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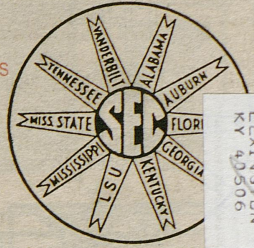
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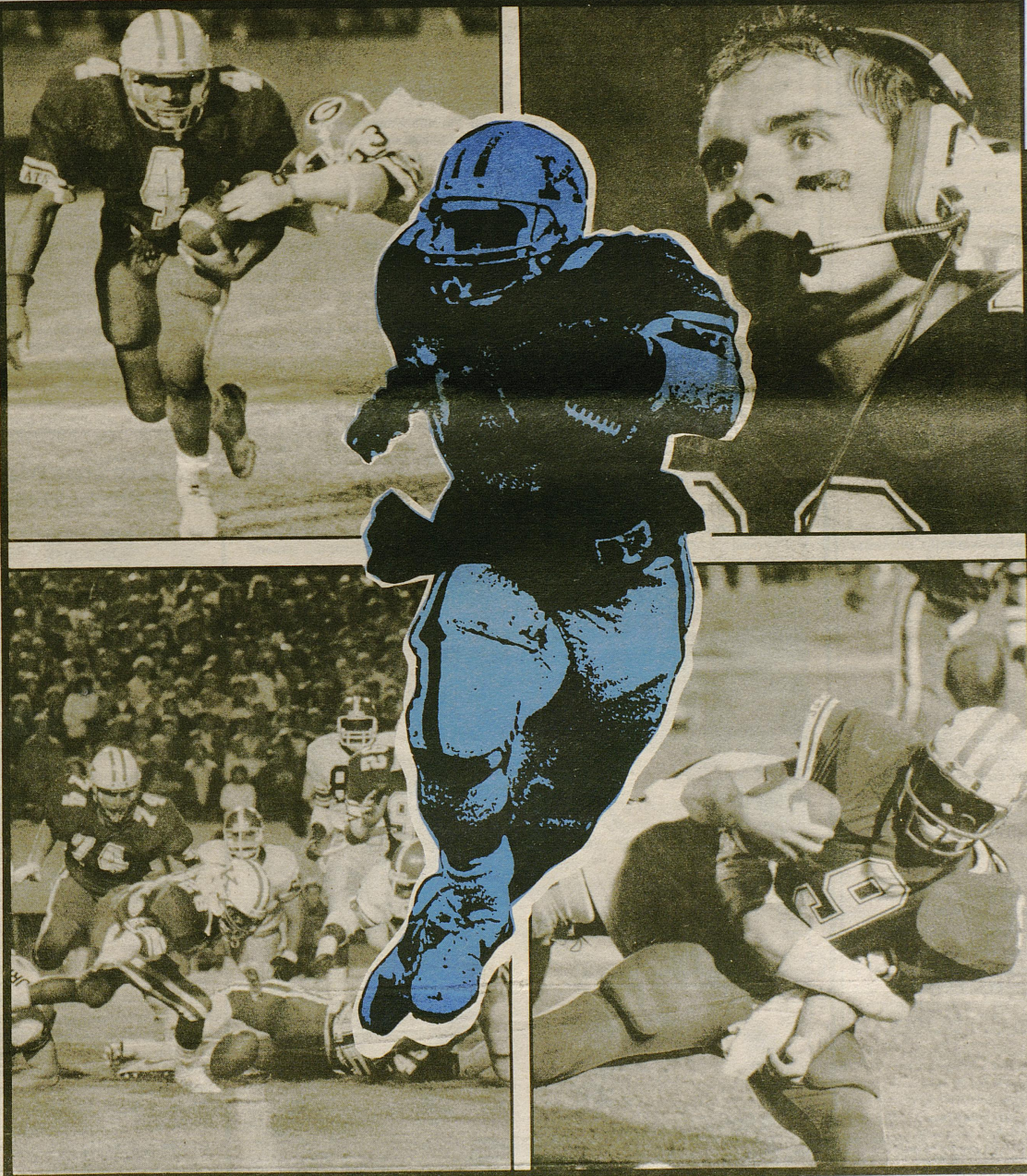
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## Knee Injury Knocks Bennett Out For Season

University of Kentucky senior forward Winston Bennett underwent reconstructive surgery on his right knee at Lexington's Central Baptist Hospital last Saturday morning and will miss the 1986-87 season, according to UK coach Eddie Sutton.

The Louisville Male product will be able to redshirt and be eligible for the 1987-88 campaign.

Bennett apparently collided with teammate Irving Thomas while the two were going after the ball during practice last Wednesday (Oct. 22). The 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward got up and tried to walk off the injury. Two days later, following examinations by orthopedic specialist Dr. James Andrews and UK team physician Dr. Michael Ray, it was learned that Bennett was going to have surgery.

Going into the surgery, however, it wasn't sure if his knee would need arthroscopic surgery—a common procedure in which a person can rehabilitate the injury in a short period—or major overhaul.

Major surgery was required, thus putting Bennett on the sidelines until next season. He was to be the leading scorer returning from last year's 32-4 squad (12.7 ppg and 7.2 rpg). A season of rehabilitation now awaits Bennett.

According to the medical team which performed the surgery, Bennett had a torn anterior cruciate ligament and a torn lateral meniscus. The doctors concluded that the knee was unstable and Bennett would not be able to play again unless a total reconstruction was performed. The procedure was performed with an arthroscope and doctors called the surgery a "complete success."

"We are all pleased with the results of the surgery," Sutton said. "Naturally, we are disappointed that Winston will not be playing this season but he will definitely be a key ingredient in this year's squad. He has the respect of his fellow players and the coaching staff and his leadership on and off the court will be vital.

"The doctors expect Winston to recover fully and be ready to play again in 1987-88."

With the loss of Bennett, Kentucky now returns only guards Ed Davender and James

Blackmon as starters. The only front court player who has ever started a game is 6-foot-11 junior Rob Lock, who started four games early in his freshman season. Joining Lock as front-line players are 6-9 junior Cedric Jenkins, 6-7 junior Richard Madison, 6-7 junior Todd Ziegler and 6-7 sophomore Irving Thomas.

"Make no mistake about it, we're going to miss Winston," said Sutton. "But my experience in coaching has been that when a key player goes down, other players work harder and step to the forefront. I believe that is going to happen with this team.

"Our players have worked harder than ever since Winston went down," he continued. "They know that they are going to play better than ever. And we as a coaching staff know that we are going to have to coach better than ever.

"But I'm still optimistic about the season. We have a fine group of young men who will represent us very well."

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The loss of Bennett has sparked considerable speculation that the Wildcats would once again employ a three-guard look this season. Last year, Sutton and the Wildcats proved the critics wrong by using a three-guard set in compiling a 32-4 record and advancing to the NCAA Final Eight.

Sutton, however, says it is too early to predict what type of lineup he will use.

"It's still too early," he said. "There's no doubt that we are strong at the guard position. We have two returning starters in Ed Davender and James Blackmon at guard. Paul Andrews is back and freshmen Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller have performed well in practice.

"With the introduction of the three-point shot in college basketball, there will be more emphasis on outside shooting," he continued. "That could work in our favor this season."

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The Wildcats will conduct their first public preseason scrimmage Saturday night (Nov. 1)

at Rupp Arena. The Diet Coke Blue-White scrimmage is set to start at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available at the Rupp Arena box office as well as all Ticketron outlets throughout the state. The tickets are \$5 and \$3.50.

The Wildcats will also scrimmage at Louisville's Freedom Hall next Tuesday, Nov. 4. Coca-Cola officials, who are handling the promotions of both scrimmages, are predicting a sell-out in the 19,000-seat arena. Tickets for that scrimmage are also \$5 and \$3.50 and are on sale at the Freedom Hall box office and at all Ticketron outlets.

Kentucky will also scrimmage at Graves County High School in Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 10 and at Lincoln County High School in Stanford, Ky., Nov. 24.

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Approximately 500 participants are expected at the annual Nike/University of Kentucky Basketball Clinic this weekend, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Joining the Wildcat coaching staff will be such basketball standouts as Jerry Tarkanian of UNLV, Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, Dick Vitale of ESPN and J.D. Barnett of Tulsa.

The clinic gets underway at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at Lexington's Radisson Plaza Hotel and concludes with the Blue-White scrimmage Saturday night at Rupp Arena.

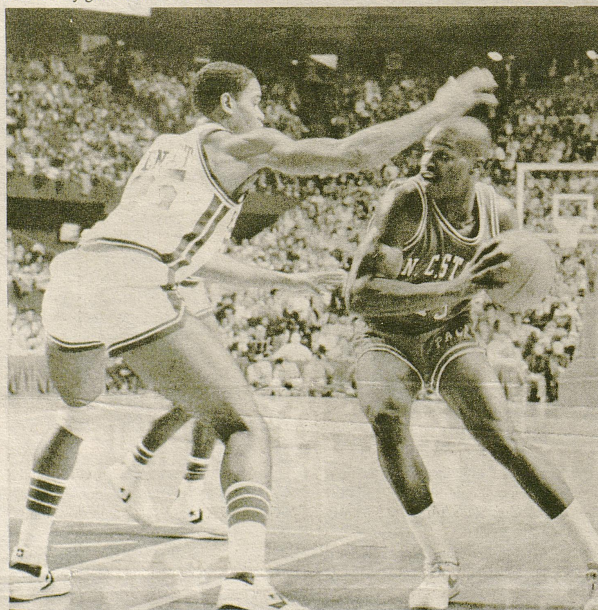
The cost of the clinic is \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. For more information, contact the UK Basketball Office at (606) 257-1916.

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# No Fond Memories

This past week will not go down in the history books as one of the Wildcats' greatest memories.

First there was the season-ending loss of All-SEC Winston Bennett. If that wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of Wildcat faithful, then the 31-9 bombing from Georgia Saturday night practically eliminated any hopes for a postseason bowl.

It was that kind of a weekend for Kentucky. The future?

In this space one week ago we said the future is now for the Wildcats. At 3-3-1, the 'Cats still have time to salvage a winning season. There's nothing in the books which says UK couldn't win all for remaining games, except that Kentucky hasn't proven it can win a big game.

There's also nothing in the books which says Kentucky might win another game. That would be a disaster.

During the preseason, the Virginia Tech game appeared to be a game in the win column. Not so today. In fact, Kentucky will be the underdog. The Gobblers have sprinted off to a 4-2-1 mark and are coming off a very impressive 42-10 win over arch-rival Virginia.

A loss in Blacksburg would saddle UK with a four-game losing streak. The 'Cats will close the season with home games against Vanderbilt and Florida and then the season finale at Tennessee.

Everyone is asking, "what's happened to the 'Cats this year?"

Everything was so rosy at the beginning. For the first time since Claiborne arrived in Kentucky, his squad was made up entirely of his pickings. It was the fifth year of the Claiborne era and there was a schedule which included seven home games, an eighth just 80 miles north in Cincinnati, only two road SEC encounters and not a single team on the card which would be unbeatable.

Everyone is still wondering, but perhaps you have to go back no farther than the opening game when Rutgers strutted into Commonwealth Stadium and tied the 'Cats 16-16. Remember 1985 and Central Michigan?

Rutgers is no patsy. But a Kentucky team with eyes set on a postseason bowl cannot afford to lose to a Rutgers team on the Wildcats' home turf.

The 'Cats fought back and won games over Kent State, Cincinnati and Southern Miss. Only the latter, however, was fashioned in an impressive way.

Then disaster struck. Ole Miss embarrassed the 'Cats. Just as past Kentucky teams have fought back, the Wildcats regrouped and staged another tough fight against LSU, only to come up empty-handed in the final minutes.

After the LSU battle, the Wildcats were drained, emotionally and physically. And as history has taught us, Georgia enjoyed the leftovers like buzzards in the desert.

If the future was last week, then what is this Saturday at Virginia Tech?

Kentucky is now in a position of having to post some pretty good sized upsets just to stay afloat. Wins against Virginia Tech and Vanderbilt are absolute musts and if the 'Cats want to harbor hopes for the future, they will also have to beat either Florida or Tennessee.

Winning the remainder of this fall's schedule isn't impossible, but very improbable. Should Kentucky rally, it would be a very exciting end with a postseason bowl a possibility. But first, there has to be a four-game winning streak.

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Coach Eddie Sutton and his basketball Wildcats suffered a tragic blow to their 1986-87 hopes last week when senior Winston Bennett went down with a knee injury which will sideline the Louisville native for the entire season.

After surgery on Saturday, team doctors said it would take Winston about six months to completely recover from the surgery. Sutton said Bennett would be red-shirted and will return for his senior year in 1987-88.

Already a depleted squad, the Wildcats now have only ten able bodies to put on the floor. Reggie Hanson is sitting out due to inadequate academic qualifying scores. Mike Scott, the 6-10 transfer from Wake Forest who is attending Lexington Community College, has said he will attend UK, but he won't be eligible until at least January or next season.

Adding insult to injury, Sutton sent a number of walk-on candidates through a week-long series of drills at 6 a.m. each day last week, then announced that none were good enough to help the squad.

What all this means is that a couple players are going to have to contribute much quicker than anticipated.

With Bennett out, Sutton will be calling on the likes of Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock and Richard Madison more often as they will be counted on very heavily. Irv Thomas and Todd Ziegler also will have more opportunities to play.

Bennett's absence could force Sutton to go with his three-guard offense out of desperation. There appears to be more depth out front. Ed Davender and James Blackmon return as starters while you can bet that frosh Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller will be called on early. And the forgotten man may be the most important of all. That could be senior Paul Andrews, one of, if not the best, shooters on the team.

Paul could wind up occupying the role Troy McKinley played a couple years ago when the 'Cats needed instant outside offense. With the new three-point rule, Andrews seems perfect for the call.

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With the basketball recruiting season in full swing and the November signing date just around the corner, let's bring you up to date of some of the gossip around the country.

Noted recruiting expert Bob Gibbons of All-Star Sports, says he believes Kentucky is in excellent shape to strike it rich with a couple big-times in LeRon Ellis (who has already announced for UK) and 6-11 center John Pittman of Rosenberg, Texas.

In his most recent newsletter, Gibbons says, "we hear that this young giant was 'awed' by his recent visit to Lexington, and former favorite, Texas Tech, is just hanging on by the skin of their teeth."

Gibbons says the 'Cats are also one of the finalists for second guard Jerome Harmon of Gary, Ind. Harmon supposedly is also being recruited by Louisville, Purdue and DePaul. According to Gibbons, Harmon could end up with academic problems, however.

Kentucky also is in the hunt for Oklahoma's Michael Maddox, Indiana's Rick Fox, Sean Higgins of Los Angeles and Eric Manuel of Macon, Ga., among others.

The Wildcats, according to California superscout Steve Guiremand are out of the picture with Brian Williams of Santa Monica, Calif. Williams, who has been compared to Louisville's Pervis Ellison, reportedly has eliminated both Kentucky and Louisville. Gibbons says the final five are New Mexico, Duke, Arizona, Temple and North Carolina State.

Gibbons also says Louisville may be on the verge of losing Marion, Ind., superstar Jay Edwards. Gibbons says Edwards, who has long been considered a cinch for the Cardinals, may wind up with his Marion teammate, Lyndon Jones, at Indiana.

Reportedly, the race for Higgins is boiling down to a battle among four of five schools. He has already visited Texas, Michigan and Kentucky.

His summer coach, Pat Barrett, says Sean's final two visits will be to Louisville and Syracuse, but Higgins' mother says the last two schools to host her son will be Louisville and UCLA. Supposedly, the mother would like to see him stay home and play for the Bruins according to Gibbons.

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The shoe war between **Converse** and **Nike** has heated up again and looks like the Converse people have won the last two matches.

Kentucky baseball coach Keith Madison says his team is now wearing Converse shoes after reaching an agreement where Converse helps out with his camp and other promotional activities.

"Joe Dean has always been good to us and Converse is a great company," said Madison. "We're very happy with their support of the Kentucky baseball program."

The real plum, however, was the landing of former UK All-American Kenny Walker to a contract which some insiders claim has netted Walker more than \$100,000 per year in a multi-year deal.

One close insider said that two other companies had offered Walker six figures and that Converse must have been in the ballpark to land him.

When Indiana picked Auburn's Chuck Person over Walker in the draft, little did they know it, but the Pacers did Kenny a great favor.

Said one pro official, "Kenny's shoe contract just about doubled when he landed with the New York Knicks instead of the Pacers."

Supposedly, the two finalists for Walker were Converse and Nike. Converse officials declined to reveal how much Walker would be paid but admitted that he will be one of the top two or three highest paid rookies in the NBA this season.

