

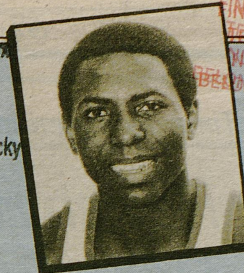


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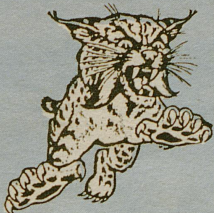
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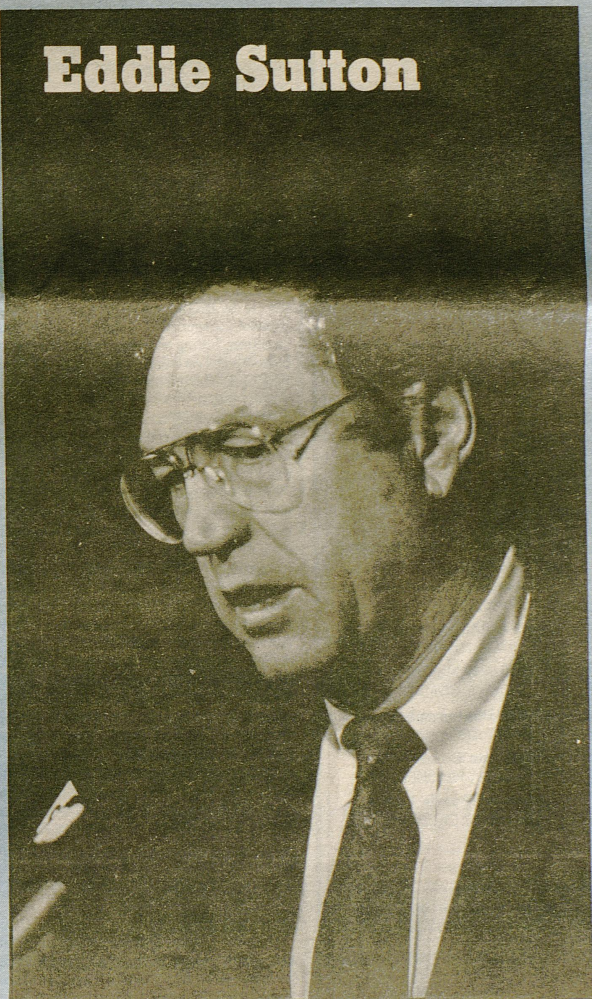
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## Time To Experiment

# Redshirts Aplenty As Spring Drills Begin On UK Campus

By Nick Nicholas

In five months Jerry Claiborne's Kentucky Wildcats will be ready to entertain the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers. Though, during these spring and summer months the UK gridders will be getting themselves ready for battle.

Tracing back a couple of Wednesdays ago (March 26th to be exact) the Wildcats started working toward opening day with the beginning of spring practice. This season's spring drills feature 22 redshirt freshmen who'll be gunning for spots on the first team.

Overall the atmosphere on the practice field is good. The 'Cats are coming off a dismal 5-6 slate which included a season-ending 42-0 disaster to visiting Tennessee.

"It's too early to tell," said defensive back coach Chip Garber about the promising redshirts. "Some of them are going to be good players but they've got a lot of growing up to do this spring.

"That's what spring practice is all about — you learn your position for the fall in spring practice. That's what a lot of 'em are out here doing, they're fighting to make the team. They've been running the scout team for a year or two years and now they realize it's their turn to step in and contribute.

Learning the fundamentals are the keys for the younger players during this time. "They've just got to learn through experience," Garber said. "... the fundamentals are the BIG things we've got to get down with the younger guys — stepping in the right direction, hitting with the right arm, taking correct steps on stunts, and (having the) running backs and offensive linemen taking their correct steps.

"We're getting a good effort. The enthusiasm and effort that they're giving us is as good as any year we've been here. We can't ask for any more."

Spring practice will conclude with the annual Blue-White game which is set for Saturday, April 26 at Commonwealth Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Leading up to the Blue-White showdown, where each squad is carefully divided by the coaches and the seniors, the football team will have had 20 days of practice under their belts (barring bad weather).

"They probably won't start looking forward to that until the last week," Garber said in reference to the players' anticipation of the Blue-White scrimmage. "They know they've got a lot of work to do. It's sort of a light at the end of the tunnel-type of thing.

"It's really become a real fun affair for them as far as the dinner they get. Whatever the losers eat (usually beans and wienies) is not the tough part to stomach. The verbal abuse the winners give them is the tough part."

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One face Wildcat fans would love to see in the spring game, but won't, is Wildcat freshman-to-be Al Baker. He'll get his chance along with 13 other promising freshman recruits when fall practice gets underway in late August.

Listed as the No. 1 prep prospect in the South by the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, the future Kentucky running back and Trigg County product could make a significant impact as early as the upcoming season. Time will only tell.

Last month at the Bluegrass prep weightlifting competition in Louisville, Baker cap-



## Garber Faced With Young Secondary

ured the 215-pound class. He bench pressed 350 pounds and lifted 565 pounds in the dead lift. "I expect Al's going to be one of the strongest players they've ever recruited," said Trigg County weightlifting coach Dixie Jones.

Overall, his 915 total was 85 pounds higher than any other competitor, including weight classes above Baker's.

Baker is listed as a Kentucky Wildcat "Promising Newcomer" on a fact sheet handed out by UK's sports information department. Others mentioned are of the freshman redshirt variety. They are — Mike Pfeifer (offensive tackle), Oliver Barnett (defensive tackle), Tony Massey (defensive end), Ron Robinson (defensive back), Tom Smith (defensive back), Dee Smith (wide receiver) and Craig Benzinger (defensive end).

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The spring session gives coaches a chance to experiment.

Two big moves have Pfeifer and Mark Logan making position adjustments.

Pfeifer, 6-foot-6, 276 pounds was listed as a defensive tackle. In order to beef up the offensive line, which lost four starters from the '85 team, the Louisville Trinity product will be featured at offensive tackle.

"We feel Pfeifer is one of the better looking physical linemen," said Claiborne. "He is not the only person who will be switched. We are going to try to get the best people at different positions."

In order to get Logan and speedster Mark Higgs in the lineup together the staff has switched Logan to fullback. It will also help balance a backfield which also includes Ivy Joe Hunter, Anthony Gardner, Andy Murray, John Groves, Greg Baker and probably Al Baker.

Kentucky may have one of the rare backfields in the country where its starting fullback (Logan) is quicker than the tailback (Higgs or Hunter). Last March, Logan's best time in the 40 was clocked at 4.39 while

Higgs' was 4.55 and Hunter's 4.44. Some other experimental moves have: Tony Massey from defensive back to defensive end, Ron Robinson from corner back to safety and Mark Sellers from wide receiver to safety.

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Rebuilding the offensive line may be the biggest challenge for the coaches. However, new faces will also be aplenty in UK's defensive secondary for the 1986 season.

Gone are starters Maurice Douglass (defensive back) and Russell Hairston (safety), plus vital backups, Carmichael Caldwell (defensive back) and Gary Sexton (safety).

"Davey Johnson and Tony Mayes contributed quite a bit last season," said Garber. "Tony was a starter and we're expecting big things from him. Johnson came on at the end of the year and did a real good job for us.

"We've moved Dave over to the left hand side and Tony to the right, so we've got some experience at the corners.

Raynard Gover, is the only Wildcat with any experience at safety. Gover adds height — 6-3 — weight — 197 pounds — and speed — 4.6/40 yards to the safety position.

Backing up the sophomore-to-be are Robinson (6-3, 187 lbs., freshman) and Sellers (6-3, 196 lbs., sophomore-to-be), both of whom are new to the area.

"Gover has got to be the leader right now just because of his experience," Garber said. "But, Ron Robinson is coming on good and Mark Sellers is doing a good job.

"It'll be interesting. Other than Mayes everybody else is going to be a redshirt freshman or sophomore. I feel like going home at night and bringing back some of my son's diapers and give them to those kids because they are so young."

Spring practice, though, gives "those kids" needed experience and should help them grow up.

"We try to put them into situations which are the toughest type of situations they'll have to see in the Southeastern Conference."



# Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



## It's Recruiting Time, All-Star Hoops

The NCAA Final Four is still warm, but the big news is still on the recruiting front where Kentucky may or may not have signed some blue-chip talent by the time you read this column.

As this issue went to press earlier in the week, Coach Eddie Sutton and assistant James Dickey were hot on the recruiting trails, hoping to land a couple more prep players to go with those — Rex Chapman and Reggie Hanson — already in the bag.

The best bets to sign with UK appeared to be juco star Harvey Grant of Independence, Kansas and guard Derrick Miller, a prep senior out of Savannah, Georgia.

One of UK's recruits, Oklahoma's Kevin Pritchard, announced last week he would sign with Kansas on national signing day.

Kentucky is also beating the bushes in Texas, Oregon, and on the juco circuit.

At latest report, some of those still on the UK want list included juco 6-7 SF Gerald Paddio of Oklahoma, and juco 6-6 guard Ledell Eackles of Texas among others.

Several others are still being contacted, but Sutton has indicated he'd rather leave a scholarship open unless he can fill it with quality.

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Coaching honors have been mounting for Eddie Sutton as a result of the super job he did this past season, taking the Wildcats to the NCAA final eight and compiling a 32-4 mark along the way.

During the Final Four in Dallas, Sutton was named the winner of both the *Associated Press* and *National Association of Basketball Coaches* Division I coaching honors.

It was the first time a Southeastern Conference coach had won either honor.

Sutton, who accepted the awards in Dallas, no doubt would have traded both honors for a spot in the Final Four.

Nevertheless, Sutton turned in one heckuva job at the Wildcat post and the future looks even brighter.

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Speaking of the Final Four, congratulations to Denny Crum and his Louisville Cardinals who won all the marbles after a slow start back in December.

Crum's teams in recent years have become known for getting their act together in February and being a very tough team down the stretch run. They certainly were in Dallas.

For Crum, it was his second national title and his fourth trip to the Final Four in the last seven years, a feat no other coach or school can match.

The Cards lose Billy Thompson, Jeff Hall and Milt Wagner, but probably have better returning talent than anyone in America next season.

With freshman Purvis Ellison having a full year under his belt, the Georgia plum will no doubt make life tougher next season. The Cards also will get seven-foot Felton Spencer and big Barry Sumpter will be returning after

a year's leave of absence due to academic difficulties.

Then there are Keith Williams, Tony Kimbro, Herbert Crook, Mike Abrams, Kevin Walls and Mark McSwain, not to mention others. To say Louisville is loaded for the future would be an understatement.

When the season opens next November, everyone will be looking up to the Cards who most likely will be ranked No. 1 preseason.

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How long has it been that one state has enjoyed two coaches who earned *Coach of the Year* honors in the same season?

You'd have to go back a long ways, perhaps never, but Kentucky turned the trick this season as Eddie Sutton collected two such awards and Denny Crum was named coach of the year this week by *The Sporting News*.

Sutton's two awards were selected on the basis of regular season play only while the TSN's honor was awarded after the Final Four.

One of the very few first-team All-American squads Kenny Walker failed to make was *The Sporting News* which instead named Len Bias of Maryland and Walter Berry of St. John's as forwards to the first team.

It's interesting because this publication waited to see post season action before selecting their teams, hence Crum's selection as coach of the year (and certainly a legitimate criteria).

But how did Walker get left off the first team when he led the Cats to the final eight after both St. John's and Maryland were knocked out in the second round?

There are some who insist that TSN is still holding an old grudge against the UK program because former UK coach Joe B. Hall refused to allow one of his players to appear in a cover photo with a Louisville player several years ago.

That's hard for me to believe, knowing some of the people at TSN, but I have to admit that TSN appears to have its own list of *untouchables* and its own *hate* list.

Throughout the season, TSN was the one major publication which consistently ranked Kentucky lower than other major publications.

For years, Notre Dame's Gerry Faust was TSN's whipping boy. He was a narrow winner over Joe B. Hall. Better watch out Ed-

die, you could be a candidate for yet a No. 1.

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Speaking of high school recruiting, this is the season for all-star games and two big ones are on tap this weekend and next weekend.

In Detroit this weekend, the annual *East-West McDonald's All-Star* game will be staged and among the players will be Owensboro's Rex Chapman.

The game will be televised on a tape delayed basis at 4 p.m. Saturday over ESPN. On Saturday, April 19, the annual *Derby Festival Classic* will be played at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Among the stars in that game will be Chapman, Louisville Eastern's Felton Spencer, Highlands' Scott Draud, and Pulaski County's Reggie Hanson.

Ticket information can be obtained by contacting: Kentucky Derby Festival, Inc., KFEC Ticket Office, P. O. Box 37130, Louisville, Kentucky 40233.

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Spring football drills are in full swing at the Shively Sports Center and early reports have it that winter conditioning saw a marked improvement over the past couple months.

In other words, it wasn't difficult to get the players' attention after a disappointing 5-6 mark and a total collapse against Tennessee in the season finale last November.

Coach Jerry Claiborne promised UK fans they would not see a repeat of the 1986 campaign and that one little speech pretty much set the tone for winter workouts.

The 'Cats went to the practice field a couple weeks ago and Owensboro's Mark Higgs is again showing signs of brilliance after a year of recuperating.

It was this time a year ago when the sensational running back underwent the knife after suffering what could have been a career-ending knee injury.

His return to action in less than six months defied almost all odds, but it was clear in October than Higgs wasn't the same Higgs of a year earlier.

This spring, it's a different story. Mark is making cuts only the old Mark Higgs could make two years ago. And he's performing without a hint of fear. Mark Higgs is close to being back one hundred percent.

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While Kentucky's football recruiting class missed the nation's top forty for the first time since Jerry Claiborne returned home four years ago, the 'Cats did enjoy the distinction of landing the South's top player.

In his just released final national rankings, superscout Max Emfinger awarded the national recruiting prize to Michigan with UCLA number two followed by Iowa, Southern Cal and Ohio State.

Alabama was the top SEC school at No. 6 while Florida (who says probation hurts?) was No. 12 and LSU No. 18. No other SEC school made the top twenty.

However, all but three SEC schools made the top forty. The *only* three missing out were Kentucky, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Even Ole Miss ranked No. 38.

Kentucky's top recruit, of course, was Trigg County's Al Baker who also made Emfinger's first-team All American list. Nationally, Baker finished No. 6 of all prep senior football players.

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While Kentucky's recruiting definitely suffered an off-year, Louisville and Howard Schnellenberger apparently didn't make the headway some had earlier predicted.

