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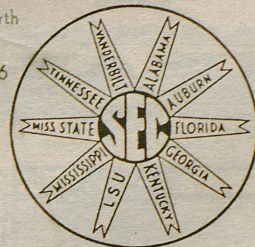
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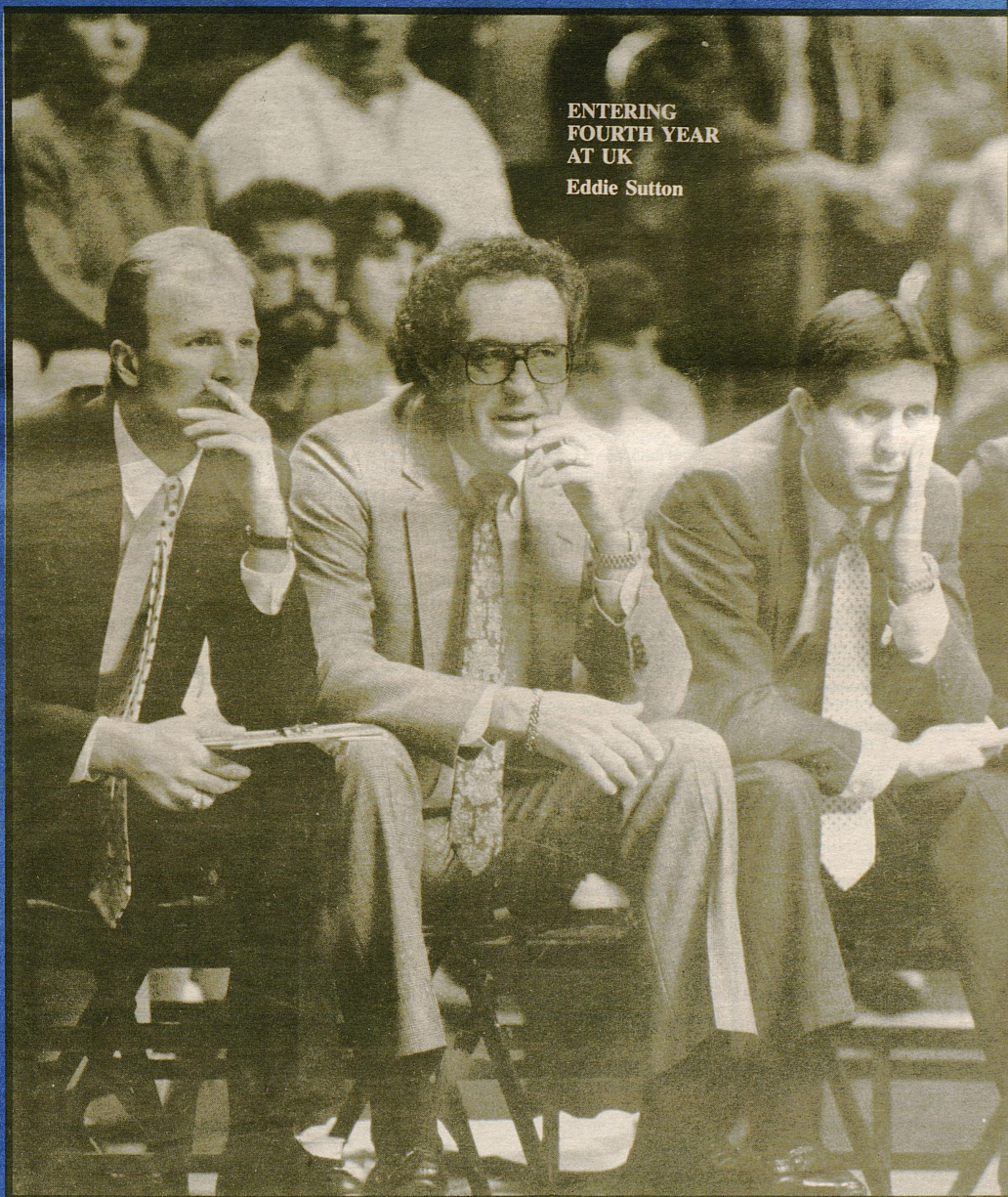
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AT UK
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Ready or not, hoop season ready to tip off

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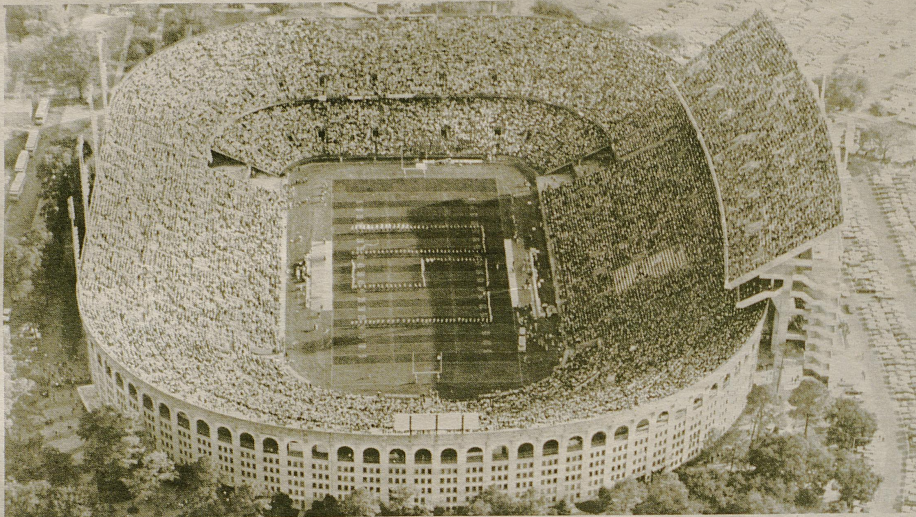
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DEATH VALLEY DAYS...



...That's what Kentucky will be going through this Saturday when the Wildcats visit Tiger Stadium, also known as Death Valley, to play the 3-2 LSU Tigers. Because of a schedule rearrangement in the off season, this will be the second consecutive year the 'Cats have had to travel to Baton Rouge. The contest is scheduled to kick off at 8 p.m., EDT, and will be aired nationally over ESPN. Locally, WKYT, Channel 27, will broadcast the game. For more on the contest, please turn to page 20.

Worth Repeating

Last week the *Lexington Herald Leader* reported that sophomore guard Eric Manuel's college entrance exam improved to among the top 26 percent in the country.

Before taking the ACT test for the initial time, Manuel failed to meet Proposition 48 requirements twice on the SAT test. His SAT test scores were reported to be in the lower 23 percent in the country. And after taking the ACT test in Lexington it was confirmed through UK official Bernie Vonderhede that Manuel made a 23 on the test.

That score ranked him among the nation's top 26 percent, noted *Herald-Leader* sports writer Jerry Tipton.

The test score was obtained through the Open Acts Law.

The story also reported that more than an eight point improvement (14 is the minimum on the ACT) happens less than a thousand tests retaken. And that the average increase was a nine-tenths of a point during the 1986-87 ACT testing period.

Pat Farrant, a spokeswoman for the ACT test, said: "It would probably be a change that at the least would be looked at for a plausible reason."

That's putting it delicately. But there could be any number of conditions or explanations that would perfectly account for such a change.

The article mentioned illness or accidental marking answers in the wrong space given.

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The basketball staff at the University of

Kentucky has set up a scholarship endowment fund in honor of the late John Douglas Syers, who died Sept. 24. Syers was a manager of the basketball team.

"The John D. Syers Scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more student basketball managers who exhibit the types of academic standards and leadership abilities that John Syers displayed," said coach Eddie Sutton. "John was an outstanding member of our staff and an outstanding young person, and it is fitting that we honor his memory in this way."

Those wishing to give should send contributions to the John D. Syers Scholarship Fund, University of Kentucky Office of Development, William B. Sturgill Building, Lexington, Ky., 40506-0015.

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The annual University of Kentucky Midnight Madness will get underway Friday (Oct. 14) at 10 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum. Doors will open at 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

"The players will probably enjoy it more this year. We've worked them harder in the preseason than any team I've had at Kentucky."

—Eddie Sutton

Prizes include: money, a van and basket-

ball ducats. And at 12:01 a.m. the 1988-89 Kentucky Wildcat basketball team will step on the Coliseum court, which officially tips things off for Eddie Sutton's four yearth at Kentucky.

The university this season will, eh, have a new flavor, as Minute Maid is co-sponsoring the event for the first time.

"The corporate world will become more and more a part of college athletics," Cliff Hagan said.

Lexington television station WKYT will televise Midnight Madness, starting with its broadcast at 11:30 p.m.

"The players will probably enjoy it more this year," said Sutton. "We've worked them harder in the preseason than any team I've had at Kentucky They've lifted weights, done distance runs and sprints. They'll think it's a picnic come 12:01 or the 15th."

But before the Wildcats take the floor, a 1988 Aerostar van will be awarded to a lucky fan in attendance. Also, two tickets to the Big Four Classic, the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament and the UK-LSU game will be given away in a raffle format.

In the Big Four, Indiana will play Louisville in the first game while Notre Dame and UK play in the nightcap. Both games are at the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome. And this season the UKIT includes Arkansas State, Bowling Green State and Marshall.

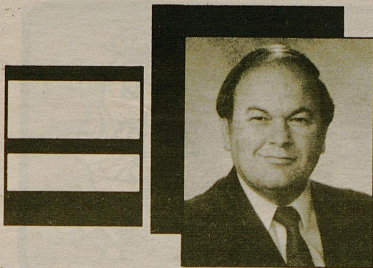
There will also be a chance for some to pick up money on the court and again there will be an Eddie Sutton look-a-like contest.

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If Rebels can do it, 'Cats can, too: UK 14-13

Having two full weeks to lick their wounds, Kentucky's Wildcats prepare to journey south to Baton Rouge Saturday in hopes of pulling off the upset they failed to produce against Alabama.

It won't come any easier. True, LSU could be caught napping a bit after its exciting come-from-behind victory over Auburn Saturday, but this LSU squad is far superior to the Alabama team which was exploited last Saturday by Ole Miss.

As has happened so often over the years, LSU has a problem with prosperity. They have trouble understanding that you have to play every play every week.

After demolishing Texas A&M, the Tigers were cruising past Ohio State late in the fourth period, then suddenly began their premature celebrating.

What followed was a tragic last-minute upset loss to State. A loss so emotional that they were unable to get their act together over the next seven days and then lost again to Florida.

Well, LSU came back against Auburn so now it's Kentucky, a team which almost always gives LSU fits, but almost always comes up just a tad short at the end of the game.

All nightmares come to an end; somewhere, sometime. If you don't believe me, talk to those die-hard Ole Miss fans who braved the mighty Crimson Tide tradition at Alabama's homecoming last Saturday.

If that doesn't convince you, then think about the fact that just prior to the game, Alabama officials dedicated the Paul "Bear" Bryant Museum. And to think Ole Miss would even consider trying to pull an upset on this particular day. The Bear probably rolled over in his grave. Nevertheless, the Rebels won.

If Ole Miss can beat Alabama on Homecoming Day in Tuscaloosa, then my friends, Kentucky does indeed have hope. Kentucky 14-13.

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That's it for the good news this week. Now it's to the bad.

Most of you have heard or read about the Sunday meeting of the UK Board of Trustees where president David Roselle gave a first-hand report to the board concerning the ongoing investigation of the basketball program.

Also, independent investigator James Park gave his report to the board and, according to UK spokesman Bernie Vonderheide, Park's portion of the session lasted some two hours.

The board went into executive session shortly after 2 p.m. to discuss matters which could involve personnel decisions relating to employees and/or student-athletes.

After the three-hour session behind closed doors, the board reconvened in open session and gave unanimous support to a resolution which approved president Roselle's handling of the situation.

By the time you receive this edition of TCP, the NCAA most likely will have



UK president David Roselle called an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees last Sunday.

issued its long-awaited report of any additional accusations concerning the UK basketball program.

UK officials said Sunday the report could be received by UK just any day.

The Sunday board meeting was the first time Roselle had summoned all the board members together for a single meeting, one which was intended to brief the trustees on what information UK and its independent investigator had come up with.

UK assistant Dwane Casey and his attorney, Joe Bill Campbell, were outside the board room during the closed session, but were not asked to speak. They did go inside the room when the session was reopened to the media. Also present were lawyers representing UK basketball player Eric Manuel. They were not questioned, either.

Missing were UK athletics director Cliff Hagan, who later said he was not invited to attend, and UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton, who was reportedly out of town.

Two of the trustees had agreed to be on a public affairs television program after the meeting on WLEX-TV, Channel 18, but the two cancelled out after UK told them subject material during the meeting would be very sensitive and should not be made public. The trustees said they were not forced to stay off the show.

It's almost impossible to try and read anything from the Sunday meeting. Obviously, the board members know a great deal more than anyone in the media.

It's also obvious that president Roselle and his close university advisers probably know a great deal more than what was told to the trustees.

So it's still a wait-and-see game. The only difference is that the wait won't be near as long as it has been.

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Friday night will bring some refreshing good times to the UK basketball program as the new season officially tips off at 12:01 a.m. Saturday.

The only question is: Which players

will be in uniform? If all players on the UK roster are in uniform that night, you might be able to read some good news in that.

Before the season's first official practice, the school's athletics director must certify each player's eligibility. If Hagan should certify Manuel, it should mean Eric is here to stay.

Although I'll be surprised if much of the unknown about the NCAA investigation isn't cleared up by Friday.

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Another topic which is likely to attract attention around the UK athletics program in the not-so-distant future is a new radio rights contract for UK football and basketball games.

The current three-year deal with The Kentucky Network expires at the end of the current school year. Kentucky Network currently pays UKAA \$616,000 per year for radio rights as compared to \$319,000 per year it paid under its first three-year contract.

Business First, a Louisville business newspaper, reported last week that Kentucky Network could face challenges from Radio Station WHAS and Host Communications when the bidding goes up sometime soon.

Usually, the bidding is held at this time of the year, but those close to the UK scene said the NCAA investigation has caused the university to be backed up on several items of routine business.

The Louisville publication quoted WHAS vice-president and general manager Bob Scherer as saying, "the cost is impressive. It would be very expensive. We would have to look at the expense and see what kind of payback we could get," in reference to the station's interest in UK broadcasts.

WHAS currently holds rights to UL games to 1992 and the contract calls for Louisville games to have preference over any other school.

Host Communications of Lexington, which once owned the rights to UK football and basketball, is considered a top

contender, along with Kentucky Network, but chief executive officer Jim Host told the Louisville weekly he isn't positive his firm will bid.

"Three or six years ago, I would have said we are interested," Host was quoted in the story. "Today, I'm not so sure."

Host says the big reason is economics. "The marketplace is all together different," said Host. "It is more diverse. It's a buyers' market."

Both Host and Tom Stevens, vice-president of operations for the Kentucky Network, say the current NCAA investigation could have an impact.

Host noted that sponsors have expressed concern with UK. Host is involved with UK basketball telecasts. Host also said the days of advertisers clamoring for spots in a college radio broadcast are gone.

Networks enjoy a sizeable chunk of profits from games played in postseason tournaments and if UK should be placed on probation, that could affect the money pie.

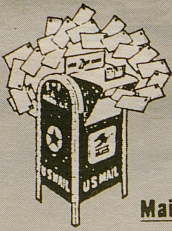
On the other hand, if the NCAA should put UK on probation and part of the penalty should be a ban on all live television, it could actually be a boost for the radio network since it would have 100 percent of the audience instead of being relegated to just those driving along in an automobile.

Privately, most observers believe the rights fees will be up again, but not like the jump of three years ago when the fees almost doubled.

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FIRST AND TENS . . . If you were upset after Kentucky's heartbreaking loss to Alabama a couple weeks ago, think how the Crimson Tide followers feel after their 22-12 upset loss to Ole Miss last week. It all goes to show just how weak the SEC really is this season. And can you believe Florida getting beat by Memphis State? . . . According to sources at the league headquarters in Birmingham, there's a pretty good chance the Kentucky-Vanderbilt game will be chosen for "The SEC Game of the Week" over Superstation WTBS in Atlanta. If it is, the contest will be moved to 12:30 p.m. Currently, the game is set for an unusual 6 p.m. kickoff at Commonwealth Stadium to avoid a conflict with horse racing's Breeder's Cup in Louisville. Don't ask me what that has to do with UK football when it'll be tough enough to get fans to come out in November at night . . . Speaking of a little criticism, let's turn to the UK sports information department which has now pulled its all-time doozy. You're more than familiar with those large posters published by UK each season to promote the various sports programs and athletes. Well, for this year's basketball poster UK decided to go outside the basketball family and came up with a male model who used to be a basketball player at another college in Kentucky. One UK official told *The Lexington Herald-Leader* that the

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VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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NCAA, or CCCP?

