with the New York Yankees. An excellent student, Newton returned to Lexington in the fall to complete his education (pros in one sport weren't allowed to play in another in those days).

It's funny how a series of things happened to lead Newton to his first coaching job.

UK built Memorial Coliseum and, with it, Lexington's first Olympic-size pool. UK turned to Transylvania's Health and Physical Education Department for a man to run the pool, Algie Reece, who once had been beaten out of an Olympic berth by actor Buster Crabbe.

Now meet Harry Stephenson: "When Algie left, that left me as head of the Health & PE Department, athletic director, basketball coach and baseball coach. I needed help. So I looked for a basketball coach.

"It wasn't nationally advertised," Stephenson said with a chuckle, "but word got around. Two applicants who had played basketball at UK showed up. Their names were being whispered in



Yes, Newton is a no-nonsense disciplinarian, but he's also a regular guy with a sense of humor

connection with the scandals and my UK contacts told me not to touch them.

"I ran into Humzey Yessin (who had been the basketball manager for the Fabulous Five) and he told me about Newton. I was scared of UK people and I had about decided to keep on coaching myself. But the next day Newt showed up. After talking with him, I was impressed so I made an appointment with our president, Dr. Frank Rose."

You can call Newton Newt. You can call him C.M. You can call him Charles Martin. You can call him Charlie. But don't, please don't, call him Fig.

Back to Stephenson: "Somebody put the Fig tag on Newt and he hated it. So when we walked into Dr. Rose's office, the president held out his hand and said, 'Hello, Fig.'"

Stephenson and Rose hired Newton. "I had left him a 1-15 team," said Stephenson. "Our players sort of fell out of the dorms."

Newton's first game as Transy coach was with Asbury.

"Newt's mouth fell open when Asbury opened with a zone," said Stephenson. "Remember now, he was a Rupp man and Rupp never used a zone."

Newton told Stephenson, "We hadn't even thought about a zone!"

Added Stephenson: "Newt came in one day and said, 'We run the same plays UK does, but they don't work out right.'"

Things continued to go wrong for Newton when he tried to get the head coaching job at the University of Florida. He went to UK director of athletics Bernie Shively who offered to do everything he could to help get the Florida job.

When Newton went next door to ask for his old coach's help, Rupp shocked him when he said, "Newt, I'll help you if you agree never to recruit in Kentucky."

Newton told Rupp that he couldn't do that. He didn't get the Florida job. But things have a way of working out. Newton could have gone to Florida and never been heard of again.

Remember Dr. Rose, the Transy president who had called him Fig? A few years later the same Dr. Rose became president of the University of Alabama. His director of athletics was Paul "Bear" Bryant. Newton had known Bryant when

the Bear coached at UK so it was an easy decision for Rose and Bryant: Charles Martin Newton would become the new head basketball coach at Alabama. The rest is history.

So many good things have been written and said about Newton's straight image that I fear many may have the wrong impression. He's a regular guy and he has a sense of humor.

Example: He was at a coaching clinic and the coaches were talking about recruiting seven-footers.

"If I ever got a seven-footer," said one coach, "I wouldn't have anyplace for him to sleep."

Said Newton: "If I ever got a seven-footer, he could sleep between me and (my wife) Evelyn!"

Now let's get serious: What about Eddie Sutton?

I think the die is cast; he's gone as soon as the season is over unless he reaches an agreement with the University to leave sooner. Even his two closest and most powerful supporters (and I don't mean Gov. Chandler) now admit defeat.

It's all a shame. Sutton is an excellent coach, one of the best in the business. I hope he goes to another school and starts over with a completely different cast of characters. And I hope that he changes the way he treats players and the way he permits his assistants to treat players. After Sutton leaves, I promise to tell you some things that would curl even my hair and uncurl Sutton's.

**TOP PREPS** -- Don't pay any attention to the ratings in the state's two top papers. I think Rick Bolus is much more accurate in his High Potential Basketball Recruiting Services, Inc. Bolus sees the team this way: 1. Pleasure Ridge Park, 2. Ballard, 3. Marshall County, 4. Fairdale, 5. Clay County, 6. Central City.

I like Bobby Keith's Clay County team better than Bolus does. I think Keith and Guy Strong (of Clark County) are the top coaches in the state.

Ballard's Allan Houston carries Bolus' top rating among state players.

**OVERTIMES** -- Valley edged PRP in six overtimes in the Louisville Invitational, but the Kentucky record of eight is held by Paducah St. Mary's and Lowes in 1977 according to National High School Records.

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## UK has surprised a lot of people this season

But not Ole Miss Rebel coach Ed Murphy

When Ed Murphy suggested in November that it would be wrong to count Kentucky out of this year's Southeastern Conference race, no one really believed him.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

But Kentucky's play early in the season has made the Mississippi coach look like a prophet.

"I said all along that Kentucky would do better than most people thought," said Murphy.

His belief in the Wildcats wasn't based on UK's tradition or the talent of any one player. Instead, Murphy believed in Kentucky because of Coach Eddie Sutton.

"I think he is one of the five best coaches in the country," said Murphy. "The guy can flat out coach and has been able to for 25 years.

"He knows how to get a team to do the things it takes to win. This year his back was to the wall and he's done a great job just like I thought he would.

"I'm surprised Kentucky has won some of the games it has but I'm not surprised Eddie's team is doing so well."

Still, Murphy isn't ready to pick Kentucky to claim another SEC championship.

"Kentucky is no better than Tennessee," said Murphy. "Tennessee was bound to lose some games. There was no way to go through this league and not lose four or five games."

Still, Kentucky's 5-3 start in SEC play has some coaches trying to put the pressure on UK. Tennessee Coach Don DeVoe said the thought the Cats were in the "driver's seat" to win the league.

Alabama Coach Wimp Sanderson wasn't quite that convinced but said UK was "certainly riding shotgun" after winning two of its first three road games.

Count Sonny Smith and his Auburn Tigers among those who think Kentucky can win the Southeastern Conference championship.

"Kentucky is a good basketball team and if you people haven't figured that out by now you should," said Smith after his team lost to Kentucky last week.

A late flurry made the final score respectable for Auburn. But Smith was not deceived by the 86-76 loss. He knew Sutton had taken it easy on him with liberal substitutions and that the final deficit could just as easily have been 20 or more points.

Everything about Kentucky's game impressed Smith.

"They killed us with their fast break the first half," said the Auburn coach. "We couldn't get back and stop their layups. People say they can't run but they can.

"They hurt us bad with second shots. It wasn't as bad as I anticipated but Kentucky really goes to the boards."

"Kentucky did a great job of taking us out of our slowdown with its pressure defense. We kept getting pushed out of the gym and every defensive change we made they handled with ease."

Sutton can't help but be amused other coaches are now elevating his team to the league favorite or that the other eight SEC teams were actually glad the Cats won at Tennessee.

Kentucky just isn't used to having other SEC schools hoping for it to win at Tennessee or anywhere else.

"I guess we did show that Tennessee was not invincible," said Sutton. "But Tennessee is probably still the best team in the conference.

"Tennessee has been very consistent and still has more experience than any other team. I still think Tennessee is the team all of us will be chasing."

Sutton likes the Vols because of their five seniors and forward Dyron Nix, who he considers the best player in the SEC.

"Don't forget Tennessee also started out with three road wins," said Sutton. "No one else did that and that gives them a big edge."

But somehow Sutton keeps giving the impression that in spite of what he says about favoring Tennessee that Alabama, which beat the Vols in overtime last week, is the team he really expects to win the league crown.

"A year ago Alabama was young and inconsistent," said Sutton. "They've had a year to mature and it has made them a very solid team.

"Alabama has a tremendous home crowd, too.

Wimp (Sanderson) has convinced the students and fans that they are important to his team's success.

Their crowd was as active as any I've seen since I came into the league when we played there this year."

Luck, though, could play as big a role as anything in determining the SEC champion. Key injuries, illness, controversial calls or last-second shots will be as important as depth, rebounding and defense in the final standings.

"You can split hairs between winning and losing," said Murphy. "The line is that fine in this league.

"Anybody in this league could lose five games in a row if they got a key player hurt or sick. An injury, some bad luck and a bad game or two can knock you right out of the race.

"In this league if you go into any game and don't play well, you'll get clobbered. It happens every time when one team plays bad and the other one gets on a roll. When both teams play about the same, we get close games. That's what makes this league so tough game in and game out."

VANDERBILT senior guard Barry Goheen has developed a reputation as the SEC's best clutch shooter when a game will be decided by a last shot.

The ability to hit those shots and the nerve to take them were two big reasons Vandy recruited Goheen.

"I saw him hit more game-winning shots in high school than you could shake a stick at," said Vanderbilt Coach C.M. Newton. "He came here with that type of mentality.

"I admire him not for the fact that he makes those last-second shots but for being willing to risk making those plays. I admire somebody willing to take a risk like that because you also risk failure when you take those shots."

Maybe that attitude shows why Newton was not afraid to become the athletic director at Kentucky. It's a move many anticipated he would make but others were not so sure he would leave Vanderbilt.

He should be good for Kentucky. However, I'm not sure he's the savior of UK athletics as some are making him out to be. After all, Kentucky's overall program is not exactly in shambles and the athletic department certainly is not in financial trouble.

The basketball team does have some serious charges hanging over its head but even that situation should be rectified one way or the other soon.

Still, anyone who has ever been around Newton knows what a class man he is and how he can only enhance UK's reputation as Kentucky tries to repair the damage the current NCAA probe has done.

NO ONE has been happier to see reserves Mike Scott and Deron Feldhaus playing well than UK junior guard Derrick Miller.

Miller found out what it was like last year to sit and watch others play. He didn't enjoy it and he knows Scott and Feldhaus don't.

"They have to feel good about getting to play more," said Miller. "It's a hard thing when one night you might play and the next night you might not. It hurts your work habits when you aren't sure if you'll get to play or not.

"Those two guys have not let up in practice, though. They've worked hard and I'm happy they are getting to play more. I know how it feels to be down and wondering if you'll ever get to play. You get mad at the coaches and everybody else. Your head gets messed up on you. But getting to play makes all those things go away."

OVER THE years Greg Nord has learned one thing about college football recruiting — never expect the obvious.

"It's also frightening some of the reasons different players give for going or not going to schools," said Nord, who coaches the running backs at the University of Kentucky. "We've lost kids before because they liked another team's helmets better than ours.

"If you just knew for sure what was going through the players' heads it would make this job a lot easier. But there are no written rules in recruiting. Nothing is for certain and anything can change from one day to the next."

Still, even Nord admits this has been a strange recruiting season. Fewer high school players have made public commitments even though the national signing date (Feb. 8) is less than two weeks away.

"This is one of the screwiest years I've seen in a long, long time," said Nord. "I think the big thing is that this year schools can only give 25 scholarships instead of 30. That has made a big difference.

"You have a potential of 510 players this year who won't get to play Division I football who would have last year. The Southeastern Conference alone will be signing 50 fewer players."

The scholarship reduction has been good and bad for Kentucky, which actually has only 22 scholarships to offer because three have already been given to walk-ons. It means the nation's top-ranked teams can't stockpile as many players but it has also forced UK to turn down some players this year that it would have gladly signed in past years.

"I've talked to several coaches about the scholarship reduction," said Nord. "A lot of guys you are recruiting are good players who could possibly start two or three years. But you might be holding out for that guy who can start four years.

"If you fill your scholarship quota you have to turn down those guys at the end you would love to have. But if you don't take a player now that wants to commit you run the risk of losing him as well as the guy you are waiting on. It's a gamble no matter what you do."

Kentucky's dilemma has been compounded by the increase in major college prospects in the state this year. "There are a lot of guys in the state we have not recruited that one, two or three years ago we would have loved to have," said Nord. "It's just a question of numbers."

Kentucky has four priorities — wide receivers, running backs, defensive backs and tight ends — in this year's recruiting class. UK, like any team, always looks for talented quarterbacks or big linemen but felt it needed immediate help at its priority spots.