According to Emfinger, Louisville signed none of the *Southwest's* top 75 players and only two of the top 110 players in the region.

Louisville's two big catches were Walker Wise, a 5-11, 170-pounder from Ft. Laud Aquinas, Florida who is listed as *'athlete'* and Daviess County's Colburn Clark who first verbally committed to UK than changed his mind and signed with U of L.

Louisville was hoping to make big inroads by going to junior college route, but not a single member of Emfinger's Top 90 jucos listed Louisville as a winner.

Emfinger's Top 90 Juco list was compiled by taking the top players at each position so the nation's fourth best juco quarterback, for instance, didn't make his squad since he listed only three quarterbacks.

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Penn State's No. 13 finish nationally can be attributed to its success in signing two blue-chip players which Kentucky thought it would sign until the final week.

Joe Paterno's top two signees were offensive linemen Dave Szott of new Jersey and Eric Jonassen of Baltimore, Maryland.

Kentucky had a private verbal commitment from Szott but the youngster was overwhelmed by the presence of Paterno in the latter recruiting stages.

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**HITS AND MISSES . . .** The Kentucky Wildcats will be going to **Japan** again this summer and the tour will cover a period from June 11 til July 4. Kentucky made the same tour four years ago. NCAA regulations allow college teams to make one foreign trip every four years.

### Important Notice To TCP Subscribers

The next issue of *The Cats' Pause* will be dated April 26 and subscribers should receive this issue by the last week of April.

Our regular weekly schedule concluded with the issue of March 29. There was no issue published for the week of April 5.

This issue and the one on April 26 will lead us into the regular monthly editions beginning with the May edition and continue through August for your full 35 issues. Our regular weekly issues will begin the weekend of the first 1986 football game, September 13.

Our next issue will include a wrap-up of basketball recruiting, the spring football drills and the annual UK basketball banquet.

## Sutton's First Year Leaves Bluegrass Buzzing

### UK Fans Have Past And Future To Dwell On

In one year we've seen Eddie Sutton strut his stuff for the University of Kentucky. There's been such a positive carry-over that it has Wildcat fans *itching* for more... even with the 1985-86 collegiate hoop scene history. Yet, during the upcoming summer Kentucky fans will be looking back joyously on a 32-4 campaign as well as predicting what Rex Chapman and Reggie Hanson will add to next year's ballclub.

But Sutton's Stumps (remember, you heard that here first), Smurfs or whatever you want to call them went beyond expectations of most experts.

In less than 12 months the man with the funny hair style: won 32 games (including 21 against SEC opponents), lost only four games, selected Coach of the Year by AP and Kodak (coaches' poll), named SEC Coach of the Year and took Kentucky, the



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SEC regular season and tourney champions, to the Southeast Regional finals.

Heck, with those list of achievements even a 'Mr. T', 'Don King' or 'Tiny Tim' look wouldn't bother the most conservative Wildcat supporter.

At his last weekly press conference with the local media Sutton seemed a little stunned. That's understandable being that this version of "Meet the Press" was assembled less than 72 hours after his Wildcats were upset in the finals of the Southeast Regional.

Sutton, meanwhile, was in a jolly enough mood to talk about... well, anything anyone asked about he responded to — mostly questions revolving about his first Wildcat team to next season's possibilities.

To say the least, an abundant of issues were touched upon during a Tuesday afternoon at Wildcat Lodge.

Here's some of the things you might be interested in on what the former first-year UK coach had to say about college basketball in general.

(Don't worry folks, he's not leaving... former meaning that he's now recognized as Kentucky's second-year mentor).

#### Upcoming Agenda — Looking For An Assistant

**Question:** What about Eddie Sutton's schedule for the next three or four weeks?

**Sutton:** We've already signed two quality players in Rex Chapman and Reggie Hanson. We do need to sign a couple more young men that can take up some of the slack that we lost. After that I will be trying to find an assistant coach to replace Leonard Hamilton. I'm so pleased that he will now be coaching my alma mater (Oklahoma State). I told Leonard that if you don't win then I'm going to be an alumni that's going to get on your case (Sutton laughs). I'm happy for Leonard. We've had many applications but we've not talked with anyone; I will as soon as we get the recruiting out of the way.

**Question:** Will Roger Harden be on the bench next season as a graduate assistant?

**Sutton:** Our commitment to the University of Kentucky, just as it has been everywhere I've been, is to make sure that all young men that perform as a student/athlete receive their degrees. Roger will not be able to fulfill his academic requirements by the ('86) spring semester. If he doesn't make it in the NBA and decides to come back here as a student assistant then we would be most happy to have him, because he would be an asset to our coaching staff and I do want him to get his degree.

**Question:** Having already signed Chapman and Hanson, what's the maximum amount of players you could sign during the spring period?

**Sutton:** We would have six scholarships available, with the loss of our three seniors. I don't think we'll sign six players unless we got a chance to sign a 'Godzilla', and they're aren't too many of them around. But if we can find quality human beings and quality players then we'll sign everyone we can this spring. I would hope that we could sign a couple more players.

#### Sutton Says Godzillas Are A Rare Species These Days

**Question:** Are there any centers, or as Al McGuire calls them 'Air Craft Carriers', available?

**Sutton:** I call them 'Godzillas.'

**Question:** Are there any Godzillas out there?

**Sutton:** Not to my knowledge. There are some quality players still that have not committed, and we're working very hard to try and convince them that Kentucky would be a wonderful place for them to further their education.

**Question:** How do you feel about recruiting players from outside the United States?

**Sutton:** I have mixed emotions. It seems there is a trend to recruit players from foreign countries to programs, not only in basketball but you've seen it probably in the beginning in track and field more so than anywhere else. If we were able to recruit someone that I felt would fit in with our program then I'm not opposed to it. But at the present

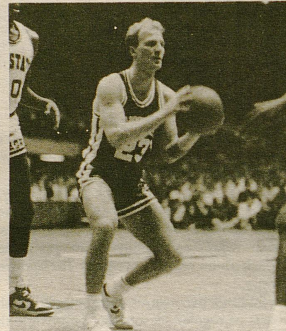
time there are no players like that on our recruiting list. I've had coaches in the past that wanted to take recruiting trips outside our country to see if they could find one. (Sutton smiles)

**Question:** Were you surprised with Hanson's performance — earning MVP — in the Sweet 16?

**Sutton:** Not really. Reggie Hanson will be a very fine player for the University of Kentucky. I was very pleased that Pulaski County won because of Reggie and because Coach (Dave) Fraley is a very fine coach. All the teams that made it to the final 16 should be congratulated. We were pleased that Pulaski County won because of Reggie.

**Question:** It's been mentioned that the NCAA 'stacked' the deck against your team in the NCAAs. What are your thoughts on the pairings?

**Sutton:** I don't think the tournament committee stacked it intentionally. It just worked out that: here's Davidson which hasn't been in the NCAA for many years and they were on an emotional high; Western Kentucky hadn't played the 'Cats since 1971 and



Roger Harden



Eddie Sutton

it was a very important game for them; then to turnaround to play Alabama for a fourth time and they are an outstanding ballclub; and then have to play LSU. It was just one of those breaks of a tournament draw. No one, in the history of the NCAA to my knowledge has ever had to play 23 teams from their league in one season. You can only go to the 'emotional well' so many times. I don't think you'll ever see it again — a team having to face 23 teams in a league which would rather beat Kentucky (than anyone else). It would be like North Carolina in the ACC, Georgetown in the Big East, Indiana in the Big Ten, or Louisville in the Metro — if they had to play 23 times against (conference) teams... that's tough. And, in my opinion, that certainly did wear on us a little bit in the NCAA Tournament. I had to root for LSU (against Georgia Tech) because they are a member of the (SEC) institution, but we might have fared better had we played Georgia Tech, just to see some new faces.

#### 'Cats Were Ready For Bengal Tigers

**Question:** Could you sense that your players weren't emotionally ready for LSU in Atlanta?

**Sutton:** No, no. Our team was ready to play and they played very hard. I could never fault this basketball team, in the 36 games we played, ever not being prepared — emotionally or physically — in any way. They played hard. There's days where the ball doesn't go in the hoop; (and) we made some mistakes defensively down the stretch. When we got ahead 51-47 I thought we had the game won. LSU took a couple of shots that I'm sure Coach (Dale) Brown would term 'marginal'. They got away with it because we didn't do a good job of boxing out on the defensive boards, and they were able to convert two baskets. But, our ballclub was ready to play.

**Question:** Have you given any thoughts about next season's team?

**Sutton:** I do believe we'll have a good basketball team next year. It will be a different type of ballclub, the personality of the team will be different. But you have to believe with three starters returning and with players like (Cedric) Jenkins, (Robert) Lock, (Richard) Madison and (Paul) Andrews being a year older, they can take up some of that slack left by our graduating seniors. And, we'll hope that some of the newcomers can also do that. I'm optimistic about next year; I'm not sure we can win 32 games but I do believe we will be a force in the SEC.

**Question:** Some coaches have qualms of starting underclassmen ahead of upperclassmen. Do you have any qualms about that?

**Sutton:** I have no reservations whatsoever. Everything we do is determined on the practice court. If a freshman can convince the coaching staff that he's better than an upperclassman then he'll get his rightful role as a starter. I'm sure you're leading up to Rex Chapman. He will be given his opportunity to play. Without a doubt he will be a great player for Kentucky if he'll continue to work like he has at the high school level. When you start October 15th, if you put five players out there and if you ask me I'm going to put five upperclassmen ahead of him. I'm not going to put him out there in the starting lineup when we've got guys that have already given one year to

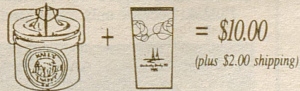
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## UK And First-Year Coach Strutted To Success

Though No Title, A Lot To Be Thankful For

All season Kentucky baffled the college basketball world. The Wildcats, picked in the preseason to finish only third in the Southeastern Conference, entered NCAA Tournament play ranked third in the nation.

But the dream of a national championship disappeared when LSU stunned the Cats 59-57 in the Southeast Region finals in Atlanta.

Kentucky's overachievers simply picked the wrong game to become underachievers. Losers don't get a second chance in the NCAA. LSU had lost



### Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

three times to the Cats this season but it got the victory in the biggest meeting of the campaign.

Kentucky expected to beat LSU just as it had 32 other opponents. All season UK believed it could win no matter what happened. That confidence was the key to turning Eddie Sutton's first year at UK into a Cinderella story.

Unfortunately, the clock struck midnight in Atlanta, not Dallas, for Kentucky. But next week or next month the UK players will realize that only one of the 64 teams that started NCAA walked away a winner.

The UK season ended in heartache for the players, coaches and fans. The Cats seemed to be a team of destiny but the magic that had carried the squad all season was missing against LSU.

Still, look at what a team without a starter over 6-8 accomplished during the 1985-86 campaign:

- In December the Cats beat rivals Indiana and Louisville.
- UK won the regular season Southeastern Conference championship, matching the best-ever league record of 17-1. Only the 1980-81 LSU Tigers and 1969-70 Wildcats had finished league play 17-1.
- Kentucky won the SEC Tournament, becoming only the second regular season champion to manage that feat. The first was the 1984 UK team that went to the Final Four.
- Walker, perhaps the best all-around player ever to wear the blue and white, finished his distinguished career with 2,080 points. The only name in front of his on the all-time UK scoring list now is Dan Issel, who had 2,138 points.
- Harden, the team's inspirational leader who made everyone believe Kentucky could win the national title, dished out a school record 232 assists. It's a mark that should stand for years.
- Kentucky won 30 or more games for only the sixth time in the school's history.

The year ended on a sad note for Kentucky but don't make the mistake of judging an outstanding season on one game.

Sutton couldn't have predicted a 32-4 season. No one could, especially after a preseason story by the Lexington Herald-Leader quoted 31 former Wildcats as saying they knew of improper cash payments or gifts that had been given to players.

But Kentucky fans across the state rallied around Sutton's team after that. Instead of destroying the team the Herald-Leader story brought the Cats closer together. And that laid the foundation for the incredible year.

Kentucky accomplished more than anyone had a right to expect this season and that's what should be remembered about this group of overachievers who almost saw a dream come true.

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SUTTON, LIKE most UK fans, is already thinking ahead to next season. "You don't replace a great player like Kenny Walker or a Roger Harden," says Sutton. "We will have a different type of team next year. Our personality will change."

Kentucky, though, will have three returning starters in Winston Bennett, Ed Davender and James Blackmon. Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock and Richard Madison should all be improved because of the experience they gained this season.

"I'm not sure we can win 32 games but we can still be a force in the SEC," says Sutton.

The Cats could even start freshman-to-be Rex Chapman next November. The 6-4 guard was one of the nation's top recruits this season.

"I have no reservations about starting a freshman," said Sutton. "Playing time is determined on the court. If a freshman can convince me he is better than an upperclassman he will play."

"Rex will get his chance and he is going to be a great player. I'll put five upperclassmen ahead of him Oct. 15 (when practice starts) but he has a great chance to start. We might go back to the three-guard offense and let him replace Roger."

The Cats also remain in the hunt for 6-9 Harvey Grant of Independence (Kan.) Junior College. "He's one of the three or four best junior college players in America but he still hasn't made a decision," says Sutton, who doesn't expect to fill all four remaining scholarships UK has to offer.

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THE UK COACH hopes to take his team to Japan to play this summer. That trip could provide some valuable experience for Lock and Jenkins.

"Both of them should have been redshirted last year or this year," said Sutton. "They couldn't afford to do that last year and we couldn't afford it this year. But it would have really helped both of them."

The trip would benefit the whole team. Kentucky must learn to play without Walker, who has carried the squad for two seasons. Having an opportunity to work out and play together this summer under Sutton's guidance could pay big dividends during the 1986-87 campaign.

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ANY DOUBTS about whether 6-8 Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County could play at the University of Kentucky were put to rest during the recent state tournament.

All Hanson did was score 92 points in four games and lead his team to its first state championship. Hanson was named the tourney's most valuable player.

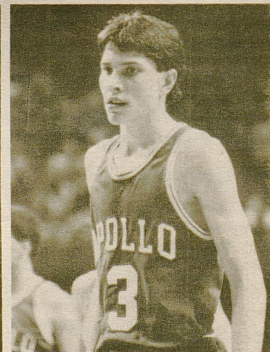
"I think Reggie showed people across the state what we have known all along," says Pulaski Coach Dave Fraley. "He is a fine player and he will have a good career at Kentucky. I think everyone will finally believe that now."