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my *TCP* subscription renewal. Your publication does an outstanding job covering the Wildcats.

I can only wish that the NCAA could do their job with the professionalism shown by you and your staff. I believe UK should be punished if the NCAA can prove UK is guilty of major offenses. But like most UK fans, I'm tired of the innuendos, half-truths, and prolonged undue process of the inquisition.

Mr. Berst and Company are subjecting UK players and fans to their recurring road show: *Probation Torture, or Guilty Until Proven Innocent*. A communist country couldn't create and execute this bizarre of a process—and get away with it!

Well, life will go on and we can be proud of the football team. I am also looking forward to the basketball season. I think this should be a fun team that will surprise some people. The NCAA cannot strip me of my Wildcat pride and love of the 'Cats.

Keep the faith and continue to do your fine job. Thanks in advance for the pleasure I will receive from the next year of *The Cats' Pause*.

Allan Forsythe
Louisville

Unfortunate situation

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for my subscription renewal. Sorry about the problems involving UK basketball.

I spent 30 years in Louisville managing automobile dealerships. We were always careful about who we employed realizing our integrity depended somewhat on those that represented us. It is unfortunate that this situation exists but we must admit that it is true.

I hope and trust that this investigation will find that Kentucky is in the clear and that the good sports program can continue without any blemishes. It is unfortunate that the actions of one or two school officials can cause so much trouble.

Really enjoy *The Cats' Pause*.

Earle Morris
Lakeland, Fla.

Time to start over

Dear Sir:

Sign me up for another year with *TCP*! Thank you for your excellent coverage of UK and SEC sports. I've noticed your staff is very willing to be honest in their reporting the facts about UK regardless of how embarrassed we may find ourselves. If we've done something wrong, let's clean it up. Then let's look real hard at the silly restrictions on student-athletes and coaches that the NCAA has wasted everyone's time enforcing. The whole system needs rewriting.

I saw the UK vs. Auburn football game on ABC-TV. Even though we lost, I was very encouraged by the ability to compete with the

defending champs. If coach Claiborne can put together that same level of intensity against Florida and Vandy, we could see two SEC victories!

In this state, Gator basketball fans aren't doubting rumors that Andrew Moten and others received cash payments directly from coaches at UF. They are, however, pointing fingers at UK thinking the 'Cats are getting easy treatment. Based on the evidence I read, the NCAA has verbal confessions against the Gators. They have only accusations against UK. That's a big difference to me. How can the NCAA impose penalties without hard evidence or confessions?

Bob Hensley
Winter Haven, Fla.

It's a small world

Dear Sir:

My 11-year-old son spent two weeks during August in Japan playing in the Japanese boys' world series involving 20 countries. I was fortunate to be able to go along on the trip.

While walking down many of the busy, very-crowded streets in Tokyo, I heard someone call out "Kentucky Wildcats!" It was a student from Louisville (an avid Wildcat fan) who was in Japan on a student exchange program and my Kentucky Wildcat shirt caught his eye. Needless to say I was quite surprised—Tokyo does have a population of about 12 million!

This just proves that no matter where you travel, you are likely to meet a Wildcat fan.

Larry Schwartz
Ellisville, Mo.

More things change...

Dear Sir:

The more things change, the more they remain the same. Since the SEC's inception in 1933, only one in 10 UK head football coaches has produced an overall winning record against SEC competition. Everyone knows that was Bear Bryant. Firing Jerry Claiborne may not be the answer to the problem of producing a winning SEC program.

However, there are some disturbing trends that continue in Claiborne's seventh season. His team continues to commit a lot of penalties. Last year, UK was No. 2 in most penalties in the SEC. Too often the offense must take a timeout because of the delay in getting the play call from the sideline. It also prohibits the quarterback from calling an audible. The snap count is short and rarely varies. The UK defense will blitz only on third down and is easy for the opposing quarterback to read and check off. These characteristics are a reflection of the coaching staff.

The sad condition of this year's offensive line is, in part, due to the lack of recruiting enough linemen in 1984 and 1985. During that time, more linemen were completing their eligibility or quitting than were being signed. Also, this year's line has the size but not the strength nor agility to compete with

the athletic defensive linemen of the SEC's "big six" teams. But this is nothing new.

David Rodgers
Beavercreek, Ohio

Still a 'Cat fan

Dear Sir:

Dark days in the Bluegrass, huh? Well, I'm depending on *The Cats' Pause* to keep me informed here in Big Orange Country.

I might add that Kentucky has made the front sections of the Tennessee papers. They all love the "stewpot" Kentucky's been in lately. Everyone is delighted around here about the 'Cats being in trouble.

Me, I'm just watching, listening and hoping all the wrinkles will be ironed out. If Kentucky is guilty, it should get what's coming to it. If other schools are guilty, I hope they eventually get it, too.

I don't know how much we have to look forward to down here from Bluegrassville, but I'm still a Kentucky fan from stern to stern. Go 'Cats go.

Charles E. Shepard
Chattanooga, Tenn.

(Editor's note: Just thought you'd like to know, Charles, those football Vols have been getting some press in Lexington, too.)

Well...it depends

Dear Sir:

When a player receives a scholarship, what is he entitled to?

Emil Faust
Louisville

(Editor's note: The basic advantages of being on a college scholarship are free room and board, free meals, no tuition, and the chance to compete athletically. However, considering the number of schools that have been placed on probation in both football and basketball in recent years, some might argue that the benefits

a student-athlete receives from a scholarship may vary greatly from school to school.)

Proud of football 'Cats

Dear Sir:

As an alumni of UK, and a born and bred Kentuckian, I have never been prouder of the University of Kentucky football program than I am now. I have avidly followed UK sports for over 20 years, and I cannot remember a more enjoyable game than the Auburn game.

It was a game where student-athletes, who were severely outmanned, refused to give up. The final score did not matter. When the gun sounded, every man on that football team was a winner.

I wholeheartedly support coach Jerry Claiborne's efforts, and I look forward to many more fine seasons of UK football under his direction. Coach Claiborne teaches principles and helps young men to grow. That is the purpose of a university.

L.B. Demaree
Kingwood, Texas

Strange actions

Dear Sir:

Find the check enclosed for renewal subscription to *The Cats' Pause*. I have enjoyed it thoroughly.

I am amazed at the strange actions of the NCAA toward UK's athletic personnel and program. Everyone in western Kentucky is well aware of the jealousy of UK's success in basketball, but one would expect the NCAA to be above the tactics it has displayed.

Frankly, I do not believe any charge or allegation it has brought forth.

I look forward to a good season and hope all the accused can heal the bruises the NCAA has caused.

Sincerely,

Adyline Rudolph
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He's living in New York, but his heart is still true Blue

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a recent picture of my husband's car. As you can see, Bill, (class of '71) might live in New York, but his heart is true Blue.

Sincerely,

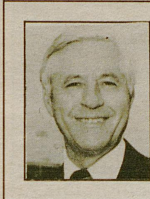
Susan Sheskin
Smithtown, N.Y.



Looking for a friendly face in Bayou Country?

I gua-ran-tee you can find one in Tony John

The Bellemont Motor Hotel, a sprawling 300-plus room complex on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge, has been a favorite headquarters for two decades for the University of Kentucky and many other opponents of the



Russell Rice
Cats' Pause Columnist

hometown Louisiana State Tigers, thanks to Tony John, a smiling, accommodating Cajun from Lafayette (Lay-Fayette, if you please) whose name is known in sporting circles throughout the nation.

Tony's arrival at the Bellemont 19 years ago coincided with the arrival of John Ray as UK head coach and with the team headquarters being changed from the Holiday Inn, also on Airline Highway, to the Bellemont, where the Wildcats had stayed one other time, in 1961.

For the record, the UK-LSU series started with a 19-0 Wildcat victory at Baton Rouge in 1949. After defeating the Tigers 14-0 in 1950 and losing to them 34-7 in 1952, with both games played in Lexington, the Wildcats returned to LSU in 1953, making the Heidelberg Hotel their headquarters. They returned to the Heidelberg in 1955, but switched to the Capitol House Hotel for games there in 1957 and 1958.

Located on the banks of the Mississippi River, the Capitol House was within easy walking distance of the State Capitol, where a point of interest to visiting football teams was the spot on which former Louisiana governor Huey "Kingfish" Long was assassinated. During his years in the governor's seat, Long made sure that the "proper emphasis" was put on LSU football, setting a solid base for what has become a fine tradition.

After playing host to the Bayou Bengals in 1959 and 1960, the Wildcats settled in the Bellemont in 1961, returned to the Capitol House two years later, stayed at the Holiday Inn in 1965 and 1967 before making the Bellemont their permanent home away from home in Baton Rouge.

WHILE ALL THAT HISTORY was in the making, John was spending 32 years with Exxon and 29 years as a part-time scout for the baseball Dodgers. One of his proudest moments as a scout was in 1986, when he had four of his signees—Bill Beckwith Jr., Kenny Howell, Reggie Williams and Craig Shipley—playing on major league teams.

He had a chance to get Ron Guidry, but the Yankees had got to pick him first; the same thing happened when Tony lost Vida Blue, another Louisiana native. He says J.R. Richard, the one-time Houston right-hander whose career was shortened prematurely by a series of strokes, threw harder than anybody he has ever seen.

As a personal friend of Dodger manager Tony LaSorda, Tony has an open sesame at any playoffs or World Series in which the Dodgers participate; in fact, those are the only events that draw him away from the Bellemont during football season.

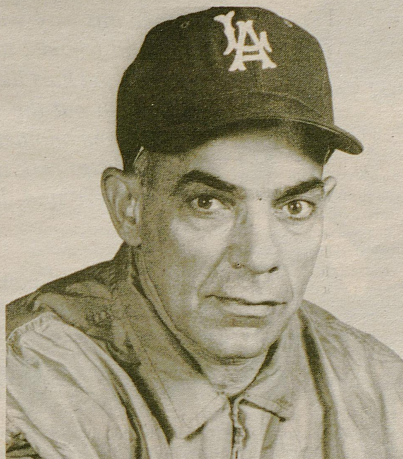
"I've seen football teams and coaches come and go," Tony said. "(Bobby) Bowden, (Ray) Perkins, (Shug) Jordan, (Bear) Bryant, (Ara) Parseghian, (Bill) Arnsparger, (Vince) Dooley, (Johnny) Vaught, (Ray) Graves, (Charlie) Pell, (Johnny) Majors..."

One of his favorites, naturally, was Bear Bryant, whom he classified as one of the great eaters, along with Auburn coach Shug Jordan. Here's what he remembers about UK coaches he has known:

"John Ray was nice to me. He ate gumbo a lot."

"I like Fran Curci."

"Jerry Claiborne is very nice, easy to get along with. Another one of my favorite people. When he gets off the bus, he always has time for you. I send him and



For 19 years, Tony John, who among other things has been a part-time scout for the L.A. Dodgers, has been welcoming the Wildcat football team to the Bellemont Motor Hotel.

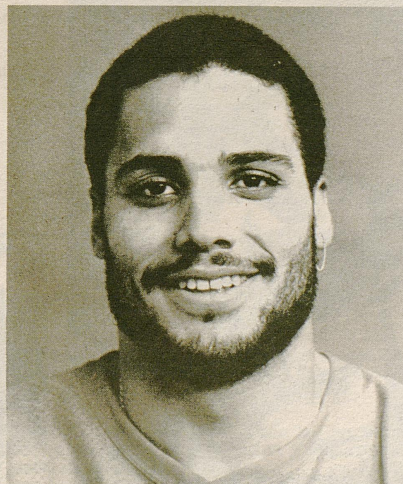
some other coaches a paper every Sunday morning after LSU plays. He is the only one who writes me a letter of thanks."

ANOTHER NOTE OF PRIDE FOR TONY and the Bellemont is the recently-completed "Great Hall," which is 40x80 yards and carpeted.

"LSU didn't have access to a field house and they worked out regularly here in bad weather," Tony said. "Arizona State also worked out here. The only thing you can't do in it is punt."

Another point of interest is a huge wall-size mural of Billy Cannon scoring the TD that gave LSU a 7-3 victory over bitter rival Ole Miss almost three decades ago.

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, the shrimp fishermen park their trucks along Airline Highway and sell the fresh shellfish at what to Kentuckians are very reasonable prices. We used to purchase a cheap



styrofoam cooler, pack the shrimp in ice, and transport it home in back of the UK equipment truck.

THE WILDCATS' GREATEST GAME in Tiger Stadium was a 33-13 victory before a then-record LSU crowd of 71,495 in 1977. The Wildcat defense held Charles Alexander, the nation's leading rusher (156.3 ypg.), to 87 yards in 25 attempts and the nation's No. 1 offense to 254 yards, almost 200 below its average.

The third quarter ended with noseguard Rick Jaffe blocking a Mike Conway field goal attempt on the UK 48 and with UK All-American Art Still scooping up the ball and racing for a TD.

Joe Planas, sportswriter for the *Baton Rouge Morning Advocate*, reported:

"One of the saddest sights in Tiger Stadium Saturday night was that of 159-pound Mike Conway chasing 247-pound Art Still of Kentucky en route to a Wildcat touchdown.

"Aside from the obvious question of what in the world would Conway have done with the big Wildcat defensive end if he had caught him, there was the impression of complete futility that seemed to hang in the Tiger Stadium air all night."

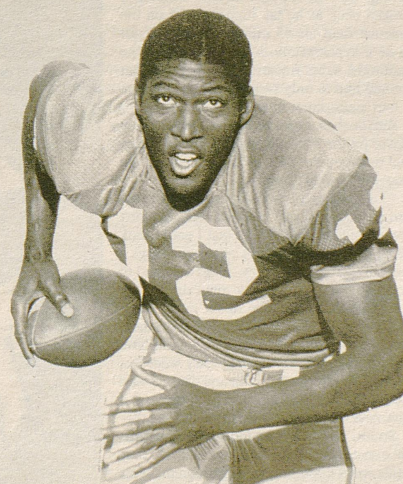
"If there is a better defense in the country," Alexander said at the time, "I hope I don't see it."

IN ADDITION TO STILL, a first-round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs who went to Buffalo at the beginning of this season, some other outstanding defensive players on that team were:

Jerry Blanton, LB with the Chiefs from 1979-85; Bob Winkel, DT with the New York Jets, 1979-80; James Ramey, DE with the St. Louis Cards, 1979; Dallas Owens, DB, drafted but did not play with the Baltimore Colts; Mike Martin, LB, drafted but did not play with the Chicago Bears, Mike Siganos, DB with Hamilton in the Canadian Football League, 1978; Kelly Kirchbaum, LB drafted by the Jets, 1979; Chiefs, 1980; Lester Boyd, LB, drafted by the New Orleans Saints, 1979, and "Bubba" Wilson, DT, who was with the San Diego Chargers after playing in the CFL.

Offensive standouts included Will Grant, center for the Buffalo Bills, 1978-85, and Seattle Seahawks, 1986; QB Derrick Ramsey, TE for the Oakland Raiders, 1978-83, and New England, 1983-85, 1978-81, and Thom Dornbrook, G-C, Pittsburgh Steelers, 1978-79.

With such an outstanding array of talent, it is easy to see why the Wildcats were 10-1 that year after winning the Peach Bowl the previous year.



Art Still (left) and Derrick Ramsey were two former 'Cats standouts who led the Big Blue to its biggest win in Tiger Stadium, a 33-13 win in 1977.

After five years of hard work, former Henry Clay standout Bo Smith is finally getting his chance

By TCP staff writer Bret Hait

When attempting to describe Bo Smith, several adjectives would be appropriate:

Diligent.
Patient.
Determined.

No matter how he is characterized, Smith, a University of Kentucky senior offensive tackle, certainly must be recognized as a person who has paid his dues.

That's why there is a sense of poetic justice for Smith, who will earn his first starting assignment as a Wildcat Saturday when Kentucky tangles with LSU. For five years, he has fought through several major injuries to reach this point.