"We're going down to the wire with some guys we feel like we have to have," said Nord. "We think we're going to have another good recruiting class but until they actually sign nothing can be taken for granted. That's why we have to work as hard the next two

# KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(20-game totals, through games of Jan. 28)

	Overall: 10-10	Home: 6-4	Away: 2-3	Neutral: 2-3	SEC: 5-3										
player	g-gs	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	tp-avg.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk.	stl.	min.
LeRon Ellis.....	20-18	132-250	52.8	0-1	00.0	70-99	70.7	334-16.7	108-5.4	64-2	34	49	22	29	636
Derrick Miller.....	20-17	105-210	50.0	35-85	41.2	41-53	77.4	286-14.3	59-3.0	43-2	43	37	1	16	553
Chris Mills.....	20-20	108-224	48.2	9-32	28.1	44-65	67.7	269-13.5	163-8.2	63-3	54	71	17	26	678
Reggie Hanson.....	20-20	83-162	51.2	0-0	00.0	47-62	75.8	213-10.7	99-5.0	67-2	33	37	19	30	665
Sean Sutton.....	19-19	34-85	40.0	7-18	38.9	17-32	53.1	92-4.8	36-1.9	44-1	95	48	0	21	611
Richie Farmer.....	18-0	19-59	32.2	12-38	31.6	17-20	85.0	67-3.7	15-8	15-0	8	6	0	2	176
Mike Scott.....	20-4	23-51	45.1	0-0	00.0	12-16	75.0	58-2.9	50-2.5	30-0	18	18	12	5	259
Deron Feldhaus.....	20-0	19-44	43.2	1-1	100.0	10-15	66.7	49-2.5	47-2.4	19-0	12	24	3	8	248
John Pelphey.....	11-1	9-15	60.0	2-3	66.7	5-9	55.6	25-2.3	14-1.3	19-0	16	14	0	2	148
Chris Jones.....	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	00.0	3-5	60.0	3-1.5	2-1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	5
Jeff Ginnan.....	3-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	1-0.5	2-1.0	2-0	0	1	0	0	3
Johnathan Davis.....	7-0	1-4	25.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	3-0.4	9-1.3	5-0	0	6	0	1	19
Anthony Mathis*.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>KENTUCKY.....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>533-1104</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>66-178</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>268-380</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>1400-70.0</b>	<b>649-32.5</b>	<b>372-10</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4002</b>
<b>OPPONENTS.....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>513-1138</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>103-316</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>281-400</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>1410-70.5</b>	<b>673-33.7</b>	<b>371-12</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>4001</b>

\*Walk-on Anthony Mathis is academically ineligible

## KENTUCKY SCHEDULE, RESULTS

Date	Record	UK	Opp.	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Att. (Site)
Nov. 19	0-1	55	80	Duke	-25	LeRon Ellis, 17	Chris Mills, 11	8,908 (N)
Nov. 25	1-1	56	54	Iona	+2	LeRon Ellis, 22	Mike Scott, 7	3,765 (N)
Nov. 26	1-2	60	63	Seton Hall	-3	Chris Mills, 21	Reggie Hanson, 6	3,250 (N)
Nov. 28	2-2	89	71	California	+18	Derrick Miller, 36	LeRon Ellis, 8	3,652 (N)
Dec. 3	2-3	65	81	Notre Dame	-16	LeRon Ellis, 22	Reggie Hanson, 7	45,214 (N)
Dec. 7	2-4	82	85	NORTHWESTERN (LA.) ST.	-3	LeRon Ellis, 37	Reggie Hanson, 8	18,932 (H)
Dec. 10	3-4	78	60	WESTERN CAROLINA	+18	LeRon Ellis, 19	Mike Scott, 5	18,253 (H)
Dec. 16	3-5	54	56	BOWLING GREEN	-2	Reggie Hanson, 14	Chris Mills, 15	20,875 (H)
Dec. 17	4-5	91	78	MARSHALL	+13	LeRon Ellis, 33	Chris Mills, 20	18,945 (H)
Dec. 20	4-6	52	75	INDIANA	-23	Chris Mills, 22	Chris Mills, 11	23,212 (H)
Dec. 27	5-6	85	77	AUSTIN PEAY	+8	LeRon Ellis, 23	Chris Mills, 10	18,178 (*H)
Dec. 31	5-7	75	97	Louisville	-22	Derrick Miller, 34	Chris Mills, 10	19,502 (A)
Jan. 4	6-7	76	65	GEORGIA	+11	Reggie Hanson, 20	Chris Mills, 12	21,209 (H)
Jan. 7	7-7	70	61	VANDERBILT	+9	Derrick Miller, 27	LeRon Ellis, 10	23,338 (H)
Jan. 12	8-7	69	56	Florida	+13	Derrick Miller, 30	Derrick Miller, 8	11,751 (A)
Jan. 14	8-8	62	64	LSU	-2	LeRon Ellis, 20	Chris Mills, 11	124,288 (H)
Jan. 18	8-9	64	76	Alabama	-12	Derrick Miller, 19	Chris Mills, 7	15,043 (A)
Jan. 21	9-9	66	65	Tennessee	+1	Derrick Miller, 23	Chris Mills, 7	24,464 (A)
Jan. 25	10-9	86	76	Auburn	+10	Derrick Miller, 16	Chris Mills, 11	23,506 (H)
Jan. 28	10-10	65	70	Ole Miss	-5	Derrick Miller, 21	LeRon Ellis, 10	7,375 (A)

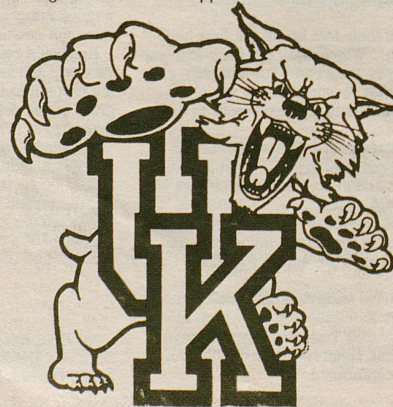
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Feb. 1	MISSISSIPPI STATE (H)
Feb. 5	Georgia (A)
Feb. 8	Vanderbilt (A)
Feb. 11	FLORIDA (H)
Feb. 15	LSU (A)
Feb. 18	ALABAMA (H)
Feb. 20	Auburn (A)
Feb. 22	TENNESSEE (H)
Feb. 26	Syracuse (A)
Mar. 1	OLE MISS (H)
Mar. 4	Mississippi State (A)
Mar. 9-12	SEC tournament (Knoxville)



# Newton has the insight to get program back on track

The saga of Wildcat Eric Manuel continues

IT WAS A smart move and a step in the right direction when the University of Kentucky hired C.M. Newton as the school's new director of athletics last week.



Dan Brandenburg  
Cats' Pause Columnist

I've never heard a bad word spoken about Newton as a coach or a person and his reputation of being squeaky clean and stressing academics fits right in with the philosophies of UK President Dr. David Roselle.

That's why UK football coach Jerry Claiborne has a new contract even though the gridiron Cats have been struggling around the .500 mark for several seasons.

Newton has been around enough to have seen and done it all and he should bring with him the insight necessary to get the UK program back on the right track once the NCAA investigation has concluded.

Newton, who recently won his 500th career game, has coached at one of the finest academic institutions — Transylvania University — in Kentucky and one of the best — Vanderbilt — in the Southeastern Conference.

He's also put in his time at Alabama to show that his teams can play with the big boys. His Vandy squads have earned much respect around the league and you don't hear the Commodores and Proposition 48 or partial-qualifiers mentioned in the same sentence.

PLUS, NEWTON HAD one thing in common with his predecessor, Cliff Hagan — he played at UK for the legendary Adolph Rupp. Hagan's predecessor was Rupp's longtime assistant Harry Lancaster.

Thus, UK's long line of "basketball ADs" continues, but I'm not concerned because of the caliber of person who will take over April 1, or just before the NCAA Infractions Committee hears the UK case.

For what it's worth, Newton was my top pick for the job long ago, but I really expected UK to offer the position to interim athletic director Joe Burch who has done an excellent job to date.

However, Newton was reportedly Roselle's top pick for the slot also and no other candidates were considered. The vote for Newton was unanimous.

Newton had long been rumored as a candidate for the job, but he refused to add any fuel to the media fire when Vandy lost to the Wildcats earlier this season in Rupp Arena.

When told that he could end all of the speculation by simply stating he was either interested in the position or not a candidate, Newton said: "I can end all the speculation by saying I'm just not going to talk about it."

Welcome back, C.M.

\* \* \*

**SPEAKING OF THE UK investigation**, last Monday (Jan. 30) was the once-extended deadline for the school to submit its response to the NCAA's 18 charges.

In an unexpected move, however, the school's board of trustees said it wanted to be briefed on the response before it was submitted to the NCAA.



UK president David Roselle

The decision came at the same meeting last week in which Newton was hired.

Although the move reportedly did not sit well with Roselle, he agreed to tell the board where UK stands at a special meeting called for last

Saturday. But that was before Eric Manuel was granted a temporary restraining order, in regard to records concerning the ACT. The meeting is rescheduled for this week.

The meeting was scheduled to be closed to the public and the press, although at least one Kentucky newspaper filed a lawsuit to make the meeting open. Even some of the trustees wanted to get the news out in the open.

"Doing that would reduce the mystery surrounding this matter and get it behind us sooner," said Larry Forgy of Lexington.

Another trustee, Billy Wilcoxson of Lexington, said: "I don't know of anything we have to hide as far as that report is concerned. Any other citizen is entitled to know what it contains as well as myself."

**IF YOU REMEMBER**, UK would not initially release the actual allegations lodged by the NCAA until many of them leaked into newsprint and a judge ordered the school to release them. This could be the second round of that song-and-dance. Forgy said it best when he added that he would prefer the school's response be released to the public "rather than leak out over a period of days or weeks, inch by excruciating inch."

Let's hope that by the time this hits the street, we all will know exactly where the university stands on all 18 charges. People like Forgy want to get everything out in the open instead of shroud it in secrecy like the UK administration.

The university knows whether it is guilty or innocent on at least some of the charges, so why wait three months until the NCAA hands down a ruling before telling the public how UK stands? If the expected ruling is going to be bad news, at least the fans will have some time to prepare themselves for the worst; if good or mediocre news is expected, then we can simply hope for the best. At this point, no news is simply news.

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**SOME APPARENTLY BAD news** has already hit the front page as reports say that Eric Manuel's ACT test score has been invalidated.

If you remember, questions concerning Manuel's sudden jump on his college entrance test scores made up one of the allegations lodged against UK and are the reason Manuel is voluntarily sitting out this season.

Manuel twice failed to pass the SAT in his hometown of Macon, Ga., before passing the ACT in Lexington, which made him eligible to play for Kentucky last season.

Manuel denied cheating on the test and having any knowledge of his score being invalidated. UK refused comment.

If the allegations against Manuel turn out to be true, UK would be faced with forfeiting most of its 27 wins, its SEC title and a whole lot of money if it knew Manuel cheated.

If UK had no knowledge of the incident, then Manuel could just have to sit out one season to make up for the season of eligibility he gained by passing the test.

Since he is already sitting out, he could theoretically play next season. It's amazing how that works out, isn't it?

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## OTHER STUFF

—If you think Kentucky's had a rough year, let's save a little pity for poor Sonny Smith down at Auburn. Smith's 16-man roster includes seven walk-ons as he has lost six scholarship players since practice began.

Three have gone down to injuries, two were kicked off the team because of disciplinary problems and another has announced he is going to transfer.

—I was surprised, to say the least, when Lindsey's Southeastern Conference football recruiting guide hit my desk last week.

It's roundball time of year and I haven't thought about the ball that bounces funny for days, it seems.

But anyway, Lindsey's gives players a rating of 1-5, with 5 being the best. However, no Kentucky blue-chipper earned the top rating and only five garnered a four.

Aaron Payne of Louisville Holy Cross was rated the state's best player, which is not good for UK since Payne has already announced he is headed to Ohio State.

Also getting fours were Jason Dombroski, a defensive tackle for Louisville Trinity; Paul Hladon, a quarterback for Covington Catholic; Webster Jackson, a defensive tackle for Louisville Manuel, and William Pollard, wide receiver for Fort Knox.

More bad news: Trinity's Jeff Brohm, a consensus pick as Kentucky's top prep QB even though Lindsey's just gave him a 3, will stay close to home and attend Louisville.

—**REX CHAPMAN IS** once again a cover boy. The former UK star graces the cover of the Jan. 23 issue of Sports, Inc., which bills itself as "The Sports Business Weekly."

The cover story deals with how Rex's current team, the NBA expansion Charlotte Hornets, has become an instant success and is expected to make a net profit of about \$8 million this year.

The six-page, 12-photo spread tells how the Hornets did it and a photo of Rex shooting a jumper over a couple of 76ers got the biggest play.

—In case anyone is wondering how Kentucky

# Rebels scorch UK 70-65

**Just like in the movie, Mississippi was burning; and the main reason was newcomer Gerald Glass**

By TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi entered last week in the middle of the pack. It kept pace with a 75-65 win over archrival Mississippi State at home Wednesday night. But after its fourth straight conference victory, a 70-65 win over Kentucky at Tad Smith Coliseum, Ed Murphy's Rebels now are one game back of league-leading LSU.

In an unpredictable conference race, the Tigers—who upset second-ranked Georgetown in the Superdome Saturday—are out in front with a 6-2 SEC slate, followed by Alabama, a half-game off the pace at 6-3. Ole Miss, 11-6 overall, is tied for second with Kentucky, Vanderbilt and a Tennessee club which has dropped three straight, all with 5-3 conference marks. The 'Cats overall record dips to 10-10.

Clearly it was an invincible performance at both ends by Gerald Glass which paced the Rebels' cause.

When Glass had the ball, Kentucky was in trouble. Glass, a 6-foot-6 transfer from Delta State, took 18 shots, hitting 10, and tacked on four free throws for a game-high 24 points. He also showed that he's a team player by dishing out three assists and turning the ball over just two times in 39 minutes of action.

When Glass didn't have the ball, Kentucky still was in trouble. Three times he blocked Kentucky attempts. His first rejection—a back-in-your-face block against LeRon Ellis—may have intimidated the UK center for the rest of the game (four points overall). Glass grabbed six defensive boards and four times had his hands in the theft department. Reggie Hanson, who ran into trouble offensively and defensively, knows a good performance when he sees one.

Last week Hanson made the front pages with his performance against Dyron Nix, considered by most as the league's best. Hanson, assigned to cover Glass, has a different opinion, saying that "Gerald is a better player."

No. 4, who in his spare time hums a few tunes as a gospel singer, did everything but sing the national anthem.

"I'VE SEEN HIM ENOUGH to where he only totally blows my mind once or twice a game now," said Murphy. "He really is a good player. He hits 10 of 18 shots. The guy gets 24 points but he shoots such a good percentage, and I'm sure Eddie will tell you he puts tremendous pressure on defense because he can play on the outside or the inside. He's tough."

"They did a good job guarding him. They held him to 24."

Some logic could be found in Murphy's latter statement as Glass came into the game averaging 25.9 points per game. So, yes, the 'Cats did shut him down . . . sure, and you've heard about some land Murphy has for sale in Florida, too.

Tim Jumper also was a hero, scoring 17 points. Derrick Miller and Chris Mills helped keep things close, especially near the end, contributing 21- and 16-point efforts. Towards the end the two combined for 13 straight points.