Hanson made believers out of those who saw him in Lexington. He had 37 points in a quarterfinal win over Clark County. Against Owensboro in the semifinal he hit two free throws in overtime to win the game after his free throw with one second to play in regulation tied the score. That clutch shooting showed Hanson could survive the pressure he will face as a Wildcat.

Pulaski became only the second team from the 12th Region ever to win the



Reggie Hanson



Rex Chapman

state tourney. The first was Laurel County in 1983 when current Wildcat Paul Andrews hit a last-second shot from near midcourt to decide the title game.

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IF EVERYTHING works out during spring football practice Mark Logan and Mark Higgs could be in the backfield together much of the 1986 campaign.

Logan, UK's top rusher with 715 yards in 1985, shared time at tailback with Higgs last season while also seeing some duty at fullback.

UK, though, seldom ran the fullback last season and opponents keyed on the tailbacks. Moving Logan to fullback could solve that problem and give more punch to UK's attack.

Another key move involves redshirt freshman Mike Pfeifer. He is being switched from defensive tackle to offensive tackle to shore up UK's biggest problem area of 1985.

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## Rena Koier Runs Her Show. . . Her Way

### Assistant SID Comfortable With UK Position

She's a lady. You can bet on that. And she's in charge. There's no doubt about it. Rena Koier is right at home as the University of Kentucky's assistant sports information director.

That is, she's in control of **HER** primary responsibilities at Memorial Coliseum. She's not trying to take over from Brad Davis or Russell Rice.

But since she joined the university in November of 1980, Rena has literally turned some heads, not only because she's attractive — just ask some of the people on press row — but also because of her outstanding work performance through the years.

"I don't feel like it's a man's world," said Koier. "I feel like it's a man's and a woman's world. Men and women are different, but I've never felt cheated or discriminated against in any way. I like the way society is."

Koier's main responsibility is publicizing women's basketball, Terry Hall's Lady

Koier's friend, Kassie Kessinger, now an assistant SID at Clemson University, was working as a part-time student assistant covering the Lady Kats and informed Koier that a new position was being created specifically for the team. Koier jumped at the chance.

"I was the first one to apply for it," she said. "I felt like I could help the Lady Kats out more by working for UK than by covering the team for a newspaper. I didn't feel like they were getting the attention they deserve."

Koier also feels reporters don't get the credit they deserve, either.

"I feel like they take a lot of undue abuse from players, coaches, the administration, fans, everybody," Koier. "People don't understand what their (reporter's) roles are. People think sports writers should be 99 percent supportive. Sometimes, though, you find out things not exactly flattering to the university. Your job is to inform the public and let them decide whether it's right or wrong. Most of the time, though, the general public will believe what a player says before they'll believe a sports writer, anyway."

### Two Of Koier's Fact Books Have Won National Awards

Koier has accomplished a lot at UK, and her proudest achievement was when 10,622 fans attended at Lady Kats' contest against Old Dominion University three years ago at Memorial Coliseum.

"We had a great team," she said. "We were ranked sixth. Old Dominion was fifth. I had a goal of getting a record crowd in. And the local media covered every angle that week. I'm happy we were able to do that."

She has also won two national prizes for her Lady Kats Basketball Facts Book, "Best in the Nation and Best 8½ by 11 Brochure."

Koier hopes to stay in the central Kentucky area and can visualize the sports information office as getting better and better.

"I think a lot about what my superiors and the media thinks of me," she said. "It's important."



## Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

Kats, but she is also in charge of making sure the general public hears about other sports, too, besides football and men's basketball.

"I have to hire seven student assistants each year and assign them to the other sports," said Koier, who took time away from her duties at the NCAA Women's Final Four basketball tournament last week to talk.

Those other sports include men's and women's golf, tennis, and swimming, besides gymnastics, baseball, volleyball and the rifle team.

### Helping Out The "Other" Sports

"When I first arrived here, we did very little on the other sports," said Koier. "We only had two full-time staffers and two students. But since then, we've been able to expand our staff and give those other sports that needed exposure."

Koier loves sports. She grew up in Lynch, Ky., in rural Harlan County, in a family of 12 children, including eight boys.

"I'm from a family of sports fanatics," she explained. "Football, basketball, baseball, we love it. I'm right in the middle. There are five older children and five younger ones."

But Koier never had any aspirations to be a sports publicist.

"I used to be someone who would want to write stories for the 'Twilight Zone,'" she laughed. "Rod Sterling was my idol. Now, I can't even stand to watch a scary movie."

Koier was a history buff growing up and she wanted to major in that, but her father wanted her to be an engineer.

"My dad wanted all of us to be engineers," Koier laughed. "He worked for U.S. Steel. He was a superintendent of construction for the Lynch Coal Mining Division. My mother was a school teacher and the band director at Lynch High. I almost went to law school."

In high school, Koier was president of the Beta Club, a member of the honor society and a homecoming queen. She was on the dean's list in college. She graduated from UK in 1976. Of course, she majored in journalism.

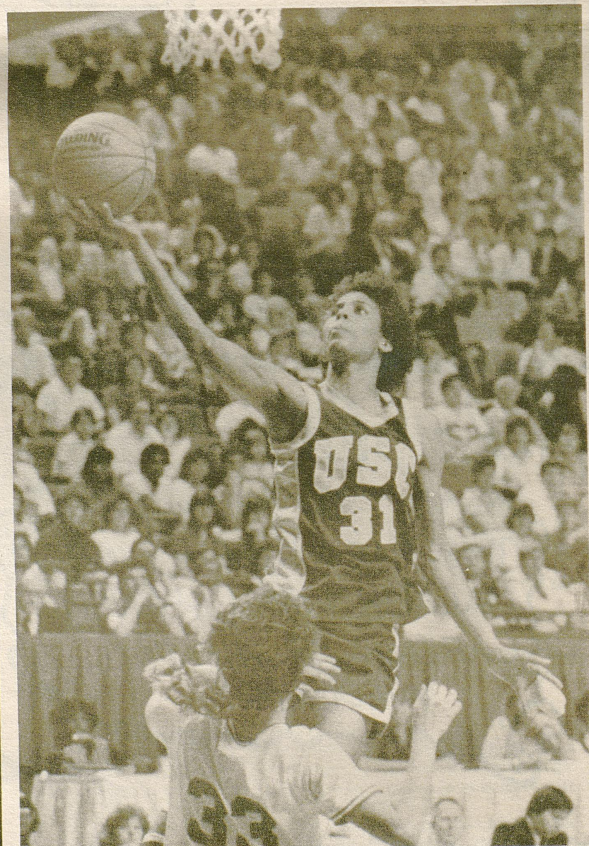
"When I got into college, my sophomore year, I took a creative writing class," she explained. "My instructor told me I should be a writer. He said the most important thing about writing is to know what you're writing about. So I worked for the (Kentucky) Kernel and my senior year worked part-time for the (Lexington) Herald-Leader." She also took some time off from school and worked for a year at the Harlan Daily Enterprise.

### Former Writer For Courier-Journal, Herald-Leader

Upon graduation, Koier worked full-time for a year at the Louisville Courier-Journal and then spent 2½ years at the Herald-Leader, covering high school football and basketball. She also was a columnist for the Leader and worked freelance for 10 months prior to joining UK.

During her days as a reporter and columnist, Koier found that she wanted more of a piece of action than being an objective journalist allowed.

"I'm kind of an emotional person," she stated. "It's more fun to be with the team. A sports writer is always on the outside looking in. I wanted to be part of the team. I found I was beginning to care about people I covered. That's not keeping in line with the objective attitude you're supposed to display as a reporter."



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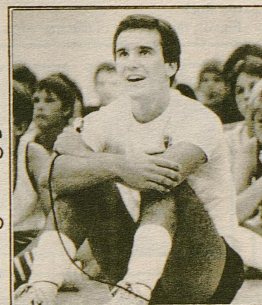
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## But Most Important You Get

### The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

## ABC Cleans House; Namath, Broyles Gone

### Cap Cities Says 'Tap City' To The Big Names

The firing of O.J. Simpson, Joe Namath and Frank Broyles from ABC's pro and college broadcast teams proves two things. First, that the new owners of the network have guts and second, that they have good judgement.

It also proves that when a new broom is brought into the house it, indeed, has a tendency to sweep clean.

Appointing announcers to TV football, basketball or baseball games just because they were good players is one of the most ridiculous decisions a network can make and I say that with full knowledge that that's the way the cookie has crumbled for too many years.

There are a lot of guys out in radio and TV land working their tails off in some high school or college gym with the full knowledge that they can never get to the top because some jock with less talent but a big name as a player is holding down the job without either talent or qualifications. I've never thought that was right and I still don't.

Let's look at what's happened here. The ABC Network was recently purchased by



**Stan Torgerson**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

Cap Cities Broadcasting. Cap Cities is a business oriented organization. The bottom line is very important to them and they don't throw around money as if they had their own printing press in the basement. They hire the best people, they pay them well, but they lean to talent rather than a glittery name.

Obviously, Cap Cities took a long hard look at their sports department and obviously, they didn't like what they saw.

First they moved Roone Arledge, head of sports and news, to news only. Then they said "bye, bye" to Roone's longtime assistant and put in their own man.

#### Don't Feel Sorry For Joe Willie

They looked at their announcing crew. Then they made their move and it was a biggie. Joe Namath's firing will be mourned by no one except Joe's accountant. Cap Cities is so dead set to get rid of Namath they are buying out his contract for \$850,000. Hey, friend, that was for this upcoming year. Poor old Joe was only making \$850,000 per year. He was warned midway in 1985 by the previous owners that he wasn't cutting it, but they apparently didn't have the courage to let Namath go. His entire contribution to Monday night football was his "he's a heckuva guy" comments.

O.J. Simpson will not be mourned by me, either, off the Monday night telecasts. He's very low key, does not speak good English and his comments were neither perceptive or informative. He's got a big name and he is getting feelers from CBS and NBC about an analyst job on their pro telecasts, but both of those networks are still owned by people who get impressed by famous names.

Those of you who have read these columns regularly know my opinion of Frank Broyles' work. He is, to me, the weakest college commentator on network TV today. He's terribly inaccurate, he says trite things and he's downright boring. He will not be missed. Simpson has been offered his job, but that's a big step down from the Monday night pro telecasts and it's probable Cap Cities made the offer knowing O.J. wouldn't take it.

Other moves in this biggest network turnover in history include taking Frank Gifford off the play by play Monday nights and replacing him with Al Michaels. Gifford can stay as an analyst, but not on play by play.

Gifford, to me, was an adequate play by play man but no more. He was low key, often flat, and he made a lot of identification, rules and "what's happening down there" errors.

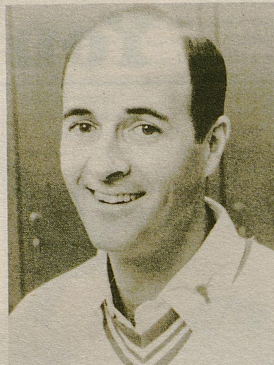
#### Michaels Will Add Excitement To Monday Nights

Michaels, on the other hand, is a brilliant announcer. He's at his peak — exciting, accurate, colorful and easy to follow. He will do both Monday night football and major league baseball for ABC.

Apparently Keith Jackson will still do college football for the network and my opinion is that he's good. In recent years he's been more and more inclined to tell the truth about a game or coaching strategy and less inclined to con the listener into believing something that simply and obviously wasn't true.

There are changes in the production and directing assignments, too, but except for Chuck Howard, you probably don't know the names. Howard has been moved from producing college games to just studio work.

I wonder what Howard Cosell thinks of all this. He was tarred and feathered by the press for the chapters in his recent book about Monday night football, about Gifford's very average announcing with his multitude of mistakes, about O.J.'s weaknesses as an



**Bob Weltlich**



**Al Michaels**

analyst and about Namath's absolute lack of ability.

Now the new owners of the ABC Network, by their actions, have indicated they agree with everything Cosell wrote. Howard must be smiling from ear to ear.

What will the press say now?

Well, this little portion of it says one thing — it's about time!

#### Not For Broadcast

You don't really realize how good basketball has become until you see so many of the top teams on TV in the NCAA Tournament. The defensive play this year was marvelous. The **45-second clock** may be responsible for some of it. Less galloping up and down the court and more pattern basketball as a result of the clock and the zone defenses. . . Do they like former Ole Miss coach **Bob Weltlich** in Texas? The Longhorns just gave him a three-year contract extension on his original five-year deal which still had one year to go. His salary will be about **\$75,000** per year plus all the perks — TV and radio shows and more. . . **Vanderbilt** has signed a long-term deal with **WLAC Radio** in Nashville to broadcast all Vandy football and basketball games plus pregame and postgame coaches shows, the daily **Vanderbilt Sports Report** and a weekly hour long call-in radio show featuring the head coaches **C.M. Newton** and **Watson Brown** during their respective seasons. At night **WLAC** can be heard in some **28** states. . . Support for women's basketball is pitiful. **Georgia**, the No. 2 team in the national poll, through the first 60 percent of its schedule was only averaging **1,519** fans per game with several contests drawing just a handful more than 600. It's not only the Lady Bulldogs who have this problem as **LSU**, **Ole Miss**, **Tennessee** and other **SEC** teams will tell you. . . The more you think about four SEC men's teams being chosen for the NCAA Tournament, and three of them being placed to the same region, the more ridiculous it seems. . . **Pat Dye** has had only one losing season in his 12 years as a head football coach. His first year at **Auburn** he went 5-6 but since then he has averaged nine wins per year. Overall, Pat has a 90-35-1 record for a winning percentage of .718, one of the best in the country. . . Is there anyone in America who likes his job more than **LSU's Dale Brown**? . . THE LAST WORD. **Don James**, head football coach at Washington, "Texas coach **Fred Akers** once remarked to me that everyone is an expert on college football. In fact, Fred compared coaching to prostitution. It's good work but we've got an awful lot of amateur competition."



**C. M. Newton**



**Keith Jackson**

# UK's 'Old-Timers' Can Still Fill The Hoop

## Lee Showed His 'Stuff' In Recent Reunion

Can you believe that at the tender age of 23 I'm considered an old-timer? I have been told that the "best years are yet to come." But, if I'm "over the hill" what in the world must I expect in the future? Thankfully, in reality, I'm quite a bit removed from the "rocking chair" routine.

Recently I participated in a game with some former University of Kentucky basketball players. The ages of these guys range from the early 20's to the early 50's. And, they can still play the game.

