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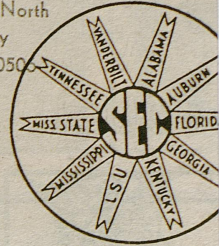


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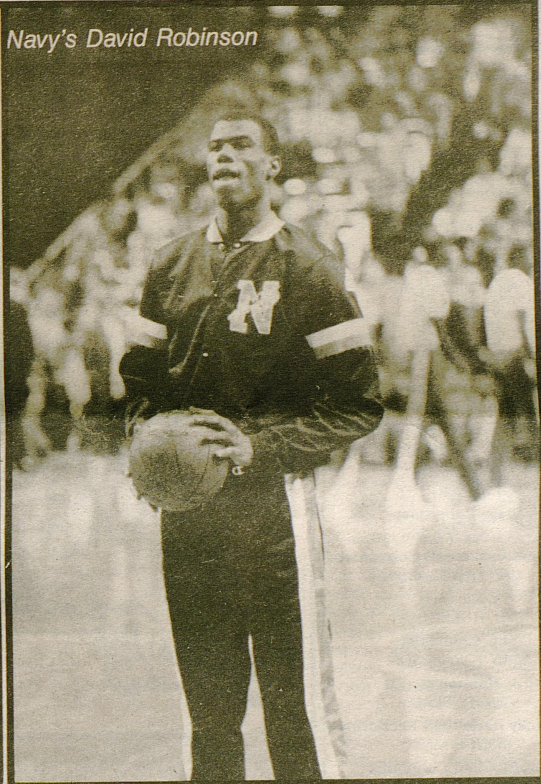
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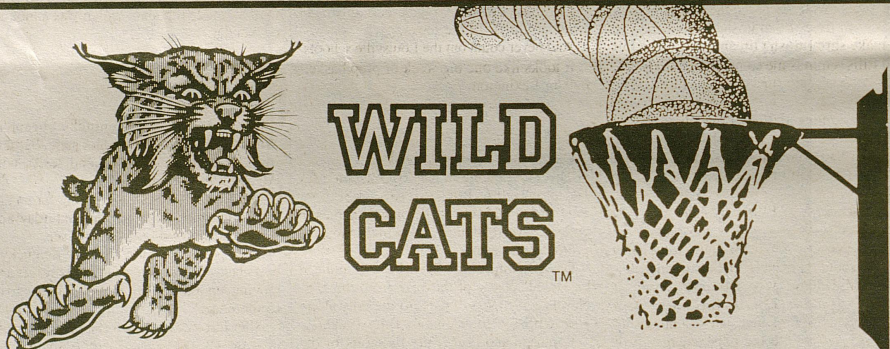
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Final 1986-87 Statistics (29 Games) (18-11 Overall; 10-8 SEC [tied for 3rd])
 (13-2 Home; 5-6 Away; 0-3 Neutral)

C		GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Asst	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
CHAPMAN, REX	29	28	96.2	33.2	173	390	44.4	68	176	38.6	50	68	73.5	66	2.3	55	2	103	70	15	36	464	16.0
DAVENDER, ED	29	29	98.7	34.0	160	357	44.8	15	59	25.4	107	145	73.8	88	3.0	64	1	101	77	1	47	442	15.2
MADISON, RICHARD	29	24	94.3	32.5	109	197	55.3	-	1	-	46	79	58.2	216	7.4	70	3	38	51	6	16	264	9.1
BLACKMON, JAMES	29	28	83.3	28.7	90	197	45.7	33	88	37.5	32	58	55.2	89	3.1	69	1	67	43	6	50	245	8.4
LOCK, ROBERT	29	26	63.5	21.9	91	161	56.5	-	-	-	35	71	49.3	155	5.3	95	3	12	55	31	16	217	7.5
MILLER, DERRICK	29	-	38.3	13.2	55	141	39.0	35	81	43.2	6	14	42.9	56	1.9	32	-	18	22	3	8	151	5.2
THOMAS, IRVING	29	8	46.6	16.1	37	75	49.3	-	1	-	22	47	46.8	86	3.0	83	5	22	48	6	18	96	3.3
ANDREWS, PAUL	24	2	32.7	13.6	19	39	48.7	1	2	50.0	6	8	75.0	37	1.5	25	-	18	18	-	9	45	1.9
JENKINS, CEDRIC	23	-	24.2	10.5	10	29	34.5	-	-	-	15	18	83.3	49	2.1	34	1	7	11	8	5	35	1.5
SHIGG, TERRY	4	-	8	2.0	1	4	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	.5
SCOTT, MIKE	9	-	31	3.4	2	5	40.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	.6	3	-	1	1	1	1	4	.4
BRUCE, STEVE	4	-	8	2.0	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEAM	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	1.8	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	29	-	5825	200.	747	1597	46.8	152	409	37.2	319	509	62.7	903	31.1	531	16	387	398	77	206	1965	67.8
OPPONENTS	29	-	5825	200.	737	1550	47.5	83	228	36.4	387	545	71.0	963	33.2	532	23	381	458	72	183	1944	67.0



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 29	1-0	71	69	Austin Peay	2	20 Davender, Ed	6 Madison, Richard	22,630 (H)
Dec. 02	2-0	66	60	Texas Tech	6	23 Davender, Ed	7 Thomas, Irving	21,805 (H)
Dec. 06	2-1	66	71	Indiana	-5	26 CHAPMAN, REX	10 THOMAS, IRVING	17,232 (A)
Dec. 13	3-1	71	56	Lamar	15	16 DAVENDER, ED	7 MADISON, RICHARD	23,123 (H)
Dec. 19	4-1	75	59	Iona	16	19 LOCK, ROB	11 LOCK, ROB	22,723 (H)
Dec. 20	5-1	81	69	Boston	12	26 CHAPMAN, REX	15 MADISON, RICHARD	23,240 (H)
Dec. 27	6-1	85	51	Louisville	34	26 CHAPMAN, REX	17 MADISON, RICH	19,513 (A)
Dec. 30	6-2	65	69	Georgia	-4	16 DAVENDER, ED	9 MADISON, RICHARD	20,053 (H-L'ville)
Jan. 03	7-2	63	60	Auburn	3	24 CHAPMAN, REX	11 LOCK, ROB	12,347 (A)
Jan. 07	7-3	55	69	Alabama	-14	15 MADISON, RICHARD	7 MADISON, RICHARD	23,220 (H)
Jan. 10	7-4	68	75	Tennessee	-7	29 DAVENDER, ED	8 MADISON, RICHARD	12,700 (A)
Jan. 12	8-4	57	49	Mississippi State	8	16 CHAPMAN, REX	8 LOCK, ROB	4,714 (A)
Jan. 14	9-4	67	62	Florida	5	16 CHAPMAN, REX	13 LOCK, ROB	23,215 (H)
Jan. 18	9-5	41	76	LSU	-35	14 BLACKMON, JAMES	6 BLACKMON, JAMES	23,285 (H)
Jan. 21	10-5	71	65	Vanderbilt	6	16 DAVENDER, ED	6 MADISON, RICHARD	15,626 (A)
Jan. 25	11-5	80	69	Navy	11	22 CHAPMAN, REX	6 MADISON, RICHARD	23,275 (H)
Jan. 29	11-6	65	76	Ole Miss	-11	23 CHAPMAN, REX	13 MADISON, RICHARD	5,915 (A)
Jan. 31	12-6	50	36	Mississippi State	14	18 BLACKMON, JAMES	7 MADISON, RICHARD	22,831 (H)
Feb. 04	13-6	75	71	Auburn	4	27 BLACKMON, JAMES	7 LOCK, ROB	22,100 (H)
Feb. 07	14-6	70	69	Alabama	1	29 DAVENDER, ED	8 MADISON, RICHARD	15,043 (A)
Feb. 11	15-6	91	84	Tennessee	7	26 CHAPMAN, REX	10 MADISON, RICHARD	23,002 (H)
Feb. 14	15-7	56	74	Florida	-18	22 DAVENDER, ED	6 LOCK, ROB	12,018 (H)
Feb. 19	16-7	65	54	Vanderbilt	11	19 CHAPMAN, REX	11 MADISON, RICHARD	23,013 (H)
Feb. 21	16-8	52	65	Louisiana State	-13	24 CHAPMAN, REX	7 LOCK, ROB	10,782 (A)
Feb. 25	16-9	71	79	Georgia	-8	15 DAVENDER, ED	7 MADISON, RICHARD	11,200 (A)
Feb. 28	17-9	64	63	Ole Miss	1	19 DAVENDER, ED	9 MADISON, RICHARD	23,265 (H)
Mar. 01	18-9	75	74	Oklahoma	1	21 DAVENDER, ED	12 MADISON, RICHARD	23,991 (H)
Mar. 06	18-10	72	79	Auburn	-7	17 CHAPMAN, REX	6 MADISON, RICHARD	13,279 (SEC)
Mar. 13	18-11	77	91	Ohio State	-14	23 DAVENDER, ED	5 LOCK, ROB	15,128 (NCAA)



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Who Was That, Sam Bowie's Clone?

The basketball season is history as far as the current University of Kentucky Wildcats are concerned, but future Wildcats are still on the hardwoods and some of them are good reason why there's great optimism for the future.

Thanks to the world of television satellites, we had the opportunity to watch prep All-American LeRon Ellis do his thing late Saturday night in the championship game of the CIF Tournament in Oakland, Calif.

The 6-11 Ellis scored 28 points, pulled down eight rebounds and had six assists along with three blocked shots in leading his Mater Dei High School to a convincing 69-51 decision over Ygnacio Valley in the title game.

Without doubt, it was one of the finest prep performances I've seen in some time. The Monarchs were amazing, to say the least. Coach Gary McKnight had his team playing full-court pressure defense. When the defense collapsed around Ellis in the low post early in the game, McKnight simply brought his big star outside so he could get the ball.

Several times I had to shake my head just to make sure I wasn't dreaming. I mean this kid Ellis reminds me so much of Sam Bowie that it's scary. He runs the floor like Bowie. He jumps like Bowie. He shoots like Bowie. He even smiles and talks like Bowie.

The first and only time I'd seen Ellis play prior to Saturday was in a summer all-star camp. He was impressive then, but nothing like Saturday night.

A week earlier, Ellis led Mater Dei past Los Angeles Fairfax which was ranked the nation's No. 2 team at the time. Mater Dei wasn't about to let this victory escape it.

For McKnight, who has been coach at Mater Dei for five years, it was a sweet, sweet victory. This was his first state championship and adds to a glittering personal record of 147-7 over that period.

After the game, Ellis (who was chosen the Most Valuable Player), was interviewed by former UCLA star Brad Holland.

"What can be said about LeRon Ellis that hasn't been said about him this year," said Jeff Woodsure in the postgame commentary. "He's just a great, great basketball player and should have a very nice college career at Kentucky."

Added Hollon, "Kentucky got a great player in LeRon Ellis and I predict a great career for him at Kentucky."

Asked why he opted for Kentucky, Ellis told the statewide television audience, "they've got great support out there and the people are real nice. I'd like to go to a different environment. I'm a little outgoing and I'd like to see a different part of the country. It is a great program and I think it's going to be good for me."

For the next few weeks, Ellis will be participating in several all-star basketball classics. First, he'll play in the annual Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh next week.

Then in mid-April Ellis will play in the Derby Festival Classic at Freedom Hall in Louisville. You won't want to miss this one.

The Greatest Show On Earth.
That's how Kentuckians view their annual

boys' state high school basketball tournament and if early predictions are accurate, an all-time attendance record could be in the offing this week at Rupp Arena.

Fans from all corners of the commonwealth will flock to Lexington to see which team succeeds defending state champion Pulaski County.

And it should be a dandy. If there is one thing which most Kentuckians prefer, it is a champion residing from any place other than the big cities.

There's a good chance the new champion could be a Cinderella type. No Lexington school is in the Sweet Sixteen this time and the two Louisville schools are located in the extremely tough upper bracket along with the likes of Owensboro, Madisonville, Paintsville and Mason County.

Clay County is the early favorite to emerge as the finalist from the lower bracket while experts are divided on the upper bracket. Some like Paintsville while others like Owensboro. Mason County certainly isn't ready to throw in the towel.

And never count out the Louisville schools. It looks like one big week of prep basketball in Lexington.

Champions Against Drugs.

That's the theme of a rally scheduled for Heritage Hall at Rupp Arena at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and two of the biggest names in college basketball are lending their names to promote this event.

David Robinson, everybody's college basketball player of the year from the U.S. Naval Academy, will kick off the rally along with CBS-TV color analyst Billy Packer.

Robinson and Packer are flying in for the event Wednesday afternoon and will attend the gigantic rally.

The rally is a kick-off point for a 22-week promotion which will begin in April by a long list of sports celebrities with Kentucky ties.

Many top sports personalities around the state will be at the Wednesday rally including Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins. The public is invited to the free rally.

There'll be plenty reason for University of Kentucky fans to get involved in the boys' state tournament this week.

Fans will have the opportunity to see UK-bound Deron Feldhaus perform. He's been on a tear recently and is the big reason why the balanced Mason County club is back and in the thick of the race for the state crown.

Wildcat football fans also have a deep interest as some future UK football stars will be suiting up in the hoop uniforms, players like Paintsville's Joey Couch and Shawn Evans of Madison Central.

All the while, fans will also be checking out stars such as unsigned John Pelphrey of Paintsville, one of the state's top Mr. Basketball candidates. Pelphrey has enjoyed a great senior year, but his No. 1 goal right now is to lead the Tigers to the state crown, which would be the first for a mountain school since Carr Creek in 1956, unless you count Ashland, which won it all in 1961, as a mountain team.

The prestigious *Parade Magazine* prep All-American basketball squad has been released and three University of Kentucky signees are among the nation's finest.

Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis and John Pittman all made the team which was announced Sunday.

What a start!