Glass gave a hint of things to come when he scored six of the Rebels' initial eight points. Glass got a little help from his friends, namely a Mike Paul free throw and a John Matthews' steal and lay-in to give Ole Miss an 11-5 lead.

Kentucky did the one thing it couldn't afford to do—dig itself in a deep hole in the early stages. Glass continued to be a factor at both ends. First he pulled down a Mills miss and got back in time for an alley-oop toss from Jumper. It was 13-5, and the 7,375 fans became louder and louder.

"I thought we got behind early and that's not a good thing to do when you're playing on the road," said UK coach Eddie Sutton. "It's been very fortunate in some of our games where we have been able to get ahead and get the crowd out of the contest and make the other ballclub come to us. But Ole Miss just hit some big shots early."

"In the first 20-minute period I felt like our shot selection was not good. It seemed like we were just trying to play catch-up."

**AT ONE TIME IN THE FIRST STANZA** the Wildcats found themselves trailing by 10 at 30-20. UK was lucky it wasn't behind by more.

Entering the locker room, the 'Cats, off-target 66.7 percent of the time, had scored just 22 points. What led to the subpar performance of these up-and-coming Wildcats?

Afterward, Murphy told the media the secret to stopping Kentucky's offense.

"We watched Kentucky when they really did a good job against

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
LSU.....	6-2	.750	14-5	.737
Alabama.....	6-3	.667	14-4	.778
Tennessee.....	5-3	.625	12-5	.706
Ole Miss.....	5-3	.625	11-6	.647
Vanderbilt.....	5-3	.625	11-9	.550
Kentucky.....	5-3	.625	10-10	.500
Florida.....	4-4	.500	10-9	.526
Georgia.....	3-6	.333	11-8	.579
Mississippi State.....	2-6	.250	8-9	.471
Auburn.....	0-8	.000	7-9	.438

\*thru games of Jan. 28

Tennessee," said the Ole Miss coach. "Kentucky runs that spread offense and they'll backdoor you with Mills and they backscreen for Ellis. They do these things and get isolation, and they're very, very quick going to the basket."

Coach, the secret?

"We set out to try and play sound defense and pressure the ball."

Yes, go on.

"But we got back in the gaps where we wouldn't give up any backdoors or any lob plays or any backscreens. We were determined to take away those easy baskets and try to make them beat us with the jump shot."

"Secondly, I was very worried about LeRon Ellis. I thought Sean (Murphy) did a real good job on him. He played him right outside and when he posted him. And when LeRon moved up the lane Sean was able to bother his shot enough to make him miss."

Not a bad game plan, Ed. To wit:

Only six shots were made outside the paint by UK, four credited to Miller. Throw in eight turnovers to just three committed by Mississippi and Murphy comes out looking like a genius.

Ellis missed all five field goal attempts in the first half. "My shot wasn't falling because I was adjusting it and not concentrating on putting it in the hole," reasoned Ellis. "I kind of got a little flustered and wasn't able to concentrate on doing anything else like rebounding and fanning the ball, which I didn't do very well in the first half."

On the other side, Glass scored 14 points in the first half while Derrick Miller tallied 11, getting free for one of his patented three-



Photo by Bruce Newman

Reggie Hanson has the ball but nowhere to go. UK sophomore, Hanson, who was checked by the F

VISITOR		HOME										
Kentucky (11-6, 5-3)		Ole Miss (11-6, 5-3)										
No.	Name	Pos.	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	FT	FTA	
33	Reggie HANSON	f	3	5	0	0	2	2	2	3	5	
42	Chris MILLS	c	6	15	0	2	4	0	14	7	8	
23	LeRon ELLIS	c	2	10	0	0	0	6	4	10	2	
20	Sean SUTTON	g	3	9	1	3	0	0	3	3	7	
4	Derrick MILLER	g	7	19	2	7	5	0	7	4	21	
12	Dyron BELMONT	f	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	
31	Chris JONES	f	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	
32	Richie FARMER	f	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	
33	Johnathon DAVIS	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
34	John PELFREY	f	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
44	Jeff GIBSON	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
40	Mike SCOTT	f	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
TEAM REBOUNDS (includes in Totals)		PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	FT	FTA	FT %	
TOTALS		24	62	14	13	7	22	32	17	16	25	68.0
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 42.7 (13/34)		2nd Half 31.1 (12/38)		Game 34.4 (25/72)		Overtime 0		Rebounds 3				
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 2.7 (3/8.5)		2nd Half 2.7 (3/11)		Game 2.7 (6/22)		Rebounds 3						
FT %: 1st Half 2.2 (3/10.5)		2nd Half 1.7 (1/6)		Game 1.9 (4/21)								
HOME (Last Name, First)		No.	Name	Pos.	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	
4	Gerald GLASS	f	10	18	0	1	4	6	0	16	2	
10	Mike PAUL	f	1	3	0	2	5	2	6	2	4	
21	Sean MURPHY	c	3	9	0	1	3	6	5	11	3	
10	John MATTHEWS	g	3	6	0	2	2	0	0	2	6	
22	Tim JUMPER	g	7	14	1	2	2	1	5	6	2	
3	David MIDLOCK	f	1	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	1	
24	Munter ATKINS	f	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	
31	Greg TURNER	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
32	Eric JONES	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
33	Troy GARRETT	f	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
34	Bernard SYLVE	f	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
35	Edgar WARD	f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEAM REBOUNDS (includes in Totals)		PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	FT	FTA	FT %	
TOTALS		26	54	3	5	11	22	13	25	10	15	70
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 41.2 (14/34)		2nd Half 34.3 (12/35)		Game 37.8 (26/69)		Overtime 0		Rebounds 3				
3-Pt. FG %: 1st Half 2.2 (3/13.5)		2nd Half 2.5 (3/12)		Game 2.3 (6/25.5)		Rebounds 3						
FT %: 1st Half 2.6 (3/11.5)		2nd Half 2.2 (1/4.5)		Game 2.4 (4/16)								
OFFICIALS: JOHN CLOUTIER, FRANK OWENS		SCORE BY PERIOD		1st	2nd	OT	Total					
Fresno Calby		KENTUCKY		22	13	0	65					
Technical Foul: NONE		OLE MISS		32	28	0	70					
Attendance: 7,375		Game 11-11-89										

# 65 for 4th straight win



It nowhere to go. Ole Miss guard John Matthews and Mike Paul (40) corner the checked by the Rebel defense for most of the day, took just five shots hitting three.

point bombs.

Although the pace picked up in the second half, Kentucky never could get any closer than the final score. Five times the Wildcats were able to cut the lead to six, the last time at 66-60 with 1:53 left.

"Everytime we made a run Ole Miss was able to hold us off," said Sutton.

Sutton's squad stood a chance of erasing its 10-point deficit, at least much better odds than Congress would have had. "Kentucky, early in the season they struggled but as of late have been playing good ball," said Glass. "They're a great team. We just came out and played hard, played good defense."

Early on a Hanson 16-footer and two free throws by Mills sliced the lead to six, 36-30. Glass, meanwhile, answered with an easy bucket underneath, followed by a Jumper bank shot that kissed high off the glass and through the cylinder.

Kentucky's next attempt to get back within striking distance came with 7:50 left.

Sean Sutton, who scored seven points, found an opening on the right baseline and cut the lead to six, 48-42, with a 12 footer.

Would this be Kentucky's big run?

Nope. MISSISSIPPI MAINTAINED control when Jumper canned two free throws courtesy of an Ellis foul. A nifty hook by Hanson again narrowed the margin to six, but as in all the previous cases Ole Miss answered the call.

"It seemed everytime they cut it close we answered," said Sean Murphy, whose game-high 11 boards were a big factor in determining the outcome.

Wandering around the perimeter, Glass drove to the right side and hit an eight-footer. Moments later, Glass upped the lead to 11 with a three-point play.

"We just kept executing on our offense and getting the ball up court," said Glass. "It turned out a positive for us."

By the time Miller scored on his second three-pointer of the night, UK still found itself six points behind with 1:53 left. And in the final 1:38 Ole Miss made four of five free throws, thus keeping the 'Cats in a hole they never could climb out of.

"You're always afraid of losing the game," admitted Murphy, "but I really thought, and I don't mean this in an arrogant way at all, but I thought our defense was in pretty good control."

"To tell you the truth, it was almost time to panic but it wasn't time, you know what I mean. I really thought we were playing pretty good."

WHILE UK TRIES to regroup and get ready for Mississippi State, Ole Miss can now look to do something it hasn't done since the 1937-38 season—win five straight Southeastern Conference games.

"LSU's on a roll now," said Murphy, the player. "They beat Georgetown. So we'll go down there and give it a shot."

In this case, does son know best?

"He (Sean) had 11 rebounds, again that's two or three times in a row he's been in double figures," father Murphy said. "If we get a decent contribution out of him... we know that Gerald and Tim have been going good. But I don't know about the word 'roll.' We've got to go jump on these guys that pounded Georgetown. That's going to be a million laughs."

### UK-OLE MISS NOTES & QUOTES

□ How important is Gerald Glass to Ole

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### UK-Ole Miss play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Ole Miss
18:42	Miller 21 ft.	3-0	
18:21		3-2	Class 4 ft.
17:49		3-4	Class 18 ft.
16:55		3-6	Jumper 16 ft.
16:28	Hanson 4 ft.	5-6	
16:30		5-8	Class 5 ft.
15:03		5-9	Paul FT, FTA
14:19		5-11	Matthews layup
13:35		5-13	Class dunk
12:14	Sutton 20 ft.	8-13	
11:43	Mills layup	10-13	
11:13		10-15	Murphy tip
10:47	Miller 15 ft.	12-15	
10:27		12-17	Jumper 14 ft.
10:03	Miller FT, FT	14-17	
9:41		14-20	Jumper 20 ft.
8:40		14-23	Class 15 ft., FT
8:04	Scott layup	16-23	
6:37	Miller 12 ft.	18-23	
5:45		18-25	Class 10 ft.
3:35	Mills 8 ft.	20-25	
2:50		20-27	Paul reverse layup
2:22		20-29	Matthews layup
1:43		20-30	Class FTA, FT
1:16	Miller 8 ft.	22-30	
0:58		22-32	Jumper layup
<b>HALF</b>		<b>22-32</b>	
19:50	Hanson FT, FT	24-32	
17:54		24-34	Murphy layup
17:31	Miller FT, FT	26-34	
17:18		26-36	Class 15 ft.
16:55	Hanson 16 ft.	28-36	
16:25	Mills FT, FT	30-36	
16:07		30-38	Class layup
15:23		30-40	Jumper 8 ft.
15:00	Sutton 8 ft.	32-40	
14:38	Miller layup	34-40	
12:58		34-43	Midlick 20 ft.
12:18		34-44	Class FTA, FT
11:08	Mills layup	36-44	
10:13		36-47	Askins 21 ft.
9:46	Ellis 4 ft.	38-47	
8:29	Feldhaus FT, FT	40-47	
8:08		40-48	Murphy FTA, FT
7:50	Sutton 12 ft.	42-48	
7:31		42-50	Jumper FT, FT
7:04	Hanson 6 ft.	44-50	
6:40		44-52	Class 8 ft.
5:53		44-55	Class 5 ft., FT
5:41	Mills layup	46-55	
5:27		46-57	Matthews 5 ft.
5:10	Mills layup	48-57	
4:01	Mills 4 ft.	50-57	
3:46		50-59	Murphy layup
3:31		50-61	Jumper layup
3:08	Mills FT, FT	52-61	
2:54		52-62	Paul FT, FTA
2:45	Ellis tip	54-62	
2:35		54-64	Matthews FT, FT
2:23	Miller 10 ft., FT	57-64	
2:11		57-66	Jumper 10 ft.
1:53	Miller 21 ft.	60-66	
1:38		60-68	Midlick FT, FT
0:47		60-70	Midlick FT, FT
0:28	Feldhaus layup	62-70	
0:04	Farmer 20 ft.	65-70	
<b>FINAL</b>		<b>65-70</b>	

—Cats' Pause chart



THESE REBELS HAD A CAUSE

Top left, clockwise: Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy has a chat with official John Clougherty during the Rebels' 70-65 win over UK. The win marked the second for Murphy over the 'Cats during his brief stint in Oxford; Sean Sutton looks to sneak past John Matthews; Deron Feldhaus takes no prisoners for this rebound. Fighting the Wildcat forward for the ball is Mike Paul; and Paul, a senior forward who scored four points in 30 minutes, gets ready dish off.

UK-Ole Miss photos by Bruce Newman



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# SEC basketball is down, but not out for the count

## Midterm grades handed out

It may be down, but SEC basketball is not to be ruled out. Sure, everybody is persistently badmouthing the quality of basketball in the conference this season, but what hasn't been mentioned is the youth which abounds



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heavily throughout the league.

With such players as Florida's Livingston Chatman, super frosh Chris Jackson of LSU, Ole Miss forward Gerald Glass and UK's Chris Mills, the SEC has some of the best young talents in the nation this year.

However, like most conferences around the nation experience from time to time, the SEC is currently in a down cycle. In fact, heading into the month of February, the league didn't post a single Top Twenty team.

And with the halfway point in conference play due to arrive this week (Alabama, at 6-3, and Georgia, at 3-6, have already been through the league once, the other eight clubs play their ninth conference games Wednesday), what better time to pass out first-semester grades?

The league deserves about a "C" for its play to this point, but a "B" for improvement, especially from the bottom half of the league. Now let's grade the 10 league teams:

### □LSU

SEC record: 6-2, 1st place

Overall record: 14-5

Grade: A-

Dale Brown is doing his miracle act again. There's this strange phenomenon about how many have perceived Brown's coaching ability. You see, about four or five years ago Brown was criticized for not doing well in the NCAA tournament after driving his squad to high-ranking finishes in the regular season. Then that criticism quickly evaporated when Brown took his team to the Final Four in 1986 and the final eight the year after. The point is this: whether it's in the NCAA tournament or in regular-season play, Brown can downright coach basketball.