In Hebron, Kentucky, a bunch of players participated in the event for the second year in a row. It's always nice to see some of the greatest players who ever wore the Blue and White. Not only are these guys good basketball players, but they are also top-notch human beings. They make up the great tradition that Kentucky basketball stands for.

To be considered as part of the great UK tradition is a feeling and an honor that is virtually impossible to describe. Being heralded among the ranks of such competitors as Alex Groxa, Kenny Rollins, Ralph Beard, Cotton Nash and Wah Wah Jones is top



Dicky Beal  
Cats' Pause Columnist

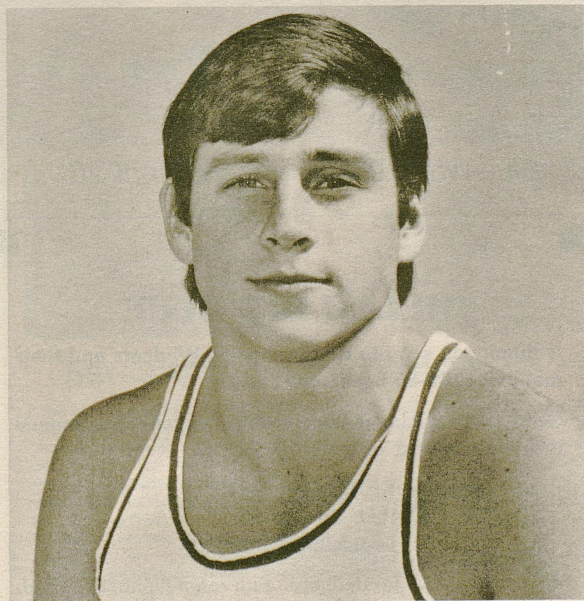
flight. These guys were some of the best Wildcats to have ever played the round ball sport. Each contributed to the program in their definite and distinct way.

### All Kinds Of Talent In This Reunion

As I played the game, I looked around and saw greatness all over the court. I noticed that Louie Dampier, James Lee, and Jim Andrews can still fill the basket.

Big Lee still runs down the court like a runaway freight train. During the game, he hauled in a pass at half court and was greeted by me and another teammate. I thought to myself, *should I take the charge?* I, however, value my life, so I quickly got out of the way. Lee went up for his patented slam dunk as yours truly harmlessly got out of the big guy's way.

Lee and I also had another close encounter, this time in the locker room. As the story goes, there weren't enough seats in the locker room and James wanted to sit. He didn't have to ask — I offered my chair without any hesitation. James got a big chuckle out of my inference. He also wanted to borrow a pair of shorts, but mine didn't fit him.



Jerry Hale

Now, I don't want people to think that James is a mean guy. He looks so big (6-foot-6 and very wide) in appearance. It doesn't take a mental heavyweight to realize that if someone is bigger than you are, you give them whatever they want and whenever they want it. James, however, is a gentle giant. Let's keep him that way.

The game was a fun time for all the players. Split into two squads, I had the opportunity to play a guard position with Louie Dampier as the off guard. He doesn't realize it, but I saw him play when he suited up for the Kentucky Colonels of the old ABA. Back then Julius Erving (ABA's New York Nets) was also playing in that particular game I watched.

### Louie Still Has That Soft But Fatal Touch

To see Louie shoot those soft jump shots then was a thing of beauty. And, to this day Louie still has his soft but fatal touch. He bombed jumpers from 35 to 20 feet all night long. I've played against Louie and I must confess, I still can't guard him. He's not as quick as I am, but because of him, I now believe in the saying — "experience is the best teacher."

Louie may be only 6-foot, though, size is not the factor. The problem for me is that the guy is so smart and has so much experience that he can take advantage of any type of defensive mistake. His shot is so deceptive, it's hard to know just when he's going to take it. He still has the sweet "J", which makes Louie even tougher to defend. More important... Louie is a very nice guy. I've admired him for some time. He's very down to earth and I would love to call him my friend.

Some other "oldies" that can still perform magical skills on the hardwood are Jim Andrews, Adrian Smith, Jimmy Dan Conner and Jerry Hale. These guys could put together a team and compete with anyone.

Andrews is still an offensive machine. I have seen him give Melvin Turpin difficult times as Andrews possesses a very strong inside game. He has put on a little weight, but as long as he can put the ball in the hole, that's all that matters.

Jimmy Dan was shooting the lights out during the game. I know he must have connected on at least three jumpers from around 20 feet. He wasn't as hard-nosed as he used to be (thank goodness) but he was still effective.

### Adrian Smith Remains Picture Perfect

Adrian Smith is amazing. His shot was so picture perfect that you could just tell he was a good player. His moves to the basket were the same that a player would use in today's game. He, too, has gained a little weight. However, it hasn't affected his outside touch.

Jerry Hale (called "Topper" by Dampier) is also another great shooter. The guy doesn't miss if left open.

All these men have the sweet jumper... and all of them are good people. They carry on the Kentucky tradition of men who played for a great university, but also have the class which are found in good human beings.

The game ended with the score tied, 108-108. There was a lot of fun had by all throughout the entire contest.

Jim Master (who was on the other team) hadn't put on his basketball sneakers for a while. Yet, he was able to make those familiar long range bombs. Though connecting on only 1 of 10 attempts in the first half, his confidence was not damaged. Just like in the old days, he didn't have any conscience. He came back in the second stanza and didn't miss a shot.

After the game, someone asked Jim if he had 10 assists during the night. I quickly responded, "Jim had 10 assists during his whole career at Kentucky."

Bo Lanter had the chance to win the game but missed on a free throw. I think I hurt his concentration by putting my hands on my throat and yelling, "choke, choke."

There were two seconds left when Louie hit a 40-footer but the clock indicated no time remaining. The score keeper decided to let the count remain, 108-108. Unfortunately, he ran the clock out and the rest is history.

### Looking Back At Former Wildcat Greats

To think of all the players who have worn the Blue and White is mind boggling. The list reads like a who's who of basketball greats — Sam Bowie, Melvin Turpin, Derrick Hord, Kyle Macy, Dan Issel, Kevin Greavy, Cotton Nash, Cliff Hagan, Pat Riley, Rick Robey, Vernon Hatton, Bill Spivey, Johnny Cox, Frank Ramsey, Jack Givens... I could go on and on. I wasn't nearly as good as these guys, but I can say that I was a part of the best college basketball program in the country. These guys, along with current and future players have made the program what it is and always will be: The Best.

To all the former UK players, I would like to say, thanks for all you've done for the University of Kentucky. You guys are the greatest!

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I would like to thank Mr. William Rolf for sponsoring the game in Hebron. He is a big UK fan and we certainly appreciate his kindness and support of the Kentucky program. Northern Kentucky has a lot of Big Blue supporters. I never have enjoyed talking basketball any more than I do with Mr. Rolf. Thanks again!!!!



# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor



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### Proud To Be True Blue

Dear Sirs:

After Saturday's UK-LSU game, I concluded that perhaps the Wildcats, Coach Eddie Sutton, his staff, and everyone connected with THE basketball program should hear (once again) how proud another "true blue" Kentuckian is of them and their 1985-86 season. I've watched and/or listened to all of their games this year (other years, too, by the way), and I've been pleasantly surprised with the results.

As a school teacher and a UK alumni, I often discuss the games with my friends, colleagues, and students. At the first of the season I heard some comments like — *Well, how will Coach Sutton do? Will UK beat Louisville this year, and how will Kenny Walker do?*, etc.

All I can say about those questions is both Coach Sutton and Kenny Walker did fantastically this year, and we not only beat Louisville, but we also beat Indiana and Tennessee.

I also want to make sure that everyone realizes how strong the SEC was this year in the NCAA. Three of the eight final teams were SEC teams, and it took UK to eliminate Alabama, and it took LSU to take UK out of it.

I'm sending my check to renew my subscription for another year. I really enjoy *The Cats' Pause*. Keep up the good work!

Thanks,

Miss Ruth H. Grisham  
Henderson, Ky.

### It's Been Fun

Dear Sirs:

Another season has come and gone and what a great season it has been. As Cawood Ledford puts it, it's been a fun, fun season. And, I'm sure most fans are very proud of our team and coaching staff.

I don't really know why we can't win the NCAA every year. I don't really expect to win it every year. . . every other year would be just fine. We have made more trips to the NCAA tourney than anyone, therefore we should have won more than anyone. Still, UCLA has more tourney wins than we do.

We had great hopes this year with all the *tightness* over at Kentucky.

You see, this year we had a team and a coach that did not know that you were not suppose to win on the road, and they did. They did not know they were suppose to slump in January, and they didn't. They did not know that if you won the regular season (SEC title) you were not suppose to win the tourney, and they won both.

Then came the time for the biggie. We didn't lack much; Coach will have us there again. This is something I'm sure of and I believe the next time it will be different — we'll go all the way.

Thanks to you and this fine group for a fun,

fun season. I have enjoyed it very much and feel proud.

The coaching staff, the fans, and every member of the team has nothing to be ashamed of. Let us all hold our heads up and take pride for this fine effort. You have played the game like Kentucky is suppose to play. I will always remember this team for the fine play it has displayed for us during the season.

Sincerely,

Thomas E Poe  
Hollywood, Ala.

### A Memorable Season

Dear Sirs:

While it may be true that on paper this edition of the 1985-86 Wildcats has come to an end, I, and I'm sure many others won't easily forget this most memorable season.

This first-year team under Eddie Sutton showed so much poise, determination and pride that it truly was a joy to observe their progress all year long.

To go as far as they did with a three-guard line-up and no starter taller than 6-foot-8 is very much a credit to both the entire team and Coach Sutton. And, of course it will be hard to forget this year's seniors, they truly have made the many Wildcat fans very proud.

Congratulations on a superb season. You deserve to hold you heads high. Thanks for a job well done. I look forward to the '86-87 season and our two excellent recruits.

Sincerely,

David Case  
Springfield, Ohio

### Fishing, VCR And Things

Dear Sirs:

Needless to say the Final Four would have been a good finish for our team but they have nothing to fret about. Man, winning the round-robin and SEC Tournament make this year something special for this Marshall County die-hard UK fan. I got 'Cat fever the day Mr. (Adolph) Rupp signed Joe Holland here in Benton in 1946.

I have all games that were on television on tape and when fishing is slow on Kentucky Lake this summer I will watch them again.

I have a lot of respect for Mr. (Eddie) Sutton's style of coaching because it's like Marshall County's style. Don't get me wrong, I like Joe B. (Hall) also and I still have several of last year's games on tape for my own personal use.

The only thing wrong with my VCR is that I cannot put Cawood (Ledford) and Ralph (Hacker) on sound of my tapes.

I'm already looking forward to next season for more of Winston (Bull of the Woods) Bennett and company to do it again. My basketball looking and listening starts and ends with UK and Marshall County and my fishing on

Kentucky and Barkley Lakes won't end until I expire.

I wish Roger (Harden), Kenny (Walker) and Leroy (Byrd) the best, and a very special thanks to Mr. Sutton and his style of coaching. All I have to do is look at my tapes and compare him with all the other coaches in the SEC. I only saw him shook up a couple of times with the zebras whose stripes run in wrong directions on their shirts. I have a good definition of all referees (necessarily evil). If any of them don't agree then come down to Benton and we'll go fishing, look at tapes and talk about it.

Sincerely yours,

Strawberry Cope  
Benton, Ky.

### Quit Knockin' Crum

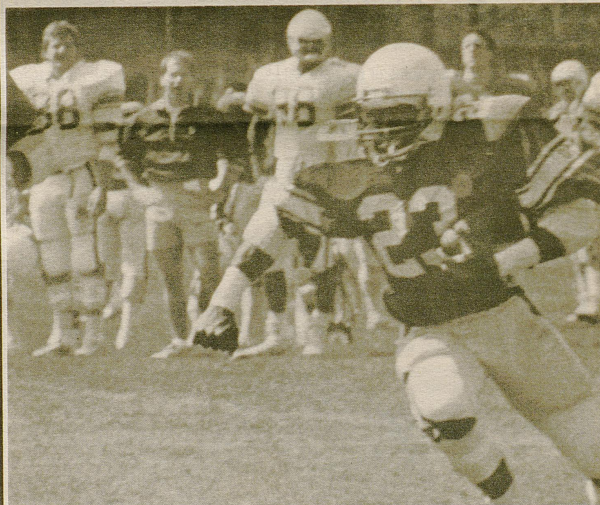
Dear Sirs:

As a UK follower, may I suggest that you run no more anti- (Denny) Crum columns such as Jim Griesch wrote recently.

The column notwithstanding, Coach Crum's tenure at Louisville including his won-loss record plus trips to the Final Four is the most successful first 14 years in the history of college basketball. I dare say he would be hired for any vacancy existing in the college game should he apply.

Sincerely,

Gene A. Russell  
Manchester, Tenn.



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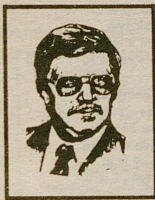
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# Shot Clock Had A Positive Effect On NCAAs

Could Make It Top Sporting Event In USA

If there's an overriding impression I've extracted from this year's NCAA tournament it would be the impact of the **45-second clock**. In years past coaches tended to become terribly conservative once in tournament play and a five-point margin was magnified to about 15. Now play continues in earnest until the final buzzer. Short term it means more heart-stopping, out-wrenching games than ever and over the long haul I predict it will propel the NCAA basketball tournament to a station as America's number one sporting event. Bigger than baseball's **World Series** or football's **Super Bowl**. And, please remember where you heard that first. . .

Unlike some, notably my pal **Billy Packer**, I wanted to watch the 45-second clock's effect on tournament play before reaching any conclusions. Packer, and many others,



Larry Donald  
Cats' Pause Columnist

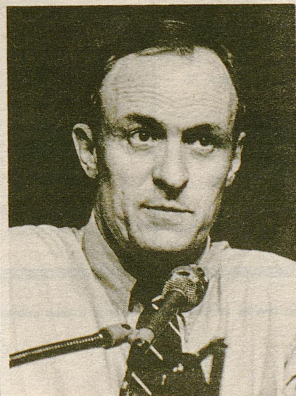
predicted the clock would all but eliminate the opportunity for an underdog (and presumably less talented team) to have much success in this tournament. In fact, quite the opposite has been true. Because teams with supposedly superior talent now must play the full 40 minutes it seems to keep the opposition into the game even more. **Vic Bubas**, commissioner of the **Sun Belt Conference** and a man who has studied the NCAA tournament more deeply than anyone I know felt, like Packer, the highly seeded teams would be at an advantage with the clock. In fact, he predicted all 16 of the top seeded teams would survive the first week and then said, "We'll have some hellacious games from there on in." Well, only seven of the 16 made it and what seems to be happening is that a great event, one which has grown so dramatically in the past 10 years, is going to be even better. . .