Keith Madison's Kentucky baseball Wildcats are off to a great 13-4 start after taking two of three in a weekend series with Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Madison's troops are preparing for an all-important three-game set this Saturday and Sunday at home against Tennessee.

It's important because it will be Kentucky's best chance of sweeping a three-game set and moving up the ladder in the Southeastern Conference.

After last weekend's games, the 'Cats were in a tie for fifth place with Alabama and Vanderbilt. 'Bama holds a 4-4 league mark while UK and Vanderbilt are 3-3 each. In a first-place tie with identical 6-2 marks are Florida and Georgia. Third place is held down by LSU at 3-2 with Auburn in fourth place with a 5-4 mark.

Ole Miss is in No. 8 with a 2-4 worksheet while Mississippi State is struggling at 1-4 in No. 9 and Tennessee is winless in five outings.

Should the Wildcats sweep the Volunteers, Kentucky could take a giant step toward a top-three spot.

The league's top six teams, according to won-loss percentages, will advance to the postseason SEC Tournament. It will be played at the home field of the SEC champion.

After this weekend's action, Kentucky will have two three-game series against conference

teams at home—Auburn and Mississippi State. The 'Cats will travel to co-leaders Florida and Georgia, and then to Ole Miss. You can see why a sweep over the Vols could come in mighty handy by the first of May.

HITS AND MISSES . . .

Congratulations are certainly in order to coach **Dale Brown** and his LSU Tigers for their great showing in the NCAA. The Tigers were certainly overachievers this March and had it not been for an errant shot in the final 10 seconds, the Tigers would be in New Orleans this weekend. While Brown is indeed a strange character at times, he's certainly refreshing when compared to some of his colleagues in the business. And he was certainly a gentleman in defeat on Sunday. Did you notice how professional he was at the game's end when the Tigers lost the heartbreaker?

Wonder what his coaching opponent's reaction would have been if **Nitika Wilson's** shot at the horn had went in? . . . Kentuckians are taking over the airwaves! During the NCAA regionals last week, at least four Kentuckians were involved in the NCAA radio and television broadcasts. UK play-by-play voice **Cawood Ledford** was calling the radio action for the NCAA network while ex-Wildcats **Jack Givens** and **Larry Conley** and former Lexington television anchor **Tom Hammond** were calling the action for NCAA Television Productions . . . Tickets are still available for the annual Kentucky Derby Festival Classic in Louisville. More information can be obtained by calling the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee in Louisville . . . Speaking of all-star games, this year's **Kentucky-Indiana** series should be a dandy. And unlike the past couple years, the Kentucky stars will be the underdogs. Kentucky will most likely have the services of such stars as **Deron Feldhaus**, **Desmond Porter**, **Sean Sutton**, **Kevin Ellery**, **John Pelphrey**, **LaMonte Ware**, **Mike Hall**, **David Hogg** and **Terry North**, among others. The Hoosiers will be led by the likes of **Lyndon Jones**, **Jay Edwards**, **Jerome Harmon** and **Rick Fox**, among others . . . And the classic which pits the Kentucky state champion against the Indiana high school champion will really be something. Look for **Marion High** to emerge as the Indiana representative and you can bet someone from Kentucky will have to pay for the loss Marion suffered at the hands of **Lexington Lafayette** back in December at Rupp Arena. One thing is for sure, it won't be Lafayette. **Madison Central** eliminated the Generals in the 11th Region. On top of that, the game will shift to Indianapolis for this year's event and that's something which won't help the Kentuckians' chances. Nevertheless, I can think of 16 schools right now, off the top of my head, who would love to be the sacrificial lamb—Marshall County, Madisonville, Owensboro, Warren Central, LaRue County, Louisville Doss, Louisville Ballard, Oldham County, Ft. Thomas Highlands, Mason County, Madison Central, Monticello, Clay County, Hazard, Paintsville and Rowan County—and a few more who are no longer around.





Thanks James, Paul

Dear Sir:

Let's all give a word of thanks and a big hand to James Blackmon and Paul Andrews for their contributions—blood, sweat, tears, aggravation—and for what all they encountered in their four years at UK. I think we're all knowledgeable of the situation each faced and their hanging tight and hanging tough endears them even more to us.

Thanks fellows! You both were special to the program at a very critical time.

Now, let's get our minds directed toward next season. Most, if not all, of the new recruits have either completed the regular season and some tourney play, or are gearing up for their state tournaments. We've heard precious little in *The Cats' Pause* concerning these young men and how their seasons have gone. Now would be a great time to enlighten us. UK's season is over, the staff needs new material and interest in these new fellows and who's returning is at a fever pitch. It's been a long time since we've had such a high-potential group coming in.

We're hungry, Oscar! Feed us! A little blue over Big Blue, but the sun is coming from behind the cloud!

Thanks,

Ray Roberts
Ashland, Kentucky

Beef? Where's The 'D'?

Dear Sir:

I'm enclosing my check to renew my subscription. I was raised in the great state of Kentucky and have followed the 'Cats since I was a small child.

I've just watched the 'Cats against Ohio State in the NCAA. What a disgrace! I've never seen a Kentucky team that is so undisciplined and plays with such little (or no) intensity. I really believe the honeymoon is over for coach Eddie Sutton. He has the best job in the country where being mediocre is not acceptable. At least Joe Hall had Kentucky ties and understood the meaning of hustle and dedication.

Coach Sutton says he believes in the three D's, well maybe he better start teaching the first which is defense. And this man is supposed to be great defensive coach. Well, defense starts with hard work and I've yet to see this group work hard. I think maybe the NCAA did the fans an injustice by inviting the 'Cats to the dance.

Well, at least the 'Cats weren't disgraced by Georgetown on Sunday.

Bill Sexton
Reckville, Maryland

King Of Hoops?

Dear Sir:

It won't be long now, UK football fans around the state and elsewhere, until people in the basketball arena are saying, "Wait 'til football season."

This business of "Basketball is King at Kentucky," "We're the epitome of college basketball" and "Best program in the country" has been further verified as a myth. A myth obviously created by UK administrators, supporters and most of the media (go through a few copies of *The Cats' Pause* during the football and basketball seasons).

If you lose FIVE postseason games to the

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Look For SEC Hoops To Only Get Better

Will Be The Land Of The Giants In '88

For a so-called "football league," the Southeastern Conference fields some pretty good basketball teams.

This stuff about the Big Ten being the best conference in the country or the Big East as the nation's dominant league is just that, "stuff," and you know what kind.

Every section has outstanding players but no one has more than the SEC. Our conference has something else that makes a difference when NCAA Tournament time comes—the 18-game round-robin schedule followed by the league tournament.

You only learn to play against strong teams at the end of the year



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

by playing against them during the year.

The coaches can complain, as many do, about having both the double round-robin and the SEC Tournament but it gets them ready to play the best when year-end time comes.

Not everyone agrees, of course. We notice the Big Ten may jump into the postseason tournament business, but the sentiment up there is to cut down the number of conference games if the tournament is played.

That idea has popped up in the SEC from time to time. Divide the league into two parts, the critics say. Play the four opponents in your division twice a year and those in the other division once a year. In other words, play 13 conference games instead of 18 and fill the five open spots with patisies who you know you can beat. Five more wins mean job security for coaches. At least that's the theory.

The problem with that logic is will the strength of the two divisions be equal? This year four of the six NCAA teams came from what would likely be the Eastern Division—Florida, Georgia, Auburn and Kentucky. Only two came from the Western Division—LSU and Alabama. Mississippi, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State are the probable other three Western teams with Tennessee certain to be No. 5 in the East. The balance of power is obviously in the East.

In addition, what would happen to traditional rivalries such as Alabama-Auburn or LSU-Kentucky?

Everyone wants to play Kentucky because the Wildcats guarantee a full house and a good payday. It would cost the Western schools good money to have the 'Cats come to town only every other year.

For those and other reasons the Southeastern Conference will probably leave well enough alone regardless of what the Big Ten or anyone else does.

Now what about the competitive future of the SEC? In other words, let's look at next year.

Next Year, SEC Will Be 'Land Of The Giants'

Traditionally this has been a league of guards and power forwards. It has not been a good league for big centers, the 6-foot-11 or 7-0 kind.

Look at the all-conference teams of recent years. Alabama's Derrick McKey in 1986, and the Tide's Bobby Lee Hurt in 1984 and '85. Both are 6-9 and use finesse rather than muscle. In 1983 you did have Melvin Turpin of Kentucky and in 1981 Sam Bowie of the same team but other than those two and Rick Robey, also a Wildcat, you must go back to 1976 and Alabama's Leon Douglass to find a legitimate all-star big man.

But next year it will be a whole new world. Every team except Auburn and Alabama will have at least one giant playing in the middle. People such as Vanderbilt's Will Perdue and Florida's Dwayne Schintzius are back. Ole Miss has coach's son Sean Murphy eligible at 6-11. LSU returns Zoran Jovanovich who is 7-1 and Jose Vargas, listed at 6-10. Kentucky recruited several of them. Georgia got two. Tennessee's 6-11 Doug Roth will be only a junior. Mississippi State returns 6-10 Hubert Henderson and has recruited another tall man.

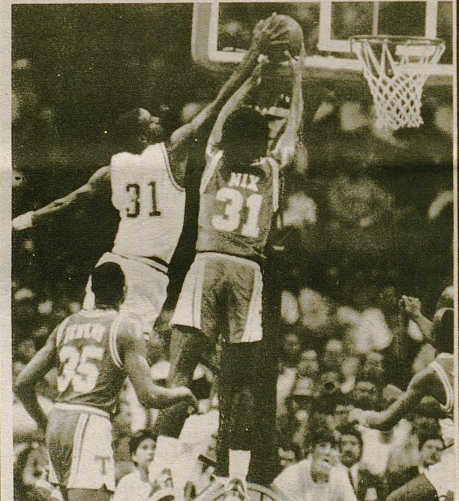
Next season the year of the big center will come to the SEC and the league's already high talent level will be higher yet.

This year the NCAA chose six SEC teams for its annual tournament. At the rate the conference is going, next year it may be 10.

Not For Broadcast

Despite not being chosen for either the NCAA or NIT tour-

naments the **Tennessee Volunteers** (4-15) posted victories over six postseason tournament teams. The Vols beat **Florida** (NCAA), **Kentucky** (NCAA), **Georgia** (NCAA), **Auburn** (NCAA), **Louisiana Tech** (NCAA) and **Vanderbilt** (NIT). The Vols ranked 37th nationally in the end of the season computer ratings published by *USA Today* and that was a higher ranking than any team selected to play in the 1987 NIT. With all their troubles two Volunteer players earned statistical first places at season's end. **Tony White** was the SEC's leading scorer and **Dyron Nix** was the league's best rebounder. Florida's press department says the Gators' 1987 football schedule may be the toughest in the country. UF plays **Miami, Alabama, LSU, Auburn, Georgia** and **Florida State** among others. All appeared in bowl games last year. The "others" include **Tulsa, Mississippi State, Cal State-Fullerton, Temple** and **Kentucky**. Thanks to the 1984-86 probation period the Gators start spring practice with only 58 returning scholarship players. **Chris Morris** of Auburn wins this year's "all-scowling" award. No basketball player since **Kenny Higgs** of LSU in 1977 can match his facial expressions when, in his opinion, things go wrong. **Derrick McKey** gets more accomplished with less apparent effort than any player we have seen in years. The Alabama star seems to be just standing around watching the game until the Tide needs a rebound or blocked shot or a basket and then there he is. Nothing happened in the conference tournament to change our mind. **Don Rutledge** is the best official to work in the Southeastern Conference, during the past 20 years. Speaking of officials, the boys in stripes have apparently rescinded the three-second rule on their



UT's Dyron Nix Led SEC In Rebounding

own. In nine SEC Tournament games a three-second violation was called only once despite the fact that most of the post players camped out in the lane. Lord, we're sick of "two bits, four bits. . ." as a yell. Hey, gang, let's have something new like "Who are you for, it's time to tell, if you're for _____, stand up and yell!" Corny, yes, but worn out, no. . . If you believe the attendance figures for the various sessions at the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Atlanta, then you believe in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Governor of Texas saying he was against cheating at SMU. Why does the SEC Tournament list tourney starting times as two hours apart? The teams get 30 minutes to warm up and no one ever played a TV basketball game in an hour and a half. Two and a half hours is much more realistic. **Alabama** won the tournament but **Kentucky** won the battle of the cheerleaders. The Wildcat girls and boys were the best. **Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton** has taken 10 teams to the NCAA Tournament but no team of his has ever appeared in the NIT. The **Georgia Bulldogs** seem to go to the NCAA in odd numbered years and the NIT in even numbered years. **Hugh Durham's** clubs were invited to the NCAA in 1983, '85, '87 and to the NIT in 1982, '84, '86. Only two Southeastern Conference football teams have an early TV booking for this fall. CBS has booked the **Ohio State-LSU** game on Sept 26, **Alabama at Notre Dame** on Nov. 14 and **Alabama at Penn State** on Oct. 17. More will follow, of course, but these three games already have been listed. WTBS will continue to telecast SEC games in

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Rex Takes Blame For Poor Performance

Chapman Feels He Let The Seniors Down

It would have been easy for Rex Chapman to make excuses after hitting only four of 16 shots in Kentucky's season-ending 91-77 loss to Ohio State in the NCAA Southeast Region.

Chapman could have talked about being nervous in his first NCAA Tournament game. Or he could have mentioned that he had got sick at practice a day earlier. He could have even noted that Ohio State used All-America senior Dennis Hopson to stop him.

Instead, he put the blame for his subpar 13-point perfor-



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mance squarely on his own shoulders.

"I was pretty pumped up and so was everybody else," said Chapman. "I thought I was playing hard but my shots just wouldn't fall in. I couldn't help it. I got good shots but I just missed them. I was disappointed that I let the seniors on our team down. I learned a lot from James Blackmon and Paul Andrews."