Needless to say, starting will mark the highlight of his career.

"It's everything I have worked for," says Smith.

Walter "Bo" Smith is a fifth-year senior. The "swing tackle" coming into this season, he will be making his first career start in a Wildcat uniform in Saturday's game against LSU after a barrage of injuries has depleted UK's right tackle position.

He became the starter when right tackle Mike Pfeifer went down with a season-ending knee injury in Kentucky's 31-27 loss to Alabama Oct. 1.

"I'm really excited about starting, but I wish it didn't happen this way, with 'Pfeif' getting hurt," Smith says. "Me and 'Pfeif' are good friends, and you never like to see anybody on the team get hurt like that, especially something that will keep them out the whole season."

"But from another standpoint, you can't dwell on that. You've got to pick up and go on. I'm excited about getting in there and doing the best I can."

There have been several times in Smith's UK career that he thought he would never be able to even take the field, much less be a starter.

He has broken the same wrist twice; two springs ago, he thought he had suffered a broken neck as he lay immobilized on the practice field for 45 minutes. It turned out to be a hyperextension; and last season, he endured a stress fracture in his left foot that limited him to only two games. He now has a four inch screw in the foot.

But he had dreams of becoming a key player for the Wildcats, playing in big games and being on the field with the game on the line. He couldn't quit.

"There were a lot of personal goals that I had not achieved yet," recalls Smith. "I didn't feel complete. I didn't feel that I could walk away, because there were so many things I wanted to do and so many things I wanted to accomplish. That was my main drive."

"There was never any doubt in my mind that that was not the thing to do. I guess there were some really bad things that could have happened to me. I was lucky they were just bones. You can put a cast on and play anyway. I can't even say it was a decision, because it just never entered my mind to not play."

Smith, a 6-3, 267-pounder, saw what his roommate and former high school rival, Tony Mills, went through at UK. Like Smith, Mills sustained a number of injuries, and finally called it quits last year. Smith says Mills still grapples with his decision to hang it up.

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—UK offensive tackle Bo Smith, a fifth-year senior, talking about how he feels to be starting for the first time in a Kentucky uniform when the Wildcats travel to play LSU in Baton Rouge this Saturday.

says. "You have to look at the sport you're playing in. Injuries are just something you have to contend with. It can get disheartening to a certain extent, crutching around, or whatever the case may be. Personally, I've always handled it well and kept a positive attitude. You just keep working hard and plugging it out. Eventually, the breaks have to go your way."

Smith, a Lexington native, was a member of Henry Clay High School's 1982 state championship team as a sophomore, and played alongside current UK standout linebacker Chris Chenault. The two Henry Clay players signed with UK and joined three other Lexington prep stars—Ron Mack and Mills of Tates Creek and Edgar Shearer of Bryan Station—as Wildcats.

Smith, a lifelong UK fan, turned down offers from Tennessee, Ohio State and Vanderbilt after enjoying an outstanding senior season.

Four years later at UK, Smith had finally worked himself into the "swing tackle" position, backing up both Pfeifer and Mike Nord. Then, in Kentucky's 31-27 loss to Alabama,

Pfeifer went to the turf and couldn't get up. Smith knew it was his chance to play against a top team in a crucial situation, but he also worried for Pfeifer's well-being.

"I was feeling for Mike," he says. "But when he went down, it was: Wham, you're on the field. I thought he just got stepped on or something like that. But he started moaning and I saw him grab his knee."

"Pfeif" is a big, strong kid. If he's going to lay there awhile, it's something bad. I was worried about Mike, but probably for about one play. As soon as they got him off the field, I turned around and got the play from Glenn (quarterback Glenn Fohr), and it was out of my mind. I got down to business."

Getting down to business will be the No. 1 priority for Smith and the rest of the Wildcats this Saturday at LSU, a team that has handed Kentucky four straight losses, some by whopping margins.

The Tigers downed Auburn 7-6 last Saturday night and rank as perhaps the top team in the Southeastern Conference. Smith is aware of the challenge facing UK and is excited to get his first starting call against the

Bayou Bengals.

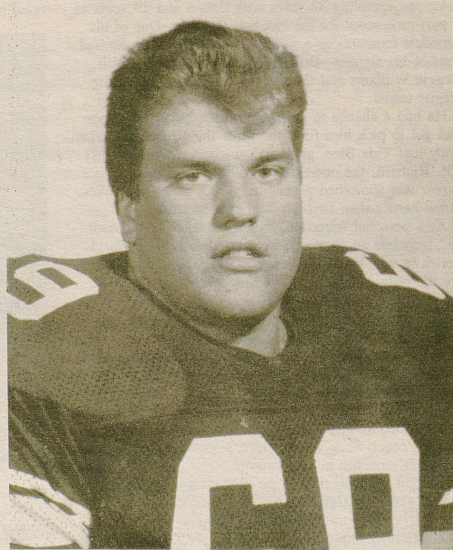
"I'm pretty much a nervous wreck before every game," he jokes. "It's going to be more excitement than nervousness. I've been in games when it's been early, so it's not a very big difference from starting. It's more of a mental thing, because of the fact that you are starting."

"You get down there in Death Valley with all the screaming fans and it's pretty overwhelming. But once the whistle blows and you get out there and make contact, everything else is secondary. The first time you get your head rung, the butterflies are gone."

This is finally Bo Smith's big chance, the culmination of five years of hard work—the same hard work and determination that has helped him overcome several obstacles and be a key figure in the UK attack.

Yes, it finally seems to all be coming together.

"I've thought about that a lot," Smith admits. "It's what I worked for. If you go out and always do your best, you can always look back on it and not have any what-ifs."



With Pfeifer, left, and Crumrine out for the year, Smith is now the man at right tackle

Never should Claiborne have to suffer like this

Officials, bad luck once again haunt Jerry

Why Jerry Claiborne, Lord?

Why has Claiborne been chosen to suffer more cruelly than any other man I've ever known in sports?

Is it because he is stronger than most, that he has the



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

faith and character and, yes, the religion, to withstand some things that would drive others to drink -- or worse?

The Georgia and Tennessee games last year should never have happened to as decent a man as Claiborne. And neither should Auburn this year. But worst of all, I think, was Alabama because everyone could see it coming. It was just a matter of time before Alabama snatched victory -- one that would have turned around the Kentucky program -- from the Wildcats.

And when will the Southeastern Conference have the guts to tell its officials to call 'em the same for all teams and for the entire 60 minutes? The gutlessness of the officials when they ignored two obvious Alabama violations on the clinching play only added to Claiborne's problems. Most likely any other coach in the conference would have been on the field in the referee's face.

And now the questions are these: How much more can the 60-year-old Claiborne take? And can his players continue to bounce back? Claiborne had better hope that a lot of his character rubs off on his players.

PERSPECTIVE -- There are some things more important than fun and games -- even when the games these days at the University of Kentucky aren't all that much fun. That hit home to me during Eddie Sutton's press conference at the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge. The state's media representatives were all eyes and ears as Sutton prepared to hold his first press conference. One Lexington television station even carried the event live.

But a drama that was being played in the back of the room put basketball and all other games in perspective.

Back and forth the young people and two adult men went. They were cleaning out the room of a young man who had been the manager of the UK basketball team. He had died unexpectedly a few days before. He was respected by the coaching staff, his fellow managers and players.

It was the first time I have ever seen Bill Keightly, the UK equipment manager, when he wasn't jolly. The young girls who were helping had tears in their eyes. But the youngster's mother had the hard job. Oh, she didn't have to carry, but she was the one who had to go through her son's things, and it had to be heart-rending.

I was the only person besides Coach Sutton who was seated where I could see what was happening in the back of the room. I'll have to admit that I failed to hear some of the things he said. Anyone who has a child will understand why.

UNSEEN FAN -- It could have happened in Whitesburg, Greenville, Inez, Independence or just about any other small town in Kentucky. But this was in Irvine where many of Joe Ohr's players had gathered to share his joy as a new gym was named for him.

A lot of successful people went back home to help honor their old coach. Dr. Charlie Broaddus was there;

he's Procter & Gamble's vice president for research. Norman Christopher was there. He was the class valedictorian and now works in nuclear energy. Guy Strong was there; he won a national basketball championship at Kentucky Wesleyan. Paul Noland and Morton Flynn couldn't make it; they live in the West.

It was a remarkable class, one that supplied the nucleus of the basketball team and baseball team that made their school's only trip to the state tournaments.

A lot of other former players were present, too, such as Hade Durbin, an Elizabethtown principal, and Shannon Johnson, recently named the superintendent of Madison County schools. They -- and two other Irvine boys -- formed the starting backfield for Eastern Kentucky University.

Bud Spicer was there, too. He had played for Bear



Why Jerry Claiborne, Lord?

Bryant in the Cotton Bowl. And he had played baseball for the Wildcats, too. Just ask Jim Host.

Host was pitching against Auburn, I think, and neither team could get a run. Spicer, as tough a man as God ever put on earth, told Host he would start a rally. He did, too, turning his shoulder into a curve ball.

This is the same man who once took a fast ball from Steve Hamilton and trotted to first base without even flinching.

It wasn't until the proceedings had ended that I saw a man standing in the doorway, wearing an old dirty, torn t-shirt and acting like he was trying to keep anyone from seeing him. Unlike most of the others, he had stayed home, hustling in poolrooms. He bore a new scab -- a poolroom fight? Anyway, Coach Ohr had always said that he was probably the best all-around athlete Irvine High ever had, and the athlete didn't forget. He wanted to help honor his old coach, too.

SACRIFICES -- If you are a basketball fan, you may remember my friend Dave Denton. He was a high school star at College High in Bowling Green, where he played for both Johnny Oldham and Ed Diddle Jr.

But when it came time to choose a college, he surprised a lot of people -- and hurt a lot in Bowling

Green -- when he bypassed Western and went to Georgia Tech. He helped Whack Heyder's team beat Adolph Rupp's Wildcats when Tech was still in the SEC.

After his senior year in high school, he was on the Kentucky All-Star team along with King Kelly Coleman. They had the misfortune to play an Indiana team led by the incomparable Oscar Robertson.

Things didn't go well for Denton after college. He came back to Kentucky to coach Edmondson County. He started the team on its way that culminated in a state championship under Bobo Davenport. He tried selling sporting goods, but that didn't work out either.

About this time is when we became friends. We had daughters who were tournament tennis players. Dave and I used to joke that we were the only poor parents on the tennis circuit. His daughter Debbie was a fine player and Dave and his family did everything they could for her, but she had to take trips by herself when she was 11 or 12. She went to California to play in the Seventeen Tournament and she made trips to New York by herself.

Dave tried to get a job at Western, but a cruel official asked him where he had gone to college. Dave got the message.

When he died recently, he was divorced, but he had the satisfaction of seeing his daughter earn a basketball scholarship to a fine university, Vanderbilt.

They brought Dave back home, to Bowling Green, to bury him.

BUTTS MAN -- Kentucky lost one of its finest sportsmen last week when Fred Becker died. He played football at Male High for Wally Butts and coached for Butts at Georgia and for Red Blaik at West Point. Fred owned his own advertising agency before retiring.

SILENCE -- It's amazing how close-mouthed some media people can be. Take David Hawpe. He's the editor of The Courier-Journal, which ran a week's worth of articles about high school athletics in Kentucky. But when questioned about the departure from the paper of one of the writers a few days later, Hawpe didn't have much to say. His statement:

"Alan Judd resigned. It was his decision to resign. His departure is an internal personnel matter, and we are not going to discuss it publicly. We don't think it would be fair to do that.

"Alan was one of the reporters who worked on the 'Hollow Victories' series, which we just published. Any problems related to that series have been reflected in our newspaper. We have published three corrections, two clarifications and one statement from a person challenging the series' reference to him. I think these speak for themselves, and we know of no other problems. I am sure to arise, we would share them with our readers."

U OF L HONOREES -- Congratulations to the newest members of the University of Louisville's Hall of Fame: Junior Bridgeman, Mario Cheppo, Bill Gatti, Wade Houston and Carole Liedtke.

Cheppo was a big, tall football player who later coached baseball at U of L. His team was playing Kentucky Wesleyan, coached by Bob Jones, who was huge. An argument ensued, according to a Cheppo friend who passed along the story. When the argument ended and both coaches headed back to their benches, Cheppo's friend yelled out, "Hi that big @\$%^&*(O#(Mario!"

The friend insists that Cheppo set a world sprint record getting back to the U of L dugout.

SHOWDOWN -- If you like high school football, the place to be Friday night is Pikeville where the defending Class A state champions will take on Paintsville.

We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students. So, the staff of *The Cats' Pause* is starting a program we call "Big Blue Penetration."

Below, we have listed all the high schools in the state of Kentucky, and it is our aim to give every high school student in the commonwealth the opportunity to read *The Cats' Pause* by making the paper available to every high school library in the state. In order to accomplish this, it will be up to our subscribers to carry out "Big Blue Penetration" during the coming months.

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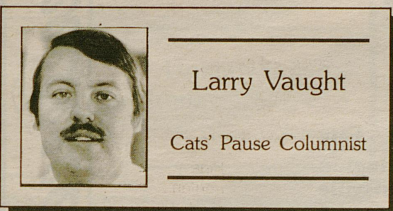
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UK coach can't explain absence of Wildcat fans

Sutton gives a new meaning to one-on-one

Don't ask Jerry Claiborne why fans aren't coming to Commonwealth Stadium to watch his Kentucky Wildcats play.

"We've played some exciting football, even the one



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

we played in three inches of rain," said the UK coach. "Ask the fans why they aren't coming? I don't know but we are disappointed.

"We feel we should be supported. We're not faulting the ones there. We're faulting the ones not there."

Kentucky beat Central Michigan and Kent State at home and before losing a 31-27 heartbreaker to Alabama. None of the games were sold out and the crowds for Kent and Central Michigan were among the smallest ever at Commonwealth.

"I don't know what has turned the fans off," said Claiborne, who has his team off to a 2-3 start. "You couldn't find a more exciting game than the one last week."

Kentucky has last week off to prepare for Saturday's game at LSU. The Cats return home after that for three straight night games against Georgia, Southern Illinois and Vanderbilt. After that comes another home game with Florida.

Claiborne hopes his team's overall play will improve for that stretch of games as it tries to compile a winning season.

"We've got to improve in all phases of our play," said Claiborne. "The biggest thing we've got to do is eliminate mistakes, mental errors and turnovers. Our biggest problem has been that we just don't have enough players playing with consistency. That's what we've got to have."

Claiborne has been pleased with the overall play of defensive guard Vic Adams, defensive tackle Oliver Barnett and linebacker Randy Holleran.

He also likes the way his running backs have ran the last two games. Junior Alfred Rawls, who had 132 yards versus Alabama, has been the most impressive.

"He's just been playing outstanding for us," said Claiborne. "I wish he hadn't been hurt in the spring or he would be performing even better now."

"Still, he's been our most productive runner. Alfred is our fastest back and just has a knack for breaking tackles. His blocking has improved and we are just tickled to death with him."

He's not as happy about what has happened to his offensive line, the team's biggest question mark entering the season.

The Wildcats lost guard Bill Hulette to a knee injury against Auburn. Backup tackle Tom Crumrine went out against Kent State. Then the Cats lost 300-pound tackle Mike Pfeifer, a preseason All-Southeastern Conference choice, for the season with another knee injury early in the Alabama game.

"Losing Mike really put a strain on us," said Claiborne. "We're just trying to lick our wounds this week and get ready for LSU. But we are in bad shape in the line. We need help."

It's a feeling shared by LSU Coach Mike Archer. His team lost at Florida Oct. 1 after blowing a fourth period lead and losing at Ohio State the previous game. Last week the Tigers faced Auburn, the nation's fourth ranked team.

"Our biggest concern now is that this group has never lost two games in a row or lost any games on the road," said Archer. "We've had some adversity but that's the time you find the true makeup of your

team."

Just last week LSU sent out information promoting junior quarterback Tom Hodson as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Ironically, he had one of his worst games against Florida.

Still, Archer has trouble understanding why so many people are now knocking Hodson.

"Here is a quarterback who has won 21 games and now everybody is asking me when I'm going to bench him," said the LSU coach. "That amazes me."

"Our players are being knocked around a lot right now. But when people tell you how bad you are it sometimes makes you play even harder. That's what I think will happen with us."

Archer feels another home game against Kentucky will help his team more than anything.