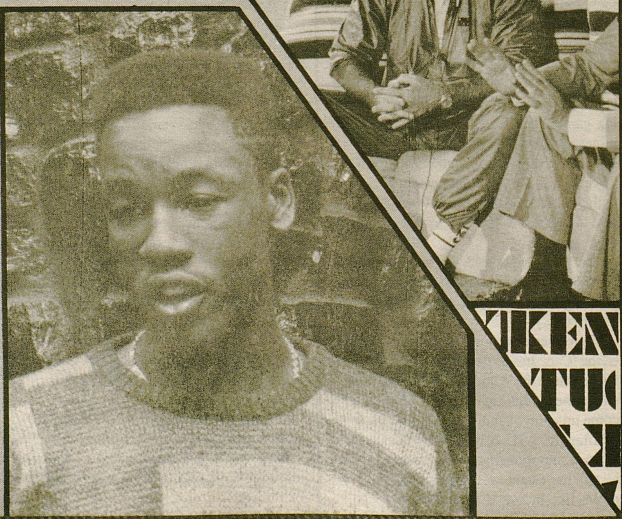
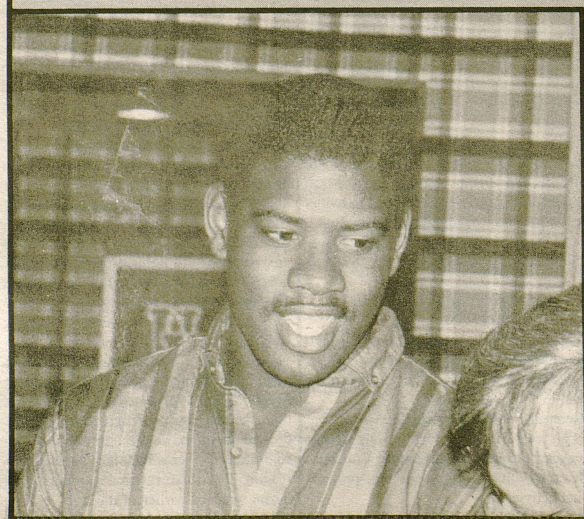
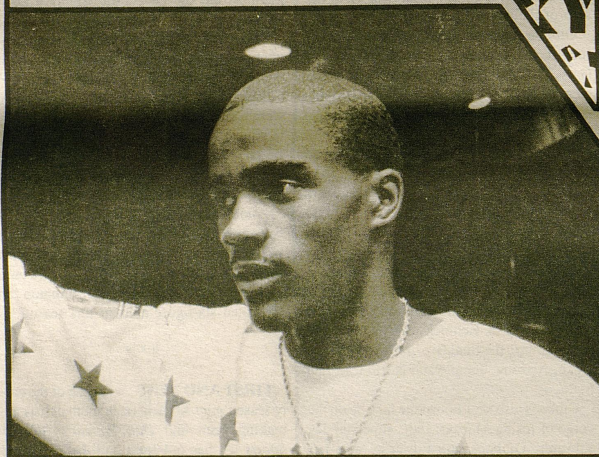
Another source said Walker and former Syracuse All-American Pearl Washington will be the two highest paid players to wear shoes this winter. A new shoe company, *Avia* is reported to be paying Washington an estimated six-figure amount this season.

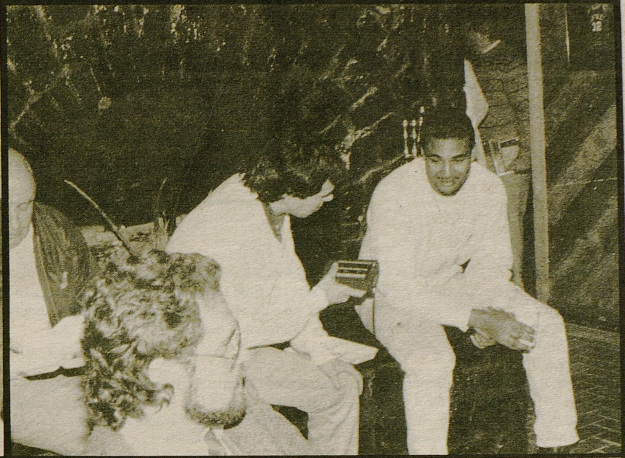
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**FIRST AND TENS** . . . Some of the early season prep All-American football lists are making print and *Dan Painter's All-Star Sports* list has 6-4 tight end **Jeff Ellis** of Louisville Male on the first team. Ellis, son of former boxing champion **Jimmy Ellis**, tips the scales at 225 and has 4.7 speed. Recruiting experts believe he'll stay close to home with Ohio State, Kentucky and Louisville the early favorites, but not necessarily in any particular order . . . The Southeastern Conference will be showing off its hoop talents this week in the Big Apple as SEC coaches and players will be there for all the New Yorkers to visit. Also making the trip from Lexington will be former UK coach **Joe B. Hall** who will be working as a color analyst for ABC-TV this winter . . . The annual SEC Basketball Media Days will be held November 12-13 in Atlanta, site for the 1987 SEC Tournament. All 10 coaches, and players from each school will be there to be interviewed by some 200 writers and broadcasters around the South . . . Freshman redshirt **Mike Pfeifer** is expected to be back in action Saturday against Virginia Tech. Mike dressed out for the Georgia game, but changed to street clothes at halftime with the score reading 21-3. Mike suffered a sprained foot during practice earlier in the week.

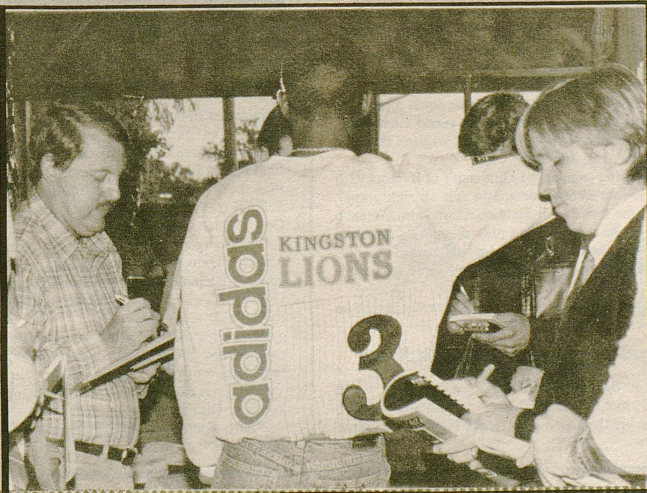


**KENTUCKY KENTUCKY**





The day following Kentucky's Midnight Practice the basketball Wildcats talked to the media about the upcoming season. Writers, and television and radio broadcasters were on hand at Wildcat Lodge to find out what the players and coaches forecasted for the 1986-87 slate. Here are some memorable photos from that day which were taken by TCP chief photographer Gary Cromwell.



## It's Time To Play The 'What If' Game

### Bennett's Absence Might Affect Scott

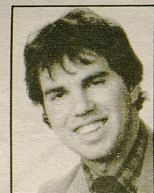
While we're smack dab in the middle of football season and in the process of the preseason hoop schedules getting underway, it's time for another stimulating segment of *What if*. Let's take timeout and discuss various possibilities, mostly serious, about the Kentucky Wildcats and Southeastern Conference items.

Thinking caps on?

Here it goes.

*What if*... Winston Bennett, who suffered a knee injury during practice last Wednesday, is missing from the UK lineup? Well, just think of last season's Kentucky team without Kenny Walker. It's that serious. His experience and leadership are priceless to the success of this inexperienced and young Wildcat bunch.

At this writing it wasn't known if Bennett's injury (right knee) would require ar-



### Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

throscopic or major knee surgery. If an arthroscopy, a common surgery technique, is required then Bennett could be back maybe in time for the season-opener against Austin Peay (Nov. 29). If major surgery is needed then Bennett probably would miss the entire 1986-87 season.

Whatever happens... Winston Bennett has been extremely unlucky. Medical problems have followed him throughout his UK career. His medical file would read: severe sprained ankle, arthroscopic surgery (left knee), pneumonia and back problems.

If Bennett and Kentucky football player Matt Lucas ever discussed "old war" injuries, there wouldn't be enough time in the day for a conversation between the two. Lucas, who suffered numerous injuries during his four-plus years at UK, tore two major ligaments in his right knee early this season, thus ending his Wildcat career.

Quoting Bennett from a TCP interview two weeks ago he mentioned that "whether it's basketball, football or baseball you're going to be injured unless you're extremely lucky.

"You have to keep it all in perspective. You have to get up once you've been knocked out and keep on pluggin' away. You know it can't get too much worse."

For Bennett it's gotten worse.

This was to be his season, his year to finally be THE leader on the squad. In 1983 there was Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin, followed by two star-studded seasons of Kenny Walker. If he decides to redshirt, Bennett again might have to wait another year.

#### 'Cats Down To 10 Players If Winson Is Lost For Season

With only 10 players on the roster, second-year Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton has to be wondering what will happen on down the '87 road. Without Bennett UK doesn't have a *true* leader on its roster.

During a recent pow-wow with the local media, Sutton said Kentucky's biggest question mark lies in future performances of center Robert Lock and forwards Cedric Jenkins, Irving Thomas and Richard Madison. The coach said either two or three of the above mentioned must come through this season for his team to be a success. That was before Bennett was injured in practice, however.

If Bennett is sidelined for the entire campaign... Sutton's main concern will then be—who'll be the leader among UK's starters?

James Blackmon?

Ed Davender?

They're the only starters returning from last year's squad. Who else could it be? (Rex Chapman you say. Aw come now, enough pressure already awaits young Chapman) Somehow I just can't imagine the '87 Kentucky Wildcats without Winston Bennett, UK's one and only leader. I'm sure Sutton feels the same way.

*What if*... Mike Scott enrolls for the spring term at the University of Kentucky? If Bennett is still unable to play, will the 6-foot-10 Scott decide to suit up right away?

While recently watching UK practice, the former All-State selection from Greenup County told a group of reporters that yes, he does want to play as soon as possible. If he decides to take the half-season route, he'll have only two-and-a-half years of eligibility remaining. If he waits until the 1987-88 campaign, then he'll have three seasons to play for Eddie Sutton.

Hopes WERE that Scott would hold out until next season. His services might be needed sooner than expected.

#### Kentucky-Tennessee Feud Less Than A Month Away

*What if*... Kentucky beats Tennessee on the football field this season? What would have been considered a lopsided battle is looking now like an even matchup between the rival institutions. If UK is fortunate to win this game it will mark the second straight time Jerry Claiborne has won in K-town.

Neyland Stadium will be the site of blue vs orange. Nothing would please the Kentucky players more than a win against Tennessee, especially when the Vols humiliated them last year.

The way Tennessee performed against Alabama (losing 56-28 at home) you have to like the Wildcats' chances to regain the beer barrel. On their way to New Orleans last year the Volunteers beat UK 42-0. Some say Johnny Majors' crew ran up the score while others say the Wildcats threw in the towel during the second half. Whatever the reason, last year's 42-0 outcome only adds fuel to this already fiery feud between Kentucky and Tennessee.

It's difficult to believe the Kentucky-Tennessee feud is less than a month away.

*What if*... Proposition 48 had been installed in 1975? Former student/athletes, as a whole, would be much better prepared to work in today's society. In the past, documented cases have shown that athletics were given priority over academics. Today, the NCAA is striving to make that statement false.

Proposition 48 has not erased all the problems. The NCAA, meanwhile, is on the right track with its improved academic guidelines. The big step would be if somebody or some organization could develop a way to get ALL students to develop improved learning habits.

The effects of Proposition 48 have been positive. High school students trying to earn an athletic scholarship know they have to maintain a certain grade point average (2.0 in 11 specified units) and have a decent college test score (15 ACT, 700 SAT) to be eligible.



Otto Making Sideline Debut In Lexington

The 11 specified units are not a cakewalk, either. For instance, one Lexington school requires its students to pass Algebra I and geometry in order to fulfill the math portion of his or her curriculum. Apparently there's a new trend in our high school systems.

This new guideline will affect the middle schools as well. In order to be ready for high school requirements, students must be prepared to face a more difficult task than they those before them in the mid-70s and beyond.

*What if*... Otto injured his leg and was out of commission to roam the sidelines? Otto? Who's Otto?

He's Georgia's answer to its regular mascot UGA IV, who recently underwent surgery for torn ligaments in his rear left knee. It's tradition for Georgia to have a purebred English Bulldog at all of its football games. It all started with UGA I. Now, there's Otto. If UGA IV, though, had his way the roles would probably be reversed. So would the officials at Georgia, too.

"The big problem is that his older brother, Otto, is going to have to substitute for the next few games and he has absolutely no game experience," said Georgia's sports information director Claude Felton. "In fact, Otto's never been to a football game."

UGA IV is expected back on the sidelines Nov. 29 when Georgia faces Georgia Tech. For now Otto will have to do.

Where would this world be without good ole Otto? Ruff ruff! I'll leave it at that.

# Depth Chart

## Virginia Tech Offense

FL  
46 David Everett  
22 Myron Richardson

TB  
2 Maurice Williams  
45 Eddie Hunter

FB  
49 Earnie Jones  
25 Sean Donnelly

P  
12 Tony Romero  
9 Sandy Bowen

QB  
16 Erik Chapman  
1 Jeff Roberts

PK  
4 Chris Kinzer  
7 Jeff Ballance

TE  
87 Steve Johnson  
94 Rodney Varney

RG  
51 Kevin Keeffe  
60 Tom Hall

LG  
70 Todd Grantham  
73 Ernie Davis

SE  
82 Donald Wayne Snell  
26 Danny Eddy

RT  
53 Jim Davie  
68 Rodney Good

C  
61 John FitzHugh  
52 Chris Henderson

LT  
79 Mike Clapp  
72 Larry Peery

## Kentucky Offense

WR  
4 Cornell Babbage  
19 Dee Smith  
84 Bill Dean

TB  
22 Mark Higgs  
32 Ivy Joe Hunter  
41 Greg Baker

FB  
25 Marc Logan  
35 Andy Murray  
42 John Groves  
29 Darren Bilberry

P  
1 Jeff Nelson  
16 Jay Tesar

PK  
15 Joey Worley  
90 Scott Gillum

QB  
9 Bill Ransdell  
18 Kevin Dooley  
14 Chuck Broughton

TE  
80 Mark Wheeler  
87 Martin Pennington

RG  
57 Dermontti Dawson  
73 Butch Wilburn

LG  
71 Brad Myers  
50 Scott Haire  
64 Joe David Turner

SE  
83 Eric Pitts  
17 Tim Jones  
21 Jimmy O'Neal

RT  
60 Greg Kunkel  
62 Bo Smith

C  
61 Ken Lange  
51 Conrad Carney  
63 Mark Brock

LT  
65 Joe Prince  
75 Mike Pfeifer  
69 Tom Crumrine

## Kentucky Defense

RC  
3 Tony Hayes  
46 Tom Coates

S  
26 Ron Robinson  
28 Ray Gover

LC  
24 David Johnson  
8 Ron Mack

RLB  
53 Jeff Kremer  
45 Chris Chenault  
39 Don Yarano

LLB  
40 Larry Smith  
39 Don Yarano  
44 Craig Benzinger

RE  
98 Carwell Gardner  
6 Tony Massey

RG  
92 Vic Adams  
55 Scott Endris

LG  
74 Tom Wilkins  
97 Scott Stubbs

LE  
88 Guy Neal  
36 Jay Dortch

RT  
54 Jerry Reese  
79 Oliver Barnett  
96 Donnie Gardner

LT  
91 John Shannon  
94 Mike Velotta

## Virginia Tech Defense

RC  
13 Billy Myers  
6 Roger Brown

WS  
36 Carter Wiley  
19 Will Gowin

SS  
5 Sean Lucas  
6 Roger Brown

LC  
38 Scott Rice  
17 Joe Perry

LB  
42 Lawrence White  
41 Jamel Agemy  
39 Randy Cockrell

LB  
83 Paul Nelson  
42 Lawrence White

RE  
89 Morgan Roane  
34 Victor Jones

NG  
76 Mark Webb  
91 Greg Drew

LE  
31 Curtis Taliaferro  
90 Bobby Martin

RT  
97 Joe Turner  
93 Horacio Moronta

LT  
99 Rick Singleton  
74 Al Wiley

## 3-pointer Should Make For Interesting Season

Will Add To Kentucky's Offensive Arsenal

This coming basketball season will be exciting, as usual. Kentucky, Louisville, North Carolina, Indiana and others will be top contenders for the national championship. Teams that have a strong inside game will definitely benefit from the new three-point shooting area. If a team can hit the jump shot on a consistent basis, it's going to make the inside game even more dominating.

Some people feel that the three-pointer (19 ft., 9 inches) is too close. I tend to think that it's just fine. It will mean that the game will have more man-to-man coverage. Guys such as Winston Bennett, Pervis Ellison and Cedric Jenkins will get to show even more offensive skills.

Teams that normally rely on zones will be in big trouble if a team has great shooters. James Blackmon (who was already shooting three-pointers from the pro range), Ed

How about the '84 team. What could they have done with the three-point shot and the 45-second clock? Teams would have had to decide whether to play the inside game or let the guards try to score. You have to take into account that the coach was inside oriented, so it may not have made any difference. Melvin Turpin would have flourished under the three-point rule. Turpin and Sam Bowie could have lobbed the ball back and forth to each other consistently.

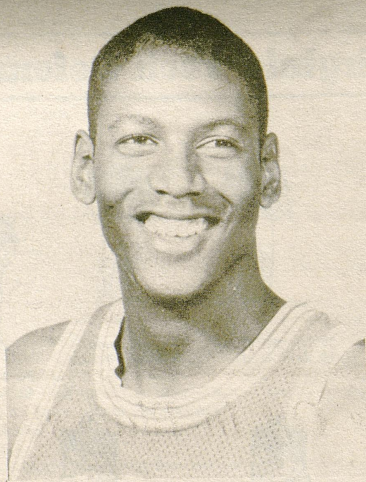
With the three-pointer, Kenny Walker could have been *more* dominant. That's pretty hard to imagine. The guy scored over 2,000 points with defenses geared to stop him. He had two, sometimes three guys covering him every time he touched the ball. Harden, Davender and Blackmon could have opened it up for Walker, though. I strongly believe that the 'Cats would have won the national championship last year had the three-pointer been around.



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Cats' Pause Columnist

Davender, Paul Andrews and Rex Chapman will make teams pay if they are given the jump shot. The only problem will be that these guys may want to pump it up too much. That's not to say that in doing so they will hurt the team... it's just that the temptation to take the shot from that distance is too great. Each player will have to realize when he can take the three-point shot.