### What Happened In Kansas City Was Unforgiveable

Sadly, the tournament has not been without serious flaw. What happened during the Kansas City regional game between **Michigan State** and **Kansas** is simply unforgiveable. Granting mechanical or human error in allowing 15 seconds to expire without the clock running during the game's final three minutes, the real sin was not making an adjustment. Division I Tournament committee chairman **Dick Shultz** explained



Rex Chapman



Dale Brown

it was an uncorrectable error, but I don't buy that statement. Over the years I've watched officials add or remove time from the clock and always it was a situation in which the amount either way was something of an estimation. It is impossible to anticipate every situation, but in this case it's difficult to believe that game officials, score table officials and tournament officials couldn't repair the error. . . Incidentally the question of whether or not that incident cost Michigan State the game isn't really relevant here. Tournament officials owe it to the players and the public to insure a game in which the matter is decided on the court, without any question. . .

Well, Kentucky assistant coach **Leonard Hamilton** to **Oklahoma State**, North Carolina assistant **Eddie Fogler** to **Wichita State** and Virginia assistant **Jim Laranaga** to **Bowling Green**. Are we seeing a break in the "good old boy, baseball manager" style of hiring basketball coaches here? . . . More than ever I sense there are

two critical ingredients to NCAA tournament success: **1) Mental toughness and 2) Senior players with tournament experience.** . .

Okay, as one, let's stand and applaud **CBS** and **ESPN** for their coverage of the tournament. . . More and more I keep hearing that St. John's **Walter Berry** is rethinking his earlier declaration that he'll not apply for NBA hardship. . . Obviously **Dale Brown** is a coach who is far more effective and successful in the underdog role than when the target is painted on his team's back. I think that's true of many coaches, but even moreso in his case. . .

### The Great Conference Debate

The fact four conferences were represented in this year's **Final Four** is fortunate for those of us who've grown weary of the "Great Conference Debate." First, conferences



Scott Skiles



Billy Packer

don't play, teams play. Second, I've seen no valid criterion by which leagues may be universally judged. Third, you really shouldn't read too much into NCAA play in this regard. A year ago the **Big East** had three in the Final Four. This year they had no one in the Final 16. Does that mean the league was down drastically this year? Not really. . . And along this line I hope the **Big Ten's** recent struggle in NCAA play doesn't cause that conference to add a postseason tournament on the premise not having one puts their teams at a disadvantage. The only effect of the postseason conference tournament is to make the participating schools richer, place more strain on the coaches and take the students out of the classroom without reason. I've long been critical of the slow-moving Big Ten, but this is one situation where I think their holdout is warranted.

To show you what I really know about judging basketball prospects, when I saw **LSU's Ricky Blanton** in the **Prep Stars Invitational Camp** a few years ago I predicted he'd start at a major college, find out he couldn't play there, transfer to a mid Division I and become a solid player. . . How can the National Association of Basketball Coaches not have Michigan State's **Scott Skiles** on any of its first three All-American teams? I've often said the least impartial judgement makers in the world are basketball coaches. Remember a couple seasons ago when the UPI poll (voted upon by coaches) refused to make unbeaten **Nevada Las Vegas** number one after all the other candidates had been beaten. They've learned little in the time since I'd say. . .

### Recruiting Newsletter Ranks Rex Best No. 2 Guard

Top school boys in the country? **Van Coleman** of the **National Cage Recruiter's Newsletter** calls it this way: Center — **J.R. Reid** of Virginia Beach, VA. Power forward — **Terry Mills** of Romulus, MI. Quick Forward — **Chris Brooks**, Mouth of Wilson, VA. Point guard — **Rumeal Robinson**, Cambridge, MA. Second guard — **Rex Chapman**, Owensboro, KY. . . Significantly, perhaps, **Michigan** has the signatures of two of those five, Robinson and Mills. . . Mentioning high school basketball, how about this for a record in frustration. **Detroit Southwestern** and its coach **Perry Watson** (Antoine Joubert's old high school) have now lost five consecutive state championship games. Amazing. . .

One of the big story lines which will begin to take shape over the summer and into the fall months will be the television future of the NCAA tournament. CBS has exclusive rights through next year's Final Four in **New Orleans**, but then it opens up (?) for bidding. Obviously **NBC** is eager to get a piece of the package and seems willing to share the tournament (as is the case with the World Series and the Super Bowl). But CBS appears very determined to keep its exclusive rights. My thought is college basketball would be better served by having both, but who knows whether or not the Boys of Shawnee Mission have yet forgiven NBC for rushing forward to bankroll the CFA a few years back? Wonderous how our games are administered isn't it? . . .

# SEVENTH ANNUAL KENTUCKY WILDCAT FOOTBALL CAMP



### CAMPER'S DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	—Wake-up.
8:00	—Breakfast
9:15	—Meeting with Coaches
9:30-11:30	—Offensive Instruction
12:30	—Lunch and Rest Period
2:45 p.m.	—Meetings with Coaches
3:00-5:30	—Defensive Instruction
4:30-5:30	—Weight Training
6:00	—Dinner
7:00	—Specialty Period (punting, kicking, kick receiving); Team polish for offense or defense.
8:00	—Night Meeting (highlight films, chalk talks, guest speakers)
9:30	—Report to Dorms
10:30	—Lights Out

### OUR DAY-BY-DAY PROGRAM

Campers will work on conditioning, fundamentals and techniques at individual positions plus offensive and defensive team play. Practices will be divided into "live" contact and non-contact sessions. Campers will practice with equipment under the watchful eyes of our coaching staff. By mid-week boys are placed on teams with specific coaches and made ready for the Friday scrimmage. Naturally, we are insured.

### NON-CONTACT PROGRAM

Available for boys who prefer, or whose coaches prefer, to go through our program without pads. Other areas are intensified.

### OUR PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

#### OFFENSE

Quarterback—stance, center exchange, drop-back, setting up, passing, release, follow through, ball handling, running, faking, reading defense, leadership, roll out passing and running.

Runningbacks—stance, release, ball handling, faking, ball carrying, running, cutting, blocking, pass receiving.

Center—stance, exchange, blocking (run and pass), release, short and long snap.

Line—stance, release, all forms of blocking, punting, agility, line-calls, strategy.

Kickers—punting, place-kicking, holding.

Wide Rec's—running routes, blocking, faking, ball handling and ball drills.

#### DEFENSE

Line—stance, charge, alignment, pursuit, reaction, agility, tackling, stunting, pass rush.

Linebackers—stance, pursuit, pass coverage territory-responsibility, tackling, blitzing.

Secondary—stance, alignment, pass coverage, intercept, run support, tackling.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

We will work with all kickers, punters, holders, return men and long snappers in the evening after dinner.

### FRIDAY SCRIMMAGE—afternoon

After working all week, both individually and as a team, the scrimmage is the highlight of camp. Only through "game type" competition can potential skills be shown. Campers are divided into teams by age, weight and ability, and each team is assigned four coaches. Teams have game type controlled scrimmages, watched by the entire camp staff. Family and friends are certainly welcome. We will explain our schedule in detail at Sunday's registration.

FOR ADDITIONAL CAMP APPLICATIONS WRITE TO:  
Kentucky Wildcat Football Camp  
Football Offices  
Commonwealth Stadium  
Lexington, KY 40506-0222

### DEAR PARENTS & CAMPERS:

We are happy to continue the University of Kentucky's Football Camp. We are offering an instructional football camp that will feature both contact and non-contact drills directed by college, high school and pre-high school coaches.

The campers will go from non-contact instruction to contact work under a gradual conditioning program that will teach techniques of every football position, both individually and as a team. The camp will teach the latest in modern football as well as the basics of the Wildcat Strength Training.

We are excited about this camp because we know it helps a young man become a better football player. It is my privilege to personally invite you to join the Wildcat Football Camp.

See you this summer!

Sincerely,

Jerry Claiborne  
Head Football Coach  
University of Kentucky

### CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO BRING:

**REGISTRATION:** Balance of camp tuition (\$175 overnight camper, \$130 day camper-no personal checks). Signed doctor's permission slip/parent's consent form. Spending money for snacks, T-Shirts, etc.

**CLOTHING:** Football equipment-NOCSAE approved helmet, chin strap, shoulder pads, hip pads, pants with pads, football shoes, two jerseys (preferably white), mouthpiece, athletic supporters, shorts, and socks.

Adequate clothing for one week; dress is casual. Finally, bring a pillow, sheet, blanket, soap and towels for your room.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Fill out the enclosed application, detach and return immediately with a \$50.00 **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**, or write for a camp brochure to:  
(We cannot accept personal checks.)

WILDCAT FOOTBALL CAMP  
COMMONWEALTH STADIUM  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40506-0222

**NOTE:** A letter will be sent to applicants prior to the start of camp, which will include more detailed information concerning the camp.

**LIMITED REGISTRATION - DON'T BE LEFT OUT (WE WILL STOP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS 6 DAYS PRIOR TO CAMP.)**

**OPTIONAL:** Non-Contact football available.

### OUR GOAL

The aim of the Wildcat Football Camp is to give the campers the finest football instruction possible and at the same time give them a week full of fun, fond memories and a steppingstone to manhood.

The 11 to 13-year-olds will come home with more football knowledge and confidence, ready to play at a more competitive level. The 14 and 15-year-olds will have polished their skills that are necessary at the competitive pre-high and high school levels. The 16 and 18-year-old boys will have improved their techniques while readying themselves mentally and physically for the toughest of high school competition.

They will also have the advantage of playing under the watchful eyes of college coaches who will look them over, give advice and make suggestions.

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Lexington, KY 40506-0222

(No personal checks; only certified check, cashiers' checks or money order.)

CAMP COST:	
Overnight .....	\$225
Day Camper .....	\$180

CAMP DATE: June 8-13

**ELIGIBILITY:** You are eligible to attend the camp if you are at least 11 years old and have not begun the senior year in high school. The Kentucky Football Camp conforms with all pre-high school and high school National Federation rules and players may participate without jeopardizing any eligibility. However, we suggest that you check with your coach or athletic director if there are any questions about eligibility in your area. Any team coming into camp as a group may not practice as a unit, nor may any pre-high school or high school coach take part in coaching his own team. (NOTE: The Ohio High School Federation does not allow players to take part in contact drills.)

**FACILITIES:** Campers will be housed in beautiful Kirwan Hall, an air-conditioned dormitory on the University of Kentucky campus. Meals will be served in Kirwan Hall and are prepared and planned by a dietician to provide maximum nutritional needs for each day.

Drills and scrimmages will be conducted at Shively Sports Center, featuring three grass football fields, one full artificial turf field, complete training room facilities, weight room, and team lounge.

**REGISTRATION AND CHECK-OUT TIMES:** All campers (overnight and day) will be checked into camp from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 8th.

Day campers should arrive each morning no later than 8:30 A.M., and must be picked up no later than 10:00 P.M. each night in the Shively Sports Center parking lot. Lunch and evening meals are included in the day camper's fee beginning with the Sunday evening meal.

Check-out time is no later than Friday evening, June 13th.

**MAIL TO:**  
Kentucky Wildcat Football Camp  
Commonwealth Stadium,  
Lexington, Ky. 40506-0222 (606) 257-3611

### APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Office Use Only:  
1. Deposit \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Balance \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Health Card \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Consent \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll the following camper for the 1986 session as a \_\_\_\_\_ overnight \_\_\_\_\_ day camper

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age at camp \_\_\_\_\_ Hgt. \_\_\_\_\_ Wt. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (AC) \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Size T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (fall of '86) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Date of H. S. Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Position played of Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate preference \_\_\_\_\_

(please list both positions)

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Kentucky Wildcat Football Camp**

Enclosed is my camp application and \$50 deposit, which I understand is non-refundable.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# Tiger Supporters Behind Dale All The Way

## Recent Tiger Rag Poll Says So

### Dis 'n' Data . . .

**Preacher Man Gets High Ratings:** When LSU mentor Dale Brown, the so-called traveling evangelist of college basketball, sent his troops to the Final Four in Dallas, a survey which was taken about a couple of months ago came to mind.

A *Tiger Rag* magazine poll — published February 1 — showed that Brown, 50, received mostly "excellent" and "above average" grades from LSU fans. That was long before anyone had dreamed of LSU this year making the Final Four, especially after Brown's fallout with a Mr. All-World named Tito Horford, Nikita Wilson's academic problems and the famous chicken pox incident.

I just wonder how much Brown's popularity stock has gone up since. The sky is the limit.

Approximately 1,100 readers responded to the survey. According to professional survey experts, such a high number of returns adds greater credibility to the poll, especially



Jamie Vaught  
Cats' Pause Columnist

because the respondents had to provide their own postage. Even some research polls predicting who will become presidents of the United States reportedly have had fewer respondents.

In addition to Brown, the *Tiger Rag* readers were asked to rate the performance of LSU's other top athletic figures — head football coach Bill Arnsparger and athletic director Bob Brodhead. The fans were asked to grade them in one of five categories — excellent, above average, average, below average and poor.

### Tigers' AD Receives Low Performance Ratings

Both Brown and Arnsparger generally received high marks from the fans. On the other end, Brodhead — who has been involved in controversies such as the FBI's well-publicized bugging case — received low performance ratings.

In the "excellent" category, Arnsparger received 537 votes, with Brown getting 463. Brodhead got 116.

Brown received more votes than the other two in the "above average" category. Brown had 492 votes, Arnsparger 454 and Brodhead 349.

In the "poor" category, Brodhead had 227 votes, with Brown getting 16. Arnsparger received a total of only three negative votes.

The readers were also asked about whether they felt LSU's image had been damaged by stories in *Sports Illustrated* (with Brown on the cover in the Nov. 18 issue). Of the 1,057 responses, 729 thought LSU suffered some damage to its image and 328 did not.

Respondents were then asked which incident they felt did LSU more harm — Brown's attack on the NCAA or Brodhead's problems with the FBI. The majority of them (915) said the FBI investigation did more damage for the school's image, while 148 respondents said it was Brown's strong criticism of the NCAA.

Amen!