Chapman learned his lessons well. He became the first Kentucky freshman ever to lead the team in scoring by averaging 16 points per game.

Chapman, though, became a celebrity before his senior season at Owensboro Apollo when he picked UK over Louisville and North Carolina.

"Things are a lot different for me now than they used to be," said Chapman, who is considered one of the nation's premier freshmen. "Once I played my first game in a UK uniform my life really changed.

"I can never really get away from things unless I'm in my own house. If I go out people are looking for autographs, wanting to talk or maybe even criticizing my play. But everywhere I go people notice."

He created that excitement when he pumped in 26 points at Indiana in his third game. Later he scored 26 at Louisville. By January he had become a teen idol and the subject of more fan and media attention than any Wildcat since Kyle Macy.

"People forget that Kyle transferred here from Purdue and had a year to sit out," said UK assistant coach Dwane Casey, a former teammate of Macy's. "He had time for things to blow over."

"Rex walked right into the spotlight. He handled it well, though, and kept his head."

"Rex has had pressure on him all season long," said UK coach Eddie Sutton. "I don't think that really bothered him. Rex sometimes just tried to do too much. But he had some great games for us this year and he's going to become an even better player."

The freshman guard learned one valuable lesson this year. "I learned that you have to get up for every game," said Chapman. "You can never lose your intensity."

"In college even the practices are intense. You have to get up every day and you go hard every day from Oct. 15 to the end of the season."

"In high school you get days off and there were even some games I didn't have to play hard. But not here."

Chapman also had to learn to deal with being a 19-year-old hero. "Most days Rex got more fan mail than coach Sutton," said Casey. "That's hard for a freshman to handle."

So were the rumors. One story had teammates denying him the basketball because they were jealous of his success. Another rumor questioned his choice of friends.

"You just have to brush those things off," said Chapman. "Coach Sutton told me that I had to be thick-skinned."

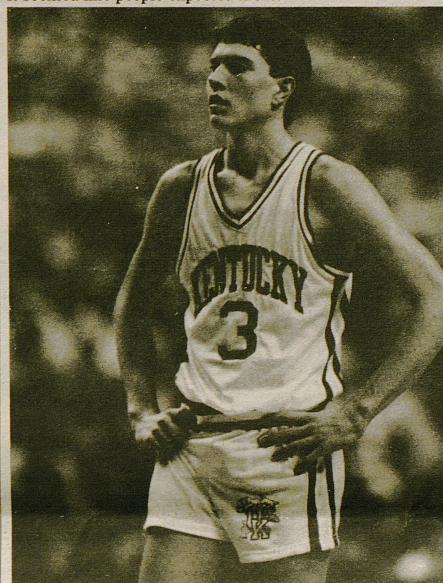
Maybe that's why he never hid from the media or avoided tough questions. At times he may have even been too open and too willing to share his feelings with the public.

At least now Chapman should have a few weeks out of the limelight and pressure.

"I'm going to take a few days off before I begin lifting weights," said Chapman. "I need a break. It has been a great feeling to be known but I need time away from things."

Facing defenses designed to stop you and unrealistic expectations from fans every game would do that to any player. "Rex is a unique player," said UK senior Paul Andrews, who roomed with Chapman on road trips. "Just seeing what he goes through is unreal. I don't know how he did it."

"He was under pressure all season. No matter what he did it seemed like people expected more."



Andrews: Expectations Too High For Rex

"Before he leaves UK he will be one of the greatest ever to play for the Wildcats. He just had too much expected this year."

Those expectations ended for this season against Ohio State. But Chapman, an intense competitor, vowed not to forget the disappointment he felt at the end.

"I've learned a lot this year and it was not a disappointing season," said Chapman. "But I want this to be the last time we leave the tournament early while I am at Kentucky."

Rough Start Put UK Behind 8-Ball

NO COACH is happy when his team loses in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. However, Sutton still knew that his team accomplished more this year than most people expected.

"The fact that we won 18 games is a credit to these young men," said Sutton. "We had a lot of problems to overcome."

Trouble started last spring. Recruit Harvey Grant had a brush with the law and Sutton told him to look for another school. He started for Oklahoma this season.

Another recruit, Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County, became an academic casualty.

The crushing blow came in early November. Senior forward Winston Bennett, the team leader, was lost for the season with a knee injury.

"If you had told people we would win 18 games after losing Winston they would have all been happy," said Andrews.

"Losing Winston not only hurt us in games but it hurt us in practice," said Sutton. "He would have made his teammates better in practice."

"A lot of people were ready to write us off when he went down. If Winston had played we would probably have won at least four or five more games."

The Cats also lost Andrews and junior center Cedric Jenkins to injuries. That left UK with only seven healthy players in December.

"Looking back I think the time we couldn't go five-on-five in practice hurt us," said Sutton.

Kentucky had other problems. It shot only 45 percent from

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UK Signee Ellis Leads Mater Dei Past Nation's No. 2 Team

Kentucky signee LeRon Ellis and his Mater Dei teammates played the uncharacteristic role of spoilers last Saturday (March 14) when the Monarchs knocked off the nation's prep No. 2 team—Los Angeles (Calif.) Fairfax High featuring superstar Sean Higgins.

Mater Dei's 46-42 win over California's top-ranked squad in the Southern California Regional Division I final allowed it to advance to Oakland (March 21) for a run at the state title.

Mater Dei entered its game with Fairfax ranked No. 9 nationally and No. 2 in the state.

The key to the contest was 6-foot-10 Ellis. He scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half.

Despite Mater Dei's poor performance from the field in the second quarter—three of 14—the eventual winners led at the intermission break by a count of 23-18. But it was Ellis who keyed a third-quarter surge. Starting the third stanza, it was his six straight field goals which ignited Mater Dei. With eight minutes remaining, Ellis' team had a 39-31 margin.

On the other hand Higgins, who is bound for Michigan, misfired on his first four attempts of the third quarter. Higgins was held to a poor five-of-16 mark from the field.

UK Honors Court

Rex Chapman

*Unanimous selection to the SEC All-Freshman Team, as chosen by the league coaches.

*National All-Freshman team, as chosen by NBC-TV's Al McGuire.

*USBWA All-District Team (10 players).

*Coaches' All-Southeastern Conference team (10 players).

*Second-team All-SEC by Associated Press.

*Second-team All-SEC by United Press International.

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*Third-team All-SEC by Associated Press.

*Second-team All-SEC by United Press International.

During this past season the Southeastern Conference turned in a banner year, as eight league teams competed in post-season action, including a conference six in the NCAAAs.

Previously, the best (number-wise) for the SEC was in 1985, when five teams (Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Kentucky and LSU) received NCAA bids and two (Florida and Tennessee) received NIT bids.

The league compiled an 8-6 record in the 1986-87 NCAAAs, led by LSU, which advanced to the final game of the Midwest Regional before being edged out by Indiana.

The showing was a definite financial bonanza for the league, as the appearances generated an estimate \$2.6 million in revenue.

Former Grid 'Cats To Get Together

The Wildcat football program will be hoping to entertain plenty of former UK players during a "get-together" the night before the Blue-White game (April 25).

According to UK administrative assistant Dick Redding, invites have been sent out to many ex-Wildcat players, including Jeff Van Note and Derrick Ramsey.

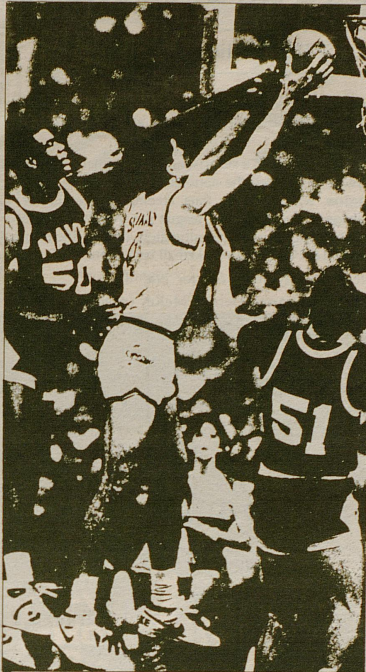
This is the first time Jerry Claiborne and his staff have done something like this while at UK. Redding said Claiborne came up with the idea while at Maryland.

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UK's Tennis Teams Have Successful Week

The University of Kentucky's men's and women's tennis teams completed a successful week recently, compiling a 7-1 record.

The 20th-ranked lady netters went 3-1, posting wins over No. 11 Georgia, No. 13 Clemson and No. 17 U.S. International of San Diego before losing to No. 12 Indiana.

Coach Susan Rudd was pleased with her team's play.

"I told them to play with intensity and block out any distractions, and they did," Rudd said. "After falling to 20th in the rankings the girls felt they had something to prove."

The 14th-ranked men's team swept Miami of Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi State and West Virginia to improve its record to 11-3.

Coach Dennis Emery said he was proud of his club's play.

"They knew what had to be done and did it," Emery said. "We are playing very consistently and the team spirit is very high. We're ready and anxious for SEC play to start."

In the latest available HITS standings (as of March 12), Kentucky has five players in the singles rankings and two doubles teams among the nation's elite.

For the women, Sonia Hahn is the second-ranked singles player in the country, Tamaka Takagi is 41st and Caroline Knudten is 43rd. And the doubles team of Hahn and Takagi owns a No. 14 ranking.

Richard Benson is No. 41 in men's singles and Greg Van Emburgh is 58th. Benson and Van Emburgh are No. 7 in doubles.

Wildcat Notes Of Interest

In compiling an 18-11 record, the Wildcats extended the school's string of non-losing seasons to 59, the longest such string in college basketball. The last time UK suffered a losing season was in 1927, when the 'Cats were 3-13.

Kentucky continues to be the winningest team in college basketball, both in number of wins and in winning percentage. Through the years, the Wildcats have won 1,426 games, while losing only 451. That's a winning percentage of 76.0.

More than a half million fans watched the Wildcats in action in person in 1986-87. That breaks down as follows:

Home: 345,718 (23,047 avg.)
Others: 185,550 (13,253 avg.)
Total: 531,268 (18,320 avg.)

Kentucky was an attractive team for the television networks last season. Only three of the Wildcats' 29 games were not on some type of television network. When playing before the cameras of the "Big Three" — (ABC, CBS or NBC) the Wildcats compiled a 4-2 record, defeating Louisville, Navy, Alabama and Oklahoma. The losses were both to LSU.

The Wildcats racked up a 13-2 record at Rupp Arena last season, improving UK's 11-year mark in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country to 153-16. UK's winning percentage of 90.5 in the building named for the winningest coach in college basketball history, Adolph Rupp, ranks among the tops in the country.

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NCAA Should Practice What It Preaches

Tourney Selections Akin To SMU Situation

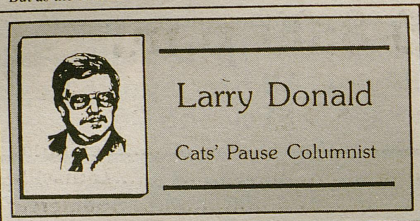
Issue: Teams playing on their home court during the NCAA tournament.

Answer: Colleges, **Dean Smith** once said, are supposed to lead society, not reflect it.

Certainly no one associated with college athletics could feel very good about what happened at SMU. The scope of this scandal had to give all of us cause to pause and ponder just what is happening in our business.

Truly it was a sad day.

But as the NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament Committee



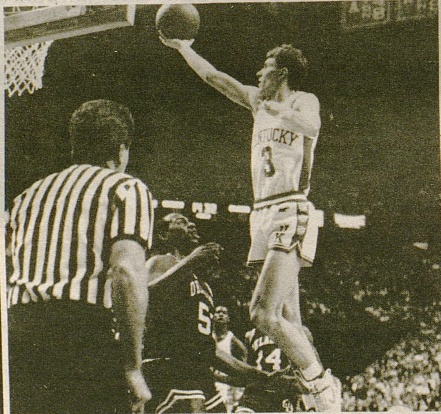
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was announcing the 64 teams and their pairings for this year's march to Bourbon Street, I was struck by the correlation of what happened at SMU and what these people were doing.

Each host team—**Syracuse, Arizona, DePaul** and **UAB**—was seeded into a bracket which allowed it to play at home. **Indiana** was sent to nearby Indianapolis. **Alabama** went to Birmingham and **North Carolina** to Charlotte. Carrying it the full route, it was possible **Kentucky** could make it to the regional in Louisville's Freedom Hall (where it played a home game) and **Xavier** might have played in Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum which is nearby its campus.

The rationale for this long-standing policy is two-fold, according to the committee. First, it is extremely difficult to secure host schools without at least some verbal assurance that if their team is in the



UK's Chapman Makes All-Freshman Team

tournament it will be allowed to stay home. Second, there's an overwhelming paranoia about attendance at these first-round games. Empty seats on television just aren't good for the image of college basketball.

How interesting.

College athletics makes no bigger statement to the world than this tournament. For three weeks this event takes center stage in the American sporting scene and millions are looking on. From this some perception of the entirety of sports on our campuses must come, and therein lies the most special burden of all for this committee.

Beyond picking the teams and seeding them in some reasonable order, and beyond finding host schools and playing sites, the largest single responsibility for **Dick Shultz** and his group is to write the statement about college athletics which the nation will read. Ask yourself what's been said:

That it is wrong for a football player at SMU to take money in a back alley of Dallas from some athletic booster, but it is perfectly acceptable practice to overlook any sense of fair play by structuring the NCAA tournament to the greatest financial advantage?

That cosmetics can alter two very similar pathways to monetary gain?

Indeed, that some activities are for adults and not children? Colleges, **Dean Smith** once said, are supposed to lead society, not reflect it.

NOTEBOOK: In a surprising announcement, the **Pac-10 Conference** has voided the national letter of intent signed by **Sean Higgins** with **UCLA**, thus freeing the youngster to attend **Michigan**. People in this league are quietly concerned that the story may continue on and ultimately destroy the efforts of **Walt Hazzard** to bring Bruin basketball back to national prominence. . .