"Playing at home at night is a big plus for us," said Archer. "We need our fan support and play better at home. This is a special place at night and we enjoy playing at home at night." That's why no amount of money from CBS-TV could have enticed LSU to move the Auburn game to the afternoon.

"CBS could have offered \$5 million and we would not have changed," said Archer. "We had been on TV the last two weeks and had all the exposure we wanted. We were not going to move this game."

It didn't have to move its Kentucky game, either. WTBS-TV announced it would show Vanderbilt-Florida Saturday and not LSU and Kentucky.

FLORIDA running back Emmitt Smith certainly has made a believer out of Archer.

"He's probably the best in the country right now," said Archer. "I felt he was one of the best going in and now I know he is."

"He's frustrating to watch. He doesn't look like he's getting a lot of yards but he gains eight or nine. He's not tall and he almost gets lost behind that big line. He has a knack for picking holes and is one of the few backs in the country that can do that. Every time I've

seen him I have been more impressed."

Kentucky will face Smith and the Gators Nov. 12.

UK BASKETBALL Coach Eddie Sutton certainly hasn't made any new media friends the last two weeks.

Sutton did recently hold a press conference to discuss the NCAA investigation of his program. But he only did that after breaking his silence with an exclusive interview with Billy Reed of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The UK coach told other media members that he had known Reed for years and wanted the story in print so UK fans could read it over and over. I guess he didn't know fans could also read newspapers printed in Louisville, Danville, Somerset, Elizabethtown, Owensboro and other places across the state.

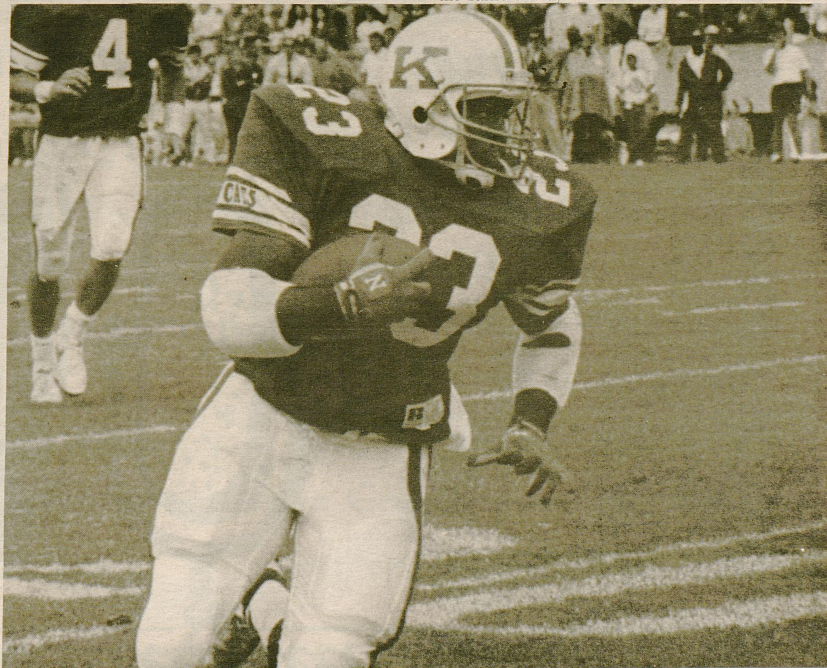
Then last week UK freshman Chris Mills discussed his problems with the NCAA and future at Kentucky for the first time. Again it was done in an exclusive interview with Reed.

No one can blame Reed for doing his job. Any writer would jump at the chance to be the first to have a major story.

Sutton, though, can't play favorites with the media. He can't turn down numerous requests for interviews about the NCAA investigation or keep Mills off limits for months and then suddenly just change his mind because a favorite reporter calls.

That's not fair to others trying to do their jobs. Claiborne wouldn't do that. Neither would Joe Hall, who often got blasted by some big-time writers because he wouldn't give them exclusive interviews.

Obviously Sutton can do, and has done, what he wants. But he should know he has waved a red flag in front of the media and drawn battle lines by granting exclusive interviews to just one writer on items every media outlet in Kentucky should have had access to at the same time.



Performance of Alfred Rawls has Claiborne smiling



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him or her?"

Mr. Good Luck pondered the question for a moment and answered, "Well, sometimes I might stay with that person for a day, sometimes for a month, or on rare occasions I might stay for a year."

So the conversation continued when Mr. Good Luck posed the same question to Mr. Bad Luck. "When you get with a person how long do YOU stay with him or her?" Mr. Bad Luck thought for a moment and said "when I get with a person I might be there for a month, I might stay for a year or I just might follow them to their grave."

And so goes the thoughts of the natural pessimist and those who strongly believe in luck as it relates to football. But have no fear fans, the above scenario is only satire. The problem of winning and losing go much deeper than luck.

ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS relates to fans and their present day attitudes. Many of the fans' attitudes are going through a transitional period. As a result, attendance is experiencing a decline.

The inability to sell out Commonwealth Stadium for an encounter with an SEC power like Alabama does not bode well for the present state of Kentucky football from a fan standpoint.

The transition that I speak of involves the recapturing of the enthusiasm and the education of being a football fan.

The lost enthusiasm can be credited to several sets of circumstances. First, (sorry we have to bring it up again) the 1987 loss to Tennessee remains a strong contributing factor. No one will ever be able to measure the effects. The manner in which that game was lost, plus the disappointment from the high expectations of that season were a big blow to the program.

Then came a fallout resulting from the price hike in the Blue White Fund and ticket prices. Joe fan, the traditional enthusiast, feels betrayed. Although raising prices is like starting a family—there is no proper time because it is inevitable.

People in Tennessee, Georgia, Clemson and others alike who have a love affair with football, pay the price without a second thought. This is the transitional period that our fans are experiencing.

NEXT, ALMOST WITHOUT FAIL our various forms of sports media disseminate a football picture of doom and gloom. But wait a minute, it is not all their fault. There are two important factors that go into the painting of that picture.

Number one. Media people are generally traditionalist. Number two. They give to the people what has been given to them. The coaching staff has a philosophy that I as a fan have a hard time coming to grips with. Jerry Claiborne will almost never say anything about an unproven player.

The generation of hope, anticipation, enthusiasm often is centered around little tidbits about future players for the Big Blue. It doesn't matter whether a prediction on a player pans out or not. It just might create more pride in that individual, and for the ones who aren't mentioned it might create more incentive.

If wrong predictions meant anything there are certain people who would go out of business. These are people which the average Kentucky football fan is not familiar with.

Much unlike the Kentucky basketball fan, the Kentucky football fan is not afforded the exposure of football recruiting experts. Some of the names in the football talent analyzing business are Bob Lemming, Max Emfinger, Joe Terranova and Phil Gross. Without the benefit of their input in this area, fans are virtually left out in the cold.

That's why input from the coaches to media and fans alike can be important to building a winning tradition.

Basketball recruiting is a year around topic in Kentucky and the diehards have the benefit of names such as Bill Cronauer, Bob Gibbons, Clark Francis and Howard Garfinkel.

The word "great" is almost nonexistent in coach

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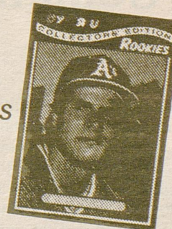
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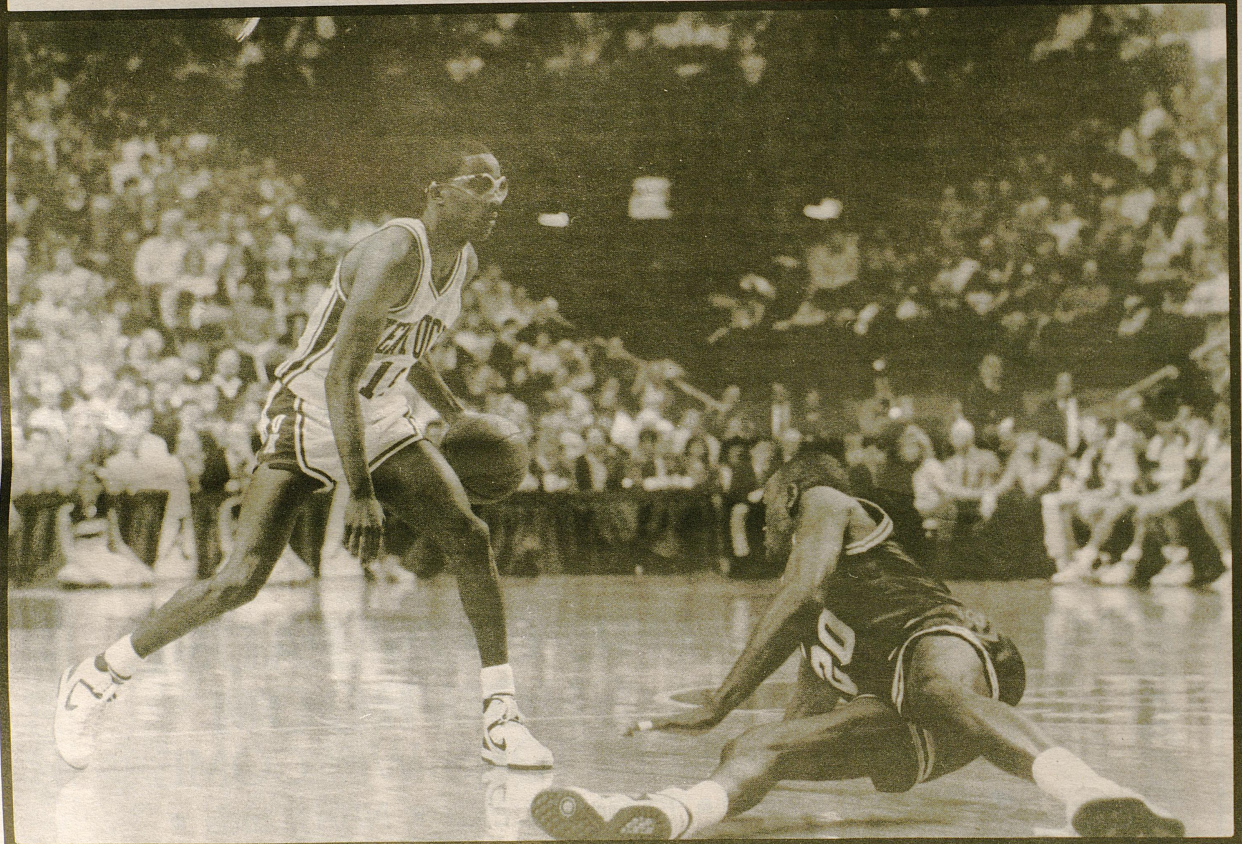
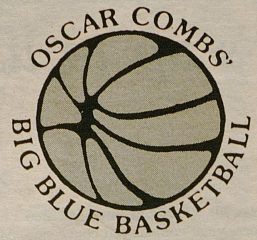
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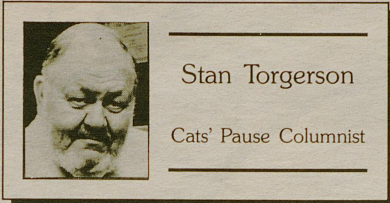
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Fore! Gridiron folks don't make the best golfers

Only Madden could describe such a scenario

Have you ever played golf with a football coach? They tend to attack the ball about the same way they tell a linebacker to put a shoulder into a linebacker. "Smash them" pretty well describes it.



Stan Torgerson
Cats' Pause Columnist

Of course, most of them are like the 400-pound gorilla. After they knock the ball lopsided comes the part called pitching and putting.

As old William Shakespeare said, "Ay, there's the rub." Make no mistake. There are few coaches who can do it all on the golf course.

If you bet Steve Sloan, he'll end up owning your house, your cars and your first born child. The man can play.

Former Ole Miss coach Johnny Vaught could beat you, too. Vaught would win on the first tee where the bets are made. Innocence was his stock in trade.

"Would I try to take advantage of you?"
Damn right you would, Johnny.

This all came to mind when I read John Madden's new book "One Size Fits All". It's a funny book, irreverent as Madden is himself. Here's Madden on golf.

"Whatever a guy has been taught to do playing football, he has to do just the opposite playing golf."

—John Madden

"Believe me, golf was not invented for people who play football. In football, a player is taught to bend his knees, bends his arms, keep his head up, stay tense. All your muscles are flexed. You're ready to hit or be hit. And you never put your head down because that's how you get hurt."

"Now," says Madden in his book, "you go play golf."

"THE FIRST THING A GOLF PRO tells you is keep your head down. There's no way a football player can keep his head down. He always had to keep it up. He had to see what was going on. He had to see the guy he was trying to run over, or the guy who was trying to run him over. But in golf the pro wants him to keep his head down."

"Then the pro says, stand up fairly straight. If he had stood up straight playing football, he would have been knocked down every play."

Madden's book continues.
"The next thing the pro tells you is to keep your left arm straight. No way a football player can keep his arm straight. If he had kept it straight, somebody would have snapped it in two."

"Whatever a guy has been taught to do playing football, he has to do just the opposite playing golf."

You don't fall down laughing at John Madden's book but you smile a lot. He's right in devoting a chapter to golf because we've never been to a coach's preseason press party when a golf tournament wasn't on the agenda. There's usually tennis, too, but the big draw is golf.

MADDEN HAS TO BE THE BUSIEST sportscaster in America. He does his pro football broadcast every week. He appears in all kinds of television commercials. He now has a daily syndicated radio show, and even if someone else writes it for him, he still has to find time to record it.

"One Size Fits All" is his second book, and, again, even though he uses a ghost writer, Madden has to

provide the background, the opinions and the memories.

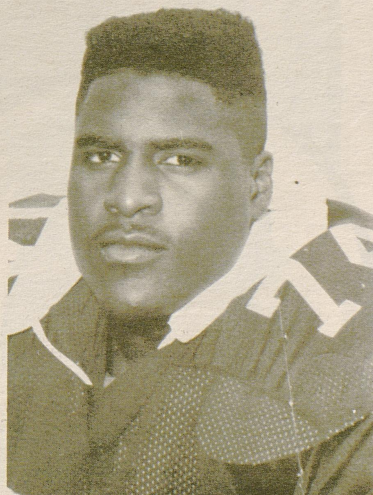
No one else writes the way John Madden talks. Most sports books are a drag. This one isn't. You'll find it will be a pleasant filler for those drab evenings between Monday night pro football and the Saturday college schedule.

□NOT FOR BROADCAST: Who says the world isn't changing? Slowly, we admit, but it's changing. Kentucky basketball forward LeRon Ellis has accepted a bid from Kappa Alpha fraternity. That makes Ellis this first black to ever pledge KA at the school...Sixty-nine present and former student-athletes from the 10 Southeastern Conference institutions competed in the summer Olympics. Thirty-three of the 69 competed for the United States while the remainder competed for their home countries.