### Announcer Set On Staying In Lexington

**Hammond To Cover NFL:** Lexingtonian Tom Hammond — who is rapidly becoming a well-known and respected play-by-play TV announcer in the nation — will once again be busy on weekends this coming fall. For the second year in a row, he will be working the NFL games for the NBC network.

"The intention is for me to do 15 of the 16 weeks in the NFL regular season," said the 41-year-old Hammond, who recently signed a two-year contract with the network. "The only one I would miss is the weekend of the Breeder's Cup. I will do the Breeder's Cup telecast again."

A former sports director at Lexington's WLEX-TV (Channel 18) who now owns a video production company in Lexington specializing in horse racing, Hammond was asked how he got his start in covering pro football.

"It all came about because of my working a horse racing event for them (NBC)," said the 1967 UK graduate with a degree in agriculture. "In 1984, they hired me to be a part of the telecast team for the Breeder's Cup (\$10 million worth of racing) from Hollywood Park in California. The telecast went well. I guess they thought I performed OK. Because they said they were pleased, I told them that I would be interested in doing more events. So, NFL football was brought up and they said, 'We may have you do two or three games out of a 16-game season.' I was pleased with that, and I actually wound up doing 11 games (last fall)."

Hammond, who also has worked the SEC basketball games on TV for the last several years with color commentator Joe Dean, said he would not leave Lexington if he ever

had the opportunity to work full-time for a major TV network.

"No and I have had the opportunity in the past and turned it down," said the likeable Hammond who was recently listed as "up and coming" as a play-by-play man in the *USA Today*. "I don't know what it is about Lexington. I grew up here. I want to stay here. I love the area. I love the people. I'm established here professionally. There's the excitement of horse racing which keeps me here. I have no intention of leaving. In fact, if I were going to leave, I would have done it a long time ago — 10 years ago because I had opportunities."

"If I had been playing the normal television game of advancing one's career, I would have had to try to advance to the next big market. I sort of rejected that strategy and I've gone off on my own in a different direction. Fortunately, it has turned out well. I don't know if there are too many people for a city of the size of Lexington who have worked only in a market of that size, and still gotten the opportunity to sign a contract for major events for a network."

### Vol Mentor Hopes Big Orange Will Bounce Back

**DeVoe Disappointed:** For the first time since he became the head basketball coach at Tennessee in 1978, Don DeVoe's squad did not play in either the NCAA Tournament or the NIT. His team recently finished with a 12-16 mark, including a 5-13 SEC record. The overall mark is the worst of his 15-year coaching career.

Reflecting on this past season, DeVoe said, "Nobody could have been more disappointed than I was at the first losing season we have had at Tennessee since I came here. As head coach, the won-lost record is my responsibility and I accept them, but I want to make it clear that neither I nor my staff nor my players will ever be willing to settle for anything less than a winning year. We certainly didn't have that in mind when we started out in October and we're going to be working hard in the off-season to see that it doesn't happen again."

"We wound up playing an unusually large number of underclassmen this season and while that may have cost us some victories, I hope that it will turn out to be a long-range plus."

"This past season is history and we'll start practice next October with the slate wiped clean. We have a lot of players on our squad, and every one of them will have a fair chance to make the lineup."

*"My decision to stay at Tennessee was an easy one to make. I have always enjoyed being a part of the UT family. As I've said earlier, the good times will be back. We've had them before, and we'll have them again."*

— Vol coach Don DeVoe

On his recent decision to stay in Knoxville, withdrawing his name from a list of coaching candidates at Ohio State, DeVoe said, "My decision to stay at Tennessee was an easy one to make. I have always enjoyed being a part of the UT family. As I've said earlier, the good times will be back. We've had them before, and we'll have them again."

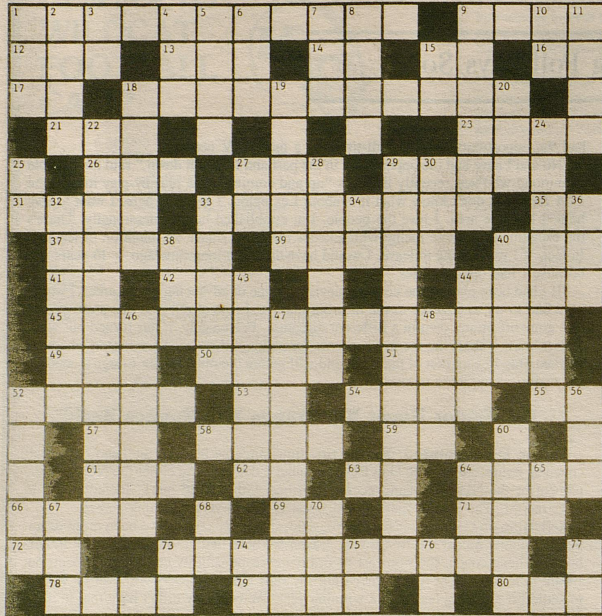
Ohio State since has named Gary Williams, from Boston College, as its new head coach.

### Commodore Brown Will Face Powerful Tide In VU Debut

**Potpourri Notes:** Vanderbilt's new head football coach **Watson Brown** — who has set Nashville on fire with his personal charm and enthusiasm — will make his debut on Sept. 6 when the Commodores open the 1986 campaign against **Alabama** in Tuscaloosa. The game with the Crimson Tide was originally scheduled for Sept. 27 but was moved up to make it attractive as a possible television game and to give Vandy an open date after its first three games. Brown makes his home debut against **Tulane**, coached by his brother **Mack**, on Sept. 20. . . Ole Miss assistant football coach **Carl Torbush** spends his free time collecting baseball cards. . . LSU's spring football practice is presenting a new challenge for the offensive coaching staff, as for the first time in four years it must sort through the candidates and replace the entire starting backfield (running backs **Dalton Hilliard** and **Garry James**, and quarterback **Jeff Wickersham**) which accounted for more than 13,000 total offensive yards during that period. The Tigers, meanwhile, return virtually everyone on defense from a unit which rated third nationally against scoring in 1985. . . In basketball, LSU reportedly is expected to host **Georgetown** and **North Carolina** at home next winter. . . **Vanderbilt** generally has been thought of to have a good basketball program, but a weak football program. But if you take a look at Vandy's performance on the hardwood against the SEC teams in the last 10 years, you would say the Commodore hoop program has fallen upon hard times. From 1976-77 season to present, Vandy has posted eight losing SEC records. Before that — from 1948-49 to 1975-76, it was just the opposite. The Commodores were the winners, having only four losing seasons during that 28-year span.

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



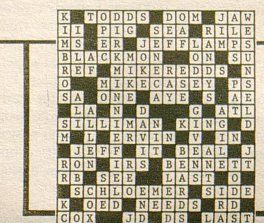
A LOOK BACK AT THE '58 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Where '58 Cats won National Championship
- 9 '24 pts. came in title game
- 12 Abbr. for "Oxford English Dictionary"
- 13 Cats beat Temple by \_\_\_\_
- 14 Continent abbr.
- 15 Initials of speaker: "You wouldn't want to take this bunch to Carnegie Hall."
- 16 Roman numeral for losses for '58 Cats
- 17 Initials of sub Adkins of '58 Cats
- 18 # of wins for '58 Cats
- 21 Cheer
- 23 '58 Cats were the \_\_\_\_ champs at 12-2
- 26 Not wet
- 27 It is
- 29 Organic compound
- 31 Converse, Nike, or others
- 33 In title game, \_\_\_\_ downfall came with Cats' great 2nd half rally
- 35 Common verb
- 37 Quick to perceive and act
- 39 No one expected such \_\_\_\_ final point difference in the title game, 12
- 40 Abbr. for "sergeant"
- 41 Initials of '70s Cat Parker
- 42 The Rupp \_\_\_\_ at UK was in full bloom in '58
- 44 "A \_\_\_\_-away jumper"
- 45 The '58 National Champions
- 49 Abbr. for "order"
- 50 "After graduation he went to the \_\_\_\_"
- 51 Stupid blunder
- 52 Sights
- 53 It was only fitting that Cats' 4th title came \_\_\_\_ Kentucky
- 54 Extol
- 55 Abbr. for collegiate class of Crysler
- 57 Abbr. for a school subject
- 58 Vernon Hatton averaged over 17 per \_\_\_\_ in '57-'58 season
- 59 Abbr. for a time period
- 61 FC \_\_\_\_
- 62 Abbr. for an European country
- 63 Initials of '70s Cat Romke
- 64 '58 Cats: "Cox's \_\_\_\_"
- 66 Many thought a Cat victory over 33 Across would be an impossible \_\_\_\_
- 69 Initials of sub Collinsworth of '58 Cats
- 71 Tell untruth
- 72 Initials of sub Ross of '58 Cats
- 73 In '58 he did what many consider greatest coaching job of all time
- 76 \_\_\_\_ 16 rebounds came in the title game
- 79 Russian ruler
- 80 Cat conference

DOWN

- 1 Temple, the '58 semifinal \_\_\_\_, was beaten by the Cats
- 2 Foster
- 3 1st name of '58 Cats' tallest starter
- 4 Stock market's \_\_\_\_ Jones
- 5 Singles
- 6 Males
- 7 Not just \_\_\_\_ coach could have taken '58 Cats to the title
- 8 Not on time
- 9 Crowns
- 10 Roman numeral for 15
- 11 Namesakes of former Cat Cohen
- 15 See 15 Across
- 18 In title game, Cats were down by \_\_\_\_ at the half
- 19 Vernon Hatton scored a \_\_\_\_ of 30 pts. in the title game
- 20 Triple vowel
- 22 '58 was \_\_\_\_ 14 pts. and 14 rebounds came in title game
- 24 John \_\_\_\_
- 25 Initials of 43 Down
- 27 Abbr. for "that is"
- 28 Holds the ball
- 29 Star performer of 33 Down
- 30 Over 18,000 were at 1 Across to \_\_\_\_ the title match
- 32 Cat senior guard
- 33 Long narrow flat piece
- 34 Abbr. for "translator"
- 36 Abbr. for a Missouri city
- 38 Tosses opening tipoff
- 40 "He tried to \_\_\_\_ it from going out-of-bounds"
- 43 1st name of a starting '58 Cat guard
- 44 Discover
- 46 6'7" senior center
- 47 Top Cat substitute of '57-'58
- 48 Cats averaged over 12 ppg in '57-'58
- 52 Averaged 12.4 ppg in '57-'58 season
- 56 '58 sub Billy \_\_\_\_ Cassidy
- 60 Road \_\_\_\_
- 64 Swiss site: the \_\_\_\_
- 65 Common pronoun
- 67 Circle portion
- 68 1st name of '58 Cat honorary captain
- 70 Numbers man
- 73 Like
- 74 An extra period
- 75 See 72 Across
- 76 "He went for the rebound"
- 77 Initials of only junior among '58 Cat starters



Last Week



# Todd Hallum

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considered one of the pioneers of SEC basketball. After resigning from the Commodore program in 1961, Polk then had head coaching stints at Trinity College in Texas, St. Louis University and Rice before retiring from coaching in 1977. Georgia football coach **Vince Dooley** says his image was tarnished in the aftermath of a federal trial which raised pertinent questions about the academic standards for Georgia athletes. However, Dooley feels his integrity is still intact. "I can still feel good about myself despite the fact that the perception is not as good as I would like it," Dooley said in an interview with the Associated Press. "As I look back on it... I would try to have done a better job of being more selective than what we were," said Dooley, making a reference to Georgia's practice of recruiting some athletes with poor academic records. Tennessee officials are hoping to have around **40,000** fans attend the Vols' intrasquad spring game which will be held on April 26th. UT is obtaining 15 to 20 corporate sponsors which will distribute free ducats to fans across the state.

# Jim Griesch

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ball Association, and the National Basketball Association. Just last month, one TV report claims that Brown now admits he would not have signed Manning had he not hired dad. Dad, by the way, was driving a *truck* coast-to-coast when he was hired. He'd been out of basketball for several years before that. Tremendous recruiting move, that was. The odd thing here is that, of the 1986 Final Four, only LSU is being investigated by the NCAA. Kentucky is, too. But, that effort seems to have grown completely out of a hometown newspaper effort that seemingly was done last fall for the sole purpose of discrediting a man with which staff members had not gotten along swimmingly. If Hall, the target, is guilty of serious infractions, then so be it. You can't apologize for wrongdoing. But, my oh my, does the motive seem so terrible.

# Nick Nicholas

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this program. But, Rex Chapman has a great chance of starting for us next season. We may go back to the three-guard offense. He (Chapman) may replace Harden. Question: *When will it be decided if Mike Scott is to play next year?* Sutton: Mike Scott hasn't enrolled at Kentucky unless you know something I don't know. After he graduates from Lexington Community College then he will be free to go anywhere he wants to go. I do believe, unless something unfortunate happens, that Mike will be a student here at the University of Kentucky. I don't believe you can make that determination until the time comes. I would want to do what he wants and what his family wants to do.

## Happy With Cedric and Robert's Progress In '86

Question: *Were you satisfied with Jenkins and Lock's progress?* Sutton: Both of them should have been redshirted last year or this year in my opinion. They couldn't afford to redshirt them last year and we couldn't afford to redshirt them this year. But, they've made remarkable progress and there's no doubt that they'll be good players for us next year. Cedric became a little more consistent than Robert did. Through hard effort this spring on the weights and working on their own through the summer (they should improve). We're hopeful that there might be a foreign trip available to us this summer. I think that would be a big help of molding this ballclub together. You can go and play 10 or 12 games against stiff competition during the summer months. Plus, that 'togetherness' you get when you're in a different country will help this ballclub. Question: *What's been the biggest disappointment during your first year at Kentucky?* Sutton: The biggest disappointment, because it's still heavy on my heart, is the loss to LSU in Atlanta. Question: *What's been the biggest surprise?* Sutton: I'm not sure I can single out any one thing: the first time we practiced at 12:01 on October 15th when we had 10,000 people over at Memorial Coliseum; our December wins over Louisville and Indiana; to have won the UKIT over a fine Pepperdine team; when I went to Louisville when we had the shooting practice before 14,000 people... that just almost blew my mind; and then that night to have 19,400 against a ballclub (VMI) that probably is not recognized as being one of the giants of college basketball. But I guess the most impressive thing, if you're going to ask me one thing, is the fact that we won 21 out of 23 games against tough SEC competition. To have won the round-robin with a 17-1 record and to win the conference tournament, those are things that in years to come I don't believe will be repeated. I'll find it very hard to believe that someone tells me that a team will go through this league 17-1. It hasn't happened very many times. The league will continue to improve and get better and better. So, it's been a wonderful year. I'm disappointed (not going to Final Four) our team's disappointed and our fans are disappointed. But when everything settles down they'll look back and say this has to be one of the best years Kentucky basketball has ever enjoyed except for when they won the national titles.