I really like the idea of opening up the game. The teams that have the good all-around players will dominate. With the 45-second clock and the three-point rule, teams have



William Bedford

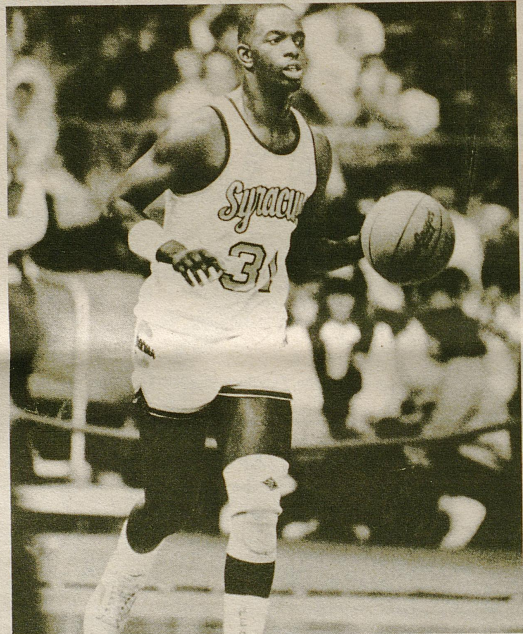
to prove that they can score. After all, isn't that the object of the game?

Coach Eddie Sutton has to feel great about the three-point rule. He won't have to make too many adjustments. Let's just hope that the designated shooters are able to hit those shots.

Teams will really have to see from game to game who has the good outside shooters and who has the mediocre shooters. How will teams defense against strong outside shooters and an even stronger inside game? Do you let teams beat you from the outside or do you try to pressure the big people inside? Will teams have a set play where the ball is thrown in as bait, and then pitched back outside for the three-pointer? These questions can only be answered by watching the way teams play the three-pointer.

### Three-pointer A Good Idea, But A Little Late

Can you imagine Kyle Macy shooting from just over 19 feet during his career at Kentucky? Jay Shidler, Jim Master, Dirk Minniefield and Roger Harden would have also been deadly from that range. Master was a guy who didn't feel comfortable unless he was 20-25 feet away from the basket.



Pearl Washington

They had everything going for them. A new coach that brought fresh and enthusiastic ideas to a team that really didn't seem that strong. This year's squad may show us that without Walker, Kentucky will still be a team to reckon with. I think that the three-point line will be one of the best weapons in Kentucky's arsenal this season.

### What If . . .

What would have happened if Pearl Washington, John Williams, William Bedford and Walter Berry had stayed in school for one more year?

At Syracuse, the Pearl would have helped Rony Seikaly offensively. Pearl's presence and ability would have been exciting for one more year.

Bedford, at Memphis State, could have developed into the nation's No. 1 center. The three-point rule would have been to his liking. With Bedford's departure, Memphis State won't be a Top 20 team.

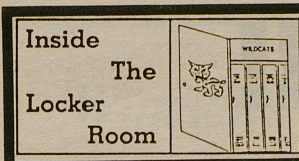
Williams was becoming one of the most dominating players in the game. I really liked the way he played. He handled the ball, could score inside and had a good outside touch. LSU will have a good team, but they won't be great.

Walter Berry certainly hurt himself by going pro early. He could have easily been one of the top draft choices in this year's upcoming draft. With Berry, St. John's would have been one of the top teams in the country.

It's truly amazing what one player can do for a team. People say that it will be a difficult year for Kentucky without Kenny Walker. It may be tough, but once the team knows who the leaders are, the transition will be a little easier.

It's going to be real interesting to see how each team adjusts to the three-point line. Who will benefit the most? I personally think the fans will. The game will be more exciting than ever. It's very difficult to imagine college basketball being more exciting. The guards will be called upon to do more scoring. I still say that the basketball is a big man game. The pros have a three-point line, but you don't see them pumping up that shot too often. I believe that the three-point line in college basketball will only be effective if a team is hitting the shot consistently. It will keep the defense honest.





**Ivy Joe Hunter**

**(About the first-half turnovers)**

Hunter: It took a little bit away from our game plan. We did turn the ball over quite a few times. They forced us to pass more instead of mixing it up. That hurt us; we try to compliment each other. I guess they focused on the pass after they had the lead. I just feel they took away from our game plan.

**(About when UK's offense failed to score a touchdown from one-yard)**

Hunter: We took it to the one, and I personally felt we should have scored a touchdown. It was a major opportunity. Still, we got three points out of it.

**(About Kentucky's running game)**

Hunter: I don't think we played up to our potential. I don't really feel they stopped the run, but we couldn't run as much because we had to catch up. We didn't have any long runs. I felt like we were going to open up (the running game) later on in the game. Unfortunately, we had to go to the pass.

**Dermontti Dawson**

**(About the effects of the 31-9 loss to Georgia)**

Dawson: I don't think we're going to let this game totally end the season for us. We had to use last year as a learning experience. I think we will come back if we're going to have a decent season.

**(About UK getting things back on track)**

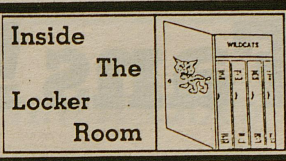
Dawson: No changes. We're just going to have to stay with the game plan that the coaches provide. Execute—that's the main thing.

**(About Georgia's defensive line)**

Dawson: We knew they were going to run a lot of stunts. We didn't make our pickups. We knew they were going to stunt because they are not as big up front as they have been in the previous years.

**(About Kentucky not scoring a touchdown on its opening possession)**

Dawson: No (it didn't have any effect) because Georgia has always got an explosive offense; they are a big play team. I don't think the field goal slowed our momentum down because we knew we had to put points on the board... but, we should have got seven. Down there that close we should have punched it in instead of kicking the field goal.



**Tony Mayes**

**(About UK's missed assignments)**

Mayes: We had a lot of missed tackles that hurt us and they had some long runs on us. We were blitzing a lot.

**(About the 'Cats' offense)**

Mayes: Our offense couldn't really get things going. A couple of times they put us in the hole. But that's when the defense has to suck it up and try to make some turnovers for the offense, which we couldn't do.

**(About Georgia's backfield)**

Mayes: They had the big, hard running backs. There isn't too much you can do but 'wrap up' on them. (James) Jackson makes a big difference in their offense. He's quick and he can pass. He's their 'big play' man.

**(About UK's turnovers)**

Mayes: In the first half was when we had most of our mistakes. We missed tackles and did a lot of other stuff wrong. That killed us. In the second half everybody was kind of down. We just didn't bounce back like I thought we would.

**(About what Kentucky will have to do to turn things around)**

Mayes: We are really going to have to have a good week of practice this week. When we played LSU we had a super week of practice. Last week, we had a good practice, but it just seemed like the intensity wasn't there. We're going to have to pick it up. A lot of the seniors are going to have to start taking control on offense and defense—show a little leadership to get things back on track.

**Bill Ransdell**

**(About the rest of the season)**

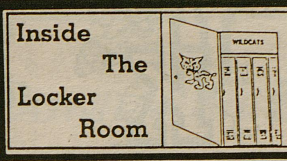
Ransdell: It's four games that represents a winning season to us. That is the way we've got to look at it... we've got four weeks left and for us seniors that's the rest of the football we'll ever play. We just have to have all the guys stick together and play our kind of ball.

**(About the first-half turnovers)**

Ransdell: They scored on three of our turnovers. One of 'em was a gimmee and the other two, they just took advantage of. They got a tipped ball right to them. We never gave up. The score should have been 7-3 or 10-7 at the worst (at halftime).

**(About the deflected pass)**

Ransdell: They just deflected 'em. There's nothing you can do about that. Those things are going to happen.



**Tony Mayes**

**Kentucky, Virginia Tech Square Off In Blacksburg**

**The Competitors:** The **Wildcats**, coming off a 31-9 loss to Georgia last Saturday, journey outside Southeastern Conference competition to face Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Kentucky opened its season by going 3-0-1, before opening conference play with three consecutive losses to Mississippi, LSU and Georgia. After Saturday's contest with the Hokies, the Wildcats close out their schedule with Vanderbilt and Florida in Lexington, and Tennessee in Knoxville.

The **Hokies** are coming off an impressive 42-10 win over state-rival Virginia last week in Blacksburg. Among Tech's victories thus far are decisions at Clemson and Syracuse. The Hokies are led by the tailback tandem "The Stallions," Maurice Williams (92.4 ypg, six TDs) and Eddie Hunter (69.6 ypg, three TDs).

**The Coaches:** Kentucky's **Jerry**

**Claiborne** is in his fifth season as the head man at his Alma Mater. Claiborne, a 1950 graduate, has a record of 23-27-3 since returning to Lexington. He guided the Wildcats to appearances in the 1983 and 1984 Hall of Fame Bowls. Claiborne is in his 25th season as head coach, having guided successful programs at Virginia Tech and Maryland. His overall coaching mark is 161-103-8, making him fourth on the active list of coaches in number of victories. Claiborne's 61-39-2 mark at Blacksburg from 1961-70 is the best in the school's history.

Virginia Tech's **Bill Dooley** is in his ninth year as head coach and athletics director at Virginia Tech. In nine seasons with the Hokies, Dooley has compiled a 59-38-1 mark, second only to Claiborne in the school's football history. Under Dooley, the Hokies have participated in the 1980 Peach

Bowl and the 1984 Independence Bowl. Before coming to Tech in 1978, Dooley built a national power at North Carolina, where his teams played in six bowl games in 11 years. His overall coaching mark is 128-91-3.

**The History:** Kentucky holds a 10-5-2 advantage in the series which began in 1926. The Hokies have won the last two meetings between the schools by identical 29-3 scores, winning the 1981 contest in Lexington, and prevailing the following year in Blacksburg. The teams will meet in Lexington next season on October 31 at Commonwealth Stadium.

**The Cats:** \*Two Wildcat squad members hail from the state of Virginia. They are: placekicker Joe Worley of Oakwood and tight end Mark Wheeler of Annadale.

\*While Saturday's game at Virginia Tech marks the return of Coach Jerry Claiborne

to the Blacksburg campus, it is also a homecoming for Wildcat assistant coaches Dick Redding, Jerry Eisman and Terry Strock, who served on Claiborne's staff during the 1960s. Strock is a 1962 graduate of Virginia Tech, where he played under his current boss, and served as team captain during his senior year.

\*Senior linebacker Larry Smith of Springfield, was credited with 19 total tackles in the Georgia game, raising his team-leading total to 97. Smith is well on his way to a repeat performance of 1985, when he led the SEC with 152 total stops.

\*Honorary captains for Saturday's game at Virginia Tech are seniors Tony Mayes (cornerback) and Ken Lange (center). Season captains for the Wildcats are quarterback Bill Ransdell and defensive guard Tom Wilkins.



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# Winston Bennett Goes Down With Knee Injury

## Sutton, Crum Listed Among Top Five Coaches

**P**eople and things. Crash! Silence. Those were the sounds around Lexington last week when Winston Bennett went down with an injured right knee. The crash might have been the sound of Bennett hitting the floor, but the silence, the aftershock of what it means first, to this immensely special student-athlete, and second, to University of Kentucky's 1986-87 basketball season, is the part that must be deafening to UK fans. Certainly, this season without sergeant-major Bennett will be like a year for Smith without Barney ... Merrell without Lynch ... Hilliard without Lyons. Simply, the firm won't be as firm as it might have been. UK loses what has essentially been the heart of the team in a season in which Bennett's attributes were sorely needed, and far beyond time in sneakers too. His



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talent aside, UK will miss Bennett's presence, his leadership. Bennett himself might have lost a dream, or a chance at one. A career in the National Basketball Association. Because, if there is one thing NBA decision makers take a dubious view of, it is investing large amounts of money in a prospect who has suffered a knee injury that requires surgery. **IMPACT ON UK'S TEAM.** Losing Bennett would be severe for Kentucky. But Coach Eddie Sutton is not without some workable options. Some ideas... Ideally it could signal the emergence (finally) of Richard Madison, the 6-7, 232-pound junior forward who has been more master bust so far instead of master blaster. And there is 6-7, 210-pound sophomore Irv Thomas who Coach Doug Barnes rates so highly. Bennett's absence could mean tandem play from 6-11 Rob Lock and 6-9 Cedric Jenkins.

Or, it could mark an early debut for freshman Rex Chapman. Sutton has already hinted that he might re-employ the 3-guard offense that was so effective last season. Madison and Lock or Jenkins in front with Thomas and perhaps even 6-7 Todd Ziegler in relief inside. In the backcourt Ed Davender, James Blackmon and Chapman.

A bit of a "could be important" surprise package here. Mike Scott, a 6-11, 235-pound transfer from Wake Forest was present at UK's media day last week. Scott told me that he expected to complete his studies at Lexington Business College by Christmas and will enroll at UK. He would be eligible to participate for the basketball team at the start of second semester, mid-January.

Bennett's future? If surgery cancels the 1986-87 season for him, then a guess here is that he will return next season, to demonstrate to professional scouts that he is still physically able to play in the NBA. After pro ball, if he is to have a career in it at all, Bennett will do well at whatever he applies himself to because he has pursued his college career with the right priorities — education first.

**UK BASKETBALL BITS** Profile information in UK's 1986-87 media guide on some members of the Kentucky Wildcats is interesting. Under "primary inspiration in athletics" Julius Irving gets the nod from Paul Andrews, Cedric Jenkins and Richard Madison.

By way of contrast consider Winston Bennett and Todd Ziegler. Bennett's inspiration is Terry Cummings of the Milwaukee Bucks "because of his believe in God."

Ziegler's inspiration is John McEnroe because of "his desire to win."

Cedric Jenkins' goal at UK? To make academic All-American.

Comment If he makes it, Jenkins will be the first UK academic All-American since Kyle Macy in 1979. Winston Bennett made the academic All-SEC in 1985.

On the fan's side of things, there is Bryan Howlett of Glendale who has a "medicinal" prediction on why the Kentucky Wildcats are going to have another successful basketball season this winter.

"Madison medicine," says Bryan, referring to UK's junior forward and the big season he expects Madison to have. In Winston Bennett's absence UK basketball could certainly use some "Madison medicine."

A budding UK fan, Bryan Howlett is four years old.

**UK football blitzed**

Too bad about the timing for UK football's demise. Facts are that Coach Jerry Claiborne and his Wildcats ran smack into the scissored grip of another mid-October blitz and was sacked. Hard.

The blitzers here are the Southeastern Conference meanies and UK basketball. If you are old enough to remember the mid-October of UK football seasons gone by, you will know that the Wildcats of the past 20 seasons have lost mid-October games 17 times before or just after the basketball team put on its shorts and shirts and met the media on Oct. 15.

For other college football teams in the SEC, attention diverted from football to basketball in mid-October has been no more than an annoyance. But not at Kentucky.

When something called Midnight Madness comes around each mid-October UK football becomes Cinderella's carriage turned into a pumpkin.

At Kentucky, Midnight Madness marks the rise of basketball just when the football team is starting to skid. At least it has 17 of the last 20 Octobers.

### College top 5 coaches

Basketball fans in Kentucky will be interested in the Oct. 27 edition of The Sporting News, special basketball issue. TSN did a survey and came up with its top five college coaches. A story is included about each telling why they belong among the top five with remarks from college basketball's triumvirate (court jesters?) Al McGuire, Billy Packer and Dick Vitale.

TSN's top five coaches are: Dean Smith, North Carolina; Denny Crum, Louisville; Bobby Knight, Indiana; John Thompson, Georgetown; and Eddie Sutton of Kentucky.

For the avid college basketball fan, this TSN edition is worth your time. Comments of interest...

✓ McGuire on the basketball programs of the top 5 coaches: "...if they leave, all these programs would still be in the top 20."

✓ McGuire on Sutton: He doesn't necessarily need a roster full of high school All-Americans to be successful. "Eddie is a very solid teacher."

✓ McGuire on Denny Crum: "In recruiting, he asks, 'can you run and jump? If you can I'll fit you in.' His players improve month-wise and year-wise."

✓ TSN on Crum: His players usually enter college as better athletes—gifted runners and jumpers—than basketball players. His forwards often lead the team in assists. "That's why a lot of our forwards have been able to play guard in the NBA," Crum said.

### Louisville update

"The players are showing up earlier for practice and they've looked surprisingly good so far," a Cardinal spokesperson said last week. "Pervis (Ellison) is handling all the hype just fine and doing very well on the court too."

Comment In UL's first preseason scrimmage last week in Corydon, Ind. Ellison scored 44 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Too, freshman Felton Spencer, now a svelte 245 pounds, down 15 from his weight early last summer, "is playing a lot more aggressive than a lot of people expected him to be," the UoL man said. Spencer had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the white team.

Herb Crook and Mark McSwain are reported to be "much improved. And Tony Kimbro is looking awfully strong battling for a job in the backcourt."

Footnote Ellison will be one of those featured by college basketball analyst Al McGuire on his preseason television special on NBC-Television Nov. 22 at 5:30 EDT.

### Sutton tryouts

Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton said on media day (Oct. 15) that he will hold tryouts for the purpose of adding two or three walk-ons to the Wildcat squad.

"We have 11 scholarship players and if a couple of them got sick or hurt we wouldn't even have enough people for a five-on-five scrimmage," he explained. "We're looking for some practice players. So, yes, I'm going to announce a tryout. But it's going to be a little different."

Sutton grinned. "The tryouts will be at 6 a.m."

"Six o'clock in the morning!" a reporter said.

"Right. If I had tryouts at 10 a.m. or in the evening we'd have 500 people in here," Sutton said. "At 6 a.m. we might have 30 the first day, maybe 20 the second."

Then, when the "surviving" walk-ons get a look across the floor at 240-pound Rob Lock and the menacing countenance of 6-7, 210-pound Winston Bennett, ideally, the number will reduce itself.

**UPDATE.** The final tryout session was last Friday at 6 a.m. and there were 10 candidates left.

### People in sports

Members of the media from across the country were asked recently, as part of a survey, these two questions: First, the best five NBA players of all-time. Second, the five best active players.

No. 1 Top vote getters — Jerry West (unanimous), Elgin Baylor, Oscar Robertson, Wilt Chamberlain.