Nine of the 10 SEC schools were represented. Alabama's 24 led the way...No running back has gained 100 yards against the Auburn defense since Bobby Humphrey of Alabama did it in 1986. That's 16 straight games...It's positively amazing to look at the SEC stats and find Tennessee last in virtually all defensive categories. The Vols are last in rushing defense, last in scoring defense, last in defense against passing, last in third down conversions defense, last in quarterback sacks...well, you get the idea. But let us put in a word for UT's former defensive coordinator Ken Donohue. He's the same coach who was hailed as a defensive genius in 1985 when the Vols went to the Sugar Bowl and shut down Miami. It's this year's players who are different...The last time Kentucky and Alabama played prior to this year was 1981. The game is memorable because 'Bama coach Bear Bryant wore a blue blazer in honor of Kentucky, the school he once coached...Speaking of Bryant, he was inducted into the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame a week or two ago...Alabama wore black shoes in its opening game against Temple, the first time the Tide had worn black since the 1979 regular season finale against Auburn...Florida's special teams have now blocked five punts in their last seven games. Prior to a block against Florida State in the regular season finale last year, the Gators had gone 10 years without blocking a punt...Since Pat Dye and defensive line coach Wayne Hall came to Auburn in 1981, every starter in the defensive line except two has made All-SEC...Here's a compliment for the Auburn defensive group from

Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne after the 'Cats' game with the Tigers: "Tracy Rocker and his buddies (Benji Roland and Ron Stallworth) visited our backfield a heap of times in a most unfriendly manner"...LSU's loss to Ohio State was the first time the Tigers have been beaten in a regular season game on artificial turf since the Tennessee game of 1983. They were 9-0 with one tie playing on carpet since that time. However, LSU did lose twice in the Superdome on a rug. Nebraska beat the Tigers in the Sugar Bowls of 1986 and '87...The telecast of the LSU-Florida game marked the 77th time the Tigers have appeared on the tube...The last Mississippi State player to score two two-point conversions in a single game was then quarterback, now head coach Rocky Felker. Rocky did it in the 1974 Memphis State game, won by the Bulldogs 29-28...Johnny Majors' sad but true comment after Auburn blew his Tennessee Volunteers out of the stadium: "Auburn's strength was directed at our most serious weakness at the moment. The Tigers' senior dominated defensive line vs. our young, patchwork offensive line was a mismatch." How true!...Must be nice to play golf at the University of Georgia. The Bulldog golf team started the fall season by playing a tournament in Japan. Tell me about budget shortages. Eat your hearts out, other SEC schools...How hard is it to kick a field goal? Since 1983, Florida kicker have hit 102 of 125 field goals, a success ratio of 82 percent...The Ole Miss athletic department says its annual game with Arkansas in the most lucrative on the Rebels' schedule. Since 1981, Ole Miss has played the Hogs and the LSU Tigers in Jackson and the Rebs drew more for Arkansas than LSU every time. In fact, the Arkansas game outdrew Mississippi State three out of four years...Arkansas needs Ole Miss just as badly. Its athletic department reported losing \$700,000 last year, prompting athletic director Frank Broyles to institute cost cutting procedures that even eliminated free lunches for coaches...You have to wonder about past SEC scheduling policies when you realize this year's Alabama-Kentucky game was only a fifth between the two schools since 1947.

THE LAST WORD: Florida press release talking about how tough Gator free safety Louis Oliver is: "He probably slapped the doctor back when his first breath was spanked into him."



Play for Pat Dye (left) you'll become a star. . just ask DT Tracy Rocker (right)

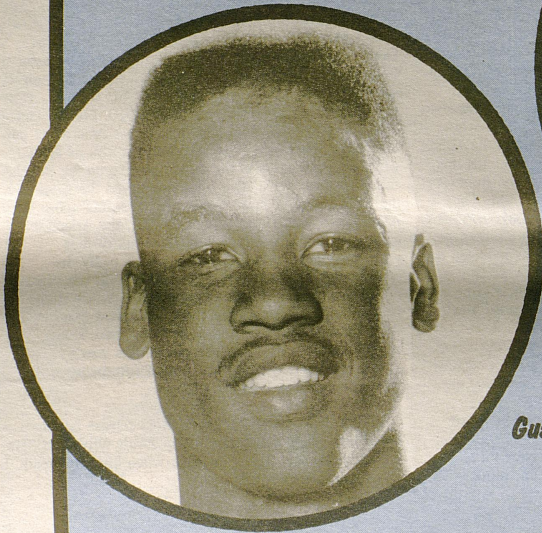
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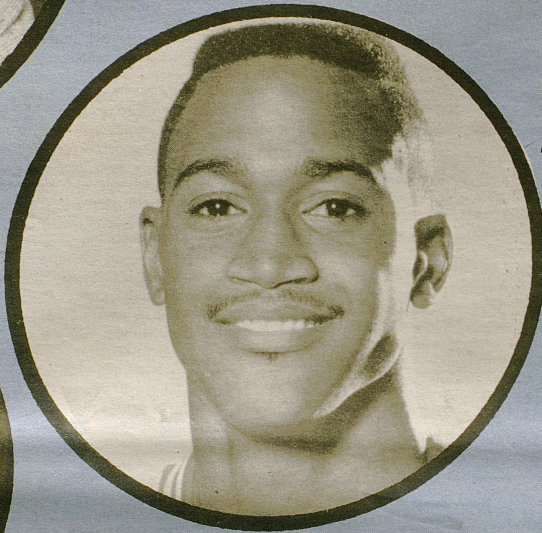
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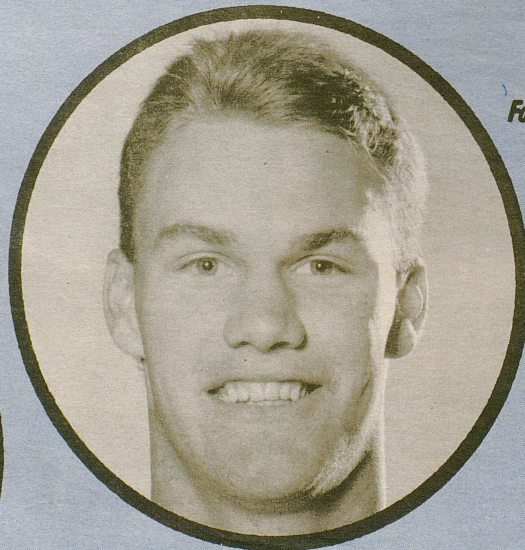
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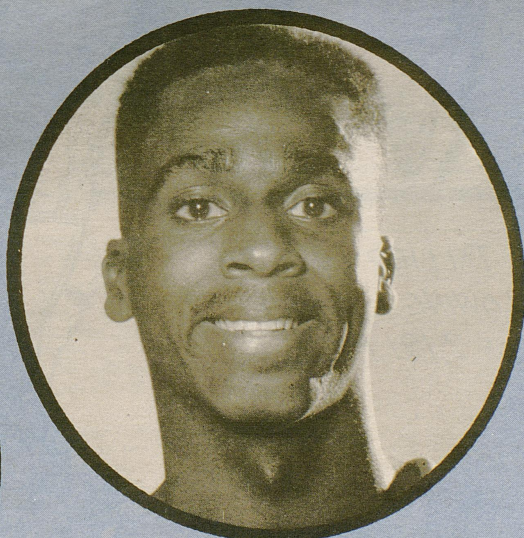
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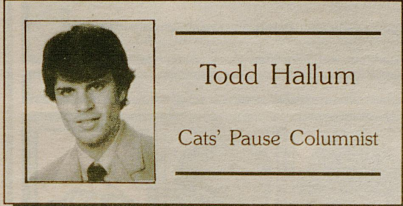
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Midterm report: Auburn, Florida head of the class

What size dunce cap you wear, Johnny?

In what has already been an undescrivable Southeastern Conference football season, it's time to pass out those annual midseason grades. With the exception of the collapse of Tennessee, the rest of the league will



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

receive passing grades. Now let's grade the midseason exams:

Auburn (A-minus): The league's most talented team has so far lived up to its preseason billing. First-year quarterback Reggie Slack seems to be getting more comfortable with his new role as the starting signal caller, leading a dangerous Auburn offense. On defense, Tracy Rocker and his cohorts have pretty much manhandled opposing offenses during the early going of the season. What remains unanswered is how well this experienced club will handle tough road games in such places as Baton Rouge, Gainesville and the season finales against in-state rival Alabama. Furthermore, a non-conference slate of Kansas, Akron and North Carolina leaves a lot to be desired. In addition, starting tailback James Joseph and All-SEC wide receiver Lawyer Tillman have been hobbled up with injuries. Currently, it looks like the War Eagles' games with Florida, Georgia and Alabama will determine if Pat Dye's club can repeat as conference champions.

Alabama (B-plus): Alabama's unbelievable comeback victory over Kentucky was an instant character builder for Bill Curry's Crimson Tide. Can you imagine the heat he would have taken if he elected to go for the tie instead of the win on that critical fourth-down pass in the final seconds? We already knew what his adversary, Pat Dye, went through. Anyway, about the only aspect of 'Bama's team that will concern Curry is quarterback, Jeff Dunn and Vince Sutton, who are filling in for an injured David Smith, were not impressive during the Kentucky game. Meanwhile, the comeback victory has seemed to lessen the attention on Curry deciding not to go to College Station to play Texas A&M, although reports had more than 8,000 Tide fans in Texas on the Friday before the game. With the win over Kentucky, it should be a huge momentum builder until the Tide plays LSU in Tuscaloosa on Nov. 5. Curry seems to be drawing more support from skeptical Alabama fans.

Florida (A): Galen Hall has quickly dispelled those ludicrous rumors of being replaced by the MOST OVER-RATED coach in college football—Howard Schnellenberger. Hall has molded his club around the defense and Heisman Trophy candidate Emmitt Smith. Offensive coordinator Lynn Amadee has brought some cohesiveness to Florida's offense and loosened up the passing game. However, the jury remains out until the Gators travel to Auburn, Georgia (in Jacksonville) and Kentucky.

Georgia (B): This grade would be much higher if the Bulldogs showed some signs of a pass defense. In the loss at South Carolina, quarterback Todd Ellis had a field day picking apart Georgia's secondary. On the positive side, I don't know of any team in the country that has three backs that run as hard as Tim Worley, Keith Henderson and Rodney Hampton. There's no question that Vince Dooley has the best overall running game in the league. This is the time that the Bulldogs usually put themselves in overdrive. During the last five years, Georgia is 16-3-1 in the month of October. The rule of thumb is to never rule out the Bulldogs, and that theory won't change this season.

Kentucky (C): Talk about a team living in Heartbreak Hotel this season. First, there was the roller coaster loss at Auburn, which easily could have been a big SEC victory. Then came the unbelievable comeback by Alabama, which broke the hearts of every Big Blue fan in Commonwealth Stadium. Nevertheless, the gigantic problem facing Jerry Claiborne is convincing his Wildcats their capable of pulling off an upset. So far, history has repeated itself, and the question still remains: How will this team react to more adversity? The loss of offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer is a huge gap to fill, because it takes away the offensive line's best blocker who just happens to be up for All-SEC honors. Now this team must focus itself on playing the spoiler role. This team absolutely cannot afford more injuries to key personnel, and will have a difficult time matching up against physical teams like Georgia and Florida if more medical mishaps occur.

LSU (B-minus): A brutal schedule has been the Bengals' problem thus far into the season. The Tigers successful start over Texas A&M and Tennessee had possibly given people a poor perception of just how good this team was. During losses at Ohio State and Florida, LSU's lack of experience seemed to play a role. Meanwhile, quarterback Tom Hodson has looked like a Heisman candidate, if you forget his performance on national television against Florida. In addition, the running game has been hindered without the services of speedster Harvey Williams, who is redshirting this season because of a knee injury. Mike Archer always has his team playing good defense, but the schedule and lack of experience at key positions will be huge obstacles to overcome to compete for the conference crown.

Ole Miss (C-minus): Like LSU and Kentucky, the Rebels already have faced the toughest portion of their schedule. Billy Brewer, who is somewhat under the gun in Oxford—especially with shaky home attendance figures—is trying to keep his team competitive for the stretch run. Although the defense is relatively improved from last season, Ole Miss still can't match up with the league's elite. Quarterback Mark Young has had a decent season, but the Rebels, like Kentucky, are having a hard time getting over the hump. However, that's not to rule out the Rebels as a team that could surprise a team or two.

Mississippi State (C-minus): Like Jerry Claiborne, MSU coach Rocky Felker must be pulling his hair out after watching his Bulldog team lost two conference games in the last minutes of the fourth quarter. First, there was the loss at Vandy, which saw a late State drive stall inside the Commodores' 10-yard line. Then Felker watched in amazement as Georgia exploded with a last-minute drive composed mostly of running plays in a 42-35 heartbreaking loss in Starkeville. State has some talent, but like the rest of the bottom teams in the league, they have a hard time pulling off any major upsets. However, the competitiveness of State, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Vandy and even Tennessee are some of the key reasons why the SEC is by far the toughest conference in the nation.

Tennessee (F): What a difference a year makes. Last year, coming off one of the most successful seasons since 1985's Sugar Bowl team, the Vols have collapsed to low depths, getting off to a shocking 0-5 start. One intelligent theory that Big Orange fans have subscribed to is that the Vols seem to have down seasons during even numbered years. Looking back at the previous six seasons supports this theory: 1987 (10-2-1); 1986 (7-5); 1985 (9-2-1/Sugar Bowl); 1984 (7-4-1); 1983 (9-3); and 1982 (6-5-1). It seems some Tennessee fans feel that head coach Johnny Majors doesn't play enough players during those odd numbered years, and pays for the lack of experience with mediocre season during the odd numbered seasons. One position that sticks out is quarterback, with the likes of Alan Cockrell, Tony Robinson, Darryl Dickey and Jeff Francis. Some Vol fans are upset with Majors for not letting his backup quarterbacks get enough play times during games that become blowouts

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THOSE WHO'VE GRADED THE BEST



Auburn's Pat Dye



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Last Week	18-7 (.720)	18-7 (.720)	19-6 (.760)	19-6 (.760)	19-6 (.760)	18-7 (.720)
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N.C. STATE AT NORTH CAROLINA	N. CAROLINA 10	N. CAROLINA 3	N.C. STATE 6	N. CAROLINA 3	N. C. STATE 3	N. CAROLINA 3
GEORGIA TECH AT SOUTH CAROLINA	S. CAROLINA 27	S. CAROLINA 32	S. CAROLINA 40	S. CAROLINA 13	S. CAROLINA 17	S. CAROLINA 28
WAKE FOREST AT MARYLAND	MARYLAND 8	MARYLAND 7	MARYLAND 3	W. FOREST 6	MARYLAND 10	MARYLAND 3
VIRGINIA AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 1	LOUISVILLE 3	VIRGINIA 10	VIRGINIA 7	VIRGINIA 7	LOUISVILLE 1
OKLAHOMA STATE AT NEBRASKA	NEBRASKA 17	NEBRASKA 27	NEBRASKA 14	NEBRASKA 8	NEBRASKA 6	NEBRASKA 10
MICHIGAN AT IOWA	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 2	MICHIGAN 21	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 7
PURDUE AT OHIO STATE	OHIO STATE 3	OHIO STATE 21	OHIO STATE 26	OHIO STATE 20	OHIO STATE 14	OHIO STATE 10
MINNESOTA AT INDIANA	INDIANA 17	INDIANA 14	INDIANA 20	INDIANA 13	INDIANA 10	INDIANA 7
ILLINOIS AT WISCONSIN	ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 1	ILLINOIS 12	WISCONSIN 3	ILLINOIS 3
TEXAS AT TEXAS TECH	TEXAS 18	TEXAS 9	TEXAS 3	TEXAS 15	TEXAS TECH 1	TEXAS 7
BAYLOR AT TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M 8	TEXAS A&M 3	BAYLOR 10	BAYLOR 4	TEXAS A&M 10	TEXAS A&M 3
ARKANSAS AT HOUSTON	ARKANSAS 3	ARKANSAS 10	HOUSTON 13	ARKANSAS 3	HOUSTON 2	ARKANSAS 6
TEXAS CHRISTIAN AT BRIGHAM YOUNG	BYU 8	BYU 17	BYU 6	BYU 16	BYU 9	BYU 10
SYRACUSE AT PENN STATE	PENN ST. 3	PENN ST. 1	PENN ST. 4	PENN ST. 6	PENN. ST. 7	PENN ST. 7
MIAMI (FLORIDA) AT NOTRE DAME	MIAMI 1	N. DAME 3	MIAMI 13	MIAMI 6	MIAMI 3	MIAMI 7
RUTGERS AT BOSTON COLLEGE	BOSTON C. 1	RUTGERS 10	RUTGERS 5	BOSTON C. 5	RUTGERS 7	RUTGERS 3
WASHINGTON AT SOUTHERN CAL	USC 10	USC 9	USC 17	USC 6	USC 10	USC 3
UCLA AT CALIFORNIA	UCLA 3	UCLA 16	UCLA 21	UCLA 14	UCLA 14	UCLA 10
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Grrrrr! 'Cats, Tigers all set for evening battle in the Bayou; last time Big Blue won came in Baton Rouge

The series

This is 39th meeting on the gridiron between the University of Kentucky and Louisiana State University.

LSU leads 28-8-1 and has won the last four meetings, including a 34-9 victory over the Wildcats last year in Baton Rouge.

LSU back on track

Quarterback Tom Hodson threw a fourth-down, 11-yard touchdown pass to tailback Eddie Fuller with 1:41 left to play, and David Brownkyke kicked the extra point which gave LSU a 7-6 upset victory over 4th-ranked Auburn before a crowd of 79,431 at Tiger Stadium last Saturday.

Until the decisive 15-play, 75-yard drive, on which Hodson completed six of 14 passes for 74 yards, LSU had crossed midfield only once against an Auburn defense ranked third nationally. But with 6:07 remaining Hodson came alive.