This year, Brown has built his team around what he calls his "Ebony and Ivory" tandem of super freshman Chris Jackson and reliable veteran Ricky Blanton.

What the Tigers have done best this season is play well on the road, especially with great second-half finishes. The Bayou Bengals posted near-miracle comebacks in upsetting Kentucky in Lexington and Georgia in Athens, overcoming huge second-half deficits each time. Jackson has been outstanding in leading the league in scoring, and is one of the better guards to enter the SEC in quite some time.

What makes LSU so tough is that if the game gets tight during the last five minutes, Jackson simply takes over. Opponents who foul him immediately give away two points, and if you let him shoot he often burns you for three. In some ways, Jackson is to LSU what Michael Jordan is to the Chicago Bulls.

More proof that LSU is for real came last Saturday in the Superdome, where the Tigers upset second-ranked Georgetown by a bucket in front of a record NCAA regular-season crowd and a CBS national-TV audience.

### □ALABAMA

SEC record: 6-3, 2nd place

Overall record: 14-4

Grade: B+

There might not be a more competitive coach in the

SEC than Alabama's Wimp Sanderson. After suffering through the first losing season in his coaching career last year, Sanderson has the Tide fighting for the league title, just a half-game back of LSU. Michael Ansley is one of the more underrated players in the league. Alvin Lee is starting to take more of a leadership role in the backcourt. Furthermore, the attendance has steadily increased at Coleman Coliseum and the Tide has yet to lose at home this year. With the athletes Sanderson has at his disposal, the Tide is a bona fide contender for the SEC title.

### □KENTUCKY

SEC record: 5-3, 3rd-place tie

Overall record: 10-10

Grade: B

Eddie Sutton's club has displayed remarkable improvement for the league race when you consider the Kitty 'Cats suffered embarrassing home-court losses to both Northwestern State and Bowling Green back in December. However, Sutton has stuck with his team throughout and, once again, has Kentucky fighting for an SEC championship.

Yes, Rupp Arena continues to be a graveyard for most SEC foes. And Chris Mills has been absolutely outstanding in his first year for the 'Cats. But there are still some things to be ironed out: Can Sutton get consistent play from his center spot in LeRon Ellis and Mike Scott? And will a thin bench produce when one of the starters goes down with an injury or gets in foul trouble?

Sutton has his team perking along and, if everybody falls asleep, he just might steal an SEC title.

### □OLE MISS

SEC record: 5-3, 3rd-place tie

Overall record: 11-6

Grade: B

Ed Murphy's team might have finally turned the corner. The Rebels are in the midst of a four-game conference winning streak, including a remarkable come-from-behind overtime victory at Georgia followed with a 70-65 win over Kentucky in Oxford. With Gerald Glass, who has to get Newcomer of the Year honors this season after being near the top in seven of the eight SEC offensive categories, the Rebels have a true all-conference performer. And that's to take nothing away from sophomore guard Tim Jumper, who is starting to come around after being hampered by a knee injury.

With the win at Georgia, the Rebels have already won twice on the road in league play. Now everybody must take a wait-and-see approach as the Rebs head into the second half of the round-robin. One thing's for sure: Glass has an abundance of offensive skills and has made a big splash on the SEC scene. The big question to be answered is whether or not Ole Miss can get quality production out of Sean Murphy and Mike Paul.

### □VANDERBILT

SEC record: 5-3, 3rd-place tie

Overall record: 11-9

Grade: B

The decision of coach C.M. Newton to accept the athletics director job at Kentucky has to play a key role as to how well Vandy will finish out the season. There's no question Newton has seasoned his team for the conference grind with a tough non-conference slate in November and December.

And by all rights, Vanderbilt should be tied for first at this point with LSU. The Commodores have their fans to thank for their loss at home against Florida last week. Vandy led by a bucket with one second remaining to be played in regulation and had the ball out of bounds. At that point, several fans decided to bombard Florida center Dwayne Schintzius (who was suspended earlier in the season for swinging a tennis racket at a UF student during a nightclub altercation) with tennis balls. The result? Vanderbilt was assessed a technical foul, Schintzius sank a pair of foul shots and then went to war in

overtime as Florida squeaked past Vandy. The Commodores also had LSU on the ropes in Baton Rouge earlier in the year before Jackson threw in a buzzer-beater for the win.

What remains uncertain, however, is how well the team will play for a coach who is leaving at the end of the season.

Meanwhile, Barry Goheen has developed into one of the top guards in the league and one of the premier clutch players in college hoops. Already, the Calvert City native has made national headlines by sinking last-second three-pointers (one from halfcourt) to beat No. 3 Louisville and league foe Georgia. Newton has also been very pleased with the way forward Frank Kornet, who leads the 'Dores in scoring, has matured and developed up front. It's the other two frontcourt positions that has Newton worried.

### □TENNESSEE

SEC record: 5-3, 3rd-place tie

Overall record: 12-5

Grade: C

Two weeks ago, the Vols would have been in the "A" category. And although Tennessee is currently in a four-way tie for third place in the league, Don DeVoe's bunch has taken itself out of the driver's seat with a three straight league losses—homecourt Ls to Kentucky and Georgia sandwiched around an overtime defeat to Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

DeVoe likes the depth and experience of this year's club, but would like to see more consistent guard play from Clarence Swearingen, Travis Henry and Greg Bell. He also would be pleased if Dyrion Nix continues to live up to his Player of the Year reputation and if Doug Roth would become more forceful on the boards.

With three road wins under its belt in addition to being a veteran team with more depth than usual, Tennessee must still be given the favorite's role. But the Vols have to shake off their recent slide and play to their potential.

### □GEORGIA

SEC record: 3-6, 8th place

Overall record: 11-8

Grade: C-

No doubt about it, the team with the most bad luck so far has been Georgia. Hugh Durham has to be shaking his head following extremely tough losses to Vanderbilt, Ole Miss and LSU, the latter two coming in Athens. Even without his two top scorers of a year ago—Willie Anderson, who is now starring with the NBA's San Antonio Spurs, and Toney Mack, who was lost because of grades—Durham's Bulldogs were picked to win the league in pre-season. Then starting center Elmore Spencer was lost for the season with an injury.

Suddenly, people were starting to jump off the Bulldog bandwagon. However, what hasn't been mentioned is Georgia's youth. Of the starters, only Patrick Hamilton is a senior. Durham has more depth to work with than in the past and his teams tend to get better over the course of the season. If center Alec Kessler and freshman guard Litterial Green can recapture their early-season form, I wouldn't count the Bulldogs out just yet.

### □FLORIDA

SEC record: 4-4, 7th place

Overall record: 10-9

Grade: D

Talk about a team trying to find itself. Coach Norm Sloan must be pulling his white hair out these days trying to figure out what has happened to his program this season. First there was a federal drug investigation on the Gator campus. Then Schintzius was suspended for several games because of the earlier-mentioned incident. Finally, the roster was depleted with the losses of Stacey Poole, Johnny Walker, Cesar Portillo and Jose Ramos to injuries, grades and/or discipline problems.

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## CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

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<b>Reader's Choice</b>	<b>Oscar Combs</b>	<b>Nick Nicholas</b>	<b>Mike Estep</b>	<b>Todd Hallum</b>	<b>Gary Cromwell</b>	<b>Hoop Demon</b>

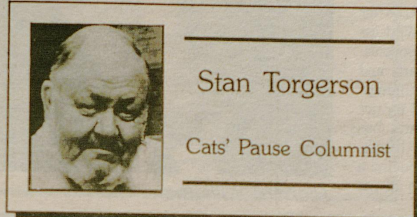
Last week	17-8 (.680)	17-8 (.680)	16-9 (.640)	16-9 (.640)	15-10 (.600)	17-8 (.680)
Total	165-60 (.733)	168-57 (.747)	167-58 (.742)	171-54 (.760)	165-60 (.733)	165-60 (.733)

MISSISSIPPI STATE AT KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 9	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 11	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 9
OLE MISS AT LSU	LSU 8	LSU 7	LSU 6	LSU 6	LSU 3	OLE MISS 1
TENNESSEE AT VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT 1	VANDERBILT 2	VANDERBILT 5	TENNESSEE 1	TENNESSEE 3	TENNESSEE 6
ALABAMA AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 6	FLORIDA 2	ALABAMA 1	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 4	ALABAMA 4
GEORGIA AT AUBURN	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 3	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 4	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 3
VIRGINIA TECH AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 17	LOUISVILLE 14	LOUISVILLE 13	LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 12	LOUISVILLE 10
DUKE AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 1	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 4	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 1	DUKE 2
VILLANOVA AT SYRACUSE	SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 9	SYRACUSE 8	SYRACUSE 1	SYRACUSE 3
ILLINOIS AT PURDUE	ILLINOIS 1	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 6	ILLINOIS 4	ILLINOIS 8	ILLINOIS 3
MEMPHIS STATE AT FLORIDA STATE	FLORIDA ST. 8	FLORIDA ST. 12	FLORIDA ST. 11	FLORIDA ST. 13	FLORIDA ST. 11	FLORIDA ST. 4
PROVIDENCE AT ST. JOHN'S	PROVIDENCE 3	PROVIDENCE 3	ST. JOHN'S 3	PROVIDENCE 7	ST. JOHN'S 2	ST. JOHN'S 3
SETON HALL AT GEORGETOWN	G'TOWN 4	G'TOWN 6	G'TOWN 6	G'TOWN 5	G'TOWN 6	G'TOWN 4
OKLAHOMA AT KANSAS STATE	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 11	OKLAHOMA 12	OKLAHOMA 6	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 4
MISSOURI AT KANSAS	KANSAS 1	KANSAS 6	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 3	MISSOURI 1	KANSAS 2
LSU AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	LSU 1	LSU 9	MISS. ST. 3	LSU 2	LSU 4	LSU 4
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OLE MISS AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 6	OLE MISS 2	FLORIDA 7	FLORIDA 3	OLE MISS 1	FLORIDA 6
KENTUCKY AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 1	GEORGIA 2	KENTUCKY 1	GEORGIA 7	GEORGIA 6	KENTUCKY 4
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# Want your kid to make the most of college?

Forget books, buy him a Nautilus machine

They come to college and they practice their sport more hours than they spend in their classrooms. They take their knocks, the bumps, the hurt and the exhaustion and they keep on playing.



Stan Torgerson  
Cats' Pause Columnist

Their short-term goals are a conference championship, a bowl game, the NCAA tournament, the College World Series.

But long-term, in the back of their minds, there is always the question: "Am I good enough to play pro?"

It's not the Super Bowl, the NBA playoffs or the World Series that make them ask themselves: "Am I good enough to play pro?"

It's the money.

The unbelievable, astronomical, almost-obscure amounts of money young men—still in their early 20s—are paid for playing children's games they once played only for fun.

If there's a doubt in your mind, you obviously didn't read the recent issue of *The Sporting News* which listed the salary of every player in pro football, basketball and baseball.

My achin' wallet!

Why wasn't I born muscular rather than just smart and handsome?

Let's run through a few names familiar to Southeastern Conference fans. The incomes shown do not include signing or achievement bonuses. They represent annual income only.

Start with former Florida quarterback Kerwin Bell. He was drafted in the seventh round by Miami and cut, picked up and cut again, then finally found a spot with the Atlanta Falcons as a backup to a backup.

For sitting on the bench every Sunday watching someone else play, Kerwin Bell is paid \$102,000 by Atlanta.

Then there's Auburn's Aundra Bruce. He was the first pick in the draft and he, too, plays for Atlanta. As the No. 1 choice you'd expect this youngster to be well paid—but \$1.9 million?

That's what he gets. Who says a college education isn't valuable?

LSU's Wendell Davis, selected No. 27 in last year's draft, makes \$725,000 catching passes for the Chicago Bears.

Former Florida star Cris Collinsworth is making \$550,000 with Cincinnati.

Herschel Walker, perhaps the greatest running back in SEC history, and certainly one of the very best in the NFL, draws \$1.8 million for playing football with the Dallas Cowboys.

Former Ole Miss offensive lineman Chuck Comiskey, whose checkered career includes a stay in the USFL plus a year or two with the New Orleans Saints, and who was released early last season by the Saints only to be resigned later when injuries left the team short-handed, Comiskey earns \$185,000 for filling in.

Another former Ole Miss player, J.R. Ambrose, was drafted by Kansas City. He was cut during preseason and later caught on with Green Bay. Soon injured, he had to sit out 1988. The Packers are paying J.R. \$155,000 for not playing.

Other salaries of your favorites include:

- Buford McGee (Ole Miss), L.A. Rams, ..... \$235,000
- Fuad Reveiz, (Tennessee), Miami ..... \$125,000
- Sammy Martin (LSU), New England ..... \$167,000

- Lars Tate (Georgia), Tampa Bay ..... \$350,000
  - Anthony Miller (Tennessee), San Diego ..... \$987,500
- Then there are the "poor folks" in the NFL. Jeff Herrod of Ole Miss was a ninth-round selection by Indianapolis, made the team, but is paid only \$77,500. Miami chose LSU's Brian Kinchen in the 12th round and, as a result, Kinchen makes but \$83,000.

In the NBA, the average salary is \$600,000, and our boys do pretty well. Former Georgia star Dominique Wilkins will earn \$1.5 million for playing 82 league games this year. Rookie Rex Chapman from Kentucky is paid \$675,000 by Charlotte and ex-Vanderbilt center Will Perdue receives \$425,000 at Chicago.

Elston Turner has stayed in the NBA for eight years since he graduated from Ole Miss. He has never been a star, just a good, steady reserve for Dallas, Chicago and this year, Denver. That's not the worst life. Elston is paid \$225,000 for his part-time work.