No. 2 Top vote getters — Larry Bird, Magic Johnson (both unanimous), Akeem Olatujun, Michael Jordan and a tie between Kevin McHale and Charles Barkley.

Comment Must be tough leaving out Abdul-Jabbar and Isiah Thomas.

University of Louisville redshirt freshman Keith Williams on the transition from high school competition to the college level. "It would be difficult for the average person, but I'm not an average person. Ability-wise I could have played last year, but I wouldn't have gotten the playing time I deserved so it was good that I sat out."

### Parting shots

⊙ Detroit Tigers first baseman Darrell Evans could have made himself a \$25,000 bonus if the Tigers had drawn 1.9 million fans to Tiger Stadium this past season. The Tigers attracted 1,899,437. Had Evans bought up 563 bleacher seats, at a cost of \$2,252, he could have netted \$22,748 bonus money anyway.

⊙ Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird had some good advice for 6-10 Fred Roberts, traded to the Celts from Utah during the offseason. "He'll be fine," Bird told reporters, "as long as he remembers that when he's in trouble, just give the ball to me."

⊙ When the upcoming NBA season is complete it will mark the end of the current players-owners contract and be time for new collective bargaining. Reports are the players have three items they want abolished from the current contract with NBA club owners — the college draft, the right of first refusal and the salary cap.

Reaction from NBA commissioner David Stern? "We think that's a nice wish list. But then we don't believe in the tooth fairy."

And so it goes. ■

## Potential Is There For Sutton's 'Cats

### Success Will Hinge On Inside Attack

Kentucky knew it wouldn't be easy to replace All-American Kenny Walker and floor leader Roger Harden this season. But no one even considered the possibility that Kentucky would have to replace those two plus rugged forward Winston Bennett.

Bennett, the team's top returning scorer and rebounder, injured his right knee in practice Thursday. The 6-8 Bennett had surgery last week to repair the damage and will miss the entire season.

That injury changes the team's whole outlook for the upcoming season. Now Kentucky must find three new players to team with returning starters James Blackmon and Ed Davender.

"This isn't like a midseason injury where a major adjustment has to be made," said Sutton. "We were just working on fundamentals when Winston



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

was hurt and the offense and defense weren't set.

"Most preseason polls had us rated too high any way. But sometimes a team will rally around something like this. I've seen teams overcome a lot of things and climb higher than people expected."

Just how high the Cats climb will depend on Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock, Richard Madison and Irving Thomas. Two or three of those players must emerge as dependable regulars to help fill the void created by Walker's graduation and Bennett's injury.

"It's unfair to think one of us can step in and be Mr. America like Kenny Walker," said the 6-7 Thomas, who averaged only 4.3 minutes, 1.3 points and 0.9 rebounds per game last year as a freshman. "We will be a more balanced team this year. Scoring will come from a lot of different people. We just have to rely on more of a team effort."

Jenkins, Lock and Madison, all juniors, each had superb outings last season. But none could maintain that play over a long period.

The 6-7 Madison is the best offensive threat and averaged 4.8 points per game while shooting 57 percent from the field. Jenkins is the top defender among the trio and finished the season with strong play in the Southeastern Conference and NCAA Tournaments. The 6-10 Lock is the best rebounder and most physical of the trio.

"How well this team does will be determined by the play of Lock, Jenkins, Madison and Thomas," said Sutton. "They've all improved from last year and know they have to play more."

"We know the pressure is on, especially with Winston hurt," said Lock. "But I think we will all work harder to make sure we still have a successful season. Besides, some of us have been waiting two years to play."

Sutton isn't worried about his perimeter play. Davender and Blackmon give UK two experienced and talented guards. Davender averaged 11.5 points per game last year while Blackmon put in 9.4 points in UK's three-guard lineup.

Backing up those two will be senior Paul Andrews and freshmen Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller. If UK's inside players don't develop, especially now that Bennett has been injured, Sutton could go with a three-guard lineup again.

That could put Chapman, who averaged 25.6 points per game at Owensboro Apollo last year while earning Mr. Basketball honors, into the spotlight immediately.

"I'm not putting any pressure on myself," said the 6-4 Chapman. "I just want to contribute to a championship team."

Sutton just hopes UK fans will give his talented newcomer a chance to develop. He said, "My biggest worry with him is the fans. My responsibility is to protect him so fans don't expect too much too soon. He just needs time to learn our system and develop."

Davender expects big things from himself and knows he must assume the role of playmaker that Harden filled the last two seasons.

"I have to take over as the floor leader," said Davender. "I've known since last year that I would have a new role this season and I'm ready to assert myself."

The same is true for the entire team. The Wildcats started preparing for basketball without Walker and Harden on their exhibition tour last summer. Now they must also prepare for action without Bennett.

But the players are confident new stars will emerge to uphold the Kentucky tradition.

"We have a lot of talent here if we can just put it all together," said Andrews. "If we all come together and fill our roles we could have another great season."

The players believe they can still be as good as last year's team. "We are talking about a possible national championship," said Thomas. "First we want to win our conference and then the conference tournament. But after that our goal is to win the NCAA."

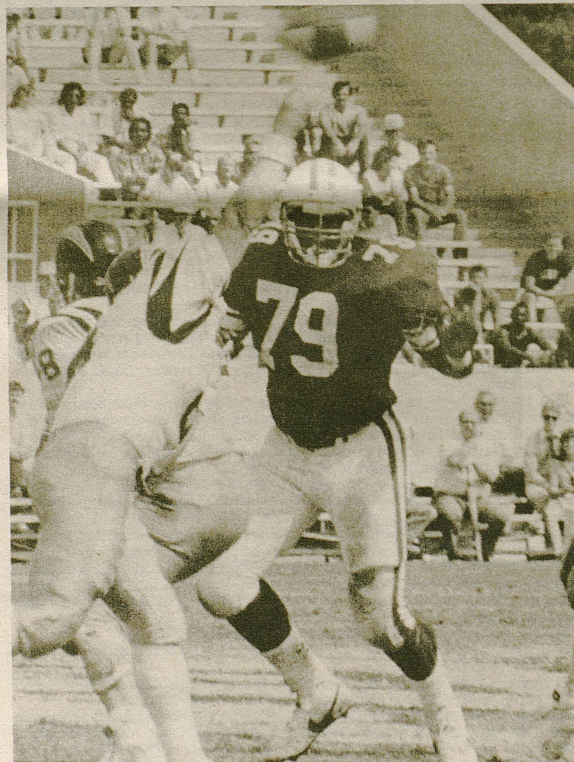
And Bennett will still play a vital role in the team's success. "Winston will always be our leader on and off the court," said Davender. "Nothing will ever change that."

But Bennett's injury certainly changed Kentucky's look for the 186-87 season.

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OLIVER BARNETT is only playing football for the fourth year but it didn't take him long to develop a knack for pressuring quarterbacks.

"If I get close to the quarterback I'll do whatever it takes to get him," said the UK freshman defensive tackle. "I like to get hold of quarterbacks no matter whether I have to go over or around the guy trying to block me."



Oliver Barnett

But one offensive lineman Barnett does respect is teammate Greg Kunkel, a 6-5, 277-pound junior.

"He's an outstanding player," said Barnett. "He's big and strong but he also takes a lot of pride in his play. He likes the game and is dedicated to football. He's the kind of guy you want for a teammate."

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LINEBACKER Larry Smith knows he will never play a perfect football game. But that doesn't keep the Kentucky senior from trying.

"I'm always looking for ways to do better," said Smith, UK's leading

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# One More Time!

## Senior Guards Paul Andrews And James Blackmon Get Ready For What They Hope Will Be A Successful End To Their Wildcat Careers

By Nick Nicholas

"We always place a lot of emphasis on our seniors. Being that this is their last year, this is their basketball team. This is their last shot. We want them to show leadership both on and off the court."

—Kentucky assistant James Dickey

It seems only yesterday James Blackmon and Paul Andrews were suiting up in Kentucky Blue and White for their initial time. The two Wildcat guards, along with teammate Winston Bennett, are now senior members of the University of Kentucky basketball team.

Time sure travels mysteriously fast. "It's gone by too quick," Andrews said recently. "It seems like I just got here, like I just came out of high school. My four years here have gone by quick."

"It seems like yesterday when I was a freshman," remembered Blackmon. "Time flies. I can look back when Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin were here; we had a lot of good times. Then, I look back when Kenny (Walker) was here and all the good times I had with him. Now, I'm a senior."

"It's gone by fast."  
Both players' high school careers are well-documented. A 40-foot buzzer-beater in the Sweet 16 finals and a 52-point effort in the Indiana state semifinals are two instances which will not be forgotten by either player.

Nearly four years have passed since Andrews and Blackmon showcased their prep talents. Now, their eyes are set on helping lead Kentucky to another Southeastern Conference championship and possibly much, much more.

"We (three seniors) have to show leadership when we go on the court and off the court," said Blackmon, "and make a good example for the younger players. We feel like we know the game-type situations."

The two senior guards have two backcourt rookies—Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller—to look after. Following a season of learning Eddie Sutton's system, UK's senior guards might be looked upon for advice.

"With the motion offense," noted Blackmon, "we kinda talk their way through it and tell them to be patient. They are really going to help our ballclub."

"We have two great freshmen," Andrews said, "and we're going to have to have them to help us this year."

"The seniors are going to have to show a lot of leadership. We'll have to try and show the freshmen what it's like (college basketball) and what it's going to take for us to repeat as SEC champions."

It may be a little longer for frosh Chapman and Miller to fit in the Wildcat system. Patience, like Blackmon mentioned, is their best advice. For Andrews and Blackmon, though, this is the last chance, their fourth and final year at Kentucky.

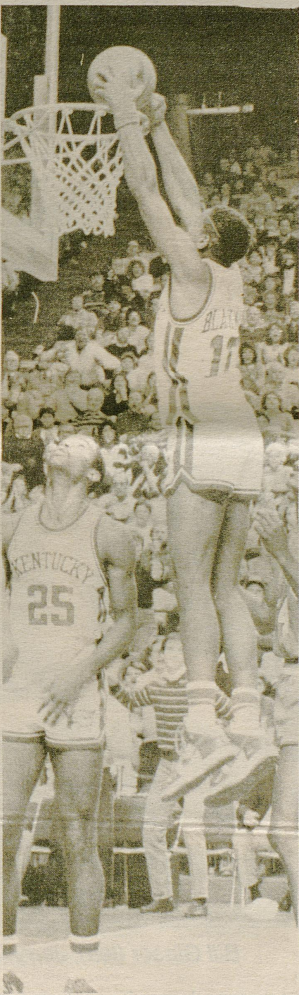
Now is not the time to be patient, especially when you're a fourth-year senior.

"This is the last go-around," said Blackmon. "When I come off the court I'm going to leave everything I've got on the court. I feel like it's going to be an exciting year for me because of the three-point goal. I feel like I can really hit that shot."

"It's going to be a good year."

Last season James Blackmon sparked while being a part of Sutton's three-guard tandem. Because of his excellent athletic ability, Kentucky was able to make the transition

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James Blackmon



Paul Andrews

sition with hardly any problems. His soaring talents helped Kentucky basketball climb to new heights throughout the 1985-86 campaign.

During his first two seasons, the Marion, Ind., native averaged only 1.2 and 1.4 rebounds per game, respectively. Converted into a full-time starter, Blackmon nearly tripled his board work with a 4.0 rpg figure (143 rebounds in 36 outings).

"A lot has been expected of James Blackmon since he's been here," Bennett said. "He was probably the best guard in the na-

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## UGA Backs Run Wild

# Georgia Uses 1st Half To Its

By Mike Estep

It was a game both teams needed desperately to win. Kentucky came in with a 3-2-1 record, riding a two-game losing streak. If the Jerry Claiborne and the 'Cats entertained any thoughts of salvaging the season and going to a postseason bowl game, a win over Georgia Saturday night was almost a must.

A lot of people were wondering if Kentucky could rebound emotionally. After getting trounced by Ole Miss in Jackson, and dropping a heartbreaker to LSU at home, could the 'Cats get up for Georgia?

"We're not about to give up now," UK cornerback Tony Mayes was quoted as saying prior to the game. "Too many people have worked too hard for too long. We need to win this game in the worst way."

Vince Dooley's Georgia team did, too. Georgia came in at 4-2, but more importantly, the Dawgs were 2-1 in league play and were still in the conference race.

"We can't afford any more losses," Georgia defensive guard Henry Harris said.

"It's been something of a mediocre year," Dawg quarterback James Jackson chipped in. "We haven't put the whole team together, yet. Some of our players haven't gotten into it yet. They're not going all out all the time. So we're looking to bust out."

Much to the displeasure of many of the 56,820 fans on hand at Commonwealth Stadium, that's exactly what the Bulldogs did.

Kentucky came out and took it to Georgia early, driving down the field on their first series and going in front 3-0 on a Joe Worley field goal.

### Wildcat Turnovers Told The Story

But Kentucky miscues led to 21 unanswered Georgia points in the second quarter, and for all intents and purposes, this one was over by halftime.

"Well, there's not a whole lot to say," Claiborne said in the aftermath. "They whipped us at the line of scrimmage. We missed tackles. We threw the ball poorly. Their defensive line just dominated our offensive line. . . . But you've got to give Georgia credit. They came to play. They whipped us physically. They whipped us just about any way you can think of."

"We didn't play well, that's all I can tell you. We didn't play well."

A glance at the final stat sheet bore that out.

Kentucky's heralded rushing attack, once one of the most potent in the SEC, was held in check for the third straight week. For the game, the 'Cats gained just 92 yards on the ground on 38 attempts, for an average of only 2.4 yards per carry. Fullback Marc Logan ran the ball just seven times and was UK's leading rusher with a meagly 33 yards. And the tailback duo of Ivy Joe Hunter and Mark Higgs, still not back to 100 percent because of injuries, combined for just nine carries and 28 yards. As a matter of fact, the only member of the UK backfield to have any success at all on the ground was quarterback Bill Ransdell. If you take away the negative yardage Ransdell lost while trying to pass, the senior from Elizabethtown picked up 75 yards on 20 carries.

"It's hard to run if you don't have some room to run," Claiborne said when asked why his running backs haven't looked sharp of late. "All backs look the same behind the line of scrimmage. It's after they cross the line of scrimmage and get a little running room. . . . we've got to get them across the line of scrimmage."

Meanwhile, Georgia running backs Lars Tate and Freddie Lane ran through the Kentucky defense to spearhead the Georgia rushing attack that was able ground out 353 yards on 58 carries.

"They had the big, hard running backs," Mayes said. "There isn't too much you can do but wrap up on them."

"We have to give Tate some credit, he ran real good," Claiborne said. "And Lane ran awfully good, too. He's a brilliant athlete. We just missed tackles that killed us."

### Kentucky Drew First Blood

Early in the game, it looked as though Kentucky might be able to break the jinx that had seen the Wildcats drop eight straight contests to Georgia. The 'Cats took the opening kickoff and in 13 plays marched from their own 24 to the Georgia one. But the Dawg defense held. Two running plays to Logan netted no gain. On third down, Ransdell rolled out to his right but failed to hook up with wide receiver Eric Pitts in the end zone. Claiborne was forced to send in Worley, whose 18-yard field goal put the 'Cats on top 3-0 with 8:28 left in the first quarter.

After several changes of possession, Kentucky committed the first of four crucial mistakes. The 'Cats had the ball at their own 22, facing a second-and-23 after Ransdell was sacked for a loss of 13. Ransdell handed the ball off to Logan who fumbled. Defensive end Wycliffe Lovelace was there to make the recovery and Georgia was in business, first-and-10 at the UK 25.

Three straight running plays netted just seven yards, and Georgia kicker Steve Crumley came in to attempt a 32-yard field goal. But holder Chris Carpenter handed the ball off to wide receiver Nathaniel Lewis, who scooted around the right side for six yards and a first down.

The fake field goal characterized the way things would go for Kentucky the rest of the night.

"Once again, we missed the tackle," Claiborne said describing the play. "Our man



Bill Glaser (left), Jerry Claiborne and Rod Sharpless Seem To Be Looking

was standing right there. If we make the tackle, it's our ball. We missed tackles bad (tonight)."

### Two Dawg TDs In Less Than Two Minutes Sealed UK's Fate

Three plays later Lane, a wide receiver who was switched to tailback before the game because of injuries, took a pitchout from Jackson and went into the end zone to give Georgia the lead at 7-3.

Just over a minute later, Georgia took advantage of another Kentucky turnover to stretch the lead. Ransdell dropped back and threw in the direction of Cornell Burbage, who was open downfield. But Ransdell hesitated, and by the time he delivered the ball, All-American safety John Little had stepped in front of Burbage to make the interception. Little raced down the sidelines untouched for a 54-yard touchdown return to make it 14-3 with 13:41 to go before the half.

It was yet another Ransdell interception that paved the way for Georgia. UK took the ball on its own 20 and moved it out to the 49. On first down, Ransdell's pass was deflected by defensive end Aaron Chubb. Linebacker John Brantley was there to pick it off and give the Dawgs the ball at their own 49.