He passed 17 yards to flanker Tony Moss, 12 to backup tight end Willie Williams, five to split end Alvin Lee and 20 to Moss on third-and-five to the Auburn 21. Facing a fourth-down situation at the Auburn 11, Hodson spotted Fuller as the LSU Tigers broke a two-game losing skid.

Auburn got its points on the strength of two Wynn Lyle field goals, a 41-yarder with 1:41 left in the first half and a 33-yarder with 10:12 remaining in the contest.

Statistically, Auburn led in total yards 316-213 and owned the edge in rushing with 149 yards, compared to LSU's 28.

Hodson finished the evening hitting on 17 of 38 passes for 167 yards and one big, big TD.

LSU currently owns a 3-2-0 record and is 2-1 in Southeastern Conference play.

LSU's offensive formation: Pro-Multiple LSU's defensive formation: "3-4"

About the coaches

MIKE ARCHER (13-3-1 at LSU; 13-3-1 overall)

Mike Archer is in his second year as head football coach at Louisiana State University and his second season as a head collegiate coach.

Archer, a 1977 graduate of Miami (Fla.), was named LSU's 27th head football coach on Dec. 23, 1986, replacing Bill Arnsparger. His first LSU squad finished the regular season 9-1-1, second in the Southeastern Conference with a 5-1-0 record, and then smashed South Carolina 30-13 in the Mazda Gator Bowl. He came to LSU in 1984 as an assistant coach in charge of the defensive backfield. In 1985, Archer was named Tiger defensive coordinator and held that position on Arnsparger's staff until he was named the youngest Division I-A head coach in 1986.

Archer began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Miami (1976-77), then moved to administrative assistant a year later, and then served as defensive backfield coach at Miami from 1979-83.

JERRY CLAIBORNE (32-38-3 at Kentucky; 170-114-8 overall)

Jerry Claiborne is in his seventh season as head football coach at the University of Kentucky and his 27th overall as a collegiate head coach.

Claiborne began the 1988 season in fifth place in career victories among active NCAA I-A coaches and currently owns 170 wins. Only Bo Schembechler (218) of Michigan, Joe Paterno (211) of Penn State, Vince Dooley (197) of Georgia and Bobby Bowden (179) of Florida State have more victories than Claiborne.

Percentage-wise, Claiborne ranks 13th (600) among active coaches. Claiborne, a 1950 graduate of the University of Kentucky, was named UK's 31st head football coach on Dec. 16, 1981. After going 0-10-1 during his first (1982) season at UK while facing the nation's second toughest schedule, he turned the Wildcats around the following season as Kentucky posted a 6-4-1 slate to earn a spot in the 1983 Hall of Fame Bowl.

Claiborne guided UK to a sparkling 9-3 record in 1984, including a 20-19 victory over Wisconsin in the '84 Hall of Fame Bowl. Since, Claiborne has led UK to consecutive 5-6, 5-5-1 and 5-6 records.

Claiborne began his head coaching career

at Virginia Tech (1961-70) and posted a 61-39-2 record with two bowl appearances. Then, Claiborne moved to Maryland (1972-81) and compiled an impressive 77-37-3 record with seven bowl games in those 10 seasons.

Wildcat notes

Three former LSU head coaches (Paul Dietzel, Charlie McClendon, Bill Arnsparger) served as an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky during their early coaching years. Paul Dietzel served as an assistant coach at UK during the 1951-52 seasons under Paul "Bear" Bryant; Charlie McClendon served as an assistant during the 1951 season also under Bryant; and Bill Arnsparger was an assistant from 1954-1961 under Blanton Collier.

Kentucky opponents have posted a 35-21-1 record (.623 percent) through games of Saturday, Oct. 8. Of course, the preseason NCAA survey ranked Kentucky's schedule as the toughest Division I-A slate in the country just percentage points ahead of No. 2 LSU.

UK head coach Jerry Claiborne is 1-5 versus LSU during his career, all games coming as the Wildcat mentor.

Kentucky has one player on its roster from Louisiana—cornerback Albert Burks of Monroe, La.

LSU has no players on its roster from the state of Kentucky.

—by assistant SID, Joey Howard

1988 University Of Kentucky Football Roster

Table with columns: Player, Pos., Ht., Wt., Cl., Hometown (High School/JC). Lists 52 players including Jeff Nelson, Gary Willis, Alfred Jones, Glenn Fohr, Al Baker, Tony Massey, Eric Green, Ron Mack, Ken Willis, Mark Sellers, Bill Allen, Tim Smith, Chuck Broughton, Sterling Ward, Jay Tesar, Larry Jackson, Freddie Maggard, Ryan Hockman, Chris Tolbert, Doug Pfeiffer, Greg Hunt, Alfred Rawls, David Johnson, Steve Phillips, Ron Robinson, Tony Missick, Ray Gover, Darren Bilberry, Tony Zigman, Ivy Joe Hunter, Bill Shehan, Todd Meyer, Andy Murray, Jay Dortch, Albert Burks, Jeff Brady, Randy Holleran, Rodney Shepard, Dean Wells, Chris Connerly, Craig Benzinger, Chris Chenault, Jay Amshoff, Joey Couch, Mike Knox, Kevin Disotelle, Scott Rayburn, Scott Booth, Matt Branum, T.J. Maynard, Travis Hahn, Derrick Thomas, Mike Cahill, Steve Kelley, Courtney Longacre, Bill Huletter, Bo Smith, Joel Mazzella, David Crane, Chuck Bradley, Brian Denham, Brian Bradley, Todd Perry, Tom Cumberline, Shawn Evans, Greg Lahr, Jim Graves, Chris Reedy, Dean Wilks, Mike Pfeifer, Mike Nord, Mike Jones, Tony Nash, Oliver Barnett, Phil Logan, Jim Wetta, John Bolden, Mike Meece, Billy Swanson, Neal Clark, Daniel Schulz, Martin Pennington, Charlie Darrington, Lane Vargo, Mike Chism, Daniel Lee, Vic Adams, Patrick Porter, Carlos Phillips, Donnie Meiners, Donnie Gardner, Jerry Latimer, Chuck Bell, Doug Houser.

Mental toughness still lacking in UK camp

Murray: Putting teams away is THE problem

"I'd almost rather be beaten soundly and know that you really lost the game, than to know that you beat the team but not on the scoreboard. That's harder to accept, because I think we really beat Alabama."

—Kentucky's Andy Murray



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

Covering Kentucky football is a unique assignment, considering when that details the last three and a half seasons. Unique in that after coming off a 9-3 season, Jerry Claiborne's future on the field appeared to be headed in the right direction.

Somewhere along the way the program's success in the win column has been held up. Looking ahead after Kentucky's Hall of Fame Bowl victory over Wisconsin, upcoming campaigns featuring postseason play became a distinct possibility. Never did it pan out, however.

Talent-wise, signs of improvements have popped up at almost every position. Sprinkle in a little depth, too. Mentally speaking, Claiborne's teams have taken a step or two backwards.

Whether it came in disappointments to Bowling Green (27-30, 1985), Virginia Tech (15-17, 1986), Rutgers (16-16, 1986; 18-19, 1987), Georgia (14-17, 1987) or Tennessee (22-24, 1987), the Wildcats—through 1985-87—never gained the confidence they needed to thrive on.

Then against a No. 12 Alabama club, the 'Cats had an opportunity to maybe to ride out the season on an emotional high.

A proverbial roadblock of 10 seconds were all that stood in the way of a victory. You must remember this was the Alabama Crimson Tide, trailing by as many as 17 points, who was UK's opponent. Yes, tradition has been in the Crimson Tide's corner for 28 of 30 previous meetings with UK. When Alabama scored on a three-yard, fourth-down pass it marked No. 29.

This is nothing new to followers of Kentucky Wildcat football.

IT'S SO SIMPLE to dissect. Alabama, with almost a gridiron history second to none, plays to win. Kentucky? To no one's fault in particular, it tries not to lose.

Kentucky was on top midway through the first quarter, and remained ahead until there were only 10 ticks left on the Commonwealth Stadium clock.

Afterward, the 60-year-old coach walked off the battle field maintaining enough strength to fight back a steady flow of tears.

Claiborne tried to ignore thousands of Alabama fans and their chants of "Roll Tide Roll." His feelings were kept inside, but one easily could detect the frustration trying to break out of his tired, weary eyes. Frustration not only after this loss but from painful memories like last year's losses to Tennessee and Georgia. Those sour defeats and others mentioned earlier continue to haunt this program.

Yet, a couple hours after he left Commonwealth Stadium, Claiborne, as painful as it may have been, went about business as usual with his Saturday evening review of the day's game films.

Whether you're a Kentucky coach, player or fan, the loss to Alabama didn't seem fair—you outplay one of the country's best only to suffer a collapse in the end.

DIDN'T SOMEONE ONCE COIN the phrase: All's not fair in love and football (or something like that)?

Kentucky, 2-3, now head must pick up its chin off the ground and look forward to a trip to Baton Rouge where LSU is awaiting. Somehow, a loss such as the one to Alabama doesn't go away easily.

Four days later fullback Andy Murray still couldn't believe Alabama came out on top. Sure, the loss had worn off for a while, only to have one of his teachers bring up the game in a conversation. "It'll be there, I guess, until we get to play someone else," Murray muttered.

Obviously, some of the hurt had vanished. Murray opted instead to speak of the future, indicating that this season's not over. He noted six games are ready to be tackled.

"Since I've been here everybody thinks we have to play over our heads to beat these 'big' teams," said Murray. "Really, we didn't play a very good ballgame against Alabama. To watch it on film and be critiqued, we really played kinda bad."

"THE RUNNING BACKS HAD A GOOD day, but we, as an offensive team, didn't play very well at all and scored 27 points probably against one of the best defenses in the country."

Murray went on to add that he does have a remedy earmarked to cure certain heart-breaking ailments.

"If we can knock one of them off, that can do so much for a program, so much for everybody's attitude."

"As soon as we knock somebody off. . . I think it will have a snowball effect. But, we've got to beat one of 'em."

The Louisville Trinity product must have read my mind.

In 1977 Kentucky, which after three games was considered a so-so unit at best, knocked off Penn State, and on its turf, no less. One of the biggest upsets in the school's history propelled Fran Curci's squad to a 10-1 season.

Perhaps if Kentucky would have held on against the Crimson Tide, it too may have ran off a string of wins. Never, though, bring up the word "if" to Claiborne. "You can play that old *iffin'* game in a lot of different spots in that ballgame," the veteran coach noted. "It just didn't work out."

He went on to add that his players are "disappointed and I'm disappointed. That game is over with, there's

nothing we can do about it now.

"We'll bounce back. We've got good kids!"

Which brings us to LSU.

KENTUCKY ROLLS INTO Death Valley this weekend, or should I say limps into Cajun Country. Mike Archer's Tigers, meanwhile, following two consecutive losses redeemed themselves with a thrilling 7-6 win over Auburn, which at the time was No. 4 in the country.

Moments after UK's third loss of the year, I thought an open date was bad timing for Claiborne and his crew. "With no one to play," I wondered, "how in the world will Claiborne be able to get the attention of his pupils?"

Now, with the squad having an extra week to mend its bones as well as its attitude, I came to the conclusion the 'Cats should be 'extra' prepared for another showdown with one of the "big boys"; a.k.a., LSU.

This Saturday UK faces a stiff challenge, mainly because a string of 11 straight league defeats away from Lexington burden on its shoulders.

Said Murray: "If we can go down there and maybe get an early touchdown, interception or something like that, then that's going to make all the difference for us playing on the road."

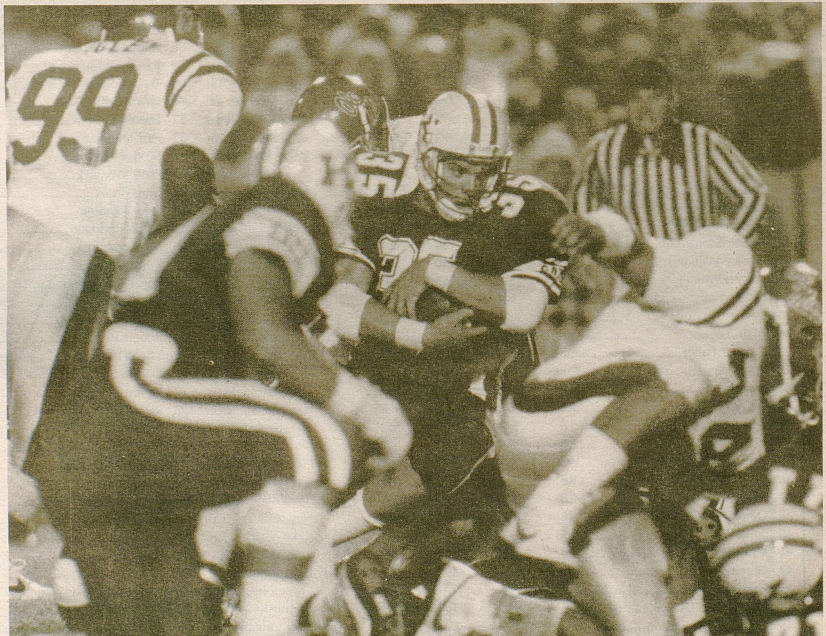
This may sound trite. . . but we'll bring it up anyway: Maybe Kentucky has learned another valuable lesson, in this instance the teacher being Alabama.

"We need to learn how to put a team away," Murray said. "With Alabama's tradition, those guys knew they weren't out of the game until it was over. We've got to realize. . . at halftime we hadn't won no matter what the score. We did it last year at Georgia—we thought we had the game won at halftime. The good football teams, at halftime when they're down, they know they can do whatever they want."

"I was one, too. I thought at halftime we were going to win the ballgame. I really thought we were going to embarrass them (Alabama)."

"You've got to go out and play four quarters. That's all there is to it."

And to prove it on the field wouldn't hurt, either.



The loss to 'Bama hurts, but Murray is hoping UK eventually will learn from mistakes

Todd Hallum

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especially during the even numbered successful seasons. Now, can Majors pull this team from rock bottom and be competitive? I'm sure Vanderbilt and Kentucky are waiting in the wings with revenge motives resulting from heartbreaking losses from last year against the Vols.

Vanderbilt (C): Watson Brown had said before the season that this year's Vandy club was his best ever. Well, it started off that way with close victories over Mississippi State and Rutgers. However, the tide changed when the 'Dores opened a renovated Bryant-Denny Stadium against Alabama in Tuscaloosa. 'Bama welcomed Vandy with a resounding 44-10 victory and laid to rest the question of Vandy becoming an upper division team this season. The loss to the resurgent Duke Blue Devils was especially nerve-racking when you take into consideration that Vandy placekicker Johnny Clark missed a 32-yard field goal with just seconds remaining in a 17-15 setback in Nashville. Heisman candidate Eric Jones is still capable of controlling the tempo of the game with his offensive skills. But Vandy's usual Achilles heel—defense—will always be its own detriment. At least Vandy did break a 12-game road losing streak when it upset Rutgers in the Meadowlands.