Indiana has two former SEC stars, Chuck Person of Auburn and Vern Fleming of Georgia. Person makes \$664,166 and Fleming \$507,500.

Former Kentucky great Kenny Walker earns \$660,000 at New York but Charles Barkley, one of our league's all-time stars while at Auburn, draws \$1.536 million from Philadelphia.

Kentucky's Sam Bowie, who because of injuries hasn't played enough for Portland to fill even a small scrapbook, is still on their payroll at \$1.08 million per season.

Willie Anderson from Georgia is drawing \$500,000 in his first season for San Antonio.

Ex-Tennessee great Dale Ellis gets \$1.2 million from Seattle and Alabama's Derrick McKey is paid \$428,000 from the same team.

Even troubled Vernon Maxwell, who put Florida in serious trouble by admitting he took money from an agent while playing for the Gators, is earning \$100,000 per year from San Antonio.

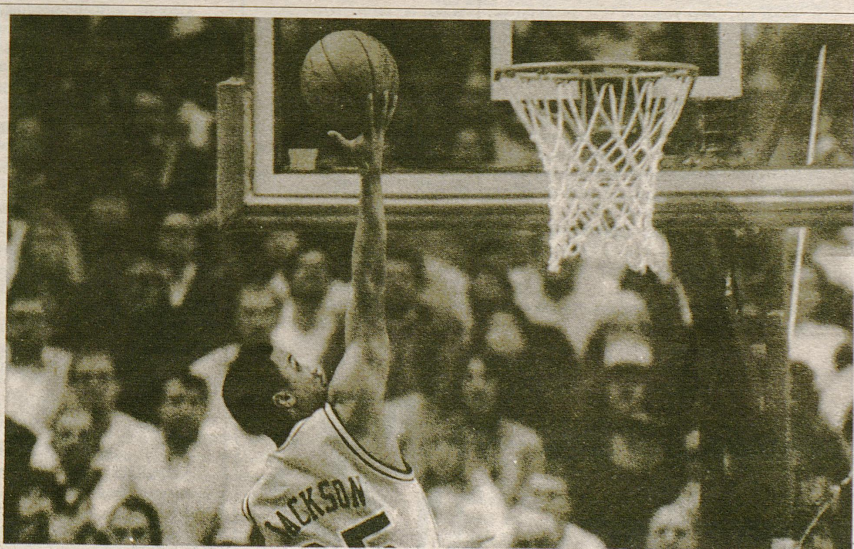
Jeff Malone, one of Mississippi State's finest players, is drawing \$816,666 at Washington. Teammate Bernard King, who played at Tennessee, has a contract with the Bullets for \$1.1 million.

Baseball salaries include \$345,000 for Will Clark of San Francisco (who will make much more than that next season after going to arbitration this winter) and \$533,000 for Bo Jackson at Kansas City, who also

receives a check from the L.A. Raiders in the NFL. Clark played at Mississippi State, Jackson at Auburn.

If you want to prepare your kid for college, forget the encyclopedias. Buy him Nautilus equipment and a set of barbells.

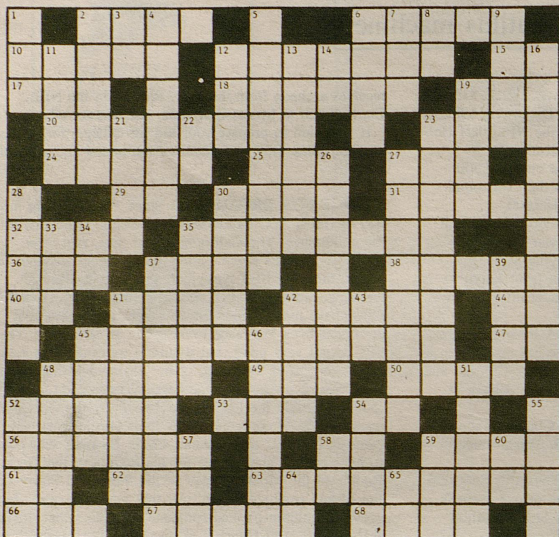
□**NOT FOR BROADCAST:** Since 1985, Florida has had the most SEC basketball all-academic selections in the conference. The Gators have had nine, two more than Vanderbilt's seven...For a year without standout teams, the 1989 SEC basketball season is most interesting. New stars such as Chris Jackson and Gerald Glass have made games fun to watch, and the lack of dominant fives has made every game an adventure. The SEC is not very good, but it sure is exciting...Can Kentucky keep alive its record of not having a losing season in 62 years? It's going to be tough. They've got to play .500 ball inside the league, plus meet a tough Syracuse team outside of conference play, plus win at least one game in the SEC tournament...Chris Jackson isn't going to have enough shelf space for his Rookie of the Week, Rookie of the Month, Player of the Week and Player of the Month trophies by the time this season is over...In a previous column I asked someone to explain the Florida team to me. Add Georgia to that list. They've got to be better than their record, which now stands at 3-6 in the SEC and 11-8 overall, but they're sure not playing well...When Mississippi State recently hired Keith Daniels from the Ole Miss staff to be the Bulldog's new offensive coordinator, hardly a word was said. I wonder what would have happened if it had been the other way around: that is if Billy Brewer had hired someone from Mississippi State. I'll be I know, and I suspect so do you...Speaking of Mississippi State, congratulations to coach Ron Polk. His team was picked No. 1 in the preseason baseball poll conducted by *Baseball America*. The man is dedicated and he's built a tremendous program...Two SEC players were named to the *Football News* Sophomore All-American Team. One is University of Kentucky linebacker Randy Holleran and the other is Ole Miss safety Todd Sandroni. Both are great young players...Add this one to the list of your favorite nicknames. Basketball player Cameron Burns, who currently leads Mississippi State in scoring, is called "Smoke."



□**THE LAST WORD:** Scooter Hobbs in a whimsical column about LSU's Chris Jackson (above) and whether the young man is a real person or a machine made to look like a real person as in the film *The Stepford Wives*: "What will the NCAA do when traces of 30-weight Quaker State show up in his tournament drug-test specimen?"

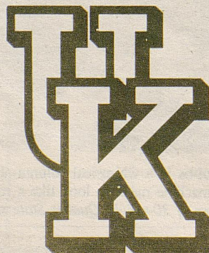
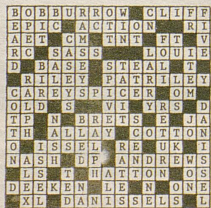
TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckerberg



FIVE YEARS AGO: JOE'S LAST FINAL FOUR CATS

- ACROSS
  - 2 Carter leaves
  - 6 Guard action was limited to 6 games in '83-'84
  - 10 Make up for
  - 12 12.4 ppg came as a sophomore
  - 15 Initials of '60s Cat Jaracz
  - 17 Russian flier
  - 18 Sport places
  - 19 Roman num. for pts. for 35 Across at halftime
  - 20 Namesake of asst. coach Hamilton
  - 23 '68 Cindy Reda Minitinghan
  - 24 Namesakes of 6-6 Jr. McKinley
  - 25 Abbr. for a Middle East country
  - 27 Garden tool
  - 29 Abbr. for "zone series"
  - 30 Crucial body part for hoopster
  - 31 Blood carrier
  - 32 Dreaded person
  - 35 Pulled a stall but lost 24-11
  - 36 '83-'84 Cats \_\_\_ 29 of 34 games
  - 37 Ringer
  - 38 '83-'84 Cats won their \_\_\_ 12 games
  - 40 Pronoun
  - 41 '83-'84 Cats assist leader
  - 42 Averaged 10.5 ppg in '83-'84
  - 44 First two of the five
  - 45 Started 33 of 34 games as soph.
  - 47 Title abbr.
  - 48 \_\_\_ dad coached the Hogs in '83-'84
  - 49 Namesakes of '50s Cat Robinson
  - 50 \_\_\_ team was no match for '83-'84 Cats, falling 96-80 and 90-58
  - 52 \_\_\_ were great games at Rupp then
  - 53 '83-'84 Cats won \_\_\_ their home games
  - 54 California city abbr.
  - 56 Consider
  - 58 Initials of '83-'84 Cats top scorer
  - 59 Certain
  - 61 Abbr. for "Office of Economics"
  - 62 Abbr. for a school-home group
  - 63 '83-'84 Cats were able to \_\_\_ wherever and whenever they played
  - 66 See 7 Down
  - 67 '83-'84 Cats had many
  - 68 '83-'84 Cats freshman Andrews
- DOWN
  - 1 More #31 for Joe's '83-'84 Cats
  - 2 First name of soph. guard in '83-'84
  - 3 Indefinite article
  - 4 \_\_\_ 422 pts. was 2nd to 58 Across
  - 5 Joe's Cats beat the \_\_\_ squad 65-44 in November, then 72-57 in NCAA Tourney
  - 6 Captain of '83-'84 Cats
  - 7 Time period abbreviations
  - 8 Initials of NBAer/non-Cat Sparrow
  - 9 Recipe word
  - 11 Cats beat BYU 93-68 in opening \_\_\_ of NCAA tournament
  - 12 The Hoosiers-Cats game was the usual \_\_\_
  - 13 "The \_\_\_ of two evils"
  - 14 Initials of former Illini star Norman
  - 16 Starting guard for '83-'84 Cats
  - 19 Serve
  - 21 Exude
  - 22 Like
  - 23 '83-'84 Cats beat 'em by 5 in annual battle
  - 26 Turns the a/c back on
  - 27 Asst. coach Jim
  - 28 Rebound leader of Joe's '83-'84 squad
  - 30 Asst. coach Lake
  - 33 Melvin \_\_\_ 35 pts. vs. LSU on 1/7/84
  - 34 Nurse abbr.
  - 35 Garden crop
  - 37 Freshman \_\_\_ 222 pts. came off the bench
  - 39 \_\_\_ 91 Pts led the '83-'84 Cats
  - 41 Was a 6-9 jr. in '83-'84
  - 42 The \_\_\_ simply would not go in during 2nd half of O-town game in Final Four
  - 43 Initials of '80s letterman Kleiser
  - 45 35 Across was able to \_\_\_ the halftime score low
  - 46 Pulled exactly 200 boards in '83-'84
  - 48 Unqualified
  - 51 The \_\_\_ SRO crowds filled Rupp
  - 52 Saw action in 11 games in '83-'84
  - 54 Stride
  - 55 '83-'84 Cats \_\_\_ to the Final Four after beating Illinois 54-51
  - 57 Have some chow
  - 58 \_\_\_ scored 42 pts. vs. Georgia on 3/8/84
  - 59 Masculine name
  - 60 NE state abbr.
  - 64 Initials of the Cats' coach
  - 65 Symbol for "radium"



MSU Bulldogs limp into town but their bite could prove fatal

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

Richard Williams' Mississippi State Bulldogs have dropped five consecutive conference games, but still their bite could prove deadly to UK this Wednesday night.

Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m., EST at Rupp Arena.

Williams' main problem has been finding the right combination to get his club playing at the level when it won eight of its first 12 games, including an 87-84 win at LSU.

After Kentucky plays the Bulldogs, the Wildcats will have faced all nine conference opponents. Cameron Burns, Gerg Lockhart and Chancellor Nichols will pace the Bulldogs' attack.

MSU fell to 2-6 in the league with its loss to Vandy Saturday. Presently, MSU is the only SEC team with an overall losing record. UK is coming off a 70-65 loss at Ole Miss. "They (MSU) have a good ballclub," said UK guard Derrick Miller, who's led Kentucky in scoring seven of the last nine games.

"There are no teams in the SEC that we can just overpower. If we don't come out and do the right things for us to win things are not going to work out, because the league is too balanced this year."

Kentucky's opponent Saturday, Georgia, kept its slim hopes of contending for the SEC crown with a 74-73 win at Tennessee. "I'm not surprised," said Miller when told of the upset. "Georgia probably has the deepest team in the SEC. They're just off and on. But I'm not surprised at all."

Georgia turned back a seven-point deficit against UT in the final three-plus minutes to pull the upset. Alec Kessler's 15-footer with five seconds left gave the visitors the win. This time around Georgia will host the 'Cats in Athens. Last month, Kentucky knocked off Hugh Durham's club with a 76-65 win before 21,209 at Rupp Arena. In that game Reggie Hanson led UK with a brilliant 20-point performance while Chris Mills was able to grab 12 rebounds.

Georgia, virtually needing to win the remainder of its league games to have a chance at the title, visits Auburn this Thursday, taking 11-8, 3-6 (SEC) marks into that game. Durham's Bulldogs have suffered close defeats at Vanderbilt, to LSU and Ole Miss, for instance. "We've been knocked down and knocked down and knocked down," said Durham, "and to come back and win here really helps."

UK OPPONENTS' PROBABLE STARTERS MISSISSIPPI STATE

GUARDS: Greg Lockhart (6-2, senior, 12.1 points per game, 2.7 rpg.) Tony Watts (6-2, freshman, 9.2 ppg., .9 rpg.)

FORWARDS: Greg Carter (6-5, sophomore, 5.7 ppg., 3.3 rpg.) Cameron Burns (6-7, sophomore, 13.7 ppg., 5.7 rpg.)

CENTER: Chancellor Nichols (6-9, sophomore, 9-3 ppg., 5.6 rpg.)