Here's the my honor roll for 1986-87:

All-Americans—**Derrick McKey** (Alabama), **Dennis Hopson**



OSU's Hopson Earned Honor Roll Status

(Ohio State), **David Robinson** (Navy), **Kenny Smith** (North Carolina) and **Steve Alford** (Indiana)

Second team—**Reggie Williams** (Georgetown), **Danny Manning** (Kansas), **Horace Grant** (Clemson), **Mark Jackson** (St. John's) and **Armon Gilliam** (UNLV)

Player of the Year—**Kenny Smith** (North Carolina)

Coach of the Year—**Wimp Sanderson** (Alabama)

Rookie of the Year—**J.R. Reid** (North Carolina)

Rookie Coach of the Year—**Larry Finch** (Memphis State)

The surest bet of 1988 is that probation-riddled **South Carolina** will not be permitted to play in the **Metro Conference tournament**. That league got a pretty clear message from the NCAA when **Memphis State** won the title and no one else was included in the field of 64. . .

Best coaching job now available is at **Toledo**. This is the only Mid-American Conference program which has the tools to play consistently with the heavyweights. First, there's a nice campus, and outstanding arena and a fertile recruiting area (**Purdue's Todd Mitchell** and **Ohio State's Dennis Hopson** are from the Glass City). Longtime coach **Bobby Nichols** stepped out after two losing seasons. . .

The nation's five best freshmen were: **J.R. Reid** (North Carolina), **Rex Chapman** (Kentucky), **Derrick Coleman** (Syracuse), **Sylvester Gray** (Memphis State) and **Lionel Simmons** (LaSalle). . .

There's more ill-will between **Villanova** and **Pittsburgh**. **Bob Martin**, a 6-10 center from Atlantic City, N.J., gave a verbal commitment to **Rollie Massimino**, then a few weeks later announced he would play for **Paul Evans** at Pitt. Villanova people think it was unethical for Pitt to continue recruiting the youngster once he indicated a preference for their school. . .

A sleeper in the NBA draft could be **Morehead State's Bob McCann**. He's being compared physically with Chicago's **Charles Oakley**, another unknown coming out of school. . . On the heels of what he called his "most frustrating season," **Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote** pointed out that 11 members of this Spartan team will be back. "That's what worries me," he said. "I don't know if we'll be any better." . .

Wonder if **Louisville's Denny Crum** is thinking the same thing? . . .

Oregon State looked like a lock for the NCAA tournament when it was 18-4, but the Beavers fell apart losing their final six games. Coach **Ralph Miller** quickly spotted the trouble. "We've been the worst shooting team in Division I basketball during this stretch," he said. . . Mentioning Miller, he was asked about retirement rumors. "That's my business," he said. "When a decision's made, you'll all be informed."

Sounds like a man with some unfinished business.



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Tournament Tested

Here are the NCAA tournament statistical leaders prior to this weekend's start of the Final Four in New Orleans. Ranking in the first three categories is based on who has combined for more points, rebounds or assists, respectively:

AGGRAGATE LEADERS

SCORING

Player	Team	G	Pts	Avg
Billy Donovan	Providence	4	106	26.5
Reggie Williams	Georgetown	4	104	26.0
Rony Seikaly	Syracuse	4	104	26.0
Armon Gilliam	UNLV	4	103	25.8
Fennis Dembo	Wyoming	3	84	28.0
J.R. Reid	North Carolina	4	84	21.0
Danny Manning	Kansas	3	77	25.7
Vernon Maxwell	Florida	3	77	25.7

REBOUNDING

Player	Team	G	Reb	Avg
Derrick Coleman	Syracuse	4	42	10.5
Armon Gilliam	UNLV	4	42	10.5
Rony Seikaly	Syracuse	4	37	9.3
Ricky Calloway	Indiana	4	34	8.5
Reggie Williams	Georgetown	4	33	8.3
Harvey Grant	Oklahoma	3	32	10.7

ASSISTS

Player	Team	G	Ast	Avg
Mark Wade	UNLV	4	43	10.8
Kenny Smith	North Carolina	4	36	9.0
Sherm Douglas	Syracuse	4	35	8.8
Billy Donovan	Providence	4	35	8.8
Sean Dent	Wyoming	3	21	7.0
Keith Smart	Indiana	4	21	5.3

SINGLE-GAME LEADERS

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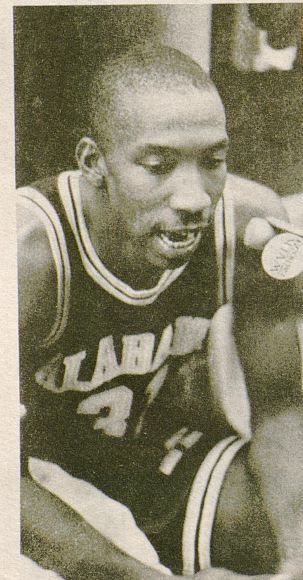
David Robinson, Navy vs. Michigan	50
Danny Manning, Kansas vs. SW Missouri St.	42
Fennis Dembo, Wyoming vs. UCLA	41
Armon Gilliam, UNLV vs. Wyoming	38
Willie Anderson, Georgia vs. Kansas St.	35
Billy Donovan, Providence vs. UAB	35
Mitch Richmond, Kansas St. vs. Georgia	34
Reggie Williams, Georgetown vs. Kansas	34

REBOUNDING

Harvey Grant, Oklahoma vs. Tulsa	17
Tim Perry, Temple vs. Southern University	17
Dean Garrett, Indiana vs. Louisiana State	15
Michael Smith, BYU vs. New Orleans	15
Derrick Coleman, Syracuse vs. No. Carolina	14
Eric Leckner, Wyoming vs. UCLA	14
Derrick McKey, Alabama vs. N.C. A&T	14
Jeff Moore, Auburn vs. San Diego	14
Mitch Richmond, Kansas St. vs. UNLV	14

ASSISTS

Keith Smart, Indiana vs. Auburn	15
Mark Wade, UNLV vs. Kansas St.	13
Billy Donovan, Providence vs. UAB	12
Kenny Smith, No. Carolina vs. Notre Dame	12
Mark Wade, UNLV vs. Iowa	12



Derrick McKey

The Main Event: Boys' Sweet Sixteen

Wave Of Prep Talent Comes To Rupp Arena

Sweet 16 and things. Kentucky's showcase for high school basketball, *The Greatest Show On Earth* will be the main event in Rupp Arena (and the state) next week and fans attending this Sweet 16 are going to see a veritable wave of good (if not outstanding) talent.

Heading the list are two of the top candidates for Mr. Basketball, to be announced April 4, Deron Feldhaus of Mason County and Paintsville's John Pelphrey.

It will be the third State Tournament for both players. But Feldhaus and Pelphrey won't be the only standout

school career at Southwest High in Macon, Ga. Fourth-ranked Southwest reached the State quarterfinals before being eliminated, finishing with a 23-6 record.

Manuel, was "perhaps the best player I ever coached," Coach Don Richardson said.

Richardson coached NBA'ers Norm Nixon and Jeff Malone as well as college stars Terry Fair and Walter Daniels (Georgia) and Myles Patrick (Auburn).

Manuel finished with a 24 points per game average, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Footnote: The two finest high school players the state of Georgia has produced in the last decade played within 15 miles of each other — Eric Manuel and Kenny Walker.

Nation's No. 1A signee, LaBradford Smith

The University of Louisville's prize signee from Bay City, Texas was in Dallas last Saturday for the Great Texas Shootout. Smith, a 6-4, 180-pounder paced his team to the state high school semi-finals before it lost, finishing the season 30-5.

In his senior year Smith averaged 29.7 points per game. And, according to a veteran talent scout in Texas, "This kid is the best basketball player to ever come out of this state. He's just what Louisville was looking for, because he can shoot it from the 3-point line, can drive inside, is an excellent passer, and he can jump over the roof."

In four years Smith's high school team was 104-6.

Eric Manuel and LaBradford Smith will "get an introduction" next winter in Rupp Arena.

McLain's 'Bad Trip'

A few weeks ago LaMar Hoyt, one time Cy Young Award winning pitcher with the Chicago White Sox, was suspended from baseball after felony charges were filed against him for alleged drug smuggling.

This month Dexter Manley, the Washington Redskins' macho defensive tackle, admitted (through his business agent) that he has checked into a drug rehabilitation center in Minnesota.

And last week Gary McLain, the free spirited playmaker on Villanova's 1985 NCAA champion, went public with a chilling account in *Sports Illustrated* about how he progressed from being "just an impressionable kid" to smoking marijuana to becoming a cocaine addict.

Sad stories. Hard truth.

Nobody likes to hear about drugs in sports anymore. Nobody likes to read about them either. And I can tell you, nobody likes to write about the impact drugs have had on the people who play games we enjoy. But it's happening.

If you have children, and never mind if he or she is a preteen, get a copy of *Sports Illustrated*, Mar. 16 edition. Have the kids read the account of an athletic hero's fall from grace when he had everything going for him — an NCAA championship ring, glamour, a chance to play pro ball.

Gary McLain chuckled it.

He recalled the Villanova team's visit to the White House in Washington, how he snorted cocaine in the bathroom of the team bus on the way to meet President Ronald Reagan.

As the President spoke, praising the team whose members stood behind him, McLain was thinking, "I could push him in the head, just a little tap, and make news across the world. That's how high I was."

It is an awful tale, McLain's lament.

"I had played well on coke, I had played bad on it," he tells SI. "It didn't seem to matter."

But of course it did matter as McLain discovered after he lost a chance to play in the NBA, then was fired from two jobs.

"I had gotten to the point where I was powerless over cocaine and drugs in general," he says. "My life was unmanageable. I couldn't save any money."

"I would read about other people getting in trouble with drugs, and say to myself, No way. This will never happen to me."

All the while, even through the dim fog that had come over him, McLain was still able to recognize "People I was hanging out with reinforced these thoughts. They would say, 'You'll be all right.' But I'd be all right only if I had enough money to chip in for the next free-base. They always wanted somebody else to join them in their misery."

Finally, the way most people do who get tangled up in drugs (and are still alive to talk about it), McLain came face-to-face with reality. After stealing money and forging checks and business vouchers to support his addiction, he was glad to get caught.

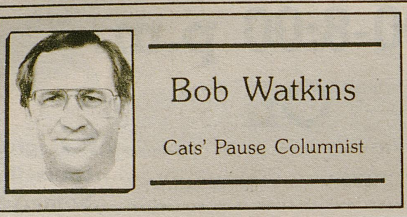
"I really wanted help. I was tired of the suffering and the lies, so tired of being sick and tired," he said.

McLain entered a rehabilitation center in Pennsylvania and today is "clean" and looking to his future.

The legacy of McLain's tragedy is much the same as Len Bias' was with one exception. McLain is alive, Bias is not. Being alive and dead is something our children can understand.

We ought to remember that back there someplace in the past McLain, Dexter Manley and LaMar Hoyt were someone's little

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players in this year's Drizzle Derby. In fact, five of the brightest talents are underclassmen including junior Scott Boley. If LaRue County's 6-8 forward maintains his current shooting binge (17 of 22, 77 percent against North Hardin and Washington County), he may be the best shooting forward to make it to the Big Show since Todd May showed his stuff in 1981.

Another up-and-coming talent to watch for is a coach's son, Allen Houston, a 6-3 sophomore from Louisville Ballard. His dad is Wade Houston, assistant coach at the University of Louisville.

The other underclassmen to watch are: (juniors) 6-1 Richie Farmer of Clay County who, along with Boley, will be on Kentucky's all-star team that will tour Europe this summer; 6-1 Keith Adkins of Paintsville and 6-3 Bob Cowie and 6-3 Deron Blasingame of Ft. Thomas Highlands.

Before last season started, with all eyes focused on Scott Draud of Highlands, Bluebirds Coach Ken Shields predicted, "when we get to Rupp Arena watch for these two names—Cowie and Blasingame. They're going to be good ones."

Others: 5-8 sophomore Travis Ford of Madisonville and 6-5 freshman Kelly Wells of Rowan County.

Among some of the premier seniors to watch are: 6-6 Dion Wingo of Warren Central, 6-7 Brandy Monks of Louisville Doss; and 6-4 David Hicks of Oldham County.

PLAYERS TO WATCH AT SWEET 16

Player	School	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.
David Hogg	Owensboro	Sr.	G	6-3
John Pelphrey	Paintsville	Sr.	C	6-7
Deron Feldhaus	Mason Co.	Sr.	F	6-5
Dion Wingo	Warren Cent.	Sr.	F	6-6
Brandy Monks	Lou Doss	Sr.	F	6-7
Terry North	Hazard	Sr.	G	6-0
David Hicks	Oldham Co.	Sr.	F	6-4
Gary Campbell	Monticello	Sr.	C	6-5
Shane Blevins	Monticello	Sr.	G	6-0

WIDE OPEN SWEET 16 This year's Sweet 16 is remarkably wide open and here are a few reasons why.

■ In Lexington's 11th Region, Lafayette upset Henry Clay, then Madison Central upset Lafayette in two overtimes and Bryan Station.

■ In Louisville's 6th Region, Doss was an upset winner over Southern. And in the 7th Region, Ballard upset Jeffersonton.

So, when this State Tournament commences next week several of the teams most "experts" thought would be in the hunt, will be at home—Henry Clay, Lafayette, Boyd County, Paducah Tilghman, Caldwell County, Hopkinsville, University Heights, Louisville Southern and Jeffersonton.

Kentucky touring juries

Incidentally, Richie Farmer of Clay County and Scott Boley of LaRue County will join Doug Johnson and James Brewer of Bardstown High, and Mike Gray of Caldwell County on the Kentucky Junior all-star team that Eddie Ford will take to Europe this summer. The remainder of the team will be named later.