□UK NOTEBOOK: Former UK receiver **Rick Massie** had a strange turn of events before his Denver Broncos were preparing to fly west to face the San Diego Chargers. The plane, which was scheduled to leave a Denver airport on Saturday, Oct. 1, had to be delayed when Massie suddenly suffered acute claustrophobia while on board the plane, because of a couple false starts leaving the airport. Because of his condition, Massie had to get off the plane and have someone drive him 17 hours from Denver to the team's hotel in San Diego. Although he was a little tired from the trip, Massie did see action in the Broncos' 12-0 shutout of San Diego. Former UK running back **Marc Logan** was recently added to the

Cincinnati Bengals' roster. Logan, who was the club's fifth-round draft choice in 1986, was given a contract to help the Bengals' running game when starter **James Brooks** suffered a broken wrist against the Los Angeles Raiders. One UK-Alabama game leftover. UK assistant athletics director **Larry Ivy** was **Joe Namath's** roommate when both attended Alabama back in the 1960's. Namath was given Ivy as a roommate for a couple weeks while another room for the former 'Bama star became available during their freshman year. Ivy is a graduate of Alabama. Maybe UK fans should not get too depressed after watching Alabama rally to score 24 fourth-quarter points in the Tide's 31-24 come-from-behind victory over Kentucky. The Wildcats are not the only college football team to blow fourth quarter leads this season. One was Miami's 31-30 shocker over Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. Another was LSU blowing a 13-point fourth quarter lead to Ohio State. The third was Pittsburgh blowing an 11-point fourth quarter lead to Boston College. The Eagles won the game on a late fourth-quarter pass play. UK may have some extra incentive against LSU when the team takes to the Tiger Stadium turf Saturday night. What some people may have forgotten is that **Mike Archer** ran up the score on the 'Cats last year by calling some pass plays when the game was totally out of hand. Archer defended his action after the game when he decided to let kicker **David Browndyke** kick a 27-yard field goal with only 1:28 to play in the game. However, you might get a strong rebuttal from many among the UK camp about Archer's fourth-quarter play calling. As reported a couple weeks ago, former UK center **Rob Lock** had been playing well in Italy. However, what was not reported was that Rob smashed a backboard in a 35-point, 31-rebound performance for his new Italian team. According to one UK source, that was Lock's proudest accomplishment instead of the points and rebounds. UK offensive tackle **Mike**

Pfeifer is recovering on schedule after reconstructive knee surgery following the Alabama game. Dr. James Andrews performed the surgery on Pfeifers' left knee and rated it a 10 on a scale of 1-10. Pfeifer is in good spirits in his stay at Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital and appreciates all the support he has received from friends and Wildcat fans. The All-SEC tackle is setting his sights on rehabilitation and next year's spring practice for his senior year.

□SEC TIDBITS: Because of Tennessee's horrible 0-5 start this season, ESPN decided not to televise the Alabama-Tennessee game Oct. 15. Earlier, the cable network said it would televise the rivalry if the Vols had defeated Washington State. However, WSU would not oblige as the Cougars routed the Volunteers 52-24 in Neyland Stadium, making the Vols winless heading into the Alabama game. ESPN had already agreed in July to carry the game, but will televise Syracuse at Penn State instead. Incidentally, Nashville sportscaster **Stewart Duncan** left his perch atop a "Go Big Orange" billboard when he suffered a puncture wound in his left leg. If you recall, Stewart vowed not to leave his new home until Tennessee had won a football game this season. Word now has surfaced that several people are pulling the same prank in other areas of the Volunteer State. In leading Alabama to a remarkable 31-27 victory over Kentucky, Tide coach **Bill Curry** named **Vince Sutton** as his starting signal caller for the next game with Ole Miss. Sutton, who took over for an ineffective **Jeff Dunn**, led the Crimson Tide to a 24-point fourth quarter rally. During 'Bama's game-winning drive, Sutton guided his club 86 yards with only one timeout remaining, capped off by a fourth-down touchdown pass to tight end **Gene Newberry**. By earning a first-string spot against the Rebels, it will mark Sutton's eighth start as 'Bama's quarterback. Last year, he started two games and was a starter for five contests in his freshman season.

Fan from Section 213

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Claiborne's vocabulary. Don't misunderstand my thoughts. This is not a coach Claiborne roast, because I feel he does an excellent job in many areas. Our fans have to learn to be football fans.

IN MANY OPPOSING STADIUMS, the same situation that existed in the final two-plus minutes of the Alabama game would not have been the same. I assure you the quarterback would not have been able to call signals because of deafening ruckus.

Maybe the fans haven't learned how to win much like the rap that's being put on our football team. Maybe it's the doom and gloom picture that has been painted, thus the lack of expectation. And thus... the lack of enthusiasm.

Oh, if the Commonwealth Stadium fan could be like the road fan.

The average Wildcat fan on the road generally does not need any priming because he or she bleeds blue. In other words, a diehard follower.

There are other apathetic moods which enter into the picture.

Preseason statements were being made such as: "Well, I don't guess we will have anything to root for in the coming months since our football team is not going to have anything and our basketball team is in trouble."

Contrary to popular belief, for the non-football junkie, there are other forms of entertainment. Other things suddenly take high priority which need not be detailed at this writing.

There is another element that often comes into play, particularly in SEC competition. The 'Cats many times have been victimized by bad and/or lack of correct calls from the officials.

OOPS! I FORGOT, good babies don't cry.

Nonsense! Some people of influence would have us believe that excuses are not acceptable. I go so far as to try to counterbalance the situation, as it relates to the football team.

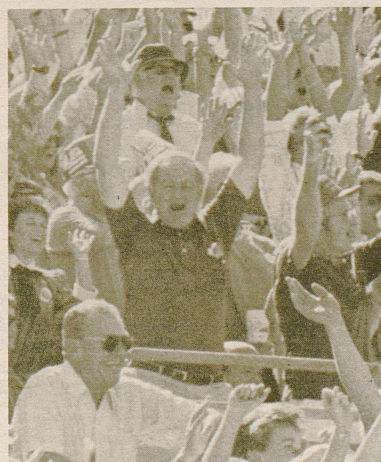
One Alabama player stated "we expect to win because we are Alabama." Well, it just may be that some of our

respected SEC officials subconsciously feel the same way. It is true that coach Claiborne is muzzled, but you as a fan are not.

It is up to you as fans of Kentucky football to change all of the situations and attitudes that exist. You have the power and it is necessary you use that power.

More than ever, coach Claiborne needs our help and support. The coaches will recruit and develop the players and it is up to us to learn to be fans and make Commonwealth Stadium THE home field advantage it should be.

Well, I'm off the stump for this week. See you in Baton Rouge.



Wildcat fans need to pick up enthusiasm

Oscar Combs

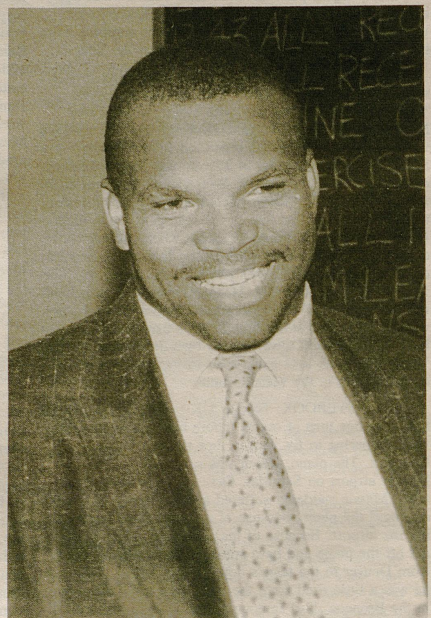
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sports information department decided to go with a non-player for two reasons, coaches fear a player could get hurt while modeling for a dunk and, secondly, because of jealousy which could result from one player being picked over others. Huh? Did I miss something? I thought these posters were published to promote the player or players as well as the sport. It's very difficult for me to believe **Eddie Sutton** didn't want any of his players or himself on the poster. I'm sure fans would rather see some male model on the poster rather than **LeRon Ellis**, or **Derick Miller** or someone else. Sometimes I wonder... At least two top prep recruits will be in Lexington this weekend for their official visits and will witness UK's annual Midnight Madness practice session Friday evening. Expected to be in attendance are seven-footer **Matt Wenstrom** of Katy, Texas and guard **Casey Schmidt** of Valparaiso, Ind. . . . Word out of Louisiana has it that **Chris Jackson**, the super point guard from Gulfport, Miss., has qualified under Proposition 48 and will be eligible for the LSU Tigers this winter. He was the only one of seven LSU signees to qualify academically this fall. LSU's most heralded signee, seven-footer **Stanley Roberts** of Hopkins, S.C., failed to meet Proposition 48 but is enrolled in school and will be eligible next season if he makes satisfactory progress this school year. . . . Just how important is the basketball program to the University of Kentucky? Well, important enough to result in the first ever Sunday meeting of the University's Board of Trustees.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Five-game totals, through Oct. 1)

Team Stats	UK	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	75	77
By Rushing.....	32	51
By Passing.....	38	25
By Penalty.....	5	1
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	619	1010
Ave. Net Per Game.....	123.80	202.00
Rushing Attempts.....	190	247
Avg. Gain Per Rush.....	3.26	4.09
NET YARDS PASSING.....	836	593
Avg. Net Per Game.....	167.20	118.60
Avg. Net Per Attempt.....	6.06	5.87
Passes Attempted.....	138	101
Passes Completed.....	68	46
Had Intercepted.....	6	7
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS.....	1455	1603
Avg. Net Per Game.....	291.00	320.60
Total Plays.....	328	348
Avg. Plays Per Game.....	65.60	69.60
Avg. Gain Per Play.....	4.44	4.61
PUNTING AVERAGE.....	37.41	38.93
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	10.42	6.63
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	19.38	20.53
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME.....	51.80	57.40
FUMBLES LOST.....	7	8
TOUCHDOWNS.....	13	13
By Rushing.....	10	7
By Passing.....	2	5
By Return.....	1	1
TOTAL POINTS.....	108	106
Points Per Game.....	21.60	21.20



Al Baker

Individual Rushing

PLAYER	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	70	220	3.1	5	44.00
Alfred Rawls.....	5	35	171	4.9	3	34.20
Al Baker.....	5	35	137	3.9	2	27.40
Andy Murray.....	5	13	50	3.8	1	10.00
Freddie Maggard.....	2	3	11	3.7	0	5.50
Glenn Fohr.....	5	23	(-2)	(-9)	0	(-4)

Individual Receiving

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	CTPG	CT.AVG
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	10	82	0	2.00	8.20
Phil Logan.....	5	9	148	0	1.80	16.44
John Bolden.....	5	8	113	0	1.60	14.13
Ray Cover.....	5	7	114	1	1.60	16.29
Alfred Jones.....	5	7	106	0	1.40	15.14

Field Goals

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Ken Willis.....	5	9	5	0.56	1.00

Punting

PLAYER	NO	AVG	G	YDS
Jeff Nelson.....	29	41.28	5	1197

Punt Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Chris Tolbert.....	19	198	0	10.42	5	3.80

Kickoff Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Ray Cover.....	1	26	0	26.00	5	0.20
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	4	99	0	24.75	5	0.80
Albert Burks.....	1	23	0	23.00	5	0.20
Chris Tolbert.....	3	56	0	18.67	5	0.60
Alfred Rawls.....	4	72	0	18.00	5	0.80

Individual Passing

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	RATING
Bill Allen.....	5	2	2	100.0	0	16	8.00	0	167.20
Chuck Broughton.....	4	38	21	55.26	1	213	5.61	0	97.08
Glenn Fohr.....	5	98	45	45.92	5	607	6.19	2	94.48

Scoring

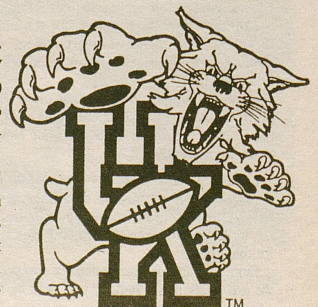
PLAYER	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PPG	FGA	XPA
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	5	0	0	30	6.00	0	0
Ken Willis.....	5	0	10	5	25	5.00	9	11
Alfred Rawls.....	5	3	0	0	18	3.60	0	0
Andy Murray.....	5	2	0	0	12	2.40	0	0
Al Baker.....	5	2	0	0	12	2.40	0	0

Interceptions

PLAYER	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Jay Dortch.....	5	2	0	0	0.40
Donnie Gardner.....	5	1	4	0	0.20
Albert Burks.....	5	1	0	0	0.20
David Johnson.....	5	1	4	0	0.20
Tony Massey.....	5	1	-3	0	0.20

Schedule/Results

UK	Opp.
18.....	Central Michigan.....
10.....	at Auburn.....
15.....	at Indiana.....
38.....	Kent State.....
27.....	Alabama.....
Oct. 15.....	at LSU.....
Oct. 22.....	Georgia.....
Oct. 29.....	Southern Illinois.....
Nov. 5.....	Vanderbilt.....
Nov. 12.....	Florida.....
Nov. 19.....	at Tennessee.....



LSU FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Five-game totals, through Oct. 8)

Team Stats	LSU	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	93	79
By Rushing.....	41	28
By Passing.....	45	46
By Penalty.....	7	5
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	662	632
Ave. Net Per Game.....	132.40	126.40
Rushing Attempts.....	191	186
Avg. Gain Per Rush.....	3.47	3.40
NET YARDS PASSING.....	1008	833
Ave. Net Per Game.....	201.60	166.60
Ave. Net Per Attempt.....	6.15	5.91
Passes Attempted.....	164	141
Passes Completed.....	84	77
Had Intercepted.....	3	7
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS.....	1670	1465
Ave. Net Per Game.....	334.00	293.00
Total Plays.....	355	327
Ave. Plays Per Game.....	71.00	65.40
Ave. Gain Per Play.....	4.70	4.48
PUNTING AVERAGE.....	39.64	38.62
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	6.91	4.15
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	22.41	20.71
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME.....	64.00	52.80
FUMBLES LOST.....	2	4
TOUCHDOWNS.....	11	6
By Rushing.....	3	2
By Passing.....	7	2
By Return.....	1	2
TOTAL POINTS.....	105	70
Points Per Game.....	21.00	14.00



Individual Rushing

PLAYER	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Eddie Fuller.....	5	73	314	4.3	1	62.80
Slip Watkins.....	5	44	158	3.6	1	31.60
Darrell Williams.....	4	11	73	6.6	0	18.25
Victor Jones.....	5	26	65	2.5	1	13.00
Jay Egloff.....	5	11	47	4.3	0	9.40

Individual Receiving

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	CTPG	CT.AVG
Alvin Lee.....	5	27	343	3	5.40	12.70
Tony Moss.....	5	19	325	1	3.80	17.11
Eddie Fuller.....	5	18	173	3	3.60	9.61
Ronnie Haliburton.....	5	8	57	0	1.60	7.13
Slip Watkins.....	5	4	34	0	0.80	8.50

Field Goals

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
David Brown dyke.....	5	11	10	0.91	2.00

Punting

PLAYER	NO	AVG	G	YDS
Rene Bourgeois.....	19	41.16	5	782
Brian Griffith.....	8	41.00	5	328

Punt Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Vincent Fuller.....	1	9	0	9.00	4	0.25
Greg Jackson.....	4	31	0	7.75	5	0.80
Jimmy Young.....	6	36	0	6.00	5	1.20

Kickoff Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Vincent Fuller.....	2	92	0	46.00	4	0.50
Slip Watkins.....	11	240	0	21.82	5	2.20
Corey Raymond.....	1	16	0	16.00	5	0.20
Darrell Williams.....	2	30	0	15.00	4	0.50
Wayne Williams.....	1	3	0	3.00	5	0.20

Individual Passing

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	RATING
Mickey Guidry.....	4	15	12	80.00	0	112	7.47	1	164.72
Tom Hodson.....	5	149	72	48.32	3	896	6.01	6	108.10

Scoring

PLAYER	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PPG	FGA	XPA
David Brown dyke.....	5	0	9	10	39	7.80	11	9
Eddie Fuller.....	5	4	0	0	24	4.80	0	0
Alvin Lee.....	5	3	0	0	18	3.60	0	0
Tony Moss.....	5	1	1	0	8	1.60	0	0
Slip Watkins.....	5	1	0	0	6	1.20	0	0

Interceptions

PLAYER	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Greg Jackson.....	5	2	0	0	0.40
Jimmy Young.....	5	2	0	0	0.40
Verge Ausberry.....	5	1	0	0	0.20
Corey Raymond.....	5	1	10	0	0.20
Ron Sancho.....	5	1	20	1	0.20

Schedule/Results

LSU	Opp.
27.....	Texas A&M..... 0
34.....	at Tennessee..... 9
33.....	at Ohio State..... 36
6.....	at Florida..... 19
7.....	Auburn..... 6
Oct. 15.....	Kentucky.....
Oct. 29.....	Ole Miss.....
Nov. 5.....	at Alabama.....
Nov. 12.....	at Mississippi State.....
Nov. 19.....	Miami (Fla.).....
Nov. 26.....	Tulane.....



Now assisting Vols, Williams looks to rebuild his life

Maybe one day he can return to UK program

About a month ago, it was reported in this space that former Wildcat football star Brian Williams is serving on coach Johnny Majors' staff at arch-rival Tennessee this season as a graduate assistant.



Jamie Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

As you will recall, Williams—who was a member of coach Jerry Claiborne's first recruiting class at Kentucky—was the guy who made big defensive plays, guiding the Wildcats' climb to respectability on the field (6-5-1 mark in 1983 and 9-3 in 1984). After his senior year in 1985, Williams was named a second-team All-SEC defensive back by the Associated Press.