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# o Its Advantage, Whips UK



Ransdell. Dooley completed one of seven passes for 16 yards and had one interception . . . Wide receiver **Dee Smith** was one of the few bright spots for the Kentucky offense. Smith caught four passes for 89 yards, including one catch that went for 33 yards. Smith also returned a kickoff for 42 yards and had one rush for four yards and a touchdown . . . Tight end **Martin Pennington** had a 14-yard reception, his first of the season . . . Wide receiver **Eric Pitts** had two catches for 26 yards, to give him a team-high 16 receptions . . . Punter **Jeff Nelson** rebounded from a poor performance against LSU and had an outstanding night. Nelson booted the ball seven times for an average of 43.7 yards, including a booming 63-yarder . . . **Joe Worley's** 18-yard field goal was his 10th successful kick in 12 tries. Worley leads Kentucky in scoring after seven games with 44 points . . . Unofficially, linebacker **Larry Smith** led Kentucky in tackles with eight. Safety **Ron Robinson** and defensive end **Guy Neal** had seven each. Defensive tackle **Oliver Barnett** was credited with six stops . . . Cornerback **Tony Mayes** came up with his second interception of the season, which makes him the team-leader in that category . . . Georgia running back **Lars Tate** carried the ball 13 times for a game-high 103 yards and a touchdown. Tate also had two receptions for 29 yards. Tate is a close friend of UK running back **Mark Higgs** . . . Running back **Freddie Lane**, who was moved over from flanker because of injuries to **Keith Henderson** and **Tim Worley**, picked up 91 yards and a TD on the ground in nine attempts . . . Quarterback **James Jackson** rushed for 72 yards and a touchdown and was six-for-14 through the air for 64 yards . . . Unofficially, Georgia linebacker **John Brantley** had a game-high 14 tackles. Brantley also had an interception and a quarterback sack. Defensive end **Richard Tardits** had was credited with three sacks (-15 yards) and defensive end **Mike Guthrie** had two sacks (-13). Georgia mascot **Otto** picked up a win in his debut. Otto was filling in on the sidelines for the first time, replacing his brother **Uga IV** who is out of action with strained ligaments in his leg.

em To Be Looking For Answers To Stop Georgia's Ground Game

That's when Jackson went to work. He completed a pass over the middle to Tate, who rambled 35 yards to the UK 16. After a running play to fullback David McCluskey picked up four yards, Jackson kept it himself on the next to plays to go in for the score. With 4:44 to go before the half, Georgia led 21-3 to pretty much put the game out of reach.

Kentucky did mount a final comeback attempt late in the third quarter, driving 52 yards in seven plays to cut the margin to 21-9. Wide receiver Dee Smith carried it in from the four with :04 remaining in the quarter, but the two-point conversion failed, and the scoring was over for the night for the Wildcats.

Tate added a touchdown and Crumley booted a 44-yard field goal to account round out the scoring for the visiting Bulldogs.

### Bulldog-Wildcat Tidbits

Wildcat quarterback **Bill Ransdell** continues to struggle during his final season. Ransdell completed just 10 of 27 passes for 128 yards and had two more passes intercepted. Ransdell, who entered the game as the SEC 10th-ranked quarterback, has now been intercepted seven times for the year . . . For the second straight game, coach **Jerry Claiborne** brought backup quarterback **Kevin Dooley** off the bench to relieve

## SEC standings

	SEC	Overall
Alabama	3-0-0	7-1-0
LSU	3-0-0	5-1-0
Auburn	3-0-0	7-0-0
Georgia	3-1-0	5-2-0
Miss. State	2-1-0	6-2-0
Mississippi	2-1-0	5-2-1
Kentucky	0-3-0	3-3-1
Tennessee	0-3-0	2-5-0
Florida	0-3-0	3-4-0
Vanderbilt	0-4-0	1-6-0

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## Mother's Memory Inspires UK's Chenault

### Soph LB Making Name For Himself In SEC

Two years ago Chris Chenault was undergoing some of the most difficult times in his young life. As a highly touted freshman out of Lexington Henry Clay, he wanted to immediately make a name for himself. But more importantly he wanted to impress his mother, who was suffering from terminal cancer, in front of capacity filled Commonwealth Stadium.

One of the reasons he chose the University of Kentucky was to give his mother a chance to see him play. He also wanted to stay close to the family.

She never got that chance. During his first year at Kentucky he was redshirted. His mother never saw him play for UK as she passed away.

"I thought if I stayed home she might see me play but I was then redshirted," said Chenault, who first committed to rival Tennessee instead of Kentucky.

"My mom told me when she was living that whatever school I went to that I would



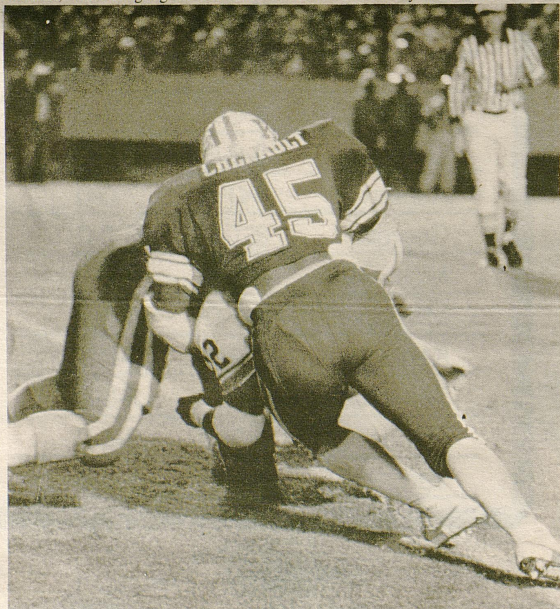
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Cats' Pause Columnist

do well because she had a lot of faith in me. But we were both glad that I came to Kentucky."

One of the remnants of his mother's death is worn around the sophomore's neck. Before she passed away Mrs. Chenault gave her son a neckless she had worn.

"She told me to take it before she passed away and never to take it off," remembered Chenault, while dangling the neckless. "It hasn't been off my neck since.



UK Linebacker Chris Chenault

"I think about her before every game. I wear it in all the games and tape it to my chest." Since her death, Chenault has used his mother's death as a source of inspiration and believes she is watching over him as he continues his life both on and off the playing field.

"Her death has been very inspirational for me," said the UK linebacker. "She told me that I could accomplish anything that I wanted to do. I still go to her grave and talk to her when I have problems."

#### Had Thoughts Of Turning In His Blue And White Uniform

One problem that Chenault had to endure was undergoing a traumatic redshirt season. Like many freshmen at major colleges, the adjustment of not being able to play is ex-

tremely hard to understand, especially when colleges come knocking at your door while telling you how much of a contribution you will make to the program. At the time Chenault needed guidance, and graduate assistant Tony Czack was there to give it.

"When I first came here I had problems where I had thoughts of quitting," said the UK public relations major. "That's when Tony Czack took me aside and helped me out. He told me that I had the potential to be great if I worked hard enough.

"He built my confidence back up to where I eventually was starting towards the end of last season."

Through the guidance of Czack, whose UK career ended because of a chronic foot injury, and linebacker coach Terry Strock, Chenault has blossomed into one of the best young linebackers in the Southeastern Conference. With an outstanding high school background in track, Chenault's potential is unlimited with blazing 4.6/40-yard speed. And that potential was no more evident than during the Wildcats' third game of the season in Riverfront Stadium against Cincinnati.

Trailing 9-7 with Cincinnati threatening to score, Chenault suddenly turned the game around with a dazzling 65-yard interception return.

"I was really keyed up because it was the first time I ever lost my starting position," he said of the events leading up to the exciting interception return.

"It was my first series of the game and I really wanted to do something big. The halfback came out into my area and I broke in front of the ball as the quarterback released it. All that was left was to run as fast as I could and not lose the football out of my hands."

Though he was frustrated by not getting the starting nod, it's no disgrace by any means to be benched for one particular game, especially when you are talking about UK's productive corp of linebackers.

#### There's No Question Marks At Linebacker

With Larry Smith (the SEC's leading tackler last season), Jeff Kremer and Don Yarano all seeing plenty of playing time, depth at this position is no problem. In fact, Chenault says Strock has the luxury of mixing and matching each of the linebackers' talents to fit certain game situations.

"All four of us have different styles. That way he has a good choice of meeting different situations."

One situation that calls for Chenault's expertise is when UK decides to blitz. Because of his size and speed, the UK sophomore can generate a mean rush against opposing quarterbacks.

"Against some teams it's harder to blitz because the offensive tackles are smaller. But against SEC teams with big, huge tackles I can fool them because of my speed and quickness. It's an advantage for me if the linemen are bigger."

Not only is he a hard charging blitzer but his pursuit to the ball is one of his primary strengths of a linebacker.

"I move to the ball pretty well," Chenault said. "I pretty much know what running backs are going to do because I played that position in high school."

Furthermore, in addition to the game experience he earned last season Chenault is getting more comfortable with the wide-tackle-six as each game is completed.

"The first game of the season I was a little nervous," admitted Chenault, whose cousin is Chicago Bears linebacker Otis Wilson. "But now I'm more relaxed. I'm going out there knowing exactly what I have to do."

#### Says 'Cats Held On Crucial Fourth Down Against LSU

He became somewhat unnerved two weeks ago against LSU. With his defensive teammates facing a do-or-die situation on fourth-and-one at the Wildcats' 37, trailing 18-16 with less than six minutes remaining, UK desperately needed the ball.

Chenault was taken out of the game because the defense was using a goal line-type alignment with Larry Smith as the sole linebacker. While watching from the sidelines he thought he saw LSU back Harvey Williams stopped for no gain.

"I saw Tony Mayes come flying over the top with Guy Neal wrapped around (Williams') legs in their own backfield," said the UK linebacker describing the crucial play. "I knew he didn't make the first down. Looking at the play on the film, where the officials actually spotted the ball, he didn't make it. But when everybody cleared out another of-ficial came up and moved it two more feet.

"I guess it's just a bad break, but that one was hard to take."

Playing in front of a rowdy Commonwealth Stadium crowd, however, Chenault believed the home field advantage might have played a key factor in the controversial spot of the football.

"Usually when you're at home you get the calls. But on that night they were more impressed with LSU than they were with us. I think that influenced their judgement."

Because UK had played the 12th ranked team in the nation to a standstill for nearly 57 minutes, he expects the Wildcats to remain competitive with the better teams for the rest of the season. Meanwhile, UK must take the rest of the campaign one game at a time and not overlook anyone.

"Against LSU we proved we can play with anybody," Chenault said. "They were one of the better teams in the nation. Now we want to take each game one by one. It would be a great accomplishment to play well at the end of the season and beat Florida or Tennessee. That would definitely help us for bowls, (more) than say the tie with Rutgers.

To obtain that much success Kentucky needs to build some momentum for its stretch run. Chenault realizes that UK will have to have inspirational support from the fans.

"We hope the fans get behind us and keep filling up the stands. I think we can surprise some people because everybody thinks we're down. But I know everybody on the team has not given up on the season. We can still have a good season."



## High Expectations May Disappoint UK Fans

Sutton's No Miracle Worker, But He's Close

With everyone else making predictions on how the University of Kentucky basketball Wildcats are going to fare this season, I thought I'd better get in on the action, also.

After all, I was one of the few sports writers in the country to predict the University of Louisville's national championship last season when the 64-team NCAA Tournament began. No brag, just fact. So maybe, I'm a little bit qualified to state an opinion. Maybe not.

First of all, Kentucky is ranked way too high in the pre-season polls, rating as lofty as third in some. No way does a program lose its top scorer and rebounder, gentleman Kenny Walker, and top playmaker, Roger Harden, and not feel the effects. UK may deserve a top-10 ranking when the season is over, but it has too many adjustments to make right now.



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That's not being pessimistic, just realistic. Some of the players said same at UK's media day Oct. 15.

"I don't think we're ready to be No. 3 because we have a few question marks as to who the coach would like to insert in those (Walker and Harden's) positions," said senior forward Winston Bennett. "At least, I don't think we should be ranked that highly."

And sophomore forward Irving Thomas agrees with Bennett's assessment.

"I don't believe in pre-season polls," said Thomas. "I don't think the record (32-4) we had last season should have any bearing because we lost our top scorer and top playmaker."

So, I'm not alone. Even some of the players agree with me. But you wouldn't expect them to make any brash statements like "we're going to the Final Four this season." Some players aren't that cocky, or lacking in intelligence.

Before every football or basketball season, the writers and broadcasters always rank the traditional teams, with the borderline programs usually left out. Then, after the first couple of weeks in the season, around the second week of December, the pollsters eat crow as the ranked teams lose to squads you've probably never heard of before or will again.

There's a lot of reshuffling in the Associated Press top 20 during the first weeks. With Kentucky's early schedule, playing at Indiana and Louisville, it may even drop out of the rankings for a while as it solves the puzzling question of how to replace the All-American Walker, who's now with the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks. After all, it's the final poll and making it to the tournament that matters, anyway.

### Tougher Schedule May Make 30-Win Season Improbable

"Our schedule is tougher this year," says coach Eddie Sutton. "There's no way we can have the record we had last year. The Southeastern Conference will be better, and our December schedule is tough with Indiana and Louisville."

The schedule also includes home dates against highly-ranked Navy, with David Robinson, on Jan. 25 and Oklahoma on March 1.

And besides the non-conference contests, within the Southeastern Conference itself are potentially potent teams in Alabama, Auburn, Florida and Louisiana State.

So having lofty expectations for the upcoming season may be disappointing. Ranking Kentucky that highly may surprise many of the "experts" around the country later this year.

Another reason for the positive ranking may be because of the immense respect a Sutton-coached team can bring. Sutton has established himself as one of the best in the game, along with Louisville's Denny Crum, North Carolina's Dean Smith, Indiana's Bobby Knight and Georgetown's John Thompson.

People just expect a Sutton-type squad to play well all season, and in the tournament, too. Sutton, who played for the great coach Henry Iba at Oklahoma State, now has an overall major college record of 374-129.

Sutton was selected the "National Coach of the Year" last season by the Associated Press and the National Association of Basketball Coaches in his first season at Kentucky. He was also selected the SEC's top coach after Kentucky went 17-1.

But Sutton isn't a miracle worker, although some would probably say he is because of what he did at football-crazy Arkansas. Can Sutton wave his magic wand and produce another 32-4 season? It would be a very pleasant surprise if he did.

### Look For A More Balanced Attack From '87 Wildcats

Kentucky does have three starters back in Bennett and guards Ed Davender and James Blackmon. Each averaged in double figures and Bennett had seven rebounds per game, not too shabby.

"I think we'll have a more open style of play this season because we won't have to rely upon Kenny so much," said Blackmon, a senior. "It'll take more from each of the players for us to have a good season."

Besides the afore-mentioned players, you already know who else plays on the team. But, just in case you don't, they are guards Paul Andrews, Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller and forwards Cedric Jenkins, Rob Lock, Richard Madison and Todd Ziegler. Players already due back for 1987-88 include forwards Reggie Hanson and Mike Scott.



Wildcats Face Tougher Schedule In '86-87, Sutton Says

Of course, it's much better to be ranked in the top 10, or top 20, than not. It certainly helps a program when it's ranked.

But Kentucky fans maybe ought to look at 1986-87 as a year of surprises, which is what made last season so enjoyable. If one doesn't expect too much, maybe he or she won't be so disappointed if players don't perform like expected.

I've never been one to make predictions, unless I have to. There are just too many variables involved. The coaches and those close to the programs know more about the game than anybody else. The fans are certainly more knowledgeable than they give themselves credit for.

So, unlike most of my colleagues, I'm not going to predict where Kentucky will finish this season. I'll just write that UK fans are in for many pleasant surprises this season. That's safer, and far more predictable.



Kentucky vs. Virginia Tech 1986 Kentucky Roster

Table with columns: NO., PLAYER, POS., CLASS, HT., WT., EXP., HOMETOWN. Lists 60 Kentucky players with their stats and hometowns.

1986 Virginia Tech Roster

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# The Turnover Bug

## Three First Half Miscues Allow Vince Dooley's Dawgs To Claim An Easy 31-9 SEC Victory Over The Slumping Kentucky Wildcats

By Nick Nicholas

"The score should have been 7-3 or 10-7 at the worst," said Bill Ransdell, reflecting back on the first 30 minutes.

That's not counting turnovers, though.

Last Saturday evening Kentucky's inability to score a touchdown on its initial drive knocked some of the steam out of its smoker. Meanwhile, three first-half miscues turned into 21 points and completely blew the lid off UK's game plan, losing for the third straight time, 31-9.

Vince Dooley's Bulldogs didn't have to worry about 'Cats bearing gifts. They took what the hosts had to offer and just cashed in.

"We were just making too many mistakes," said offensive guard Dermontti Dawson. "If we would have cut down on some mistakes, you know (pause), maybe won the game. Turnovers were the key—interceptions, fumbles.

"I think that was the turnaround. I don't think we played as well as we're capable of playing. Turnovers were the big issues of the game that led to Georgia scoring the points."

Two Ransdell interceptions and a Marc Logan fumble during the first 30 minutes resulted in Georgia scores.

All-Southeastern Conference back John Little quickly took care of one of UK's mistakes. Stepping in front of receiver Cornell Burbage, Little picked off a pass near

midfield and raced 46 yards untouched for the touchdown. Little's play gave Georgia a 14-3 cushion with 13:41 remaining in the second quarter.

Georgia's first touchdown came when Logan coughed up the ball on UK's 25. Seven plays later from the one, Georgia pulled ahead when Fred Lane took a pitchout and raced around left end for the score.

UK, once ahead 3-0, now found itself tailing 7-3 with 14:40 left until halftime.

Georgia upped the count to 21-3 with the help of linebacker John Brantley's INT after Ransdell's pass was deflected by Aaron Chubb.

"The guy just deflected it," Ransdell said. "You can't really do anything about that. Those things are going to happen"

Starting from its 49 the 'Dogs needed only four plays to pull comfortably ahead.

With each game UK, now a dismal but familiar 0-3 in SEC play, is beginning to resemble last year's squad. It was mistakes then and it's mistakes now which bring out the worst in Wildcat football.

Already, UK has given opposing teams 15 turnovers in 1986—eight interceptions and seven fumbles. Against UGA the turnover department made life miserable for the Wildcats.

"It took a little bit away from our game

plan," Ivy Joe Hunter said after the loss. "We did turn the ball over quite a few times (four times on the night). They forced us to pass more instead of mixing it up. That hurt us because we try to compliment each other."

Kentucky managed only 92 net yards on the ground, led by Logan's 33. Georgia, which compiled 353 yards, was paced by the bursting speed of Lars Tate. The 6-2, 209-pound junior tailback rambled for 103 yards and one touchdown.