GEORGIA

GUARDS: Patrick Hamilton (6-2, senior—scored seven points in last meeting with UK)

Latterly Green (6-2, sophomore—scored 17 against UK)

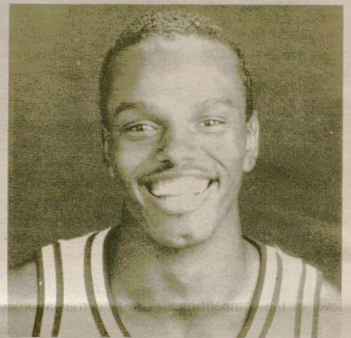
FORWARDS: Rod Cole (6-4, sophomore—two points)

Marshall Wilson (6-8, sophomore, 0 points against UK)

CENTER: Alec Kessler (6-10, junior, 12 points against UK)



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# U of L, Oklahoma, G'town look like teams to beat

With NCAAs nearing, these three stand alone

□ We've come to and passed the half-way mark in the college basketball season. Unlike the pro games, college hoop gets in, completes its season in a quick, orderly fashion and then moves out.



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

To date, it has been an amoeba-like year in terms of establishing a pecking order of powerhouse teams. No one has given indications of being that dominating, all-conquering team.

Still, with tournament play just a few weeks hence, here's how things have broken down to date.

## Them that's got

Louisville, Oklahoma and Georgetown, a class of three with very little space between.

□ Onlookers seem in agreement this is the deepest and most talented club **Denny Crum's** had in Louisville. The Cardinals go nine or 10 down the bench. In addition Crum's played his usual fearless schedule which should have Louisville peaking come March.

My only concern is the team's tendency to play at the level of the competition. It's a dangerous approach.

□ Oklahoma isn't as effective defensively as it was a year ago because the Sooners lack inside size. But **Billy Tubbs** has more good shooters than he did last season. As long as teams are willing to run with Oklahoma it is business as usual in Norman. A patient team which stays in its halfcourt game and shoots well could be a big headache for OU. That wasn't true last year.

□ With victories in **John Thompson's** absence, I've become more persuaded this Georgetown team is good enough to win it all. **Charles Smith** has played brilliantly outside and **Alonzo Mourning**, though prone to freshman mistakes, is a factor inside. The Hoyas have to fear a game played in the halfcourt because there are some lingering shooting liabilities, but there's little question they belong.

## Them that's hopin'

A crowd of six bunched here, each with Final Four capabilities, but each, likewise, needing to overcome some significant problems.

□ We start with **Duke**, America's choice as the No. 1 team, preseason. Alas, following a powder-puff pre-league schedule, the Blue Devils have been unmasked in ACC play. Coach **Mike Krzyzewski's** club desperately misses the defensive intensity and, one suspects, the clubhouse leadership of **Billy King**. **Danny Ferry's** nagging back injury hasn't helped either. The key to Duke's hopes lies in getting more consistent backcourt play.

□ Until the injury to **Kendall Gill**, my inclination would have been to put Illinois a bracket higher. The Illini have a better team this year because of better shooting from the perimeter. I dare say no major college team has improved more in this area than **Lou Henson's** club. And that's why Gill's loss is so staggering. The Illini also have a size problem, evidence of which was presented in the Georgia Tech game.

□ I wouldn't blame **P.J. Carlesimo** and all the **Seton Hall** faithful for asking what more they need to do to prove their worth as a top five team. To date the Pirates have met nearly every challenge and, frankly, have done everything necessary to prove they belong. Perhaps it is an absence of past presence which causes me to wonder if this program is yet ready for the next step up.

□ December's Team, **North Carolina**, is improved



THEM THAT'S GOT: (left to right) Denny Crum of Louisville, Billy Tubbs of Oklahoma and John Thompson of Georgetown coach the three teams that, for the time being, look like they have what it takes to win the NCAA tournament.

from last year, but the nagging question, once again, is how much better can the Tar Heels get? There's talent. There's **Dean Smith's** new emphasis on better offensive balance. There's size and experience. But there's also recent history. So, we'll wait...and fret.

□ Same deal at **Missouri**. The Tigers got off to a great start and have continued pounding away at the opposition. **Norm Stewart's** club seems to have its fate turn on the play of guard **Byron Irvin**. When he's cooking, Mizou can beat anyone. I mean, anyone. On those other nights, though, the Tigers are very beatable.

□ At **Arizona**, coach **Lute Olson** has a tough call to make between now and tournament time. He's got a pair of veteran backcourt players who haven't produced and a couple of youngsters who have. So, which way to turn? It is always a gamble to enter tournament play using a freshman and a sophomore in your backcourt, but it is risk I believe Olson will have to take if the Wildcats are going to reach Seattle.

## Them that's wishin'

□ When you examine **Iowa** there are two teams which must be viewed. One with **Matt Bullard** and one without. If Bullard makes it back and becomes a comfortable fit, the Hawkeyes move up a spot or two. Without him, **Tom Davis'** bunch might be overrated at this level. Bullard gives Iowa a powerful offensive force in the middle, something it now desperately lacks.

□ The fact **Georgia Tech** has played a killer schedule and therefore doesn't have the pretty W-L log shouldn't confuse the fact this is a talented team. **Tommy Hammonds** has the pro scouts excited, but coach **Bobby Cremins** must wonder why his big guy sometimes fades out (read North Carolina State). And **Dennis Scott** rewrites a definition for the word enigmatic. Still, it's the kind of team which could be dangerous in NCAA play.

□ **Florida State** has been on a rampage. Coach **Pat Kennedy** has a lot of players who can run, shoot and win. Absence of tradition, like Seton Hall, is a minus.

□ **Nevada-Las Vegas** has some great athletes, but lacks an ability to shoot. The Rebels will dominate their league and be very difficult to beat at home, but losses to Oklahoma, Arizona and Louisville tell a tale.

□ Although he'd never say so (or, then again, perhaps he would) I have a feeling even **Bobby Knight** is surprised by **Indiana's** showing. The Hoosiers got dusted three times early, but since the Notre Dame loss (a non-

duster), IU has rolled merrily along. It will be interesting to see how fellow Big Ten teams attack Indiana during the second half of league play.

## Them that's prayin'

□ I was very tempted to put **Ohio State** a notch higher because the Buckeyes have the kind of ingredients to write a Villanova or North Carolina State NCAA story. **Gary Williams** has depth, size, and experience. He also has America's best collegiate backcourt player in **Jay Burson**, a wonderchild who must be seen to be believed and appreciated.

□ **Michigan's** stumbling January belies a team has a lot of quality players. **Dick Vitale** says **Bill Frieder** has the most-talented lineup in America and that's probably on target. But basketball success doesn't always go to the most talented. Maybe this slump will force the Wolverine underachievers to take a tough look in the mirror and, even more, maybe it will force Frieder to rethink his December scheduling policy which is long on easy wins but, apparently, short on team growth.

□ **Syracuse**, likewise, has fallen from the mighty in January. The Orangemen are getting spotty backcourt play and are not shooting well. Also, like at Michigan, coach **Jim Boeheim** has to hope the adversity will cause his team to take a reflective look at itself.

## Them that's dreamin'

□ **St. Mary's** of California. OK, give 'em a tournament bid, but don't ask anyone to explain the team's nickname (Gael).

□ **Villanova**. How many times do you see a team lose just one player who wasn't thought to be irreplaceable and that turns out to be the case?

□ **North Carolina State**. Absolutely great backcourt, but shortcomings up front have to be revealed at some point.

□ **Stanford**. Getting to the NCAA would be a major milestone. Anything more is a bonus.

□ **UC-Santa Barbara**. **Jerry Pimm** probably deserves to be Coach of the Year.

□ **Providence**. The Friars don't shoot it as well as the Final Four team, but this has been a nice turnaround.

□ **Notre Dame**. A transition year. See them next season.

□ **Arkansas State**. This year's Richmond, perhaps.

□ **SEC**. Absent for now and sorely missed.

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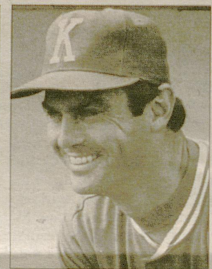
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### PREVIOUS GAMES

- Jan. 3: Women's Basketball—Morehead def. UK 74-70
- Jan. 4: Basketball—UK def. Georgia 76-65
- Jan. 6: Women's Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 74-68
- Jan. 7: Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 70-61
- Jan. 8: Women's Basketball—UK def. Middle Tennessee 68-66
- Jan. 11: Women's Basketball—UK def. Eastern 83-77 (OT)
- Jan. 12: Basketball—UK def. Florida 69-56
- Jan. 13: Women's Basketball—UK def. Marshall 72-61
- Jan. 14: Basketball—LSU def. UK 64-62
- Jan. 16: Women's Basketball—UK def. Kentucky State 91-53
- Jan. 18: Basketball—Alabama def. UK 76-64
- Jan. 18: Women's Basketball—UK def. Louisville 77-73
- Jan. 21: Basketball—UK def. Tennessee 66-65
- Jan. 21: Women's Basketball—Tennessee def. UK 101-57
- Jan. 24: Women's Basketball—Western def. UK 79-75
- Jan. 25: Basketball—UK def. Auburn 86-76
- Jan. 28: Basketball—Ole Miss def. UK 70-65
- Jan. 28: Women's Basketball—Ole Miss def. UK 70-52



Eddie Sutton



Keith Madison

## Wildcat officials comment about this, that and whatever; Roselle says performance off the court is what counts

Compiled by the Cats' Pause staff

University of Kentucky president David Roselle and interim athletics director Joe Burch answered various questions by the media during last week's press conference given to introduce new athletics director C.M. Newton. And, after talking from the podium for approximately 10 minutes, Newton took the floor to again answer questions from various media outlets.

The three Wildcat officials, or soon-to-be as in Newton's case, talked about different topics in which we thought you would be interested in.

Following are quotes gathered from the Jan. 24 press conference:

### C.M. NEWTON

#### (About winning his 500th game)

Newton: I don't get hung up on numbers. I'm a whole lot more interested in what the next win will be for us—10 or 11 or whatever the heck it is. It's nice that now it's done, I don't mean to minimize that. You know, that just means you're a survivor.

#### (About leaving coaching)

Newton: That was part of the decision—if you've killed enough bulls and been gored enough times. And I've decided that I have.

#### (About his wife, Evelyn)

Newton: She had a major role in this (decision). Evelyn always has a major role in important decisions. And, she had a major part in this.

#### (About his future post)

Newton: I was excited and a lot more scared going from Transylvania to Alabama. I was excited about going into the SEC office. I was very excited going to Vanderbilt. But this is coming home to me. This is the circle, this is the full circle. What I hope to be able to do is to come here and whatever time I've got left is somewhat being productive as an athletic administrator to make a statement here.

#### (About playing Kentucky in Nashville later this month)

Newton: We're going to try to beat their fannies like we've always done, just like they will to us. Hopefully, it will be a game that means something to both of us in the league.

#### (About the timing of his announcement)

Newton: I've been very uncomfortable trying to dodge (the issue). I'm just not good at it. My style has been to be up front and be open. I couldn't conceive that I could accept the job, either in principle or and not go on and get it over with. Plus, I think it would have put the university in a very tough situation. How are you going to conduct interviews in a sham-setting knowing that you already know who you're going to hire? So we discussed it. I'm just grateful to Vanderbilt for their willingness to be open and up front, too.

### JOE BURCH

Burch, Kentucky's interim athletics director, will hold that position until April 1, that's when C.M. Newton will take over as the in-

#### stitution's new AD.

Burch, meanwhile, will turn his attention back to his law books and representation of the university. "I kinda like that position," said Burch.

#### (About the allegations UK can defend)

Burch: Well, I'm not going to get into that, except to say: "Don't pay a lot of attention to what you hear." There's a lot of stuff on the street that isn't very correct, a lot of speculation. I wouldn't characterize anything the way I hear people characterizing it. I think, basically, they don't have a lot of information.

Everyone see things in terms of defend or not to defend. This case isn't going to be plead that way. Our job was to investigate things put before us, again, and provide the facts. We feel like we've done a good job of doing that.

#### (About when the public can be told of the university's stance on each allegation)

Burch: The way I see it, and I might be wrong, but the way I see it is that we'll send our report in and we'll have our conference with the NCAA. We'll be heard before the hearing committee. They will publish an opinion in the case. We won't publishing any opinion.

We feel like we've got to send this report to the NCAA (without being open to the public); it would be difficult for us to have plead this thing in the public arena. We've got to plead it before the infractions committee. When they finish with the case and it's finalized, they will publish an opinion.

#### (About the NCAA, in regard to its recent penalties to Houston, Cincinnati, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State)

Burch: I don't know if the cases are alike on their facts, or that you can compare one school to another in terms of infractions and try to determine what's going to happen. Whether they (NCAA) are sending messages or not is something they could better answer than I could. But certainly, we do watch those opinions and we're interested in the kind of facts situations in penalties that occur.

### DAVID ROSELLE

#### (About the confidentiality of the report to the NCAA)

Roselle: The confidentiality of the report is an important issue because people are named in the allegations. You'll recall how we handled the allegations. . . the question was when the allegations came in—should they be released to the press or not? On one hand, should they be released to the press is the public's right to know. That's your guys' job (media's). Or should they not, and that's the right to privacy that the individual has. Those are competing, indeed, Constitutional Rights of privacy versus the public's right to know. We didn't know whether they should be released or not. And we did not feel that the university was the right place to adjudicate that particular situation. It was agreed—the friendly law suit.

That was kind of misunderstood in some of the reporting, that UK lost the suit. We didn't lose the suit. We were trying to develop  
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# Worth repeating!

## Good and bad news hit Kentucky football program. The good news? Three Louisville Male standouts say they'll wear the Big Blue. Bad news? Brohm commits to U of L

Jerry Claiborne and his University of Kentucky football staff got plenty of good news last week, but like in any recruiting season they received some bad news as well.

The good news is that three Louisville Male products—running back Eric Carter, linebacker Sean Smith and defensive back Salim Shahid—announced they'll sign a letter-of-intent on Feb. 8 to attend Kentucky. Also, linebacker Matt Moore, from Ft. Thomas Highlands, says he'll wear the Wildcat Blue.