And, as a junior, he made the Academic All-SEC squad, studying accounting.

At Middleboro High School, Williams was an all-stater and was the president of his senior class. However, he ran into trouble a couple years ago when he was arrested on a felony charge of theft. In a case that received statewide publicity, he was arrested for trying to steal \$3,900 from Central Bank & Trust Co. in Lexington, where he worked as a teller.

Later, the charges were reduced after Williams paid back the bank.

Currently, at Tennessee, Williams is trying to put his life in order as he is working on his master's degree in sports administration, along with helping out the coaching staff. The Middlesboro native received his bachelor's degree in accounting at UK.

After the Vols were destroyed by nationally-ranked LSU, 34-9, in a recent SEC matchup at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Williams understandably was not in a very good mood. Nevertheless, he granted a very brief interview to this columnist and discussed his coaching position with the Vols, his future, and his past problems with the law, among other things.

The Cats' Pause: Kentucky and Tennessee are hated rivals. So, after four years at UK, do you feel awkward about being a part of the coaching staff at UT this year?

Brian Williams: The rivalry between Kentucky and

Tennessee means a lot to me. But when you get into the coaching profession, you want to go to be with one of the best coaches in the world. Not only did I enjoy my years at Kentucky, it's just that I wanted to see a different philosophy, different coaching, etc. Tennessee was the best place that I chose.

The Cats' Pause: How hard did Tennessee recruit you when you were a high school star at Middlesboro?

Brian Williams: Really when it came down to the two schools that I was picking, it was Tennessee and Kentucky. I chose Kentucky because I felt like coach Claiborne was going to be a great coach and that he was going to come in and build a great program. I never look back on my years at Kentucky. It's just the fact that I'm a Kentucky boy and I felt like I should take my Kentucky pride and play for the Kentucky Wildcats in Lexington.

The Cats' Pause: When Kentucky plays at Tennessee in November, are you going to give the UT coaching staff some clues as you played under Claiborne?

Brian Williams: I tell you (laughing), that's going to be a hard time. But here I am in Tennessee and I have to do my best to prepare our guys to beat them (Kentucky). But either way it goes, I'll be happy. If they beat us, I'm happy for them. If we beat them, I'll be happy for myself.

The Cats' Pause: How do coach Majors and coach Claiborne differ?

Brian Williams: They're both great coaches. They have a lot of philosophies that are the same. Both love to win. I tell you, being around those two guys, there's not many people better than those two. I really enjoyed those years I was with coach Claiborne and I'm really enjoying my time here with coach Majors.

The Cats' Pause: You have had problems after finishing school at UK. You were arrested for stealing money at a bank while working as a teller. How have you overcome the problems?

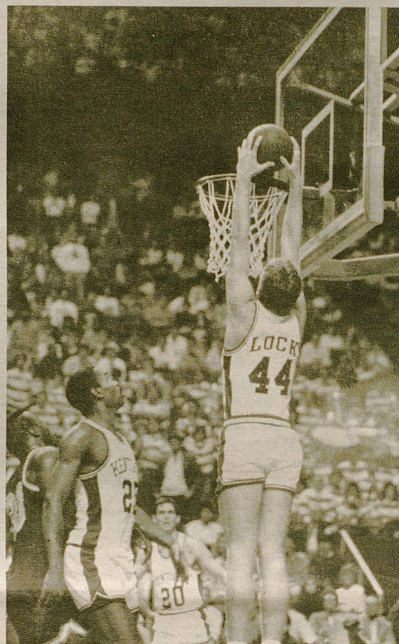
Brian Williams: I've tried to put that in the past and live up to myself. I've accepted it and I'm working on my life now to get it straight, getting down that narrow road and being successful. So, I personally feel that I've put it behind me.

The Cats' Pause: Who helped you the most?

Brian Williams: My friends banded in and helped me. Everybody helped me to overcome my problems.

The Cats' Pause: What are your career plans?

Brian Williams: My plans are to get into coaching as I

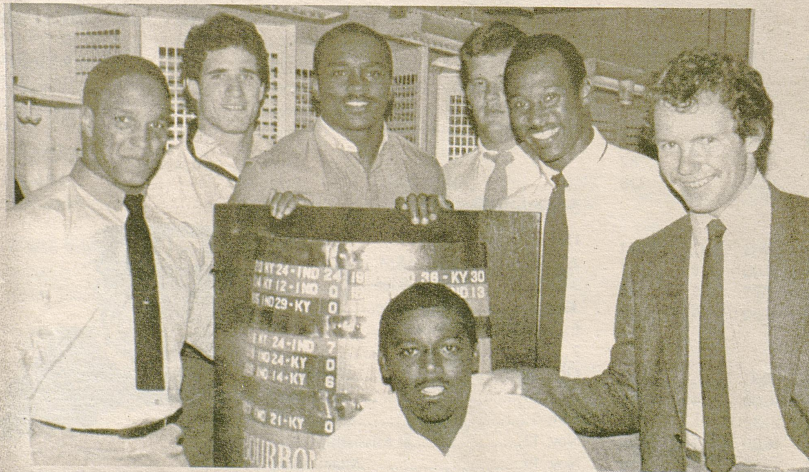


Lock, other Bluegrass stars head to Italy

am now and get myself in the door and eventually work my way back to Lexington and coach at Kentucky.

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DIS 'N' DATA: Texas A&M football coach Jackie Sherrill has a daughter attending the University of Alabama. Elizabeth Sherrill is a junior majoring in communications. While playing at Alabama, the elder Sherrill played on two national championship teams (1964 and '65)...University of Tennessee president Lamar Alexander, who took over his current post July 1, has been traveling around the country, promoting his recently-published book, *Six Months Off*. His book is about escaping to Australia during 1987 with his wife, Honey, and their four children after eight years as governor of Tennessee...Ole Miss and Arkansas can't agree on what the series record really is. Ole Miss says Arkansas leads 18-16-1, while Arkansas says the Hogs lead 19-15-1. The game in question was played either on Nov. 13 or Nov. 14, 1914, in Little Rock. Ole Miss records indicate the Rebels won 13-7. Arkansas claims a 1-0 forfeit. William Driver was the coach at Ole Miss that season. It was Driver that brought legendary baseball manager Casey Stengel to Ole Miss in the spring of 1914 to coach the Rebel baseball team...Kentucky's Jerry Claiborne is a member of a nominating committee that will select up to 10 candidates in NCAA Division I-A for the American Football Coaches Association's first-ever Player of the Year honors. The top six nominees will be placed on the ballot to be voted on by AFCA members. Two other SEC coaches—Tennessee's Johnny Majors and Auburn's Pat Dye—are also on the nominating committee. By the way, former UK player Charles McClendon is currently serving as the executive director of the AFCA, a post he has held since 1981. McClendon is the former head coach at LSU (1962-79)...It seems that everybody is plying pro basketball in Italy. Former Wildcat players Rob Lock and Winston Bennett are over there now, and former Kentucky Colonels' star Artis Gilmore has signed a \$450,000 contract to play for an Italian squad. Gilmore was with the Boston Celtics last season.



With a little help from his friends, Brian Williams (far left) has a new start on life

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

✓ Kentucky ran its record to 4-0 with an enthusiastic 27-14 victory over Rutgers before a Homecoming crowd of 58,010. The largest crowd ever to witness a game at Commonwealth Stadium saw Kentucky come back after trailing at halftime 14-13.

Senior George Adams and freshman Mark Higgs ran all over Dick Anderson's Scarlet Knights.

Higgs and Adams shared the night's Most Valuable Player trophy, in honor of Wickliffe B. Moore.

Adams scored one touchdown while rushing for 114 yards on 28 carries. Higgs, on the other hand, carried the ball just four times. He made the most of each try, carrying the pigskin on touchdown jaunts of 29 and 76 yards. "We were trying to put Higgs in certain spots," Claiborne said afterward. "I'll tell you we picked the right spots. That

youngster can run with the football."

It was Higgs' long touchdown scamper which gave UK a 12-point cushion early in the fourth quarter. Joker Phillips then caught a two-point conversion pass from Bill Ransdell.

Defensively, tackle Jerry Reese, starting in place of injured Jeff Smith, created all kinds of problems for Rutgers. The Hopkinsville freshman sealed the victory when he forced Rutgers' quarterback Eric Hockberg to misfire on a fourth-down, fourth-quarter pass at the Wildcat five. Reese finished the game with six tackles.

✓ After their win over Rutgers, the Wildcat players awarded the game ball to Coach Jerry Claiborne. The evening victory marked UK's first night win in Lexington since 1979 when Fran Curci's team defeated Mississippi 14-3.

Five Years Ago

✓ University of Kentucky basketball

forward Bret Bearup has contracted mononucleosis and will not be able to participate in the team's preseason workouts and conditioning program.

✓ Kentucky's football team has the week off and is preparing for its Southeastern Conference showdown with Auburn next Saturday. The 'Cats whose 4-0 record and Top 20 ranking have Wildcat supporters thinking postseason possibilities. Not since the 1976 season have there ever been such optimism about the Kentucky Wildcat football program.

It was in 1976 when Kentucky shut out North Carolina in Atlanta's Peach Bowl, 21-0.

One of the big keys to Kentucky's success is the improved play on the defensive side of the pigskin. The Wildcat defense has allowed half as many points this year as it did at this same point last season.

Eight Years Ago

✓ Louisiana State quarterback Alan Risher ran in from two yards out with 41 seconds late in the game to give the visiting Tigers a 17-10 win over Kentucky. The Tigers marched 80 yards in 13 plays for the winning drive in a game which was marred by sloppy play on the part of both teams. Just before the winning drive, Kentucky had tied the score when quarterback Randy Jenkins ran in from one yard out and Tom Griggs added the extra point. LSU led 10-3 at intermission. Both teams managed just 14 first downs, respectively. LSU got 186 of its total 223 yards on the ground while Kentucky stayed on the turf for 145 of its 209 total yards.

Jenkins was able to connect on only seven of 26 passes while Terry Henry failed to successfully hit a receiver on three attempts.

✓ The University of Kentucky basketball team officially opened the season with high hopes as the annual press day activities marked the beginning of practice. Although the Wildcats are a basketball team comprised of five sophomores and four freshmen, many preseason polls have the 'Cats tabbed as the nation's No. 1 club in America. Coach Joe Hall said the lofty ranking could either make his players work harder to achieve that status or lull them into thinking they can rest on their laurels.

Nine Years Ago

✓ The Kentucky Wildcats knocked on the door several times but couldn't cross the goal line as the Fran Curci's squad lost 10-6 at West Virginia. In their worst performance of the season thus far, Kentucky appeared ready to even the count in the third stanza. Trailing 10-3, the Wildcats reached the two-yard line behind a 73-yard pass completion from quarterback Juan Portela to tight end Frank McDaniels. But the 'Cats tried five times, once after a penalty, to get the ball into the end zone and never could.

For the most part, the game was a defensive struggle all the way. The Wildcats took a 3-0 lead on a 33-yard field goal by Rick Strein, but the Mountaineers scored the game's lone touchdown on a third quarter jaunt by Terry Luck.

Despite several opportunities, all UK could muster the rest of the game was another Strein three-pointer, this one from 42 yards.

Kentucky gained only 105 yards on the ground while West Virginia's Charles Alexander had 107. Portela hit on seven of 12 passes for 120 yards.

Twelve Years Ago

✓ A flurry of last minute rallies fell short in Jackson, Miss., as Fran Curci's Wildcats dropped a heart-breaking 14-7 decision to Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs completely dominated the

first half, jumping out to a 14-0 lead. But Kentucky came out in the second half a deferent unit. A 22-yard pass from quarterback Derrick Ramsey to Charlie Dickerson set up a six-yard touchdown run by Chris Hill. The 'Cats had three chances to score in the final quarter, the last coming when David Stephens bounced on a blocked punt by Jim Kovach at the State 27. After a penalty got the ball to the State 13, UK couldn't cross the goal line.

Kentucky finished with 157 yards rushing, 68 by Ramsey, and 57 yards passing.

✓ Wildcat basketball coach Joe B. Hall introduced his 1976-77 squad to the members of the press at the annual picture day.

Kentucky will be led by senior-captains Larry Johnson and Merion Haskins. The 'Cats were 20-10 and National Invitational Tournament champions a year ago.

Fourteen Years Ago

✓ Kentucky quarterback Mike Fanuzzi, averaging 122.5 yards a game, has taken over the Southeastern Conference rushing lead and also leads in the category for most touchdown scored with five.

✓ Six-foot-seven defensive end Art Still, from Camden, N.J., appears ready to step into the starting lineup as Kentucky prepares for Auburn this weeks. Still is expected to replace Rick Fromm at one end spot. Freshman linebacker Jim Kovach has also moved into the starting lineup.

✓ Physically whipping the Wildcats, 10th ranked Auburn defeated Kentucky 31-13, before 52,101 fans in Auburn. The Tigers controlled the game throughout the contest with a total of 429 yards to 294 for Kentucky. Auburn also had 24 first downs compared to Kentucky's 12. UK was hampered by three fumbles and two interceptions lost. Sonny Collins ran for 127 yards, more than any unit had been able to squeeze out of the Tigers' stingy defense this season. Mike Fanuzzi crossed the goal line twice for the Wildcats lone TDs.

Seventeen Years Ago

✓ Ohio University clobbered listless Kentucky 35-6 as the Wildcats' football program plunged to a new low, with the winners tearing the 'Cats' defense to shreds.

Ohio University entered the game a slight underdog but took command in the early minutes and were never in any real danger. The Kentucky offense worked with efficiency only once, when it scored a touchdown on a seven-play, 65-yard drive.

✓ After three straight days of hard contact work, Kentucky football coach John Ray said he is moving halfback Frank LeMaster to the strong linebacker position. The Kentucky defense was riddled in last week's 35-6 loss to Ohio University.

✓ The University of Kentucky's Freshman squad defeated the Tennessee Baby Vols with a 24-20 conquest. Steve White returned a kickoff 82 yards and Mike Cassidy scored on an 84-yard run to lead the Kittens to victory in the annual K-Men's "Dollars for Scholars" outing.

Twenty Five Years Ago

✓ Before 26,000 fans in Stoll Field, Kentucky ran its won-loss record to 2-3 with a 14-0 victory over a stubborn, but still winless Louisiana State squad. Kentucky was able to tack on touchdowns near the end of each half. The first came when Woody Herzog climaxed a 54-yard drive with a three-yard run.

The Wildcats still weren't in the clear until Billy Mitchell, with just minutes remaining in the contest, ran in for a score from four yards out.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Kentucky-LSU

1. True or False? Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne has never led a Wildcat squad to victory in Baton Rouge.
2. True or False? LSU has won the last four contests against Kentucky.
3. In 1985 which LSU player was named Player of the Game by ESPN in the Tigers' 10-0 victory over UK?
 - a) Henry Thomas
 - b) Michael Brooks
 - c) Benji Roland
 - d) Ron Sancho
4. What former LSU receiver returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score in 1981 in the matchup of the 'Cats and Tigers?
5. Which former LSU defensive stand-out blocked a punt against the Wildcats in the late 1970s?
 - a) Leonard Marshall
 - b) John Adams
 - c) Tommy Casanova
 - d) Joe Dean
6. True or False? LSU broke a four-game losing streak of day games with a 34-9 win over Kentucky.
7. Who led the Wildcats in rushing during last year's loss to LSU in Baton Rouge?
 - a) Mark Higgs
 - b) Glenn Fohr
 - c) Ivy Joe Hunter
 - d) Darren Bilberry
8. What television network broadcast

- last year's game?
 - a) WTBS
 - b) ESPN
 - c) ABC
 - d) MTV
9. True or False? LSU was No. 3 in the country (*Associated Press*) entering last year's UK-LSU showdown.
10. Which LSU offensive player scored the game's first touchdown in last year's meeting in Baton Rouge?
 - a) Wendell Davis
 - b) Eddie Fuller
 - c) Harvey Williams
 - d) Joe Dean



Answers

1. False (UK won in 1983, 21-13)
2. True
3. Michael Brooks
4. John Adams
5. John Adams
6. True
7. Ivy Joe Hunter (14 carries, 56 yards)
8. WTBS
9. False (No. 5)
10. Harvey Williams (12-yard run)

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