Nation's No. 1 signee, Eric Manuel

Kentucky's prize signee Eric Manuel has finished his high

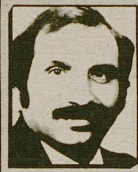
State Tourney Is Wide Open This Year

No Clearcut Favorite In Rupp Arena

Now that the field of boys' teams has been narrowed down to 16 teams, there is still no glaring favorite to win the state crown. In my 14 years of watching the Sweet Sixteen, I have never seen such a wide open race. This year's field has a quality crop of seniors, juniors and sophomores which should interest college recruiters. Now, let's take a close look at the field of teams for the Rupp Arena show:

Top Favorites

1. Paintsville: On paper, you have to go with the Tigers of coach Bill Mike Runyon. After all, they have appeared in the state tournament the past two years and have the probable Mr. Basketball



Rick Bolus

Cats' Pause Columnist

in John Pelphrey, who is leaning towards Vanderbilt. Pelphrey is backed up by seniors Mike Minix and Joey Couch, and junior sharpshooter Keith Adkins. This just could be Paintsville's time to do it.

2. Owensboro: Although the Red Devils of coach Randy Embry have no size, they have the quickest team in the tournament which should give their foes fits. Owensboro is led by senior all-state selection David Hogg, and has appeared in the state tourney three out of the past four years, which means a lot.

3. Clay County: The Tigers of coach Bobby Keith are a fixture at the state tournament as they have been to Rupp for the Sweet Sixteen for the past three years. Clay County has one of the premier shooters in the country in junior Richie Farmer, and combined with the coaching of Keith, Clay County might be the team cutting down the nets on Saturday night.

4. Louisville Ballard: In his rookie season, coach Scotty Davenport has directed his Bruins to the Final 16 in the state. His team is blessed with talent as he has four college prospects in senior Leonard Taylor, junior Keith Martin and super sophomores Mark Bell and Allen Houston. The question is do the Bruins have the patience to win it all?

Top Darkhorses

1. Madisonville: Basically an underclassmen team, the Maroons of coach Don Parsons without question came out of the toughest region in the state. Parsons has a super sophomore in Travis Ford, who can shoot and run the show, and the inside power in juniors Chris Bowles and Alan Bearman, who hails from England. Next year might be their year if they can't pull it off this season.

2. Mason County: Coach Allen Feldhaus has perhaps the state's best college prospect in his son Deron, a 6-7 senior who is bound for the University of Kentucky, and a mini-mite point guard in Jerry Butler. But can the other players carry their share of the load for the Royals to win it all?

3. Oldham County: The Colonels of coach Bob Hoggard have won three straight regional crowns and they have the size and guard play to win it all. Pacing the Colonels are seniors David Hicks and Tim Griffin, and junior John Hartlage. But do they have the quickness it takes to win the title?

Top Cinderella Teams

1. Monticello: The Trojans of coach Wade Upchurch have a tough inside-outside combo in big man Gary Campbell and sharpshooting guard Shane Blevins. Will they receive enough help from their teammates to be a factor?

2. Ft. Thomas Highlands: The Bluebirds of coach Ken Shields may be a year away from winning it all as their top three players—Darin Blasingame, Bob Cowie and Marvin Cox—are just juniors. Highlands pulled off the biggest upset in the regional finals by beating Newport Central Catholic.

3. Marshall County: The Marshals of coach Allan Hatcher had a big regional final win over Paducah Tilghman and could be the hottest team in the field. They are paced by senior John Solomon and guard Jerry Birdsong. Watch out for them if Solomon and Birdsong can receive some support.

Top Spoilers

Louisville Doss: The Dragons of coach Leon Mudd have a

quality senior in Brandy Monks, who can light up the scoreboard, but having a suspect backcourt will be their doom.

Hazard: The Bulldogs of coach Roy McKamey went to the semifinals in Rupp Arena last year before bowing out to Louisville PRP. They have one of the best backcourts in the state in seniors Terry North and Willie Combs, but do they have enough along the frontline to be a serious challenger?

LaRue County: Probably the biggest surprise of the tournament field, as they beat North Hardin and Washington County to get into the Sweet Sixteen. The Hawks of coach Don Cunningham have a tough frontline in juniors Scott Boley and Jason Reuter, but do they have the guards to make enough noise?

Madison Central: The 11th Region had Lexington Henry Clay and Lexington Lafayette as the favorites to come out, but it was the Indians of coach Don Richardson who prevailed at the end. They have a quality floor general in senior Roger Nayle, but do they have the talent at the other slots to be a contender?

Rowan County: Another big surprise as most observers felt that Boyd County would be the winner in the 16th Region. The Vikings of coach Tim Moore have a dandy junior in Greg Adkins—the region MVP—but their other positions are suspect for winning the state crown.

Warren Central: The Dragons of coach Mike Flynn have the guns in senior Dion Wingo and junior sparkplug Marcus Washington, but the contributions from the other three positions will determine their fate.

Top Seniors To Look For

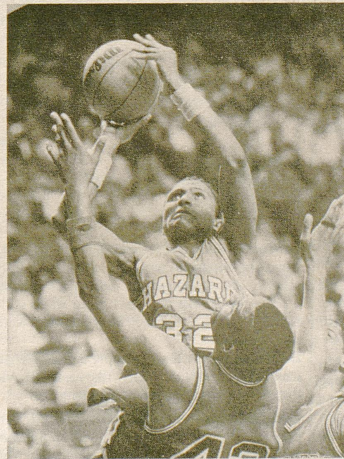
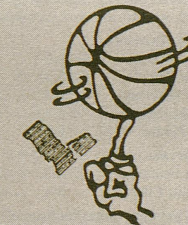
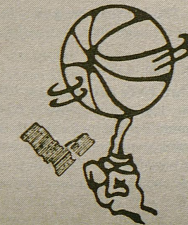
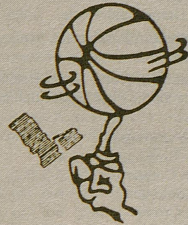
Deron Feldhaus	6-7	Mason County
John Pelphrey	6-7	Paintsville
David Hogg	6-3	Owensboro
Terry North	6-1	Hazard
Brandy Monks	6-6	Louisville Doss
Leonard Taylor	6-6	Louisville Ballard
Gary Campbell	6-5	Monticello
Mike Minix	6-2	Paintsville
Dion Wingo	6-6	Warren Central
David Hicks	6-4	Oldham County
Shane Blevins	5-10	Monticello
John Solomon	6-5	Marshall County
Maurice White	6-0	Owensboro
Terry Birdsong	6-2	Marshall County
Willie Combs	6-0	Hazard
Tim Griffin	6-2	Oldham County

Top Juniors To Look For

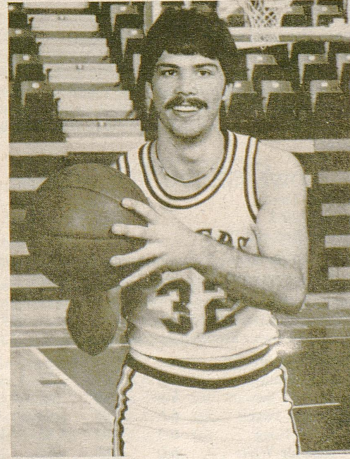
Richie Farmer	6-0	Clay County
Keith Adkins	6-2	Paintsville
Scott Boley	6-7	LaRue County
Darin Blasingame	6-2	Highlands
Chris Bowles	6-8	Madisonville
Bob Cowie	6-5	Highlands

Top Sophomores To Look For

Allen Houston	6-4	Louisville Ballard
Travis Ford	5-9	Madisonville



Willie Combs



Richie Farmer

Kentucky's State Tournament

By Mike Estep And Nick

MARSHALL COUNTY MARSHALS

Region: First
Record: 27-5
Colors: Orange and White
Head Coach: Allen Hatcher, four years as head coach at Marshall County.

Tournament history: Under Hatcher this will be the second appearance for the First Region club in Kentucky's famed Sweet Sixteen.

Probable starters:

G Terry Birdsong	6-2	170	Sr.	21.0	ppg
G Mitch Cothran	6-3	150	Jr.	13.1	ppg
C John Solomon	6-6	200	Sr.	17.4	ppg
F Mike Cross	6-2	185	Jr.	5.7	ppg
F Jeff Stokes	6-2	190	Jr.	5.7	ppg

Key reserves:

C *Dan Hall	6-6	180	So.	6.3	ppg
G Aaron Beth	5-4	130	Fr.	2.3	ppg
G Dax Myhand	5-11	180	So.	2.8	ppg

*Note—Prior to missing regional and district competition because of the mumps, Hall was a starter on 18 occasions for the Marshals this season.

Offense: The Marshals are a very patient group who look for the high percentage shot, but will run when the opportunity comes up.

Defense: Man-to-man.

Coach Hatcher's comments: "We won 20 of our last 21 games (only loss at Madisonville, 67-63). What we need to do is to neutralize Ballard on the boards, and play very intelligently. We also need to control their fine point guard (Mark Bell) as well as we possibly can. To do well in the tournament we have to take it as one game at a time. We've done that all year long. Our kids feel very confident and are very excited to come to Rupp Arena. But still...our philosophy is to play 'em one game at a time."

MADISONVILLE MAROONS

Region: Second
Record: 26-4
Colors: Maroon and White
Head Coach: Don Parsons, in his 19th season as the head man at Madisonville.

Tournament history: This will be the fifth time Parsons has led his Maroons to the state tournament.

Probable starters:

G Scotty Martin	6-0	155	Jr.	9.0	ppg
G Travis Ford	5-10	145	So.	18.0	ppg
C Chris Bowles	6-8	210	Jr.	14.0	ppg
F Skip McGaw	6-4	180	Sr.	9.0	ppg
F John Perdue	6-0	170	Sr.	14.0	ppg

Key reserves:

C Allen Bearman	6-8	200	Jr.	7.0	ppg
F William Liles	6-4	180	Jr.	6.0	ppg

Offense: Breaking down Madisonville's offense you'll find that the Maroons generally run a motion offense. Parsons' crew also is considered a fastbreak-type ballclub.

Defense: Mainly they'll play some matchup out of a 2-1-2 or 1-3-1 set.

Coach Parsons' comments: "In that upper bracket it's amazing that there are so many strong teams. The main thing we have to concentrate on is Owensboro, the No. 1 team in the state. After that it's just where the chips fall. I think it's to our advantage in playing the first game (of the first session) because after the first round the tournament is more an endurance test than finesse."

OWENSBORO RED DEVILS

Region: Third
Record: 29-3
Colors: Red and Black
Head Coach: Randy Embry is in his seventh season after taking over for two-time state winner Bobby Watson.

Tournament history: Owensboro will be making a record 35th state tournament appearance (dating back to 1917). OHS has earned a Sweet Sixteen ticket during 15 of its last 18 seasons.

Probable starters:

G Scott Johnson	6-0	160	Sr.	11.0	ppg
G Orlando Stewart	5-10	150	Jr.	13.0	ppg
C Dwight Pewett	6-6	195	Sr.	9.0	ppg
F David Hogg	6-3	195	Sr.	14.0	ppg
F Maurice White	6-0	180	Sr.	15.0	ppg

Key reserves:

G Brandy Wilson	5-10	150	Sr.	5.0	ppg
F Chad Embry	6-0	180	So.	4.0	ppg

Offense: Against a man-to-man defense look for the Devils to run out of a 1-2-2 set and flex offense. When facing a zone OHS will use a 1-3-1 attack.

Defense: Traditionally, Owensboro is known for its sticky and suffocating man-to-man press. In regards to a half-court alignment, Embry's club will play both man-to-man and zone defenses.

Coach Embry's comments: "In the upper bracket there's just a whole lot of talented clubs. To get to the finals we'll have to play three outstanding games. A lot of our players were there last year and are looking forward to going back. This is one of the best teams that I've had...and I've had two teams that have made the semifinals."

WARREN CENTRAL DRAGONS

Region: Fourth
Record: 23-8
Colors: Navy and White

Head Coach: Mike Flynn, who is in his second year as head coach at Warren Central. Previously, he was an assistant for two years in the Dragons' camp.

Tournament history: This will be Warren Central's third trip down Sweet Sixteen Lane. Its other two times were in 1982 and 1983.

Probable starters:

G Marcus Washington	5-9	145	Jr.	12.0	ppg
G Chris Turner	6-2	175	Sr.	13.0	ppg
C Dion Wingo	6-6	205	Sr.	17.0	ppg
F Kelvin McKinney	6-1	195	Sr.	6.0	ppg
F Mel Flora	6-3	170	Sr.	7.0	ppg

Key reserves:

G Matt Beck	6-0	175	Jr.	2.0	ppg
G Bobby Eblen	6-1	175	Jr.	3.0	ppg

Offense: When facing a man-to-man defense, the Dragons like to go into their passing game. Against a zone they'll spread the floor while looking to feed the pill into Wingo's hands.

Defense: Warren Central is basically a zone oriented squad. That is, they'll play some 3-2, 2-1-2 and matchup zones.

Coach Flynn's comments: "We're playing real well right now; the chemistry is good. We need to keep our roles the same—we know who needs to shoot it, handle the ball on the break. We just need to keep to approaching the game with the same mental outlook we've used recently."

LARUE COUNTY HAWKS

Region: Fifth
Record: 24-4
Colors: Blue and White

Head Coach: Don Cunningham, who is in his third season.

Tournament history: LaRue County has been absent from the state's annual hoopla party since 1960. The Hawks were in the tournament in 1959 and 1960. They were also in the tourney in 1958 but it was then the school was known as Hodgenville High School.