It was turnovers which put UK in an enormous hole, one where the Wildcats could never climb out of.

On the initial series, the Wildcats could have enhanced their chances if they could have racked up a touchdown instead of a three-pointer. But the home team couldn't gain a mere one-yard on three, count 'em three, opportunities.

Twice Logan was stopped shy of paydirt. Traveling by ground wasn't successful so Ransdell went to the air. Ransdell's attempt to receiver Eric Pitts, though, sailed astray.

Joe Worley's 18-yard field goal put Kentucky ahead 3-0 early in the first quarter. But Worley's boot wasn't what the Wildcats needed or wanted for that matter.

Did that hinder Kentucky's enthusiasm? "I think it did," answered Hunter. "I per-

sonally felt that it was a major opportunity for us to score a touchdown."

Dawson thought differently at first. . . "No (it didn't have an effect). Georgia has an explosive offense and the key was that our offense had to put points on the board."

. . . but later pondered a moment on the particular drive.

"We should have gotten seven. Down there that close we should have punched it in instead of kicking the field goal."

Memories, especially bad ones, seem to cause second-guessing.

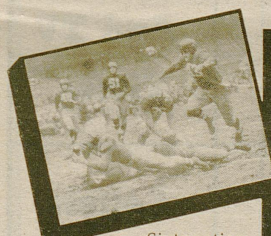
Georgia's coach was not at all pleased that Kentucky drove 75 yards on the game's first series. He couldn't complain with the end results, however.

"We did not play good defense at the start of the game," Dooley said, "but we did stop them nearer the goal line."

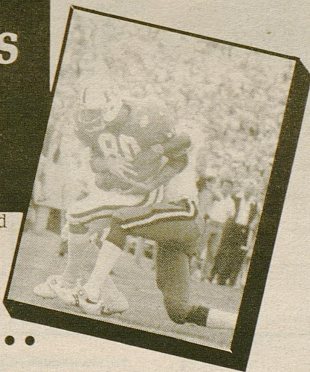
Four games remain against four beatable foes—Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee. After last Saturday those teams have a combined record of 12-17-1. Only Tech has a winning slate (5-2-1).

"We just have to stay with the game plan that the coaches provide," stressed Dawson. "Execute. . . that's the main thing."

Also, cutting back on turnovers might help compress the bleeding of UK's current three-game losing streak.



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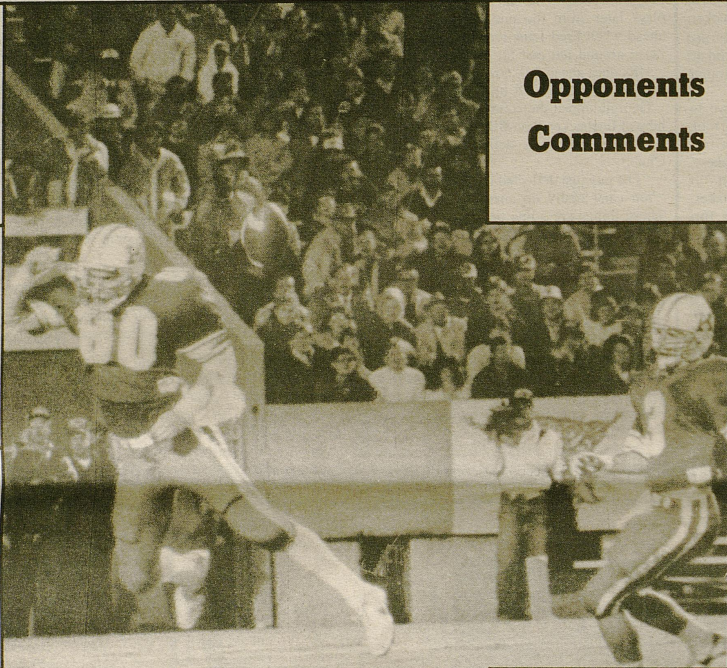
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## But Most Important You Get

### The Bottom Line On UK Football

## Oct. 25 Was A Black Day For UK Sports

### Bennett, Football Team Out For The Season

Saturday, Oct. 25, 1986.

You might want to mark it down on your calendar. Maybe you don't. Maybe you just want to forget it. Either way, it may very well be remembered as the day that both the Kentucky basketball and football teams went down for the count. Or, to use a term left over from the World Series, it was a day when the University of Kentucky stepped up to the plate and hit into a crippling, inning-ending double play.

First, UK forward Winston Bennett went under the knife at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Then, hours later, the Kentucky football team was drubbed 31-9 by the Georgia Bulldogs down the street at Commonwealth Stadium.

Who knows? Maybe both teams can put on their rally caps and muster a comeback, but the way it looks right now, this Oct. 25 twin-killing has to put them both out of contention for making much noise in postseason play.



Mike Estep  
Cats' Pause Columnist

If either team is to bounce back, perhaps Eddie Sutton's basketball team stands the best chance. After all, they're just barely into their preseason workouts. But you couldn't have picked a more critical player to go out with a season-ending injury than Bennett.

Winston George Bennett III was to be the glue that held this Kentucky team together. Never mind his 12.7 points and 7.0 rebound averages last season, both team-highs among returning players. Never mind that Bennett was an All-SEC selection last season. What Kentucky will miss the most out of Bennett this season will be his leadership abilities.

Sure, he was the most experienced member of Kentucky's inside game. And if the 'Cats were to compete favorably in the paint with Louisville's Pervis Ellison and Herbert Crook, Navy's David Robinson and Alabama's Derrick McKey, it was Bennett who was going to have to roll up his sleeves and get the job done.

But perhaps more importantly, if Kentucky was to make a serious charge in the NCAA tournament this season, it was Bennett, the team's co-captain the last two years, who was going to have to be the ring leader. The quarterback. The coach on the floor.

"Naturally, we are disappointed that Winston will not be playing this season but he will definitely be a key ingredient in this year's squad," Sutton said. "He has the respect of his fellow players and the coaching staff, and his leadership on and off the court will be vital."

Bennett may indeed prove to be helpful as a leader off the court, he will still have a hard time providing any leadership once the official throws up the first jump ball. More than anything, he led by example. He took that important charge when it was needed. He stepped to the line and hit the big free throws. He, along with Walker, was the one you went to inside when you needed a big bucket. He won't be able to provide any of that sitting on the bench in street clothes.

#### Who Will Provide On-Court Leadership?

Bennett's loss now leaves Sutton without a proven team leader on the court.

Paul Andrews and James Blackmon are also seniors, but neither has shown that they have the ability to stand up and take charge.

Juniors Rob Lock, Cedric Jenkins, Richard Madison and Todd Ziegler have also been around a while, but none of them have proven that they possess the personality it takes to do the job. Sophomore Irv Thomas has played under Sutton for a year, but he lacks court time and consistency.

You certainly can't look to freshmen Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller for leadership. Chapman may have been able to walk on water and part the Red Sea in high school, but you can't expect him or Miller to exude much leadership as rookies. They've got enough to worry about just trying to get adjusted to the program.

Through the process of elimination, that may leave point guard Ed Davender to run the show.

"He may have to take on some added responsibilities as the guy who initiates the offense," Sutton said following last season, long before the injury to Bennett. "Going into the season, Ed is the one guy who I hope can run the ballclub and initiate the offense."

Hopefully for Kentucky, the street-wise kid from the Bronx will have what it takes to pull it off.

If you're looking for a silver lining to the whole situation, the doctors have said that Bennett's surgery was a "complete success," and he will be ready to play for the '87-88 season.

And you can also say that at least the injury came early, before the season even started. It would have been much more difficult to stomach had the injury taken place in late December or early January, just in time for SEC play to start. At least that gives Sutton a fighting chance to salvage the season. It will also relieve a lot of the pressure that had been placed on the team. Many of the pollsters had Kentucky ranked among the

Top 10 teams in the country. This way, all the young players will be able to progress at their own pace without having to worry about competing for the national championship. Either way, the prospects look very promising for when Bennett makes his return next season.

Sutton, however, isn't ready to give up on this year's team just yet.

"Make no mistake about it, we're going to miss Winston," Sutton said. "But my experience in coaching has been that when a key player goes down, other players work harder and step to the forefront. I believe that is going to happen with this team."

"Our players have worked harder than ever since Winston went down. They know that they are going to have to play better than ever. And we as a coaching staff know that we are going to have to coach better than ever. But I'm still optimistic about this season. We have a fine group of young men who will represent us very well."

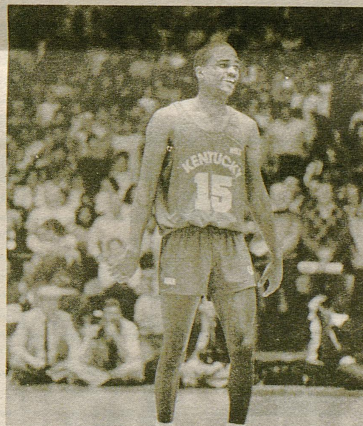
Sutton holds another trump card in that he is fond of the three-guard lineup. And we all know how successful that turned out to be a year ago. And with the three-point shot coming into effect this season, Bennett's loss may not be as costly as it would have been in the past.

"With the introduction of the three-point shot in college basketball, there will be more emphasis on outside shooting," Sutton said. "That could work in our favor this season."

#### Claiborne Facing Difficult Challenge

Unfortunately, the rest of the season doesn't look as bright for football coach Jerry Claiborne. Hours after Bennett underwent surgery, Claiborne's football Wildcats were busy being cut apart by the Georgia Bulldogs. Surgeons Lars Tate and Freddie Lane knifed their way through the Kentucky defense as UGA rolled up 353 yards on the ground. And the Dawg defense dissected the Kentucky offense, limiting them to only 242 yards of total offense.

If Kentucky had any hopes of extending its football season any further than the Nov. 22 matchup with Tennessee, they were all but extinguished with the 31-9 thumping it



Ed Davender, UK's New Leader?

suffered at the hands of Vince Dooley's Bulldogs.

After Kentucky dismantled Southern Miss 32-0 in Lexington, Oct. 4, everybody was talking national rankings and bowl game. Now, after three consecutive SEC defeats—two of them blowouts—the biggest topic of discussion has been whether or not the 'Cats can salvage a winning season.

"Well, there's not a whole lot to say," Claiborne said during the locker room post-mortem. "They whipped us about any way you can think of. We just have to regroup and try to get better."

"We have to throw the ball better. We threw it terrible. We didn't block well. We didn't run good. We just have to look at every phase of our football game."

Not the most promising words to hear after the seventh football game of the season. When asked if his team could regroup, Claiborne said, "We'll find out."

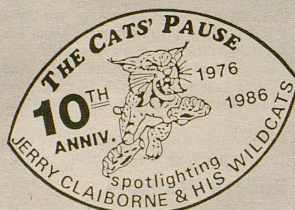
Even if the Wildcats can regroup and get themselves back on track, it may not be enough to impress the bowl scouts. Kentucky would have to sweep all four of its remaining games to have a chance to play during the holidays. And even if they do, only a win at Virginia Tech would seem to carry much weight with the bowl representatives. Tech, with a 5-2-1 slate, is the only opponent which currently has a record above .500—Vanderbilt is 1-6, Florida is 3-4 and Tennessee is 2-5.

"It's four games that represent a winning season to us," quarterback Bill Ransdell said. "That's the way we've got to look at it. We've got four weeks left, and for us seniors, that's the rest of the football we'll ever play. We just have to stick together and play our kind of ball."

Saturday, Oct. 25, 1986. A black day for Kentucky? Can UK come back and pull out a victory in the bottom of the ninth inning? Maybe. Maybe not. As Claiborne said, We'll find out.

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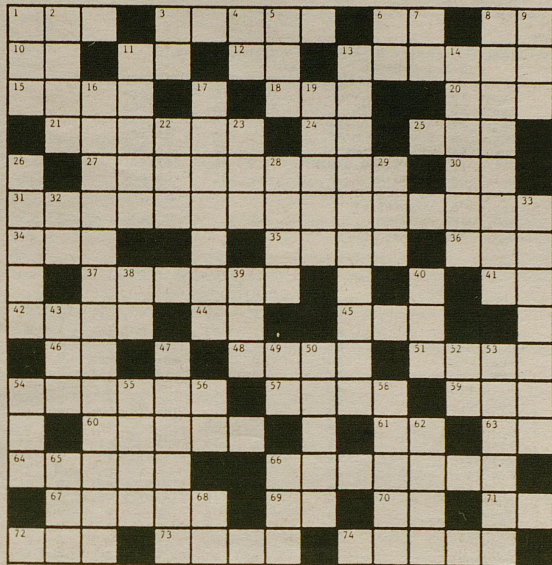


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Last Week Total		21-4-0 119-48-8	19-6-0 118-49-8	19-6-0 118-49-8	19-6-0 115-52-8	20-5-0 115-52-8	19-6-0 109-56-8
KENTUCKY AT VIRGINIA TECH	VA. TECH 3	KENTUCKY 1	VA. TECH 2	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 6	
ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	ALABAMA 9	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 13	ALABAMA 14	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 6	
AUBURN AT FLORIDA	AUBURN 6	AUBURN 10	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 10	
OLE MISS AT LSU	LSU 14	LSU 20	LSU 10	LSU 7	LSU 10	LSU 6	
RICHMOND AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 13	GEORGIA 24	GEORGIA 27	GEORGIA 34	GEORGIA 14	GEORGIA 10	
MEMPHIS STATE AT VANDERBILT	VANDY 3	VANDY 3	VANDY 4	VANDY 6	VANDY 6	VANDY 6	
OHIO STATE AT IOWA	IOWA 10	IOWA 9	IOWA 12	IOWA 7	IOWA 5	IOWA 8	
FLORIDA STATE AT MIAMI	MIAMI 12	MIAMI 10	MIAMI 3	MIAMI 9	MIAMI 14	MIAMI 10	
MARYLAND AT NORTH CAROLINA	CAROLINA 7	CAROLINA 13	MARYLAND 7	CAROLINA 6	CAROLINA 3	CAROLINA 8	
DUKE AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 8	GA. TECH 11	GA. TECH 9	GA. TECH 3	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 7	
CLEMSON AT WAKE FOREST	CLEMSON 1	CLEMSON 3	CLEMSON 4	CLEMSON 7	CLEMSON 10	CLEMSON 3	
SOUTH CAROLINA AT N.C. STATE	N.C. STATE 6	N.C. STATE 2	N.C. STATE 3	N.C. STATE 1	N.C. STATE 17	CAROLINA 3	
WISCONSIN AT INDIANA	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 14	INDIANA 10	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 6	
ILLINOIS AT MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN 13	MICHIGAN 21	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 24	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 10	
MICHIGAN STATE AT MINNESOTA	MICH. ST. 6	MICH. ST. 14	MICH. ST. 10	MICH. ST. 4	MICH. ST. 7	MICH. ST. 3	
PITTSBURGH AT SYRACUSE	PITT 3	PITT 1	PITT 6	PITT 11	PITT 6	SYRACUSE 3	
RUTGERS AT LOUISVILLE	RUTGERS 13	RUTGERS 21	RUTGERS 17	RUTGERS 18	RUTGERS 14	RUTGERS 10	
MURRAY AT MOREHEAD	MOREHEAD 7	MOREHEAD 11	MOREHEAD 3	MURRAY 3	MOREHEAD 10	MOREHEAD 6	
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WASHINGTON STATE AT STANFORD	STANFORD 6	STANFORD 9	STANFORD 5	STANFORD 7	STANFORD 10	STANFORD 3	
USC AT ARIZONA	ARIZONA 3	ARIZONA 10	USC 2	ARIZONA 6	ARIZONA 3	ARIZONA 7	
WASHINGTON AT ARIZONA STATE	ARIZ. ST. 2	ARIZ. ST. 1	ARIZ. ST. 3	WASH. 1	WASH. 1	ARIZ. ST. 3	

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



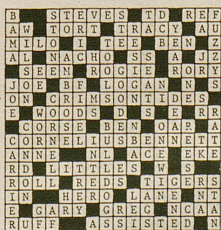
WILDCAT GRIDIRON GREATS

ACROSS

- 1 All-American Cat center Goode
- 17 Down was a \_\_\_\_\_-time All-SEC Cat
- 6 Initials of All-American Moseley
- 8 '60s Cat George \_\_\_\_\_zenbach
- 10 Initials of letterman Abraham or Allen
- 11 Initials of All-SEC guard Donaldson
- 12 Initials of lettermen Stephan or Smith
- 13 Curci served \_\_\_\_\_ than any other UK coach
- 15 First name of a star Cat QB
- 18 Abbr. for "pounds per square inch"
- 20 Abbr. for a time zone
- 21 Passed for 1823 yards in one season
- 24 Big Ten state abbr.
- 25 Very warm
- 27 '50s Cat All-American
- 30 Initials of '70s standout Nuzum
- 31 An All-American Cat
- 34 1st name of a '50s All-American tackle
- 35 Abbr. for "as soon as possible"
- 36 The Bradshaw \_\_\_\_\_ at UK: '62-'68
- 37 Standout Cat Tackle Herschel
- 41 Initials of 27 Across
- 42 Get to the QB
- 44 Symbol for "tin"
- 45 '80 All-SEC Cat center Roark
- 46 Initials of lettermen Hayden or Hawkins
- 48 2-time All-SEC Cat roller
- 51 Pain
- 54 \_\_\_\_\_ Cat number was 97
- 57 Star '60s HB
- 59 '53 All-American Cat guard Correll
- 60 Bob Gain was \_\_\_\_\_ All-American in both '49 and '50
- 61 3rd and 4th of the five
- 63 Initials of lettermen Steele or Stewart
- 64 A star 'Bama back
- 66 "Bear" \_\_\_\_\_ the Cats in the early glory years
- 67 \_\_\_\_\_ Dame
- 69 Initials of '77 All-SEC Cat Siganos
- 70 Bob Jones \_\_\_\_\_ cked PATs for the '60s Cats
- 71 Higgs had a 84-\_\_\_\_\_ run in '84
- 72 '80s lineman Corbin
- 73 Former term for receiver positions
- 74 '67-'68 All-SEC Cat back

DOWN

- 1 1st name of a '61 Cat All-American
- 2 Creates slippery field conditions
- 3 Abbr. for a fan favorite
- 4 Initials of late-'70s NC Jaffe
- 5 Sixth sense?
- 6 Initials of standout Cat Owens of '70s
- 7 Big Ten state abbr.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ All-SEC years were '64-'65
- 9 1st name of 54 Across
- 11 Bridge expert
- 13 Position of '71 All-SEC Federspiel
- 14 1st name of an '84 All-SEC Cat
- 16 3-time All-SEC Cat
- 17 Standout '70s Cat Sonny
- 19 Autographs
- 22 Don't win, yet don't lose
- 23 Nothing
- 26 The British \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 By
- 29 Abbr. for a political party
- 32 Peauit and Ranieri were \_\_\_\_\_captains in '75
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ biggest Cat year was '77
- 38 SEC champs in '50
- 39 Position of 31 Across
- 40 RNA partner
- 43 1st name of a '77 Cat All-American
- 47 '74 Cat All-American Stephens
- 49 \_\_\_\_\_ "Happy" Chandler
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ All-American years were '50 & '51
- 52 Initials of lettermen Roberts or Riddle
- 53 QB \_\_\_\_\_ Cat years were in the mid-'50s
- 54 Star tackle Ball
- 55 33 Down was the \_\_\_\_\_ Cat QB to earn first team All-SEC honors
- 56 Initials of former LSU star Enfinger
- 58 1st name of 74 Across
- 62 A Big Ten state
- 65 One for Poncho
- 66 Abbr. for "centimeters"
- 68 Verb suffix



Worth Repeating

Former Wildcat guard Roger Harden was cut by the Los Angeles Lakers last Tuesday (Oct. 14). Kentucky's all-time assist leader (232) faced a difficult situation with guards Andre Turner, Dale Blaney and Ron Kellogg trying for one of two spots on the Lakers' reserve backcourt list. The Valparaiso, Ind., product was the 115 player chosen (Fifth round) in last season's National Basketball Association draft.