In his career at Male, Carter (6-foot, 193 pounds) rambled for 2,470 yards and 38 touchdowns. Shahid played both ways for the Bulldogs, intercepting five aeriels while offensively catching 13 passes for 236 yards and five touchdowns.

Both Carter and Shahid selected Claiborne's team over Louisville.

Smith, a 6-foot, 227-pounder, was a key force in Male's defense last season.

Other recruits who have said they'll sign with UK are: wide receiver Brian Evans (Pleasure Ridge Park), Ken Johnson (Riverside, Pa.) and Duce Williams. (Bethel Park, Pa.).

But there was bad news as well.

Louisville Trinity's outstanding quarterback Jeff Brohm decided that the University of Louisville was best for him.

"I liked both schools a lot, but I felt that U of L's type of offense was for me," Brohm told *Lexington Herald-Leader* sportswriter Mike Fields. "And coach (Howard) Schnellenberger has a history of developing quarterbacks."

The All-State quarterback led Trinity to a 14-0 slate and to the Class 4-A championship this season.

Earlier, Brohm did officially visit UK.

Overall, he threw the pigskin 1,707 yards and 20 touchdowns in 1988. He also rambled for 602 yards and an additional 12 touchdowns.

Earlier, Aaron Payne, considered one of the state's best prospects if not No. 1 will be playing his college ball for Ohio State. Payne played for Louisville Holy Cross.

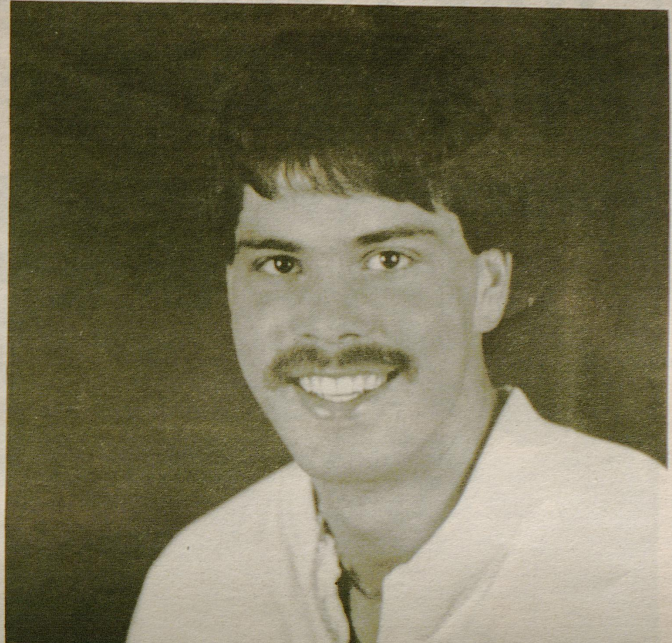
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Last Saturday it was announced that University of Kentucky basketball player Richie Farmer was named the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* Sportsman of the Year.

Farmer, who last year for Clay County scored a championship record 51 points against Ballard, nosed out former 'Cat Pat Riley for the honor. Riley, of course, led the Los Angeles Lakers to their second consecutive World Championship.

The voting consisted of sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the Bluegrass State. Farmer received 18 first-place votes, 436 points overall, while Riley had 11 first-place votes with a total of 389 votes.

Finishing third was Elroy Harris, the sensational running back from Eastern Kentucky. Following Harris were David Roselle, University of Kentucky president; and Jackie Humphrey, star runner from Eastern Kentucky who earned a spot in the semifinals of the Olympic Games (100-meter hurdles). Overall, the paper listed the top 20 finishers.



Last season's Mr. Basketball, Richie Farmer, is Kentucky's Sportsman of the Year

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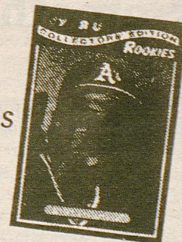
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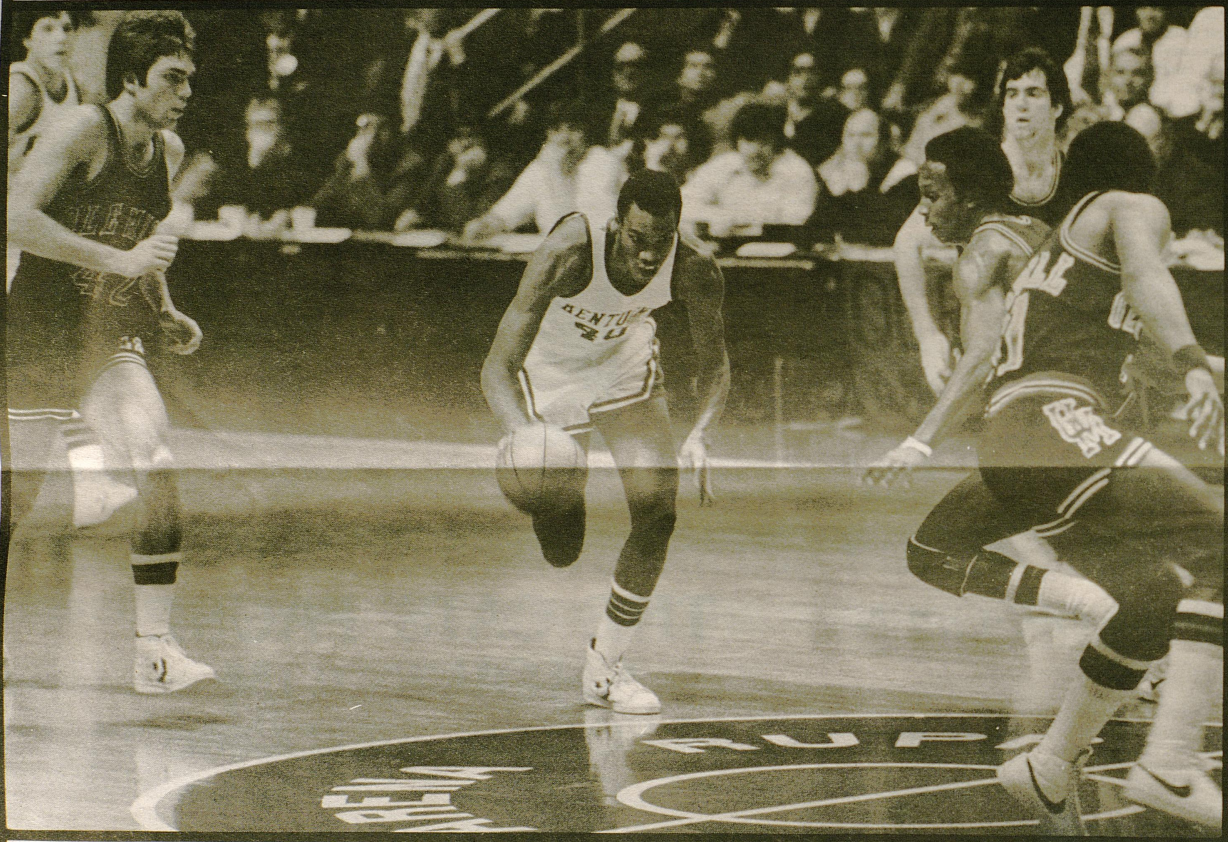
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## Ole Miss 70, Kentucky 65

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Miss? Well, the preseason all-SEC pick has been carrying the offensive load to such an extent that Rebel assistant sports information director **Scott McKinney** has been using a statistic he calls Points Responsible For, which combines points scored with assists. Entering the UK game, Glass had been responsible for 38.9 percent of Ole Miss' point output. Against the 'Cats, Glass was even better, accounting for 42.9 percent of the Rebels' points. He scored 24 of Ole Miss' 70 and was responsible for six more with his three assists.

□ Talk about an interesting twist! Kentucky has a coach named Ed. So does Mississippi. UK's head coach's son goes by the name of Sean. That's funny, **Ed Murphy's** son, **Sean**, is the starting center for Ole Miss. Both players are sophomores, although Sean Murphy is a redshirt soph. And yes, both have been the target of boos by their respective hometown fans. Earlier, during a loss in Ox

ford to Vanderbilt, Murphy was the target of verbal jabs by local supporters. The similarities of the two take different paths in this instance, however. "He's the type of person that will never let that bother him," said Sean Murphy of **Sean Sutton**. "You can criticize him all day and he's not going to listen. That doesn't bother him at all. I got to me that one time, but I feel pretty confident that it won't get to me anymore if it does happen again." Added Ed Murphy: "**Warner (Alford)**, Ole Miss athletics director called him in and talked to him. A lot of good Ole Miss people have been talking to him because it was hard for him to handle—his own fans turning on him like that. I think he got mad. I think he got angry about a bunch of people trying to take something away from him that he's worked very hard to get."

□ While Ed Murphy might not say his team is on a roll, he did have some "role" players who played admirably. Guard **John Matthews**, who got the starting nod over fresh

man **David Midlick**, helped run the show, playing 30 minutes while scoring eight points and a game-high eight assists. He's listed at 5-10 but it's more like 5-8. As for Midlick, he came off the bench and connected on his only three-point attempt of the game as well as a perfect four-for-four from the stripe. Throughout the contest Murphy used a three-guard set, with Midlick, Matthews and **Tim Jumper**.

□ Mississippi was a slight favored over Kentucky. Afterward, the Ole Miss coach, who scored his second victory over the 'Cats, said he would have to stay on the sidelines "140 more years to even the series between the two institutions." Kentucky leads the overall series 73-7.

□ It's as clear as Glass. Kentucky guard **Derrick Miller** went on record, like teammate **Reggie Hanson** did, by saying the Ole Miss junior was a better player than Tennessee's **Dyron Nix**. In fact, Miller said, "I think he's the best player in the SEC. Hands

down. He's an inside, outside threat. I have a lot of respect for him. This is the first time having to play against him. If he keeps doing what he's doing he'll be a sure first-round (NBA) pick when he leaves after his senior year." Do you hear that, **Chris Jackson**?

□ **LeRon Ellis** on the damage of this loss: "This hurts a little more because if we would have won this game we would have been on top in the SEC. And we would have been looking good."

□ Speaking of Ellis, his sister, **Lisa**, scored a game-high 24 points for the Lady Kats, but it wasn't enough as UK lost to the Lady Rebels 70-52. The 6-6 junior hit on 10 of 16 shots from the field and grabbed nine rebounds, to boot. The game took place at C. M. **Tad Smith** Coliseum prior to the men's battle.

□ For the 'Cats to keep alive their 60-year string of non-losing seasons, **Eddie Sutton's** club has to win six of 12 possible remaining games (at least one in the SEC tournament).

## Oscar Combs

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That "closed session" brought on a suit by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* demanding that the meeting be open to public and media. After several rounds in courts, the session was eventually opened, but before any details could be revealed, the board voted to withhold all information until such time the university is ready to meet with the NCAA and then present the report to the board at that time or before.

During the legal process over the week, one judge made note that a UK coach's job could be on the line if the report were made public.

If all this sounds confusing, it is. We'll just have to wait and see what the future holds.

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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . If you think **Rex Chapman** was a hero in Kentucky the past couple years, well, you should see what's happening around Charlotte, N.C., and the rest of the NBA these days. In fact, *Sports, Inc.*, a national trade weekly which deals with the sports business world, devoted a lengthy article to **Hornet Mania** last week, talking about the massive crowds at the 25,000 Charlotte arena and how the fans are all

caught up in the NBA expansion team. Not once in the six-page feature is Chapman's name even mentioned. But guess who is featured on the magazine cover? Yep, ol' King Rex himself . . . Sunday's game with **Georgia** will be televised live nationally over ABC-TV beginning at 4 p.m. . . . Kentucky football coach **Jerry Claiborne** lost the battle for Louisville star **Jeff Brohm** to the UL Cardinals, but don't look for the Cards to make a big dent into UK's control of the state's recruiting crop. Claiborne's staff is zeroing in on their total number of available scholarships and Jerry appears to be very pleased with the progress to date . . .

More and more former Wildcats are showing up at Rupp Arena these days. Last week, ex-Cats **Freddie Cowan** (along with a few extra pounds) and **Jimmy Dan Connor** attended the Kentucky-Auburn game . . . Freshman **Sean Woods**, who is sitting out this year as a Proposition 48 case, is in school and says he's looking forward to next season as a member of the Wildcats. He says his biggest adjustment has been not being able to be a part of the team practices. Woods, who says he chats with **Shawn Kemp** frequently these days, reports that Kemp still says he hopes to return to UK after his junior college days.

## Dan Brandenburg

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stands in the SEC statistics, I'll tell you.

The Cats were last in scoring, but first in scoring defense going into the Auburn game. UK was seventh in field goal percentage, sixth in three-point percentage and fourth in free throw percentage. Kentucky was also last in rebounding, but first in defending against the three-pointer.

As far as everything else is concerned, let's just call it middle of the pack.

—Has anyone else noticed that four members of the Kentucky Lady Kats share common last names?

**Coach Sharon Fanning's squad includes** Lisa Ellis (sister of LeRon Ellis), Tracye Davis (no kin to Johnathon Davis), Kris Miller (no relation to Derrick Miller) and Vanessa Foster-Sutton (no relation to Eddie and Sean Sutton).

It's just another of those wonderful facts you saw here first.



## Wildcat officials

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some kind of understanding. In the response (to the NCAA) we will attempt to preserve the confidentiality.

(About the outcome of the investigation)

Roselle: Right now, it's too early to talk to people about what they should be prepared for. But they (Kentucky fans) should certainly understand that the NCAA would not have sent those allegations for what they thought that their investigation, in cooperation with us, showed problems in the basketball program.

(About the number of allegations)

Roselle: I don't know if there was more than 18, than the 18 allegations at the present time. The other side of that isn't clear, that if NCAA will continue the 18 allegations that they have.