Probable starters:

G Robbie Crim	6-1	150	Sr.	8.9	ppg
G Kelly Sandidge	6-0	170	Sr.	7.5	ppg
C James Polk	6-5	180	Sr.	4.1	ppg
F Jason Revter	6-6	190	Jr.	8.4	ppg
F Scott Boley	6-8	190	Jr.	23.3	ppg

Key reserves:

F David Dawson	6-5	180	Jr.	2.6	ppg
G Paul Childress	5-8	135	Jr.	5.0	ppg
F Todd Rogers	6-2	175	Sr.	1.1	ppg

Offense: This is an excellent shooting ballclub, especially Boley. Attacking a man-to-man LaRue County will run out of the flex offense, and try to get the ball inside off the blocks. Against a zone, the Hawks will pass more while still trying to get the roundball inside. But they won't hesitate to take the open outside jumper.

Defense: LaRue loves to apply a man-to-man setup. Although Cunningham says they don't like to, the Hawks will sometimes throw a 2-3 zone at their opponents.

Coach Cunningham's comments: "If our kids come in and play really smart—we have a lot of composure—then we ought to do well. We're a real intelligent club. We're not just glad

1987 Boys' State Tournament

March 25-28 At Rupp

FIRST ROUND March 25-26	QUARTERFINALS March 27	SEMIFINALS March 28
Owensboro (29-3) Wed., 1 p.m.	Madisonville (26-4) 1 p.m.	Louisville Ballard (27-5) 10 a.m.
Paintsville (31-4) Wed., 2:30 p.m.		
Monticello (26-5) Louisville Doss (22-10) Wed., 7:30 p.m.	Mason County (30-2) Marshall County (27-5) Wed., 9 p.m.	
LaRue County (24-4) Thur., 1 p.m.		
Rowan County (15-16) Highlands (21-9) Thur., 2:30 p.m.	Warren Central (23-8) Thur., 7:30 p.m.	Oldham County (24-6) Thur., 9 p.m.
Clay County (31-2) Warren Central (23-8) Thur., 9 p.m.		
Hazard (30-4)		

to be there.' We're coming up with hopes of cutting down the nets on Saturday night."

DOSS DRAGONS

Region: Sixth
Record: 22-10
Colors: Burgundy and Gold

Head Coach: Leon Mudd, who is in his 13th season at Doss. **Tournament history:** This is the fourth trip to the state tourney for Doss, all of them coming in the decade of the 80s. The Dragons first appeared in the Sweet Sixteen in 1980 and then earned back-to-back tickets to Rupp Arena in '84 and '85.

Probable starters:

G Lee Taylor	5-10	160	So.	8.0	ppg
G Danny Leasor	6-0	160	Sr.	9.0	ppg
C Matt Beck	6-6	190	So.	6.0	ppg
F Brandy Monks	6-7	180	Sr.	22.5	ppg
F Marcus Davis	6-2	178	Jr.	10.0	ppg

Key reserves:

G-F Chris Jarrard	6-1	165	Sr.	5.5	ppg
F Troy Cottner	6-2	180	Sr.	4.5	ppg
G-F Anthony Ferguson	6-3	160	Fr.	4.0	ppg
G Eric Mack	5-6	140	So.	3.0	ppg

Offense: Motion
Defense: Multiple. Man-to-man, 1-3-1 and 2-3 zones in halfcourt, variety of zone presses.

Coach Mudd's comments: "We're in the top bracket, and it's definitely tough. A lot of the proven ballteams are in it. But down in the bottom bracket you've got Clay County, they've been there before. So, anytime you get to the state tournament it's going to be tough."

BALLARD BRUINS

Region: Seventh
Record: 27-5
Colors: Cardinal and White

Head Coach: Scott Davenport, who is in his initial season as head man on the Ballard campus. He was a former assistant for the Bruins from 1981-83.

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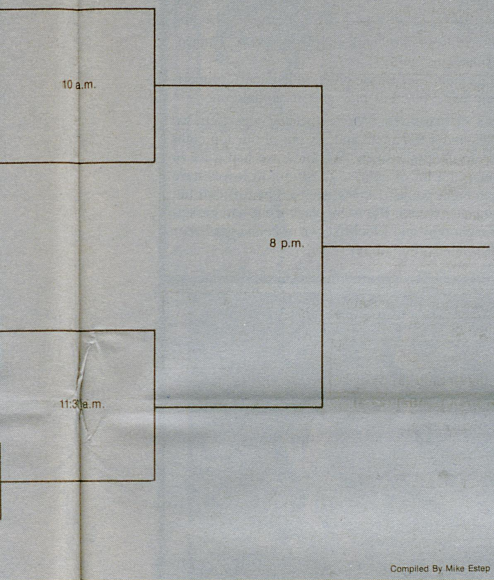
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Tournament Pairings

25-28 At Rupp Arena

SEMIFINALS
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Tournament history: This marks the second straight season Ballard has been in the Sweet Sixteen, fifth overall. Ballard is best remembered for producing the '77 champs, which featured All-Staters Jeff Lamp and Lee Raker.

Probable starters:

G Allan Houston	6-4	160	So.	14.0 ppg
G Mark Bell	5-8	148	So.	16.2 ppg
C Chris Riesenberg	6-6	186	Sr.	5.8 ppg
F Kenneth Martin	6-3	168	Jr.	15.7 ppg
F Leonard Taylor	6-6	168	Sr.	7.8 ppg

Key reserves:

F Jamie Trowell	6-2	190	Sr.	7.0 ppg
G Eric McDuffie	5-11	140	Jr.	5.0 ppg
F Bill Lacey	6-4	178	Sr.	2.0 ppg

Offense: When Ballard is faced with a man-to-man defense it will usually run a high post or motion offense. Depending on the zone Davenport has plenty of alignments to which he can go to.

Defense: The Bruins are a multiple defensive squad.

Coach Davenport's comments: "I think we've got to rebound, shoot the basketball well and cut down on our turnovers. Also, we must play good, solid defense. You've got to do these four things well if you hope to get far in the tournament."

OLDHAM COUNTY COLONELS

Region: Eighth
Record: 24-6
Colors: Royal Blue and White

Head Coach: Bob Hoggard, who is in his fifth season at Oldham County.

Tournament history: The Colonels will be making their third straight appearance in Kentucky's March classic, while it will be their fourth trip to the Sweet 16 within an eight-year span. In 1985 Oldham County made it to the semifinals before being ousted by soon-to-be state champ Hopkinsville, 66-59.

Probable starters:

G Scott Allen	5-8	140	Sr.	8.1 ppg
G Chris Leep	6-1	170	Sr.	6.8 ppg
C John Hartlage	6-9	190	Jr.	14.2 ppg
F David Hicks	6-4	190	Sr.	15.2 ppg
F Tim Griffin	6-4	170	Sr.	14.9 ppg

or
*C Mark Rexroat 6-5 190 Jr. 5.4 ppg

Key reserves:

G Craig Heine	6-2	170	Sr.	1.8 ppg
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*Note—If Chris Leep doesn't start for the Colonels then Mark Rexroat will get the starting nod.

Offense: Against a man-to-man defense the Colonels will operate from a double-low post offense. When a zone is applied then look for Oldham County to try and fill the gaps and take advantage of what the defense gives it.

Defense: The Colonels will mix it up, playing both zone and man-to-man defenses. They've also been known to throw a full-court zone press at the opposition.

Coach Hoggard's comments: "We'll have to shoot the ball well to get far in the tournament. Every team will have to do that. We need to play good half-court defense. I believe our rebounding strength will be there."

FT. THOMAS HIGHLANDS BLUEBIRDS

Region: Ninth
Record: 21-9
Colors: Blue and White

Head Coach: Ken Shields, 12 years at Highlands. Shields has 439 victories for his career, and needs just one more to pass Stan Arnszen and become the all-time winningest coach in northern Kentucky history.

Tournament history: Seven previous tournament appearances, dating back to 1920. 1987 marks the second straight trip to the Sweet Sixteen for Highlands, which has won the Ninth Region crown three times in the last five years.

Probable starters:

G Darin Blasingame	6-2	165	Sr.	19.0 ppg
G Trevor Barth	5-8	145	Jr.	13.5 ppg
C Marvin Cox	6-6	190	Jr.	12.5 ppg
F Bob Cowie	6-5	195	Jr.	13.7 ppg
F Joe Weyer	6-0	165	Sr.	3.0 ppg

Key reserves:

G David Schroeder	5-9	150	Jr.	2.5 ppg
F David Fischer	6-4	180	Jr.	3.6 ppg
G Jay Buten	5-9	145	Sr.	3.5 ppg

Offense: Motion

Defense: Multiple

Coach Shield's comments: "We play Clay County (in the opening round), which is probably one of the top-rated teams in the tournament. They've been there before, we have too, but they've got such a rich tradition. We'll definitely have our hands full."

MASON COUNTY ROYALS

Region: Tenth
Record: 30-2
Colors: Royal Blue and White

Head Coach: Allen Feldhaus, who has been at Mason County for the last 13 years.

Tournament history: Fourth appearance since 1981 season, when Feldhaus guided the Royals to the championship game where they lost to Simon Kenton. Last trip to Sweet Sixteen was in 1985.

Probable starters:

G Rodney Jackson	5-9	155	Sr.	5.0 ppg
G Jerry Butler	5-9	145	Sr.	14.1 ppg
C Robert Lofton	6-1	173	Sr.	7.8 ppg
F Deron Feldhaus	6-7	202	Sr.	23.6 ppg
F Chad Fletcher	5-11	155	Sr.	10.5 ppg

Key reserves:

F Rheaun Bluford	6-1	160	Sr.	3.3 ppg
G Scott Morgan	5-9	140	Jr.	2.7 ppg

Offense: Will take opportunity of break when possible, run motion offense in halfcourt.

Defense: Fullcourt man-to-man.

Coach Feldhaus' comments: "To me, tournaments are a momentum thing, the first game is always the hardest. If you can get by and survive that first game, then you'll be OK. There aren't any dominant teams in the tournament this year, but there are a lot of good teams in that top bracket. I think we can play with anybody and I'd be disappointed if we don't."

MADISON CENTRAL INDIANS

Region: Eleventh
Record: 23-9
Colors: Red, White and Blue

Head Coach: Don Richardson, who is in his second stint as the head man at Central. Richardson guided the Indians for nine years, concentrated on baseball for a number of seasons and then returned to the basketball job three years ago.

Tournament history: This will be the first trip to the Sweet Sixteen for Central in the 31-year history of the Richmond school.

Probable starters:

G Roger Nayle	5-10	155	Sr.	14.0 ppg
G Jerry Goble	6-3	185	Sr.	10.7 ppg
C Shawn Evans	6-7	220	Sr.	16.5 ppg
F Steve Dyer	6-5	190	Sr.	10.1 ppg
F Shane Lakes	6-4	185	Sr.	12.5 ppg

Key reserves:

G Kelly Combs	6-3	180	Sr.	3.9 ppg
G Denny Humphrey	6-2	170	Sr.	2.6 ppg

Offense: Patterned, halfcourt offense. Look to run the controlled break when given the opportunity.

Defense: Combination of man-to-man with 2-3, 1-2-2 and 1-3-1 zones thrown in to mix things up.

Coach Richardson's comments: "The state (tournament) is wide open this year. Owensboro has to be considered the favorite, they've been ranked No. 1 for most of the year. In our bracket, Oldham County, I know they're a good team. And I've been talking to some people and they say Warren Central (Central's first-round opponent) is a good team, too. And Clay County is just outstanding. We're a senior team, I don't think we'll be bothered by the big building or anything. We should go over there and play well."

MONTICELLO TROJANS

Region: Twelfth
Record: 26-5
Colors: Blue and White

Head Coach: Wade Upchurch, seven years at Monticello.

Tournament history: Sixteen previous state tournament appearances, dating all the way back to the first tourney held in 1916. The Trojans have been runners-up in the tournament two times, in 1917 and 1960. Last appearance was in 1974.

Probable starters:

G Shane Blevins	5-9	150	Sr.	23.8 ppg
G Scotty Abbott	5-5	130	Sr.	3.1 ppg
C Gary Campbell	6-5	200	Sr.	20.1 ppg
F Michael Abbott	5-11	155	Jr.	7.2 ppg
F Jonathan Carrender	6-0	180	Sr.	3.3 ppg

Key reserves:

F Scott Roberts	6-0	168	Sr.	4.2 ppg
F-C Donnie Foster	6-2	172	Sr.	1.0 ppg

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Fullcourt zone press entire game. Multiple defenses in halfcourt.

Coach Upchurch's comments: "I think we've got two real fine players in Gary Campbell and Shane Blevins, they can play with anybody. When these boys were sophomores (in 1985), we played Lexington Catholic when they were one of the best teams in the state and we were ranked last in the 12th Region in the preseason. In the huddle that night they thought they could win, and I knew they couldn't. This year, our players still think they can win. And they've answered every bell, so I believe in 'em. We've got as good a shot as anybody."

CLAY COUNTY TIGERS

Region: Thirteenth
Record: 31-2
Colors: Black and Gold

Head Coach: Bobby Keith, is in his 25th year at Clay County, the first eight as an assistant.

Tournament history: The perennial power in the 13th Region, Clay County will be playing in the Sweet Sixteen for the fourth straight year. The Tigers have made 18 tournament appearances in all, with 11 trips to the state since 1973.

Probable starters:

G Richie Farmer	6-0	180	Jr.	23.1 ppg
G Russ Farmer	6-0	170	So.	13.6 ppg
C Kevin Jackson	6-0	168	Jr.	10.1 ppg
F Russ Chadwell	5-11	140	Jr.	14.9 ppg

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F Charlie Robinson 6-2 172 Sr. 8.1 ppg

Key reserves:

F Eugene Rawlings 6-2 220 So. 4.4 ppg

Offense: Will occasionally take advantage of the break, but Keith likes his team to control the tempo with halfcourt offense.

Defense: Multiple. Variety of man-to-man and zone defenses, both fullcourt and halfcourt.