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Don Weber's women cross country squad, ranked No. 4 nationally, finished second in a 20-team meet last week at the Arizona Invitational Meet (Oct 13th). Lisa Breiding was UK's top finisher (10th) as she crossed the finish line completing the 5,000-meter course in a time of 18:06.5. The overall winner was Liz Natale of Texas with a time of 17:22.1. Texas, No. 2 in the land, captured the event.

Weber's men team placed 15th as 24 squads competed in the men's division.

Kentucky's next cross country meet is this Saturday in Richmond as Eastern Kentucky hosts Tennessee, Louisville and UK.

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In women's volleyball, Kentucky defeated the Purdue Boilermakers 3-2 (12-15, 15-6, 15-1, 12-15, 15-10). On Monday, Oct. 13th to finish off a three-game home stand with a perfect 3-0 slate. The 'Cats' two other victories came over Notre Dame 3-0 (15-5, 15-13, 15-8) and SEC rival Mississippi 3-1 (4-15, 15-5, 15-13, 15-4). The victories raise the Ken-

tucky record to 13-5 on the season and 2-0 in the SEC.

"We've been getting better matches from our outside hitters recently," said Kathy DeBoer, UK's coach. "In particular, Lisa Dausman has been doing a great job."

We've known Lisa has a lot of talent," DeBoer continued. "Most of her sophomore year, she played with a sore knee. Last year, she sat out after surgery. With extensive rehabilitation and work on her part, we may finally be seeing her at full strength."

In the past three matches, Dausman has 34 kills, five block assists, and three solo blocks. The 6-foot-1 junior outside hitter from Newburgh, Ind., seems to be making the adjustment from middle blocker to the outside position well and is recovering from an early-season injury to her "good" knee.

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A limited number of tickets to the Committee of 101's annual "Get Acquainted" Banquet, set for Nov. 13th at the Hyatt Regency, remain available at UK's Memorial Coliseum ticket office.

Ed Beck, a member of the 1957-58 national championship UK team, will be the featured speaker at the event which gives Wildcat fans a chance to meet the 1986-87 squad. A crowd of 800 is expected.

The dinner will be held in the Hyatt's Patterson Ballroom beginning at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the UK Ticket Office weekdays from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

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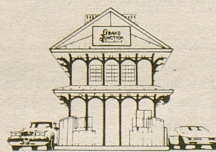


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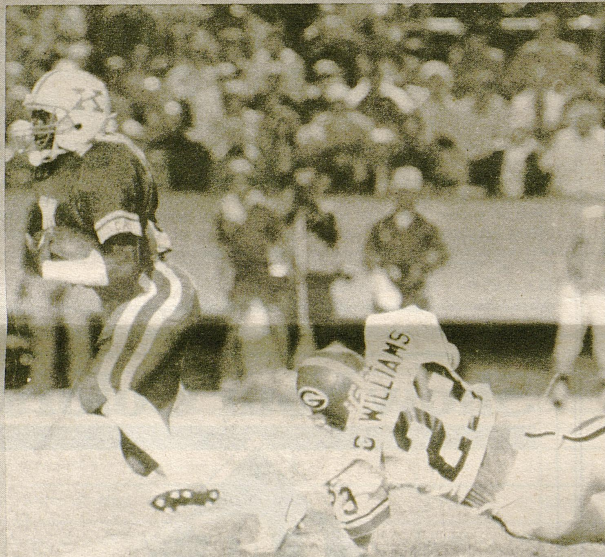


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# 1986 Kentucky Wildcat Football Statistics

## 1986 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOOTBALL SUPERLATIVES

- LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMPAGE--45 yards, Ivy Joe Hunter vs. Southern Mississippi
- LONGEST PASS PLAY--52 yards, Jeff Nelson vs. Southern Mississippi
- LONGEST PUNT RETURN--14 yards, Cornell Burbage vs. Kent State
- LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN--42 yards, Cornell Burbage vs. Louisiana State, Dee Smith vs. Georgia
- LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN--95 yards, David Johnson vs. Cincinnati
- LONGEST FIELD GOAL--49 yards, Joe Worley vs. Louisiana State
- LONGEST PUNT--67 yards, Jeff Nelson vs. Ole Miss
- LONGEST SCORING DRIVE--34 yards vs. Kent State
- MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS--20, Bill Ransdell vs. Georgia
- MOST RUSHING YARDS--128 yards, Ivy Joe Hunter vs. Southern Mississippi
- MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING--3, Mark Higgs vs. Kent State
- MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS--31, Bill Ransdell vs. Ole Miss
- MOST PASS COMPLETIONS--18, Bill Ransdell vs. Rutgers
- MOST YARDS PASSING--197, Bill Ransdell vs. Rutgers
- MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING, 1, Bill Ransdell vs. three teams
- PASS RECEPTIONS--6, Andy Murray vs. Louisiana State
- MOST YARDS RECEIVING, 103, Andy Murray vs. Louisiana State
- MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE--193, Bill Ransdell vs. Louisiana State
- MOST POINTS SCORED--18, Mark Higgs vs. Kent State
- MOST FIELD GOALS--4, Joe Worley vs. Southern Mississippi
- MOST PUNTS--9, Jeff Nelson vs. Ole Miss
- MOST PUNTING YARDS--407, Jeff Nelson vs. Ole Miss
- MOST TACKLES--19, Larry Smith vs. Rutgers
- MOST FIRST HITS--12, Don Yarano vs. Ole Miss
- MOST ASSISTED TACKLES--10, Larry Smith vs. Rutgers, Jeff Kremer vs. Ole Miss
- MOST INTERCEPTIONS--five players tied with one each



Dee Smith Against Georgia—Four Catches, 89 Yards

### TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
BEST	WORST	BEST	WORST
37 vs. Kent State,	9 vs. Georgia	FIRST DOWNS	21 vs. Ole Miss
3 vs. Kent State	12 vs. Ole Miss	by Rush	11 vs. Ole Miss
19 vs. Kent State	4 vs. Ole Miss	by Pass	14 vs. Kent State
9 vs. Rutgers	6 vs. Ole Miss	Penalty	3 vs. three teams
3 vs. Kent State	0 vs. Rutgers, LSU	RUSHING YARDS	353 vs. Georgia
284 vs. Kent State	72 vs. Ole Miss	PASSING YARDS	312 vs. LSU
226 vs. Louisiana St.	105 vs. Cincinnati	TOTAL OFFENSE	423 vs. Cincinnati
431 vs. Southern Miss.	203 vs. Ole Miss	TOTAL PLAYS	83 vs. Ole Miss
73 vs. Kent State	61 vs. Ole Miss	by Rush	56 vs. Ole Miss
57 vs. Kent State	28 vs. Ole Miss	by Pass	35 vs. Rutgers
34 vs. Georgia	16 vs. Kent State	PASSES COMPLETED	25 vs. Cincinnati
18 vs. Rutgers	11 vs. Kent State, Georgia	INTERCEPTIONS	0 vs. three teams
0 vs. Three Teams	3 vs. Georgia	FUMBLES RECOVERED	1 vs. three teams
0 vs. Southern Miss., LSU	2 vs. Rut., Ole Miss		
1 vs. Georgia	13 vs. Ole Miss		
10 vs. Georgia	100 vs. Ole Miss		

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

KENTUCKY	36	33	52	39	= 160
OPPONENTS	23	58	9	47	= 137

### 1986 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FOOTBALL RESULTS (3-3-1 OVERALL 0-3 SEC.)

DATE	OPPONENT	UK	OPP	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 13	RUTGERS	16	16	57,424
Sept. 20	KENT STATE	37	12	54,865
Sept. 27	at Cincinnati	37	20	36,233
Oct. 4	SOUTHERN MISS.	32	0	58,102
Oct. 11	at Ole Miss	13	33	28,000
Oct. 18	LOUISIANA STATE	16	25	57,281
Oct. 25	GEORGIA	9	31	56,820
Nov. 1	at Virginia Tech			
Nov. 8	VANDERBILT			
Nov. 15	FLORIDA			
Nov. 22	at Tennessee			

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	TACKLES	1-HIT	ASST	QRS	TFL	TP	FC	FR
L. Smith	97	44	53	0	1(-1)	0	0	1
Chenault	64	41	23	0	3(-4)	1	0	0
C. Gardner	55	26	29	1(-3)	2(-2)	0	1	1
Neal	54	29	25	2(-6)	2(-4)	0	1	0
Kremer	52	22	30	0	1(-1)	0	0	0
R. Robinson	43	29	14	0	0	0	0	0
Yarano	43	23	20	0	0	0	0	0
Reese	39	23	14	1(-4)	2(-2)	0	1	1
Shannon	35	20	15	1(-5)	1(-2)	0	0	0
Wayes	34	24	10	0	1(-2)	0	0	0
Wilkins	32	12	20	1(-14)	0	0	1	0
Endris	27	8	19	0	0	0	1	0
Velotta	24	20	4	1(-5)	2(-3)	0	0	0
Adams	24	9	15	2(-10)	2(-5)	2	0	0
Johnson	24	19	5	0	0	0	0	0
Barnett	23	18	5	2(-13)	0	0	1	1
Max	20	14	6	0	0	0	0	0
Benzinger	19	8	11	0	0	0	1	1
Dortch	17	9	8	2(-10)	1(-2)	0	0	0
Houser	16	8	8	1(-3)	0	0	0	0
Gover	11	6	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wright	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
Aligeler	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woolfe	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Massey	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
D. Gardner	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stubbs	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	3	3	0	1(-4)	0	0	0	0
Coates	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baird	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Robinson	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sellers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Robinson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Worley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

### INDIVIDUAL TOTALS

PLAYER	G	ATT	YDS	YPA	YDS TD	LB
RUSHING	7	65	372	5.7	53.1	3 21LS
Logan	7	57	334	5.9	47.7	2 45SM
Hunter	6	54	242	4.5	40.3	4 19SM
Murray	7	28	82	2.9	11.7	2 15OM
A. Baker	2	15	64	4.3	32.0	0 13KS
A. Gardner	6	10	45	4.5	7.5	0 19KS
R. Smith	7	3	29	9.7	4.1	1 26SM
Groves	6	3	17	5.7	2.8	0 10KS
Bilberry	2	4	13	3.3	6.5	0 6SM
Nelson	7	2	8	4.0	1.1	0 10SM
G. Baker	3	4	7	1.8	2.3	0 4KS
Ransdell	7	51	33	0.6	4.7	1 14LS
Dooley	6	3	4	1.3	0.8	0 7DM
Allen	1	1	-3	-3.0	-3.0	0 -3KS
TOTALS	7	300	1241	4.1	177.3	13 45SM

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT TD	YDS	LP
PASSING	7	162	87	7	53.7	3	967 336A
Ransdell	7	24	7	1	29.2	0	77 22LS
Dooley	7	1	1	0	100.0	0	52 56SM
Nelson	7	1	1	0	100.0	0	9 9JC
Smith	7	1	1	0	100.0	0	9 9JC
TOTALS	7	168	96	8	51.1	3	1105 525M

PLAYER	G	CGT	CPG	YDS	YPC	TD	LD
RECEIVING	7	16	2.3	159	9.9	0	28RU
Pitts	7	13	1.3	135	10.5	1	21LB
Logan	7	12	1.7	173	14.4	0	30RU
Burbage	7	9	1.3	126	14.0	0	27LS
Murray	7	8	1.1	92	11.5	1	22LS
Jones	7	8	1.2	40	5.0	0	146A
Hunter	6	8	1.2	59	8.4	0	19DM
Higgs	7	1	0	1	1.0	0	336A
D. Smith	7	4	0.6	38	9.5	0	17SU
Wheeler	6	3	0.5	35	11.6	1	15UC
Curry	7	2	0.3	27	13.5	0	18UC
O'Neal	3	2	0.6	13	6.5	0	10SM
G. Baker	7	1	0.1	52	52.0	0	52SM
Neal	7	1	0.1	14	14.0	0	146A
Pennington	7	1	0.1	8	8.0	0	8LS
Ransdell	7	1	0.1	5	5.0	0	5KS
A. Gardner	7	95	13.7	1105	11.5	3	52SM
TOTALS	7	95	13.7	1105	11.5	3	52SM

PLAYER	PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LP
Worley	14	11	41.5	67	DM
Nelson	1	66	26.0	26.5	LS
TOTALS	35	1437	41.1	67	DM

PLAYER	FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LK
Worley	11	9	49LS	

PLAYER	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Burbage	14	77	5.5	0	14KS	
Robinson	1	0	0.0	0	0SM	
TOTALS	15	77	5.1	0	14KS	



# Stagg First To Laud Upcoming Opponents

Now It's Been Refined To A Fine Art

More years ago than 95 percent of those reading this column can remember, the University of Chicago had a football team, and a good one.

The Maroons were in the Big Ten and their ace halfback was Jay Berwanger, the first winner of the Heisman Trophy.

We're not exactly talking about yesterday. Berwanger won the Heisman in 1935.

Anyway, the Super Chicago Eleven was scheduled to play a terrible Purdue team that didn't even have the usual two chances to win—slim and none. All they had was none.

But the Chicago coach, the immortal Amos Alonzo Stagg, praised his opponent to the skies and a Chicago newspaper took the bait.

The day before the game a giant sports page headline proclaimed, "Stagg Fears Purdue!"

That headline became the talk of the Big Ten. Stagg feared Purdue about as much



## Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

as he would have feared a matchup with one of the neighboring high school teams.

But the technique of praising your opponent to the skies, whether or not they deserve it, came into vogue and today it's been refined into a fine art.

Walk into any SEC dressing room and somewhere you'll find a bulletin board. It will be filled with every negative newspaper clipping about his team and his players that the coach can find. Disparaging comments by the next opponent are the most welcome. They need not be current. They can be post-game comments from last year.

"John Smith isn't nearly as good as I had believed."

"They gave up early!"

"We could tell every play quarterback Joe Blow was going to run."

It doesn't have to be much as long as it's a put-down and is published. You can be certain it will make the files for use before the same game the following season.

### Praise, Praise. . . And More Praise

So now the technique is praise, praise, praise. Praise the good teams you play, and praise the bad ones, too.

Ray Perkins worries about Alabama's game with Memphis State. Pat Dye is uptight about Western Carolina. Galen Hall is sweating out having to line up against Kent State.

Aw, c'mon!

Johnny Majors, Tennessee, before the Alabama game: "We will be playing against one of the most experienced and intelligent football teams this country has seen in several years."

Ray Perkins, Alabama, before the Tennessee game: "They give a defense more looks than any team I've ever seen."

Pat Dye, Auburn, before the Georgia Tech game: "We currently face our biggest challenge of the year in Georgia Tech. They are by far the best football team we have played. I know it is the best Tech team since we have been at Auburn. They are surely a Top 20 team right now."

Bill Curry, Georgia Tech, before the Auburn game: "Their defense has no weakness. Their line is dominating and physically tough. They have a real sound secondary. Their offense is outstanding and the kicking game is playing well. I don't see any apparent weakness."

Watson Brown, Vanderbilt, before the Georgia game: "Georgia is another good team. We caught them a little flat or whatever last year (they tied the Dawgs 13-13) and they'll remember that. Plus, Athens is a tough place to play."

Vince Dooley, Georgia, before the Vanderbilt game: "Vanderbilt has always posed problems for our defense and I don't expect anything different this year."

Galen Hall, Florida, before the Rutgers game: "Rutgers is more physical than Kent State and they have played some good football against solid opposition. We expect a difficult road game."