# It's Back To The Recruiting Wars

## Final Four Entrants' Battle Plans To A Winner

Now that the big NCAA rat race, known as the 1986 basketball tournament, is history, college coaches and their fans will be looking with interest toward the spring recruiting roundup.

Of course, recruiting in the Bluegrass State never dies, nor does basketball in general. This spring will be especially interesting for UK fans on a couple of points.

Foremost is the idea that since the beginning of the new November Window in 1982, UK has not landed a single player in the spring who has stayed around long enough to contribute to the program his freshman year.

That November of 1982, Kentucky reeled in seniors-to-be (can you believe how fast time flies?) Winston Bennett, James Blackmon and Paul Andrews.



Jim Griesch  
Cats' Pause Columnist

In the spring of 1983, former UK coach Joe B. Hall got Vince Sanford of Lexington Lafayette to sign. But, by August, Sanford asked for his release from the NCAA scholarship so he could attend South Florida. He was, and he did.

That November, Hall got his juniors-to-be — Robert Lock, Cedric Jenkins, Richard Madison, Todd Ziegler and Ed Davender — and then signed 7-foot-4 German Gunther Behnke the following spring. But, Behnke stayed in Lexington only long enough to find the water fountains and bathrooms at Wildcat Lodge. He was back in Germany long before the first frost, or first class.

Last season, Irving Thomas came aboard with Hall in November, but present coach Eddie Sutton drew a blank in last spring's transitional period, even as he retained Hall's recruiter, Leonard Hamilton.

At that time, Sutton expressed real amazement over what he called "negative recruiting" by some schools with which he fought for such high school stars as Lance Blanks of suburban Houston, and Kenny Payne of semi-rural Mississippi.

### Sutton Looking For The Big Man

Even signing Rex Chapman and Reggie Hanson last fall, Sutton has room from some particular types of players. He's said he wants a big man and another guard, minimum. If he wants to eventually go to New Orleans, Seattle or Denver in the next several seasons, he ought to take a look at some other schools' techniques.

Since Louisville, Louisiana State, Kansas and Duke all made more than \$800,000 just for appearing in 'Big D', whatever their coaches did has to be worth it in the materialistic world of the NCAA.

On the face of it, only Duke's recruiting has not raised a few eyebrows in recent years. Coach Mike Krzyzewski seems to have quietly built for this year, without doing as many wild things in recruiting as did Denny Crum at Louisville, Dale Brown of LSU, or Larry Brown of Kansas.

Of course, Atlantic Coast Conference insiders may have been surprised that 'Coach K' landed 6-9 Danny Ferry last year, beating out North Carolina. Still, the gossip surrounding that case is a lot cleaner than for the other three.

Crum apparently decided to toss some of his players to the wolves last spring in order to bring in the likes of 6-9 Pervis Ellison, 6-8 Tony Kimbro and 6-7 Payne.

Card fans can make all the excuses they want to, but the fact is, it looks as if Crum and his staff deliberately continued to pursue high schoolers long after he ran out of scholarships.

Those actions may come back to haunt Crum and his 'Gang of Two and a Half.' Any kid coming out of school with any integrity could look at how he handled the Robbie Valentine situation and the Barry Sumpter situation, then decide that U of L may not be the place to seriously continue his education.

Remember the circumstances of the fall of 1984?

The air waves were filled with the names of hot recruits of all schools. In Louisville, Card fans openly talked about Ellison, Kimbro and Payne, even after U of L had landed the likes of Keith Williams, David Robinson and Avery Marshall.

### Did Denny Crum Over-Recruit?

After all, Crum still had two openings, and was rumored to be looking at several ways to get Valentine off athletic scholarship.

Finally, in the spring, he signed Ellison, then Kimbro, then Payne. Of the six signees, the three in the fall were almost a total zero in contributing to this team.

Those from the spring group carried U of L to Dallas. What would U of L had been like without Ellison in the middle? Not much to write home about.

Oddly, Milt Wagner's December, 1984, foot injury did not even seem to slow down U of L's recruiters. When Wagner got his medical redshirt via the NCAA, that left U of L with only one scholarship. Ellison got that one. Kimbro and Payne took Valen-

tine's spot. Sumpter was later declared academically ineligible at U of L, even though he met NCAA requirements.

Interestingly enough, that had never happened in basketball at U of L before. Sumpter became a FIRST, a PIONEER.

Valentine stayed in school, we're told, via the Pell Grant, known so well to collegians of the 1960s and 1970s as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG).

Valentine got some \$2,100 to go to school. However, those who know how the Pell Grant works say the \$2,100 is only about half of what a student needs to remain in school at U of L.

Valentine said he worked last summer, and also told Bob Watkins of the *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise* that his mother gave him money (but not more than \$200 or \$300).

Sumpter remained in Louisville, working at a lumber yard and was back in school this winter. He could work out with the team, but will not be eligible until next winter.

Any way you count it, that's 17 players Crum and his crew kept around.

Another question that comes to mind is how U of L is always able to keep unhappy players in the program.

Valentine is one who got hooked on the idea of playing before big crowds, under bright lights. Yet, Crum tried to find a way to oust him for two years. Once, they looked at a medical dispensation because of recurring knee problems. Then, last summer, Valentine pumped home 33 points a game in a summer league in which every current U of L player was involved. The incoming freshmen and frosh redshirt Kevin Walls were even on the same team.

Walls almost left U of L this winter, but began playing after he boycotted the team for several days.

Junior Mark McSwain, before a serious knee injury, walked off the bench during a U of L game.

Outwardly, there seem to be fewer perks at U of L than at some other schools. Joe Hall had problems many years keeping all his high quality talent happy.

The players who left included Dwight Anderson, Todd May, Chuck Aleksinas, Tim Stephens, others. A few others left for a day or two but returned.

Remember, UK, like most major schools, has a whole host of open perks. There is the Lodge (which allows much needed privacy), playing in Rupp Arena, overwhelming fan adulation, and the like.

Heck, UK players have it so good, the NCAA once had to come in and force a downgrading of the facilities.

The NCAA made players double up in rooms, take out extra-long beds, and close private baths. UK also had the use of the lodge kitchen facilities taken away, because UK doesn't have semi-private kitchens in its dorms.

Still, with all that, players stay and stay, and never get to play. Why?

It is hard to say that what U of L has done the last year or so is wrong. We can present no hard evidence here.

But, the reports of the actions surrounding Payne's recruitment at the 1985 Derby Classic all-star game in Louisville in early April make you wonder how ethical it was.

Second hand reports attributed to authoritative people indicate that U of L coaches visited the locker rooms after the game (an NCAA no-no). Other reports talk of three-hour visits with Payne and his parents (their transportation to Louisville paid for by the all-star game, not U of L) which smacks of something shady. And, the fact that five of the six coaches involved in the game had players who were already playing for U of L, were to have players at U of L, or were having players being recruited by U of L seemed like an awfully heavy coincidence, to me.

And, the fact that U of L never slowed down its recruiting pace all last year seems to indicate that some players would be tossed out to make room for Ellison, Kimbro, and/or Payne.

Go on, kid. Take your chances. But, even if you start, you better hope Crum doesn't find someone better than you next year.

You'll be gone. Crum won't honor his commitment to you.

But, if you survive, you'll get a shot at a trip to the Final Four.

And, of course, Crum's not the only Final Four coach this year with a checkered recruiting background.

Dale Brown of LSU is still undergoing an NCAA investigation about some of his handiwork. John Williams, Tito Horford, and who knows who else could be involved.

Still, Brown has become a real media attraction this season. Television seems to love him. He'll say anything, do anything, go anywhere, to get on. Last month, he was on CNN, a syndicated wrestling show seen in Lexington, and during the season (or before) made the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, was on ESPN, and became a real celebrity when he lost Nikita Wilson because of academics (he failed a freshman level remedial math course during his junior year of play).

Brown's reward? He played two highly seeded teams on his home floor during early NCAA tournament play, then upset two teams ranked in the Top Six — Georgia Tech and Kentucky — to reach the Final Four.

And, some cynics say the NCAA makes sure its Black Sheep do not receive any favors!

### Neat Package Deal At Kansas

Larry Brown of Kansas pulled off the recruiting ultimate a few years ago. In order to get 6-10 super prospect Danning Manning (out of North Carolina, ACC and Dean Smith territory), Brown hired Danny's father, Ed, as an assistant coach.

Ed Manning is also 6-10 or so, and had a journeyman career in the American Basket-

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# '86 Tourney Was Talk Of The Town

## Crum Proud Of Basketball In Kentucky

**N**CAA enthusiasm extended. Interest in basketball declined some when the Kentucky Wildcats were eliminated from the NCAAs, but personally, I cannot recall a season when the NCAAs stirred as much fan interest/reactions as this one has.

A sampling...  
 ■ Last week Hugh Baker, a nice gentleman from Ft. Worth, Texas telephoned to voice a few opinions. It should be mentioned here that Baker is a native of Harlan County, Ky. and — like so many UK fans — was still smarting from his team being eliminated just a city away from his residence.  
 "I take *The Cats Pause* because I want to read about Kentucky. Why do you have to include (Denny) Crum's views in your column? I don't understand why that has



Bob Watkins  
 Cats' Pause Columnist

to be in there.  
 "When I read *The Cats Pause* I want to be selective, read about UK. If I want to be objective, I'll read *SI* (Sports Illustrated) and so forth."

**Comment:** Mr. Baker's points are well taken. However, by design, my contributions to TCP are supposed to be broader in scope (and more objective) than just commentary on UK sports.

Mr. Baker goes on, "We had tickets to the Final 4, bought them last year. I just *knew* Kentucky was going to be here. I just knew it."

Really, I said. With UK coming off an 18-12 season? C'mon?  
 "Yes," he said. "People forget what kind of material they get at UK," he replied. "I go all the way back to the 1940s with UK and Adolph Rupp. I grew up listening to Claude Sullivan call the games. UK had a great team this year and I was confident they'd be here."

But at least Baker's home state will have a team in Dallas, I said.  
 "Well, yes (pause) we're Louisville fans too since I guess since I'm from Kentucky, but I don't know," he said. "I just can't be for Denny Crum. That guy's always taking pot shots at Kentucky. Always. He's a sly little fox. Does a real job elevating himself by getting in digs at Kentucky."

During UK's regular season Baker retreats to his automobile on game nights to listen to the games on WHAS Radio.  
 "I go sit in the car," he said. "But I hope UK pulls away from them now. I can pick up WLW-Cincinnati just as clear as WHAS down here so it won't bother people like me any (transplanted Kentuckians)."

Earlier in the week Baker said he had listened to WHAS's Sports Talk 84 with Van Vance and guest Jock Sutherland and it left the Harlan native gnashing his teeth.

"Jock is like a gnat on an elephant, always criticizing Kentucky," he said. "He just does it to get attention of course. Now he's saying that Louisville has proved that it is *the* University of Kentucky. But everywhere I go UK *is* basketball in this country. Every school compares its accomplishments to UK's."

Hugh Baker is a typical Kentucky fan, hurt because his team's glory road was stopped short of where he thought it was going to lead, Dallas. Baker is much like the fan from whom I received a letter after LSU beat Kentucky in the NCAA Southeast Regional. In part it read: "University of Kentucky basketball is caring and believing, always believing, and tradition, and knowing that UK *is* basketball at its finest."

Hugh Baker would go along with that.  
**Crum view point**  
 Appropriately, to counterpoint Mr. Baker's view, what follows is Louisville Coach Denny Crum's response to...basketball in Kentucky.

"Nobody would argue that basketball here is very special and it's why I'm here," the UofL Coach said last week. "I've always believed in giving something back to the game that's been so good and that's one reason I always pushed for a UK-UofL series. To try and give something back to the fans. It gives them something to get excited about, talk about. People grow up here thinking about basketball and those same people buy tickets."

"I'm very proud of our state and what basketball means here."  
 ■ Charlie Walls of Radcliff, Ky. telephoned last week to express his unhappiness with the way the NCAA handled (didn't handle) the game clock snafu during the Kansas-Michigan State game at Kansas City. "How come there hasn't been more written about it?" Walls wanted to know.

**Comment:** Probably because nothing could be done without causing a riot. The NCAA decided on the spot that the only alternative was to carry on with the game and that was correct.

However, if NCAA officials had had any vision such mistakes could be rectified quickly enough if a proviso were put into the rules to use television instant replays to correct such errors.

In this instance, because of the delay, Michigan State's advantage in momentum was wiped out anyway.

"I really felt bad for N.C. State," said Walls, a native North Carolinian. "I think if Kansas wins the NCAA this is going to hang over their heads."



Denny Crum



Brent Musburger

### NCAA tourney reflections

✓ The Kentucky-LSU game. It may have been Dale Brown's best coaching job ever. The Tigers' ability to change defenses was the difference, confusing UK. It destroyed the Wildcats tempo. Evidence? An All-American (Kenny Walker) got three shots in 20 minutes (the second half).

✓ A UK-Louisville game in Dallas? Some writers were already chortling about a rematch. A good thing for UK fans it didn't happen, because Louisville would have beaten Kentucky. UL was at the top of its game at both ends of the court and for 40 minutes while UK, against both Western Kentucky and LSU, looked very tired. Worn out.

✓ Kenny Walker. Early in the LSU game he wasted too much energy high 5'ing and gyrating with teammates and it affected his performance at the end.

✓ Kansas center Greg Dreiling, the premier plodder, was wonderful against NC State Sunday. His play made me think: that could be (UK's) Robert Lock by February of next season. And, by 1989, UL signee Felton Spencer might even achieve Dreiling's level of play.

✓ Did anyone record the number of '3 seconds' violations whistled in the NCAA? How about one...in the Duke-Navy game.

### NCAA/Media coverage

CBS-Television and ESPN get a B- from here. The coverage overall was reasonably good if only because the network's commitment of personnel and equipment and the NCAA's agreement in game times.

A B because coverage of the NCAAs by the networks was so all inclusive. And yet the blitz of games is enough to cause input overload. But then that's what the tune knob is for, right?

The TV graphics have been good, but CBS's lead-in music became monotonous two years ago.

CBS' best play-by-play man is Gary Bender by a mile. The man needs no analyst alongside because he understands the game, its ebb and flow and ad libs informatively without trying to be clever. There were times when Doug Collins seemed to be in the way.