(About unnamed Allegations 19, 20)

Roselle: Those are all a substantial part of the investigation. They were put forward as possibilities. They are centered, for example, in recruitment of Shawn Kemp. We will be required to report on those.

(About the on- and off-court respectability of the basketball program)

Roselle: The issue, the full NCAA allegation issue, does not center on on-court or performance of the basketball program. The issues to be addressed relate to allegations about breaking recruiting, involving institutional control, etc.

## Todd Hallum

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Sloan has survived 36 years of coaching college basketball, though, and I'm sure he can withstand one more. Make no mistake about it, the Gators have the best frontcourt in the league when Schintzius, Chatman and Dwayne Davis come together and keep their minds totally focused on basketball. But unless that happens and Sloan doesn't get some solid guard play, the Gators won't be a factor in the title race.

□ **MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
SEC record: 2-6, 9th place  
Overall record: 8-9  
Grade: D-

It's tough to give such a low mark to one of the younger teams in the league, but the recent five-game losing streak has erased the momentum State gained at the start of the league race.

Coach **Richard Williams** does have an up-and-coming team, but it has to learn how to win on the road. On the bright side, you can argue that Williams has one of the deepest teams in the league. Up front, **Cameron Burns**, Chancellor

**Nichols** and **Joe Courtney** have showed some promise. In the backcourt, newcomer **Tony Watts** has been spectacular of late, and **Greg Lockhart**, Doug Hartsfield and **Reginald Boykin** have been adequate, if not consistent.

It seems the heartbreaking home-court loss to Tennessee early in the season took the steam out of Williams' squad. Can it rebound in the second half and somehow come up with a win or two on the road?

□ **AUBURN**  
SEC record: 0-8, 10th place  
Overall record: 7-9  
Grade: D-

Some veteran onlookers may want to sympathize with likable Auburn coach **Sonny Smith**. Poor Sonny simply has a talent-thin team this season and only can play a spoiler role, at best. Already, starting forward **John Caylor** was lost for the year due to injury, starting guard **Derrick Dennison** has quit and rejoined the team and **Johnny Benjamin** transferred to Nebraska.

**Keenan Carpenter** has been outstanding lately and **Matt Geiger** has proven he is

one of the league's better big men, but it hasn't been enough. Smith now must try to get his players some valuable game experience and plan for the future. The Tigers have been on the verge of breaking their SEC goose egg of late, but it looks like there will be some sparse crowds at the **Joel Eaves Memorial Coliseum** for the rest of the season.

□ **UK NOTEBOOK:**

The UK football coaching staff is really excited about this year's crop of recruits it plans to sign this month. In fact, the staff would do just about anything for a few more scholarships to pass out this year. NCAA scholarship allotments were cut from 30 to 25 for this season. Already, the staff has numerous oral commitments from both in-state and out-of-state prep players, and was canceling official visits two weeks before the Feb. 8 signing date. That's something that hasn't happened in the past. . . . One out-of-state prep player that had to be put on hold in recruiting was **Lance Harp**, a quarterback from Franklin, Ohio. Harp was scheduled for a planned visit to the UK campus, but

because of the numerous commitments the UK staff is practically out of scholarships. Already, Harp has visited South Carolina and Bowling Green. Now the UK staff is counting on the recruits to live up to their oral commitments. . . . Former UK running back **Marc Logan** received good news when he was given a spot on the Cincinnati Bengals' roster for the Super Bowl. Cincinnati's often-troubled backup running back **Stanley Wilson** was suspended for another drug relapse, enabling Logan to suit up for the contest, which was won 20-16 by the San Francisco 49ers. Logan played on specialty teams, making a tackle on a 49er kickoff return. . . . On the basketball scene, former Wildcat center **Rob Lock** had a rather uneventful debut in the NBA, failing to score for the L.A. Clippers in a loss to the Dallas Mavericks. Lock, who was given a contract by the Clippers to help fill a void at center because of a severe knee injury to rookie **Danny Manning**, was 0-4 from the field against the Mavs. Lock, originally drafted by the Clippers, had been playing professionally in Italy.



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# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Six Years Ago

Paul "Bear" Bryant, the former Kentucky football coach and a true legend in his own time, died at age 70. At the time of his death he was the winningest football coach in collegiate history, racking up 323 wins in coaching stints at Kentucky, Texas A&M and Alabama. He was head coach of the Wildcats during the winningest period of UK's football history, the late '40s and early '50s. In his eight-year tenure with the 'Cats (1946-53), Bryant posted an 60-23-5 record for a .710 winning percentage. To put his coaching success at UK in perspective, five coaches have succeeded him at Kentucky, and none has been able to put together even a .500 career mark with the 'Cats. The Bear took four Wildcat teams to bowl games—winning the '47 Great Lakes Bowl, losing the '50 Orange Bowl and then rebounding to win the '51

Sugar Bowl and the '52 Cotton Bowl. In the 35 years since Bryant left Lexington, the Wildcats have been invited to just three bowl games—winning the '76 Peach Bowl under Fran Curci and splitting the '83 and '84 Hall of Fame Bowls under Jerry Claiborne.

Even though Melvin Turpin turned in a tremendous 42-point performance in Knoxville—becoming the first UK player to top the 41-point plateau since 1970—it wasn't enough as Kentucky lost to Tennessee at Stokely Athletics Center 65-63. The loss was the 10th in the 11 years for the 'Cats, adding further to the legend of the "Knoxville Jinx."

The Vols jumped out to an 11-2 lead, but Turpin roared back, scoring UK's first 13 points to cut the gap to 19-13. The 'Cats opened in a man-to-man defense, but UT's Dale Ellis quickly saw to the end of that, eating Kentucky alive. UK switched to a zone,

outscored Tennessee 23-21 and went into the half trailing 32-25. At the halfway mark, Turpin had 19 points and 11 rebounds.

In the second half, Turpin continued his domination and brought the 'Cats within a bucket at the 11:23 mark, but the visitors never could get over the hump. Ellis, the Vol All-American who finished with 22 points and six boards, sank a pair of free throws to ice the win.

A then-NCAA record 10,622 packed into Memorial Coliseum to watch the Kentucky Lady Kats defeat sixth-ranked Old Dominion Lady Monarchs 80-66. Kentucky put five players in double figures in the victory. Old Dominion had previously held the record for women's attendance.

## Eight Years Ago

Kentucky came out in a tenacious man-to-man defense and jumped all over Auburn, sending the Tigers back to the Plains with a 102-74 setback. The 'Cats hit the Rupp Arena floor on fire and quickly posted a 19-4 lead. The 'Cats led 39-24 at the half, then exploded for 63 second-half points as all 12 'Cats scored.

The defeat was the worst ever for a Sonny Smith-coached club and was marred by 94 foul shots. Sam Bowie led Kentucky with 25 points and 10 boards in just 25 minutes of action. He got plenty of help. Charles Hurt scored a career-high 18, grabbed a career-high nine rebounds and held Auburn's Frank Poindexter scoreless. Fred Cowan added 15 points for UK. Derrick Hord, in a reserve role for the first time all season, chipped in with 11 while fellow sub Melvin Turpin scored 12. Dirk Minniefield dished out nine assists for the 'Cats.

Earl Banks and Greg Turner led Auburn with 15 points each.

The 'Cats must have celebrated the Auburn win too long, because three days later Kentucky traveled to Knoxville and was bombed 87-71. The loss, which coach Joe B. Hall termed "our worst game of the year," effectively put the 'Cats out of the SEC race. It was the third SEC setback of the year for UK, and left the Wildcats too far behind frontrunning LSU, even though Kentucky would defeat the Tigers in the regular-season finale.

Tennessee just flat outplayed the 'Cats, breaking open a close game after leading just 43-39 at the half. Dale Ellis came out of the UT doghouse to lead the Vols with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Ellis had been late for a practice earlier in the week and didn't leave the bench until the game was nine minutes old, with the Vols holding a three-point advantage. From that point on, Ellis never left the game and Kentucky couldn't stop him. Gary Carter added 18 for the Vols. Howard Wood and Michael Brooks added 14 each, Dan Federmann tossed in 10. Sam Bowie threw in a game-high 26 to pace Kentucky. Derrick Hord added 10 points.

## Nine Years Ago

In almost a carbon copy of an earlier win over Auburn, Kentucky nipped the Tigers 64-62 in Auburn. It marked the second time of the season that the 'Cats trailed Auburn for most of a contest yet rallied to win at the buzzer. In the first matchup between the two clubs, Kyle Macy fired in a buzzer-beater from the corner. This time, Dirk Minniefield was the Tiger tamer, canning a jumper as time elapsed. Macy led the 'Cats, who trailed 39-30 at the half, with 14 points. LaVon Williams added 11. Charles Hurt drew a starting assignment and responded with 10.

By playing what coach Joe B. Hall

described as its best ball since December, UK snapped a four-game losing streak to Tennessee and gained a share of first place with 9-3 LSU with an 83-75 win at Rupp Arena.

The 'Cats smothered the Vols with defense early in the contest, jumping out to leads of 11-2 and 19-4 to open play. The teams traded baskets for deep into the second half before UT made a late run to trim the lead to 74-71 with just over three minutes remaining. Jay Shidler responded with a layup on a runout against the Vol press, however, and Derrick Hord added a pair of foul shots to preserve the win. Kyle Macy was brilliant for the 'Cats, scoring 22 points, dishing out 10 assists and committing just one turnover. Shidler added 14 points and Fred Cowan 13. Reggie Johnson led UT with 28 points and 14 boards.

## 10 Years Ago

Suffering their worst defeat since a 98-84 setback to Indiana on Dec. 9, 1974, the Wildcats were taken apart 101-84 by Tennessee in Knoxville.

"I can't remember us playing this badly since I have been at Kentucky," UK coach Joe B. Hall said in the aftermath.

The 'Cats seemed to be in good shape when Vol star Reggie Johnson picked up his fourth foul with 8:38 left in the first half and the score tied at 23-23. Tennessee was able to build a five-point lead by the half, however, and then scored the first eight points of the second half to initiate the blowout. Terry Crosby led the Vols with 23 points and Gary Carter had 19. Dwight Anderson paced UK with 22, followed by Kyle Macy with 16.

The scrappy 'Cats pulled away in the closing minutes to take a 90-74 win over Georgia and, in so doing, clinched a winning season for the 52 straight season. The 'Cats entered the game with a 13-10 record with three regular-season games and the SEC tournament remaining.

UK led 47-44 at the half and then pulled out in the final minutes, hitting 20 of 21 foul shots for the game. From the field, UK was also on target more often than not, hitting 35 of 59 shots for 59.3 percent.

Dwight Anderson continued his torrid streak for Kentucky, hitting for 23 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

## 12 Years Ago

Kentucky handed Vanderbilt its worst defeat in 30 years, humiliating the visiting Commodores 113-73 in Rupp Arena. Vandy had stayed within a bucket of the 'Cats in an earlier game in Nashville, but this one wasn't close after Larry Johnson's jumper broke a 15-15 deadlock midway through the first half. The bucket precipitated a 34-11 scoring spree by the Wildcats, who slammed the 'Dores on the boards 58-37 for the game.

Mike Phillips led the 'Cats with 24 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Four other UK players scored in double figures: Jack Givens with 21, Johnson 21, Rick Robey 18 and Truman Claytor 16.

The 'Cats went to Freedom Hall two days later and continued to play blowout, destroying visiting Florida State 97-57 in a game that counted as a Metro Conference tilt for the Seminoles. Kentucky jumped out to leads of 9-2 and 26-8 in what turned out to be a rude homecoming for 'Nole coach Hugh Durham.

The 'Cats led 44-31 at the half, then doubled the score on FSU in the second half, out-pointing them 53-26 after intermission.

Jack Givens led the UK onslaught with 28 points. "King" and "Kong" also got in on the act—Rick Robey scored 14 points and had 13 rebounds, Mike Phillips had 19 points and 14 rebounds. Truman Claytor had 21 points.

# WILDCAT QUIZ

## Welcome home, C.M.

1. What did C.M. Newton say when asked about the Kentucky-Vanderbilt game later this month?  
a) "I won't be there."  
b) "I'm in the progress of cancelling the game."  
c) "We're going to try to whip their fannies, like we always do."  
d) "It's just another game."

2. What do the initials C.M. stand for?  
a) Charles Marshall  
b) Charles Martin  
c) Charles McCarthy  
d) Charles Mack

3. What state did Newton grow up in?  
a) Florida  
b) Tennessee  
c) Kentucky  
d) Alabama

4. Where did Newton begin his head coaching career?  
a) Alabama  
b) Louisville  
c) Transylvania  
d) Berea

5. True or False? Newton is a charter member of Ft. Lauderdale's Sports Hall of Fame.

6. What position on the UK baseball team did Newton play.  
a) left-fielder

b) third base  
c) pitcher  
d) catcher

7. True or False? Newton played on the 1948-49 NCAA championship team.

8. What professional baseball team drafted Newton?  
a) Cincinnati Reds  
b) St. Louis Cardinals  
c) New York Yankees  
d) Boston Red Sox

9. Between his tenure at Alabama and Vanderbilt, what job did Newton hold.  
a) athletics director at Alabama  
b) athletics director at Vanderbilt  
c) commissioner of the SEC  
d) assistant commissioner of the SEC

10. Which of the following college standouts did Newton coach?  
a) Jeff Fosnes  
b) Jan van Breda Koff  
c) Leon Douglass  
d) Charles Davis

## Answers

1. "We're going to try to whip their fannies, like we always do."
2. Charles Martin
3. Florida
4. Transylvania
5. True
6. pitcher
7. False (played on '51 championship team)
8. New York Yankees
9. assistant commissioner of the SEC
10. Leon Douglas

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