Billy Brewer, Ole Miss, before the Southwestern Louisiana game: "Southwestern Louisiana will not be intimidated by Ole Miss. The first thing they do in the morning is gargle with Budweiser and brush their teeth!"

Nelson Stokley, Southwestern Louisiana, before the Ole Miss game: "They're a solid football team and an outstanding football team. They've got the best defensive team we've played so far."

Jim Carmody, Southern Mississippi, before the Memphis State game: "They're not an 0-6 team. If you looked at their films and didn't know their record, you'd wonder why they haven't won one."

Not an unkind word in the bunch. Amos Alonzo Stagg statements, every one. The

old man would have been proud.

After all, he invented today's technique of producing the same stuff bulls make.

### Not For Broadcast

It's a shame the **Auburn-Georgia Tech** series is ending. For years Tech was Auburn's No. 1 football rival. When **Shug Jordan** was hired by his alma mater in 1951 to be the head football coach, his job was not necessarily to beat Alabama or Georgia. He was hired to beat Tech. Next year's game (in Atlanta) is the last for a number of years between these two old rivals. Tech cancelled the series citing difficulty in Atlantic Coast



Sonny Smith

Conference scheduling as the reason . . . **Ole Miss** sold only 10,800 season tickets this year. That's the lowest total in the SEC. **Mississippi State** sold a bit over 12,000. Some schools in the league sell 60,000 . . . **Georgia coach Vince Dooley** currently ranks third among all active Division I-A coaches in career victories, with 178. **Bo Schembechler of Michigan** is first with 201 wins and **Joe Paterno of Penn State** has 191 . . . Interesting statistic. **Georgia** has lost 57 percent of the games in which they've given up 20 points or more. On the other hand, the Dawgs have won 83 percent of the games in which they have allowed 19 points or less . . . **Auburn basketball coach Sonny Smith** says he doesn't believe the SEC will be as strong in basketball this year as it was last season, but it will be more competitive. Sonny says, "The top teams are a little weaker and the bottom teams are slightly improved." . . . Tell me again about the relationship between the final score and the game statistics. When the **Vanderbilt-Auburn** game was over, Vandy had 24 first downs to Auburn's 12. The Commodores controlled the ball for 83 offensive snaps. Auburn had only 51. Time of possession was Vanderbilt, 37:01, Auburn, 22:59. But the final score was Auburn 31, Vanderbilt 9. That's the only statistic that really counts . . . **Tennessee head coach Johnny Majors** had never lost to Army as a head coach—until this year. **Army head coach Jim Young** had never lost to the Volunteers as a head coach—and thanks to that last-minute blocked punt he still hasn't . . . Research by the **Auburn Athletic Department** indicated that the Auburn team of 1936 and the Chicago Bears of 1986 are look-alikes. The '36 Tigers wore uniforms identical to the '86 Bears—dark blue pants, solid blue headgear, white jerseys and orange and blue numerals . . . Why did **Tennessee middle guard Brian Hunt** transfer from **Houston**? Hunt, who is from the suburbs of Dallas, Texas, said a negative attitude prevailed among the Cougars, their weight room was smaller than the one at his high school, players were put into easy classes so they would remain eligible and the campus was near a ghetto. The straw that broke the proverbial camel's back came when Hunt was shot twice while driving his car. At that point the young noseguard left for Knoxville where he walked on. Now he's starting at the position . . . How good was the late **Bear Bryant**? During his recent induction into the Hall of Fame, it was pointed out that while he was at Alabama (1958-82) his record was 232-46-9 (.824). His teams won six national championships, 13 SEC titles and produced 45 All-Americans. Bryant was National Coach of the Year three times and SEC Coach of the Year eight times . . . **The Last Word**: When Emory Bellard, originator of the wishbone offense, left Mississippi State, one of the prime candidates for the job was **Arkansas State's Larry Laceywell**, who also teaches the 'bone. He didn't get the job. Said Laceywell recently, "I think Mississippi State did the right thing (in not hiring him). They had to be sick of the wishbone."

## Claiborne — 'There's Not A Whole Lot To Say'

Following are coach Jerry Claiborne's postgame comments after Georgia defeated Kentucky 31-9 Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium.

**Question: Your thoughts on the game?**

Claiborne: Well, there's not a whole lot to say. They whipped us at the line of scrimmage. We missed tackles. We threw the ball poorly. Their defensive line just dominated our offensive line. The only thing I thought we did well tonight, is that we punted the football well. That was the only thing we did well. You've got to give Georgia credit. They came to play. They whipped us physically. They whipped us about any way you can think of. We just have to regroup and try to get better.

**Question: Can your team regroup?**

Claiborne: We'll find out.

**Question: Have you ever faced as difficult a situation of having to regroup as you do now?**

Claiborne: I've been through some of these before. We just have to go back and practice some of the basic fundamentals...get tougher, get mentally tougher. We have to throw the ball better. We threw it terrible. We didn't block well. We didn't run good. We just have to look at every phase of our football game.

**Question: If you could have scored a touchdown on the first drive instead of kicking the field goal, would that have made any difference in the outcome of the game?**

Claiborne: How would I know? I don't know. We just didn't get the ball off in our passing game at all and that's what really killed us. We turned the ball over, we had three interceptions. I thought we had some momentum coming back when we ran the reverse on the kickoff but we couldn't take advantage of it. We just didn't generate any offense at all. We played good defense at times, and then we let them have the big plays by missing tackles. We have to give (Georgia running back Lars) Tate some credit, he ran real good.

And (Freddie) Lane ran awfully good, too. He's a brilliant athlete. We just missed tackles that killed us.

**Question: When you say you didn't get the ball off in the passing game, are those people open most of the time?**

Claiborne: We just didn't get the ball to them tonight, I'll tell you that. We didn't execute our passing game well at all.

**Question: How come you decided to go with backup quarterback Kevin Dooley with less than five minutes left in the first half?**

Claiborne: Well, we just wanted to try and make a change. We weren't doing anything. We weren't generating anything. So we went with Dooley to see if he could get something generated. We thought we'd try to switch it up a little and see if we could come up with something good. He moved us and made a couple of plays, but then we threw and interception. We didn't play well, that's all I can tell you. We didn't play well.

**Question: What happened on Georgia's fake field goal?**

Claiborne: Once again we missed the tackle. Our man was standing right there. If we make the tackle, it's our ball. We missed tackles bad.

**Question: Did your backs run as hard as they have been?**

Claiborne: It's hard to run if you don't have some room to run. All backs look the same behind the line of scrimmage. It's after they cross that line of scrimmage and get a little running room...we've got to get them across the line of scrimmage.

**Question: It seemed like you held Georgia quarterback James Jackson in check pretty well, except for that one big run he had.**

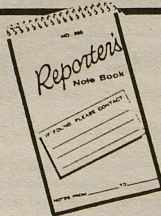
Claiborne: A guy like him he doesn't have to get but one and you're in serious trouble.

**Question: As far as the passing game, are you going to try to do what you're doing better, or are you going**

**to change things?**

Claiborne: No sense trying to do something different this late in the season. We'd better take what we're doing and try to

make it better. We didn't get much protection either. I don't know how many sacks we had (against us), but we had several sacks, several sacks.



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#### UK NOTEBOOK

## Bill Dooley And The Hokies

This Saturday Kentucky will be playing a team that will be losing its coach at the end of the season. Virginia Tech's **Bill Dooley** will leave the Hokie program and receive a settlement for dropping his \$3.5 million lawsuit against the school. Tech officials had no problems with Dooley's coaching but they wanted him to split his dual roles as football coach and athletic director. Dooley was told by school president **William Lavery** that he would not be able to resume his duties as athletic director after the end of the year, but that Tech was willing to pay him the same amount of money (\$1.2 million) to continue as coach for seven years. Reports have Dooley receiving around \$600,000, which is half the value of his contract as both coach and athletic director over the next seven years. Negotiations on an out of court settlement were concluded the day before the school had to file its legal reply to Dooley's suit. Apparently, the buyout of the coach's contract will come from private funds. One of the reasons Dooley felt some heat was because the Hokies' athletic program has been operating in the red for the last several years and he was severely criticized for not jumping at the chance of opening the '87 season at **Oklahoma** for a guarantee of \$250,000. Word has it that Temple head coach **Bruce Arians** is one of the top candidates to become the next head coach at Tech... Following UK's bitter 25-16 loss to LSU in Commonwealth Stadium, Tiger players accused the Wildcats of dirty play. In fact noseguard **Henry Thomas** was quoted in a Lexington newspaper as saying, "I'm trying to say this tastefully. They're jerks. The whole Kentucky team cheap-shotted. There was no sportsmanship." Thomas wasn't through tossing verbal barbs, however, as he charged that the UK coaching staff instructed the players to use illegal tactics. "I think they're coached to play that way. Whoever coached them to play that way should have his license revoked." On the other side of the coin, UK players indicated that LSU should check in their own camp before accusing others. "They should look at themselves before pointing fingers," said defensive guard **Tom Wilkins**. Another Wildcat player said the Bayou Bengals used foul play during previous games. "We could see cheap shots in watching the films of LSU games earlier this season," said a UK defensive player. Though the accusation should be taken with a grain of salt, one aspect of the game which could have controlled these ugly incidents is officiating. In fact, the officials must uphold some of responsibility in seeing that a game doesn't get out of hand. "They didn't call nearly as much as they could have," Wilkins said. "In another game, a guy could have been penalized two or three times or even (been) thrown out." Not only are the UK team and coaching staff upset with that aspect of the game, but they also question some of the judgements made during a couple of crucial instances of the contest. One of the obvious plays was when UK appeared to stop LSU running back **Harvey Williams** on a fourth-and-one situation at the Wildcat 37-yard line. The replays showed that Williams never reached the line of scrimmage, as defensive end **Guy Neal** made the tackle in the Tiger backfield. Secondly, during the early stages of the game UK quarterback **Bill Ransdell** appeared to have gained first down yardage after scrambling to the Kentucky 40-yard line. But one of the officials spotted the ball just shy of the sticks, and the 'Cats were forced into a punting situation. Finally, a questionable clipping penalty totally wiped out a Wildcat drive after backup signal caller **Kevin Dooley** had run for a first down near midfield. No game is ever going to be perfectly officiated, but some UK players and coaches are getting tired of not getting the close call at home. Sure if all those questionable plays could have occurred in Baton Rouge, then none of this would have been questioned. It would have been attributed to the ol' home field advantage theory. Furthermore, this is not the first time UK has been denied the borderline call in Commonwealth Stadium. If you recall two years ago against **Florida**, game officials robbed the Wildcats of a fumble recovery and a touchdown because of poor officiating. But as it stands now, it looks as though when UK plays the top-ranked teams such as LSU, Florida and Georgia, the games are judged like championship boxing bouts. Anything close goes to the favorite... With the loss of sophomore **Joe Curry**, who recently underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, UK now has only two tight ends with game experience—senior **Mark Wheeler** and sophomore **Martin Pennington**... If you are wondering why you haven't seen **Anthony Gardner** in the UK backfield lately, it's because the UK coaching staff moved Gardner to the defensive secondary during the Cincinnati game... Ex-Wildcat **Brian Williams** has traded in his shoulder pads for a business suit. The former standout at defensive end now works for Central Bank. The Middleboro native is the cousin of current Wildcat basketball player **Paul Andrews**... Former UK defensive tackle **Jon Dumbauld** has signed a contract with the NFL's **New Orleans Saints**. Dumbauld, who reported to the Saints' training camp recovering from leg surgery, was cut by the club earlier this summer. Dumbauld was a 10th round draft-pick this season... Former UK point guard **Roger Harden** was recently cut by the **Los Angeles Lakers** of the NBA. Harden will apparently join the UK basketball staff as a graduate assistant. However, he must obtain his degree to meet NCAA guidelines.

## Larry Vaught

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tackler the last two years. "By wanting to do better, you get better. At times I'm satisfied with my play but even then I know I could have improved on certain plays in the game.

"I don't think it would ever be possible to play a perfect football game but that is what I'm always trying to do."

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KENTUCKY'S offensive line seldom receives any credit but UK freshman defensive guard Vic Adams is a believer in the unit.

"I have to go against Brad Myers and Dermontti Dawson in practice and they are as good or better than anybody I'll face while I'm at Kentucky," said Adams. "They don't get the honors of some other linemen in the Southeastern Conference but one on one they can beat anybody."

The duo taught Adams the value of staying low last year when he was redshirted.

"The hardest thing to learn is how to stay low," said Adams. "It takes an experience like being raised up, knocked back five yards and landing on your head to teach you why you better stay low. And Brad and Dermontti both taught me that lesson a lot last year."

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SOUTHEASTERN Conference basketball officials have joined their football counterparts in approving a drug testing program.

"I am very pleased the basketball officials of the SEC have stepped forward, shoulder to shoulder with our football officials, in support of clean competition," said Harvey Schiller, the new SEC commissioner.

SEC basketball officials volunteered for the drug testing program in a meeting at the NCAA-SEC Basketball Clinic in Atlanta Oct. 11-12. The league's football officials agreed last month to undergo similar testing.

The move by the SEC officials is in the best interest of both the officials and the SEC. Drug abuse is a problem and officials are subject to some of the same pressures as athletes. But SEC officials have shown that they are willing to try and fight what has been a major problem in every sport.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

### Three Years Ago

\*A terrible third quarter by Kentucky led to a 47-21 loss at the hands of the Georgia Bulldogs in front of a capacity crowd in Athens, Ga.

The Wildcats, now 5-2 on the year, held a four-point advantage of 14-10 at halftime, but Georgia stormed back to score 23 unanswered points in the third quarter to run away with the win.

Kentucky's old nemesis, the turnover, which was seemingly on vacation in earlier UK wins, haunted the Wildcats during this one. The 'Cats fumbled the ball three times and were intercepted once.

Kentucky takes a 1-2 SEC record back home to face the Cincinnati Bearcats next week.

\*Controversy surrounded the Kentucky upset win over LSU, as LSU fans said a UK coach would wave a towel over his head when

LSU would pass and leave the towel at his waist when the Tigers ran the ball. The coach was located in the press box.

UK coach Jerry Claiborne would make no comment about the event.

### Seven Years Ago

\*The Kentucky football team played giveaway Saturday and Georgia was the recipient as the homestanding Bulldogs downed the mistake-prone 'Cats in Athens. The Wildcat offense fumbled six times, losing four of them. Kentucky quarterbacks also threw three interceptions. UK actually had the same number of first downs as the Dawgs (17), and accumulated two more yards of offense (283-281), but were never in the ballgame.

With the aid of the UK miscues, Georgia jumped out to an early lead and widened it to 17-0 by halftime. After a scoreless third quarter, UK finally scored in the final period

on a fourth down run by Shawn Donigan. Kentucky got the ball following a Georgia fumble but lost its chance to get back into the game with a fumble of its own.

### Twelve Years Ago

\*Defensive backs Greg Woods, Tony Gray and Mike Siganos all returned interceptions for touchdowns as UK shocked Tulane 30-7 in New Orleans. All three players were awarded game balls.

Kentucky's other score came on a six-yard run by Sonny Collins. UK is now 4-4 on the year.

\*In a scrimmage game held in Frankfort, UK fans got a glimpse at this year's starting roundball lineup. Jimmy Dan Connor and Mike Flynn opened the game at guard. Kevin Grevey and Bob Guyette were at forward and Mike Phillips and Rick Robey shared the pivot. Grevey scored 27 points and Robey added 21 as the White squad defeated the Blue team 106-80.

### Thirty-One Years Ago

\*The Kentucky Wildcats are rapidly earning the nickname "The Apolexy Kids," after coming from behind twice to down Rice before 33,000 Homecoming fans at Stoll Field. For the second time in three years, Bob Hardy dealt the blow to Rice. Forced to play 56 of the 60 minutes because of an injury to backup quarterback Delmar Hughes, Hardy scored two touchdowns, kicked two extra points and completed 10 of 17 passes for 125 yards. He also picked up 35 yards on the ground.

\*Kentucky is fifth in the 12-team SEC race with a 2-2-1 conference slate. UK is 4-2-1 overall. Mississippi State and Ole Miss lead the SEC with identical 4-1 records. UK is ranked 17th in this week's Associated Press poll. Maryland is No. 1, followed by Oklahoma.

\*Gator Bowl officials say Kentucky is one of several SEC teams they are taking a strong look at.

## Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does UK own a series advantage over Virginia Tech in football?
2. What is Virginia Tech's conference affiliation?
  - a) Atlantic Coast
  - b) Southern
  - c) Independent
  - d) Southeastern
3. When was the last time UK played Virginia Tech in football?
  - a) 1979
  - b) 1980
  - c) 1982
  - d) 1983
4. How many bowl games did Virginia Tech participate in while Jerry Claiborne was the Gobblers' head coach?
  - a) one
  - b) two
  - c) four
  - d) six
5. True or False? Kentucky has never lost to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.
6. Who was UK's first official All-American football player in 1942?
  - a) Vito Parilli
  - b) Clyde Johnson
  - c) Steve Meilinger
  - d) Lou Michaels
7. Against which SEC team did Kentucky set a school record for fumbles recovered against in a single game?
  - a) Vanderbilt
  - b) Florida
  - c) Georgia
  - d) Tennessee
8. True or False? Virginia Tech head coach Bill Dooley is the brother of Georgia's Bill Dooley?
9. In 1985 UK kicker Joe Worley set a Wildcat record for the most field goals in one season. How many did he kick?
  - a) 12
  - b) 15
  - c) 19
  - d) 21
10. Who was UK's last offensive player to be named a first-team All-SEC selection?
  - a) Bill Ransdell
  - b) Marc Logan
  - c) George Adams
  - d) Andy Molls



### Answers

1. Yes (10-5-2)
2. Independent
3. 1982
4. Two
5. False
6. Clyde Johnson
7. Tennessee (8)
8. True
9. 19
10. George Adams (1984)



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