Vern Lundquist is good, but Larry Conley is ordinary and needs work if only because he tries so hard to give us a grasp of the obvious.

On another level CBS' reliance for primary analysis on Billy Packer and Bill Raftery drags CBS's grade down to B-. Oddly, (if predictably) while Packer prattles on too much — "great shot ... great move ... great towel ... great nose bleed ... great Scott!" — Raftery tried to compensate by saying little or nothing upon prompts from Bill Nantz.

Example: During the Kansas-North Carolina State game, Packer and Brent Musburger confused and annoyed some of us by frequently talking at the same time. It's called stepping on each other. Meanwhile, at halftime of the Duke-Navy game Nantz asked for Raftery's examination of Navy's position against Duke.

"They're in trouble," he responded.  
 Hey, yes, Duke was head 34-22. Raftery might have told us why he thought so. Certainly Packer would have given a (great) dissertation.

Ironically, while Bender needs no analyst to do his job, Packer needs no play-by-play partner.

### Cheers

Let's hear it for Steve Hale (North Carolina) and David Robinson (Navy) for rebuffering professional basketball to pursue other, more lasting careers.

### Parting shot

Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz means business. The new head man scheduled off-season workouts for his players twice a week starting at 6:15 a.m. "Getting up at that hour is a pain," Irish quarterback Steve Beuerlein said. "But I'll tell you one thing, seeing guys getting sick and throwing up really gives you a feeling of unity."

## Achievements Galore

## '86 Wildcats – Something To Be Proud Of

The 1985-86 edition of the University of Kentucky basketball team will go down as one of the greatest ever in the illustrious history of UK basketball. The Wildcats compiled a 32-4 record, becoming only the sixth UK team to pass the 30-win plateau. The last team to reach that mark was the 1977-78 squad that went 30-2 and won the national championship. Before that, one must go back to the 1950-51 season to find a UK team that won 30-or-more games.

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The Wildcats made their 31st appearance in the NCAA tournament and their 20th appearance in the Final Eight. UK has appeared in the Final Eight in three of the last four years. Kentucky's overall record in NCAA Tournament play now stands at 53-28. Only UCLA can claim more victories in NCAA play (55).

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Kentucky owns a 4-2 record against the Final Four teams. The Wildcats defeated LSU three times and Louisville once, while losing once to LSU and once to Kansas. UK did not play Duke.

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Kentucky captured the Southeastern Conference championship with a 17-1 record, marking only the third time since the league went to an 18-game schedule in 1967 that a team has won 17 conference games. Before losing to LSU in the NCAA Southeast Regional final, UK had won 20 straight games against SEC foes. All told, the Wildcats compiled a 21-2 record against the SEC this season. The 23 games versus SEC opponents in a single season is another league record.

The Wildcats also captured the SEC Tournament title, marking the first time a team

## Jerry Happy With First Scrimmage

Running back Mark Higgs, slowed last season with a knee injury, gained 44 yards on only six carries and scored a touchdown last Saturday in an intrasquad scrimmage during Kentucky's spring football practice.

Higgs, who will be a junior in the fall, led a ground attack that netted 245 yards on 82 attempts. Greg Baker, who also suffered a severe knee injury last spring, led all rushers with 54 yards on 13 carries. He had a one-yard touchdown run.

"I felt that for our first scrimmage, we gave a great effort," said Wildcat coach Jerry Claiborne.

Quarterback Bill Ransdell completed five of seven passes for 40 yards and one 7-yard touchdown aerial in limited play.

"The defense came up with a couple of good goal-line stands, which means that our offense needs to improve," Claiborne said.

The Wildcats will conclude spring drills with the annual Blue-White game April 26 at Commonwealth Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

has won the tournament twice since the event was renewed in 1979. It also marked only the second time since the renewal that the league champion captured the tournament crown.

While some cynics downplayed Kentucky's accomplishments in the league, citing a "down year" in the SEC as the reason UK enjoyed such success, those cynics were proved wrong at season's end. All four SEC teams invited to the NCAA tournament advanced to the Final 16, with three advancing to the Final Eight. It was by far the league's finest showing ever in the NCAA.

With LSU advancing to the Final Four, this marks the fourth time in the last six years that the SEC has placed a team in college basketball's showcase.

In guiding the Wildcats to their 32-4 record, Coach Eddie Sutton became one of the most successful first-year coaches in the history of the sport. Sutton inherited a team that had struggled to an 18-13 record last season and was picked to finish third in the SEC this year.

What Sutton did was nothing short of amazing. He molded the group without a dominating big man into one of the powerhouses in the country. The squad with three guards utilized their speed and quickness to advance to the NCAA Final Eight before being knocked out by LSU.

The Wildcats finished the regular season ranked third in the nation by AP and UPI and were seeded first in the Southeast Regional of the NCAA Tournament. For his efforts, Sutton was named national Coach of the Year by AP and Kodak (selected by coaches) and the SEC's "Coach of the Year" by AP and UPI.

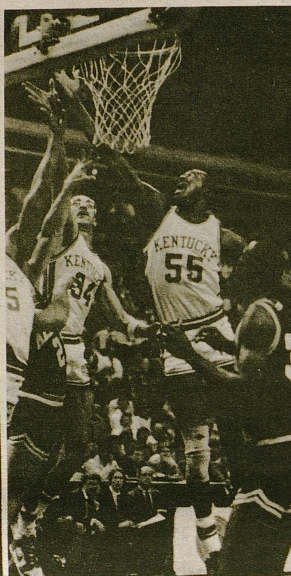
While going 32-4 this season, Sutton annexed his 17-year college coaching record to 374-129. That's a winning percentage of 74.4, one of the best in the nation. Sutton's NCAA Tournament record now stands at 15-11. He has guided a team to the NCAA Tournament for 10 straight years now, a feat matched only by North Carolina's Dean Smith.

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The '85-86 Wildcat squad included one of the greatest players ever to wear the legendary Blue and White — Kenny Walker. The All-American forward finished his career at Kentucky with 2,080 points, which places him second on UK's all-time career scoring list. "Sky" Walker averaged 20.0 points and 7.7 rebounds this season in earning first-team All-America honors by nearly every poll, including AP, UPI, USBWA and NABC, in addition to numerous publications. The Robertta, Ga., native was the SEC "Player of the Year" for the second straight year and earned first-team All-SEC honors by AP, UPI and the coaches. He was named the national "Player of the Year" in a poll by ESPN.

In establishing his scoring marks, Walker became only the third player in UK history to pass the 2,000-point mark. Dan Issel leads the way in the UK scoring parade with 2,138 points. Walker scored 2,080 and Jack Givens scored 2,038. In addition, Walker is one of only 15 players in the history of the SEC to pass the magical 2,000-point mark.

Besides scoring, Walker earned his way into the UK record book in three other categories. Last year, he set a new UK record for free throws attempted (284) and free throws made (218). This season, he set a single-game field goal percentage record when he tossed in 11-for-11 shots against



## 'Cats During 4th Straight Win Over 'Bama

Western Kentucky in the NCAA Tournament. That 100 percent performance surpassed Rick Robey's and Jack Givens' record of 91.7 percent (minimum of 10 made).

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Another member of the 1985-86 Wildcat squad to earn his way into the UK record book was senior guard Roger Harden. The Valparaiso, Ind., native dished out 232 assists this season, shattering the old mark of 188, set by Dirk Minniefield in 1981-82.

Harden enjoyed by far his best season in a Kentucky uniform, averaging 6.8 points and 2.2 rebounds while starting every game and averaging 31.1 minutes of playing time.

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Kentucky continues to be the winningest team in college basketball, both in number of wins and in winning percentage. Through the years, the Wildcats have won 1,408 games, while losing only 440. That's a winning percentage of 76.2. Second on the NCAA list of all-time victories is North Carolina with 1,373 wins.

Kentucky has extended its string of non-losing seasons to 58, the longest such string in college basketball. The last time UK suffered a losing season was in 1927, when the 'Cats were 3-13.

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More than a half-million fans watched the Wildcats play in person this season, while millions more watched on television and listened on radio, making UK basketball one of the more popular attractions in all of sports.

UK's attendance this season broke down as follows:

Home (regular season): 348,610 (23,210 avg.)  
Other (regular season): 157,958 (11,283 avg.)

Tournament: 115,312 (16,473 avg.)  
Total: 621,880 (17,274 avg.)

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All but four of Kentucky's games in 1985-86 were on television with eight shown on the national networks (CBS or NBC) and five on ESPN.

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The Wildcats compiled a perfect 18-0 record at Rupp Arena this season, improving UK's 10-year record in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country to 140-14. That's a winning percentage of 90.9 in the building named for the winningest coach in college basketball history, the late Adolph Rupp.

Three of those 14 losses have come in postseason action, once in NIT play, once in NCAA play and once in SEC Tournament play.

According to an unofficial CBS-TV survey earlier this season, Kentucky now enjoys the third best home-court winning percentage in the country, behind only Nevada Las Vegas and UCLA.

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The two top priorities for UK coach Eddie Sutton are now recruiting and hiring an assistant coach to replace Leonard Hamilton, who accepted the head coaching position at Oklahoma State.

Kentucky will be seeking to sign "two or three" players during the spring signing period of April 9 through May 15, according to Sutton. The Wildcats signed two players, 6-4 guard Rex Chapman and 6-8 forward Reggie Hanson, during the November signing period before the season.

Sutton has not set a timetable for hiring a new assistant.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Six Years Ago

\*For the second straight year, the Kentucky basketball staff enjoyed a banner recruiting season, as the 'Cats landed four prize prospects to the national letter of intent. The tallest of the lot is 6-11 Melvin Turpin, who played at Lexington Bryan Station High School before attending Fork Union Military School last year. The shortest of the new Wildcats is 5-foot-11 all-stater Dicky Beal of Covington Holmes High School. Beal's signing came as somewhat of a surprise. He had previously announced he would attend DePaul before having a change of heart. UK went to Harborfield High School in New York to land 6-9 Bret Bearup, a consensus All-American. Another signee considered a blue chipper is guard Jim Master of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

\*Spring football continued at Kentucky and much of the focus continues to surround the quarterback race. Coach Fran Curci has four candidates — Randy Jenkins, Larry McCrimmon, Terry Henry and Rich Buehner — who are battling for the number one job. With leading rushers Chris Jones and Shawn Donigan returning, along with several other highly qualified runners, the Cats are expected to have a strong backfield corps.

## Ten Years Ago

Senior Reggie Warford walked away with most of the hardware at the annual Kentucky basketball banquet. He won the Frank Seale Award as the Outstanding Senior, the Senior Appreciation Award, the award for fewest turnovers, the K-Men's Scholastics Award and the Kiwanis 110 percent Award. Mike Phillips and Jack Givens, both sophomores, were co-

winners in the MVP awards. Givens captured the best free throw shooter award and Phillips won the rebounding award.

\*Kentucky's Sonny Collins, the SEC's all-time leading rusher, was picked in the second round of the National Football League draft. The Atlanta Falcons picked Collins, who was the ninth runner selected in the draft. The only other Wildcat selected was offensive tackle Wally Pesuit, who was picked in the fifth round by Dallas.

\*Before 10,000 fans at Commonwealth Stadium, UK unveiled its new wishbone attack in the annual Blue-White spring game. The Blue team won the game 27-7. Sophomore fullback Rod Stewart led all rushers with 84 yards. Quarterback Derrick Ramsey had 84 yards passing and 47 yards on the ground. The other quarterback to see a great deal of action, Bill Tolston, was also impressive.

\*In the basketball recruiting wars, Kentucky landed three-time All-Stater LaVon Williams of Denver, Colorado, two-time Kentucky All-Stater Tim Stephens of McCreary County and All-American Jay Shidler of Lawrenceville, Illinois. Mississippi State was another SEC school considered to have a banner year as the Bulldogs landed 6-11 All-American Ricky Brown of Georgia, who was recruited heavily by Kentucky.

## Fifteen Years Ago

The UK baseball team fell to Cincinnati 7-1, hurting its own cause with several errors. The Wildcats, making their strongest bid in years for the SEC title, split with Auburn. UK's Dave Bair leads the SEC with four triples while Derek Bryant is second with a .385 batting average.

\*UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp is scheduled to undergo minor foot surgery at the UK Medical Center.

\*After a spring football scrimmage last week, UK coach John Ray said "this is the best scrimmage we have had for this early since I have been here. We were very pleased with the spirit and execution after only five days of practice.

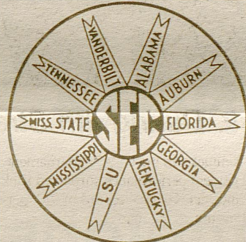
\*All-American Roger Hamperian of West Virginia and All-American Mike Emmanuel of Pennsylvania signed football grants with UK.

\*UK's Mike Casey has signed a pro basketball contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers while Wildcat Larry Steele signed with the Portland Trail Blazers.

# Wildcat Quiz

(1985-86 season rundown)

1. True or False UK limited its opponents to less than 50 percent from the field for the season.
2. What Wildcat player led the team for the most free throw attempts?  
a) Winston Bennett  
b) Ed Davender  
c) Kenny Walker  
d) James Blackmon
3. Against which team did UK score the most points in one game?  
a) Chaminade  
b) Hawaii  
c) East Carolina  
d) Vanderbilt
4. What UK player committed the most personal fouls?  
a) Roger Harden  
b) Ed Davender  
c) Cedric Jenkins  
d) Winston Bennett
5. Against which of the following did Kentucky have its greatest margin of victory?  
a) Hawaii  
b) Pepperdine  
c) Louisville  
d) VMI
6. True or False UK reserve forward Todd Ziegler shot better than 50 percent from the field.
7. Who was the Wildcats' leading scorer in their victory over Louisville in Rupp Arena?  
a) Kenny Walker  
b) Roger Harden  
c) Winston Bennett  
d) James Blackmon
8. True or False. The Wildcats didn't lose a game during the *Sweetheart* month (February).



Kenny Walker

9. True or False. Kenny did not score more than 700 points during his senior campaign.
10. How many Kentucky players averaged at least double figures for Eddie Sutton's club?  
a) one  
b) two  
c) three  
d) four



## ANSWERS

1. True
2. Kenny Walker (263)
3. Hawaii (98 points)
4. Winston Bennett (123)
5. VMI (38-point victory, 93-55)
6. True
7. Winston Bennett (23 points)
8. False (Lost at North Carolina State)
9. False (Walker scored 721 points)
10. Three (Walker, Bennett and Davender)



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