Coach Keith's comments: "Once you make it to the state, no games are easy. You've got all the winners from all the different regions and they've all proven they can play and win. We won't be looking past the first game. I don't think our experience in the tournament is a factor, because I think when you get down there it's whether or not you've been on a roll going into the tourney. I think we are playing pretty good basketball right now, so we are looking forward to it."

HAZARD BULLDOGS

Region: Fourteenth

Record: 30-4

Colors: Blue and Gold

Head Coach: Roy McKamey, has a 82-11 won-loss mark in his three years at Hazard.

Tournament history: This is the second straight appearance in the state tournament for the Bulldogs, who have been in the tourney field 26 times dating back to 1923. Hazard has made it into the semifinals six times and has won the event twice—in 1932 and 1955.

Probable starters:

G Terry North	6-1	165	Sr.	15.0 ppg
G Willie Combs	6-1	175	Sr.	17.0 ppg
C Jim Leveridge	6-5	210	So.	13.0 ppg
F Greg Napier	6-3	185	Jr.	7.0 ppg
F Alan Smith	5-11	155	Jr.	7.0 ppg

Key reserves:

F Todd Blanton	5-6	130	Jr.	5.0 ppg
G Keith Deaton	5-6	160	Jr.	4.0 ppg

Offense: Primarily double stack, flex.

Defense: Lot of man-to-man and zone pressure defense, both fullcourt and halfcourt.

Coach McKamey's comments: "We're just tickled to be there and we're going to go down there and do the best we can. We've got a lot of respect for coach (Bob) Hoggard and Oldham County (Hazard's first-round opponent). They're an awfully talented bunch. We're very concerned right now about their size, they're just so much bigger than we are physically. We hope to go down there and represent our school and our community the best we can."

PAINTSVILLE TIGERS

Region: Fifteenth

Record: 31-4

Colors: Royal Blue and White

Head Coach: Bill Mike Runyon, five years at Paintsville.

Tournament history: It took Paintsville a while to get it cranked up, the Tigers didn't advance to the Sweet Sixteen until 1985. But since then they have been a fixture coming out of the Fifteenth Region as this marks their third consecutive appearance in Rupp Arena.

Probable starters:

G Keith Adkins	6-1	175	Jr.	14.0 ppg
G Mike Minix	6-1	170	Sr.	16.0 ppg
C John Pelphrey	6-7	180	Sr.	20.0 ppg
F Joey Couch	6-3	200	Sr.	12.0 ppg
F Jerrod Gray	6-2	180	Sr.	3.0 ppg

Key reserves:

F Todd Birchell	6-2	170	Sr.	2.0 ppg
G Lance Daniels	5-8	160	Sr.	2.0 ppg

Offense: Power, flex. Will run break if possible.

Defense: Diamond and 2-1-1 fullcourt zone pressure. Man-to-man in halfcourt defense.

Coach Runyon's comments: "We're in the tough bracket (upper bracket with teams like Owensboro, Madisonville, Monticello, Doss, Mason County, Marshall County and Ballard), but nobody said it was gonna be easy. We're going up there with the attitude that if we work hard, have the right frame of mind and do what we're supposed to do, then we can win it. Our experience will help and it definitely has helped us. And the kind of schedule we've played will be a big help to us, too."

ROWAN COUNTY VIKINGS

Region: Sixteenth

Record: 15-16

Colors: Kelly Green and White

Head Coach: Tim Moore, in his first year at Rowan County after serving as an assistant at Laurel County and Oldham County.

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Tournament history: Definitely the Cinderella team in this year's Sweet Sixteen, Rowan County was 10-16 at one point but won its last five games, capturing the district and regional tournament titles. The Vikings became the first Morehead-based team to advance as far as the regional finals, which of course means this is their first appearance in the state tournament.

Probable starters:

G Jason Blair	5-10	165	Jr.	5.0 ppg
G B.J. Upchurch	6-2	165	Sr.	15.7 ppg
C Mike Price	6-4	170	Jr.	7.5 ppg
F Greg Adkins	6-4	190	Jr.	13.5 ppg
F Kelly Wells	6-5	165	Fr.	12.5 ppg

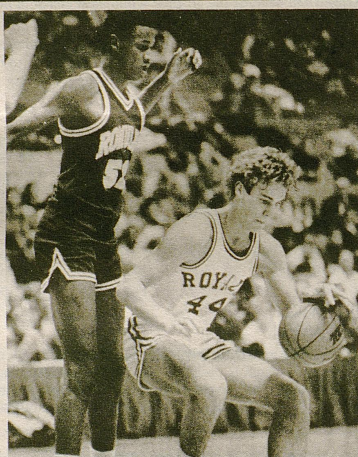
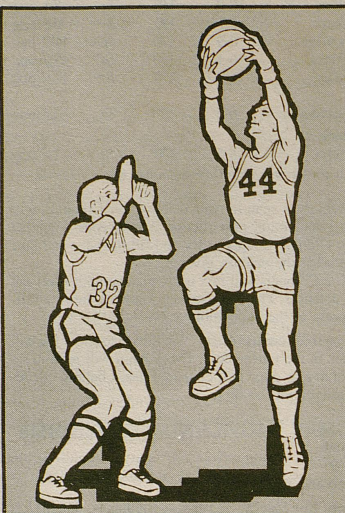
Key reserves:

C Greg Brown	6-2	185	Sr.	5.0 ppg
C T.J. Trent	6-3	185	Jr.	2.0 ppg
G Richy Lambert	5-11	150	Sr.	6.1 ppg
G Jeremy Morgan	6-0	165	Jr.	1.0 ppg

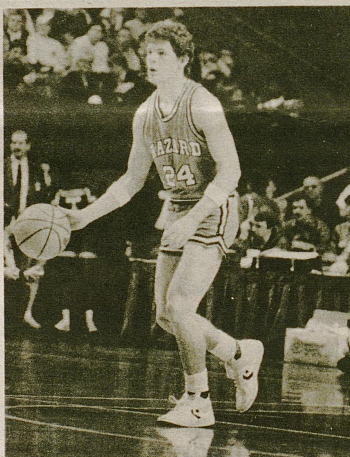
Offense: Will try to set tempo with controlled break. Patterned halfcourt offense.

Defense: Start game in 1-2-1 zone press. In halfcourt, primarily a man-to-man team, but will play an occasional zone.

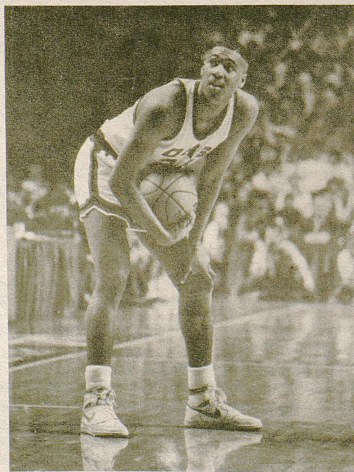
Coach Moore's comments: "We're a very young team, we start three juniors and a freshman and six out of our top eight or nine players are underclassmen. We knew we had a lot to learn. We've been in a lot of games, 12 of our 16 losses have been by less than eight points. I knew it would be difficult but I felt we'd have a better record. But we're playing our best basketball of the year right now and I feel like we're gonna get better and better."



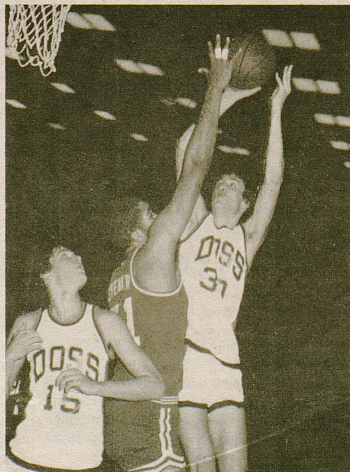
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'87 Blue-White Game To Be Bigger, Better

UK Staff Has All Sorts Of Things Planned

The Blue-White game.

Granted it's not one of the biggest events on the Kentucky campus. Heck, unless you're a member of Jerry Claiborne's football Wildcats, it's really nothing to get excited about.

Well, the folks over at the UK athletics office are trying to make this year's intrasquad scrimmage—to be played at Commonwealth Stadium on April 25 at 6 p.m.—something more than just your average scrimmage.

"We've got a lot of things which are going to be exciting for people," said newly-hired UK assistant athletics director Gene



Nick Nicholas
Cats' Pause Columnist

DeFilippo.

Cliff Hagan, the K-Men's Club and a supporting cast have come up with some ideas, helping increase the popularity of the event.

Already, Super America has guaranteed it will print 150,000 tickets (to be given away free) and distribute the ducats throughout its 92 stores in Kentucky. Some of the sponsors the athletics staff has corralled are: Super America, Lexington Central Bank, Taco Tico, Coca-Cola and Little Caesar's Pizza.

"So far," DeFilippo continued, "we have lined up the following: we're going to have free hot dogs and Cokes for the first 8,500 people who come to the game. For the first 5,000 fans through the gates we'll have free football schedule cards.

"We're also going to have free posters, bumper stickers, painter caps, and individual photos of the 1987 Wildcats. That's already been confirmed.

"We're really excited about getting the word out." Radio spots and advertisements in various newspapers in Kentucky will be promoting the Blue-White game. For the University of Kentucky, hopefully a huge gathering of football fans will want to partake in the action at Commonwealth Stadium.

According to the 36-year-old AD assistant, footballs and T-shirts are scheduled to be given to lucky fans at halftime. Other prizes also are expected to be awarded.

Spectators attending that night will be allowed in the stadium one hour prior to kickoff.

Tennessee Had The Right Idea

"We took some of Tennessee's ideas, some of Vanderbilt's ideas, and some of our own," noted DeFilippo about putting together a project like this. "Through those ideas and Coach Hagan's, from me, Frank Ham (assistant AD), Russell Rice (sports information director), Larry Ivy (assistant AD), Brad Davis (assistant sports information director)... we came up with a bunch of things to do.

"For instance, Rod Stiles (former UK graduate assistant) is in charge of working with our students. He's going to put a flyer in each of their (UK students) mailboxes. We're going to try and do some fun things for the UK students as well."

Dubbed "The 'Cats Night Out", Kentucky's Oct 15 midnight practice last fall had a format similar to the upcoming spring Blue-White grid showdown. But so did some good ole boys down in K-town. Last season, Tennessee did something similar to what the Wildcat staff is trying to do. For instance, getting corporate sponsors, promoting the contest through out the state really helped sell its product. And it doesn't take a genius to figure out that Tennessee had a successful evening following the conclusion of the game.

A crowd of 73,801 jammed into Neyland Stadium to watch the 1986 Orange-White spring battle. The attendance figure for the night billed as "The World's Largest Spring Football Game" topped the Guinness Book of Records for the biggest crowd ever to witness an intrasquad matchup. Heck, it broke the record by approximately 30,000, formerly held by the University of Minnesota.

There's also been spring game crowds listed at 36,000 at Notre Dame during the debut of Gerry Faux (1981) and 40,000 at Iowa City, Iowa, to watch the Hawkeyes scrimmage in 1985.

And Kentucky fans talk about selling out Louisville's Freedom Hall for a practice session.

However, unlike UK coming off a so-so football campaign, the timing of the "Big Orange" hype was just right. Sure, they gave away prizes. In fact, according to one UT source during every two or three minutes of the Orange-White game the PA announcer would call out a lucky number for a prize. While being known as the big-

gest crowd to ever watch an intrasquad contest in person, but due to all the sideline activities it might have been the longest one as well. There's a different ingredient, though, which UK is missing.

The main attraction on the evening was the defending Sugar Bowl victor, the Tennessee Volunteer football squad.

Tennessee was coming off an impressive 35-7 Sugar Bowl win over a favored Miami ballclub. The Vols had finished 9-1-2, Southeastern Conference Champs and a No. 4 final ranking in both AP and UPI polls.

When you're going good don't let up. And that's exactly what Tennessee did—the Volunteer administration kept the ball rollin'.

Keeping Goals Realistic As Possible

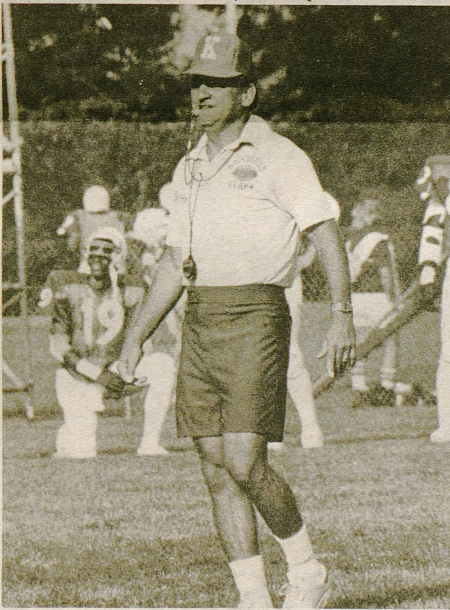
Back to the Wildcats, the UK athletics staff should be given credit for trying, as they say, "to get the ball rollin'." But don't expect one-third of what happened in Knoxville last season, because the boys at Kentucky's athletics office aren't. At least not now.

Still, it's the start of something good for UK's football program, something which would catch the attention of future recruits.

"A successful night would be a night with not a cloud in the sky, between 70 and 75 degrees, and between 20 and 25,000 fans out there cheering for our Wildcats," hoped DeFilippo.

The UK assistant, a former assistant coach at Tennessee, Youngstown State and Vanderbilt before taking the athletics director position at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg in 1984, jokingly said that "Coach Claiborne would be in charge of the weather.

"The football players say that it can be pouring all day long, but when ever he comes out of Shively onto the practice field the rain



UK Still Behind Jerry Claiborne

stops. So when he walks into Commonwealth the rain will stop."

All kidding aside, the UK athletics staff, through the voice of DeFilippo, knows that a stern uphill battles awaits them.

"I think that's a tough goal (20,000 to 25,000 fans) but I think we need to shoot our sights high and if we reach that goal then it's something to build on.

"If we don't reach that goal then we'll be disappointed for about a day or so, then we'll start building for next year (spring game)."

While it's safe to say there won't be 70,000, 50,000, 30,000 or maybe even say 20,000 in attendance for the spring game, UK is on the right track to building its football program for the future.

"We've got the right guy at the helm," said DeFilippo in reference to head coach Jerry Claiborne. "I coached (assistant at Tennessee) against Jerry Claiborne for the first time in 1974 when we played in the Liberty Bowl. So, I knew of him then.

"He's one of the best fundamental coaches in the country and we're lucky to have him here. I believe with all my heart that Kentucky can have a successful football program. That's what all of us in this athletics department want."

Tide Tops Bat Cats 7-5 To Avoid Three-Game Sweep; UK Now 13-4

Alabama scored four times in the second inning off of UK pitcher Vince Tyra and added single runs in the third, sixth and eighth to defeat Kentucky 7-5 Sunday afternoon and keep coach Keith Madison's Bat Cats from sweeping the three-game weekend series in Tuscaloosa.

Kentucky scored a pair of runs to take a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but the Tide moved three runners across the plate in the second to go ahead for good. Tyra, 1-1 on the year, walked two hitters and hit another to load the bases, and then gave up a three-run double to Alabama shortstop Pat Monti that put the Tide on top 3-2.

After Alabama, 11-9 overall and 4-4 in the SEC, scored single runs in the fourth and sixth to increase the lead to 6-2, UK's comeback bid fell short. Bobby Olinick hit his fifth homer of the season in the seventh and catcher Robbie Buchanan tripled and scored in the ninth, but Alabama pitcher David Oropeza worked out of trouble to post his third win of the year without a loss.

The loss dropped Kentucky to 13-4 and 3-3.

Sunday's game

Kentucky.....200 000 201-5 7 0
Alabama.....041 001 01x-7 10 3

Vince Tyra, Doug Sutton (3), Jon Hudson (6) and Robbie Buchanan; David Oropeza and Clint Thompson. W—Oropeza, 3-0. L—Tyra, 1-1. HR—UK, Bobby Olinick (5).

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Kentucky took the first two games of the series Saturday, sweeping both games of a twinbill, 7-4 and 11-9.

First baseman Mitch Knox drove in four runs with a two-run homer and a two-run single, and pitcher Matt Coleman increased his unbeaten string to five games as UK won the first game 7-4.

Leftfielder Chris Estep hit a solo shot in the first inning to give the Bat Cats a 1-0 lead and Knox's fourth longball of the year, a two-run blast in the third, made it 3-0.

UK pounded out five singles and scored three times in the fourth to make it 6-0 and chase losing pitcher Mike Sodders, 1-2. Knox had a two-run single in the inning and second baseman Terry Shumpert touched relief pitcher Pete Brown for the other run-scoring single.

Olinick added a solo homer in the seventh to stretch the lead to 7-0. Alabama scored three unearned runs in the bottom half of the inning before David Matsumura came out of the bullpen to record his first save of the season in relief of Coleman.

UK then pounded out 14 hits and pitcher Steve Culkar, 2-0, came on in the sixth inning to claim his second win of the year as the Bat Cats took the nightcap 11-9.

Kentucky scored a pair of runs in each of the first two innings and added three more in the third off of Gordie Hershiser, younger brother of Los Angeles Dodger hurler Orel Hershiser, to jump out in front 7-2. But after UK scored a single run in the fifth to make it 8-2, Bama scored five times in the fourth and two more in the sixth to knot the score at 9-9. UK picked up two runs in the top of the seventh off of loser Jake Stout, 1-4, to assure the sweep.

Saturday's first game

Kentucky.....102 300 1-7 10 3
Alabama.....000 010 3-4 5 2

Matt Coleman, Steve Culkar (7) and Robbie Buchanan; Mike Sodders, Pete Brown (5) and Clint Thompson. W—Coleman, 5-0. L—Sodders, 1-2. SV—Culkar (1). HR—UK, Chris Estep (2), Mitch Knox (4), Bobby Olinick (3).

Saturday's second game

Kentucky.....223 100 12-11 14 1
Alabama.....110 050 20-0 11 3

Tom Deller, Jon Hudson (5), David Voit (7), Steve Culkar (7), and David Ray, Robbie Buchanan (7); Gordie Hershiser, Dee Norwood (4), Jake Stout (7) and Clint Thompson. W—Steve Culkar, 2-0. L—Jake Stout, 1-4. HR—UK, Mitch Knox (5), Bobby Olinick (4), Chris Estep (3); Alabama, Al Suddeth (1).

Larry Conley



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RUPP CALLED CONLEY "A COACH ON THE FLOOR"! HE WAS CONSIDERED TEAM SPOKESMAN FOR "RUPP'S RUNTS" AND WAS A DOUBLE DIGIT SCORER EACH OF HIS THREE YEARS AS A WILDCAT STARTER!

WATTS

One-On-One With Pulaski's Dave Fraley

Coach Discusses Sweet 16, Son Shannon

Veteran high school coach Dave Fraley has sent four hoop teams—one at Powell County and three at Pulaski County—to the Sweet Sixteen, including last season when he directed Pulaski to the coveted state tournament championship.

If you recall last year, it was UK recruit Reggie Hanson and the hungry Maroons who surprised observers by winning four heart-stopping games en route to the state crown. And, in the tourney's final matchup, Fraley's son Shannon sank a game-winning layup to cinch a 47-45 victory over Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park.

However, you won't find Fraley coaching in The Greatest Show



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

on Earth at Rupp Arena this time around. That's because Laurel County eliminated Pulaski County 70-47 in the district tourney opener, ending the Maroons' injury-riddled campaign with an 11-16 mark.

The 44-year-old Fraley, who arrived at Pulaski County in 1977 after coaching seven years at Powell County, recently took a timeout from his administrative work at the high school in Somerset to discuss various topics. In addition to coaching, he is an assistant principal and the athletic director at the high school.

Here's the taped conversation:

The Cats' Pause: After you've had a year to reflect, describe your current feelings about winning the Sweet Sixteen last spring. Is that the biggest moment of your career?

Dave Fraley: It certainly is. A year has passed and there haven't been many days that I haven't thought about the accomplishment of our school, the players and the coaching staff. And I now realize that is something that will stay with me forever because about everywhere I go someone in any county or in any part of the state talks about it and has their own memories. Of course I have mine, but I am just so fortunate and I feel so good that that happened to me because in a coach's career that's the ultimate. It's a lifetime dream. Very few people ever win it twice and I'm just one of the lucky ones that won it once. It's something I will treasure forever.

TCP: Other than your players, who is the best high school player you have seen in your whole career?

Fraley: That's a very tough question. I'd kinda like to dodge that. But if you're not talking about my players, I think I could go with Winston Bennett and Darrell Griffith as great talents, and people that I thought dominated a game when they played in high school.

TCP: Should Kentucky have one "Sweet Sixteen" tournament or have a separate state tournament for each class or level, like many other states do?

Fraley: I'm totally in favor of the Sweet Sixteen and one class in Kentucky. In the basketball states that don't have one class, their state tournaments don't draw well and you really don't know who the state champion is. In Kentucky and Indiana, you know exactly who is the best in that state in any given year. I would like to see a league formed in each region where the season games counted. I've been a proponent of 16 conferences and the winner of the conference or the winner of the conference tournament at the end of the season goes to the state tournament.

TCP: Should the state tournament be played in Lexington every year, or should the sites be rotated between Lexington and Louisville?

Fraley: I personally like the state tournament in Lexington because it is closer to us and we won it there which means there'll always be memories when we go back up there. But I think the Louisville people have done a good job in renovating Freedom Hall. Even though a lot of interest was lost when the tournament was in Louisville, I don't mind seeing it rotated, as long as the attendance and the interest stays high as it's been in Lexington. You've got to really take your hat off to the people in Lexington, because that thing has been almost sold out several times which means there's a lot of interest in the tournament in Lexington. Obviously, the fans like to go there. Personally, I'll go wherever it's played.

TCP: How's one of your former players, UK's Reggie Hanson, doing? Do you keep in touch with him?

Fraley: Reggie's doing an excellent job in his studies. He is, no doubt, disappointed about having to sit out this year (because of Proposition 48 guidelines). I see Reggie probably once every two

weeks. Sometimes more often than that. We talk a lot and he visits my house. Reggie's going to be a success at UK because he can play. He was MVP at the state tourney against the best competition we've got. He had three great years here. I think Reggie can go in as a specialist for them or he can start and play for them for a long time. Whatever the role they ask Reggie to do, he'll be happy to do. That's one of the reasons he'll succeed.

TCP: How do you feel about the three-point field goal? Do you still plan to be in coaching for the next few years?

Fraley: I like the three-point goal. It has really changed the college game quite a bit. I would like to see it in high school because I think it would add some excitement. I would like to see the high school game adopt a three-point goal at the range where college has it now... well, back the college range up maybe a foot. Then it would be more premium on the shot. I think we'll get it within the next two or three years.

Another rule I'd like to see is the coaching box. I hate the seat belt rule (which forces coaches to remain seated at all times during games). I'm not a hollerer or a screamer and I've won the big game. But I think it really restricts the communication with your players in a real noisy, big gym. Now, I'd like to see the coaches in high school be allowed (to stand in) the coaching box and then if you get out of the box, you leave the gym. If you abuse the officials from the box, you leave the gym.

TCP: Your son Shannon will be going to college this fall, do you still plan to be in coaching for the next few years?

Fraley: First of all, Shannon and I are definitely going separate ways because I plan to remain in Pulaski County throughout my retirement. As far as coaching for a few more years, I think that is open. I haven't, at this time, made a decision not to. I will decide



Pulaski County Coach Dave Fraley

something in April about that. I can't see myself going many more years. By that, I mean I would think four years would be the maximum.

TCP: Where's Shannon going to play in college? Has he decided yet?

Fraley: Shannon is going to play somewhere because he wants to. He doesn't have to go to college and he certainly doesn't have to play basketball. But it's something he wants to do. As for a decision, he's going to visit the University of New Orleans at spring break (in April). I expect by the eighth or 10th of April, he'll know where he's going to go.

New Orleans is a program on the rise. They used to be in NCAA Division II. In short time, they have gone to Division I. They even cracked the Top Twenty (this season) which I think is a remarkable feat. They got interested in Shannon last year. At the time, we didn't know much about them. But this year, we've had a chance to follow New Orleans. He has talked with the coaching staff and he's very interested in that school.

Shannon is also a (coach) Lake Kelly fan at Austin Peay. Lake is heckuva coach and even a greater person. He really has impressed Shannon and sold him on the program they have down there and the players they have back for next season. They are supposed to get their seven-footer back next year that would be eligible. Austin Peay has a program on the rise also. Lake is a major, big-time coach, no doubt about that. I think really, because of Lake Kelly, Shannon is considering Austin Peay.

(Shannon's) a 6-0 guard and a role player. He's got to work to do well in college. I told him until they walk in and offer him a scholarship, don't get excited about phone calls and letters because you're just on a list and those guys are going to recruit bigger people if they could get them.

1986-87 Season Had Ups And Downs For UK Lady Kats

The University of Kentucky Lady Kat basketball team finished the 1986-87 season with a fine 17-11 record, but failed to win a bid to the NCAA postseason tournament, signifying the end to a bittersweet year.

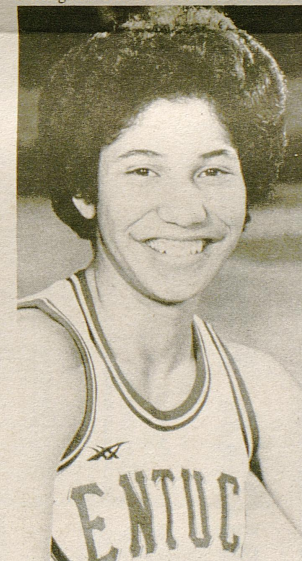
At their peak, the Lady Kats proved they could play with the best teams in the country, and even knocked off one Top Twenty team, beating then-No. 11 Vanderbilt 74-71. Another highlight was a one-point loss to No. 2 Louisiana Tech (64-63) early in the season.

Now coach Terry Hall and her staff are busy preparing for next season, and are faced with the unenviable task of replacing graduating seniors Sandy Harding, Debbie Miller and Melanie Warren. Harding and Miller started all 28 games this year, and Warren, who started four times, was Miller's chief backup at center.

"Obviously, we'll be looking for a big person," Hall said. "And finding someone to fill Sandy's shoes will be extremely difficult."

Harding, a five-foot point guard, was a four-year starter who was the sparkplug of the Kentucky team throughout her career. This season she led the Southeastern Conference in assists with an average of 6.6 per game, and needed only 25 more to equal Patty Jo Hedges' all-time mark of 731. She also became the 11th player in Lady Kat history to score 1,000 points, finishing with 1,023. She was selected to the 10-member All-SEC team.

Miller was a three-year starter who also reached the 1,000-point plateau one game before Harding. She ended her career with 1,031 points and ranks 10th on the all-time scoring list. One of the best shooters in UK

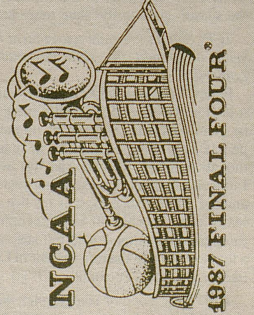
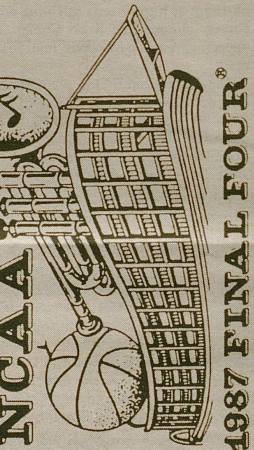
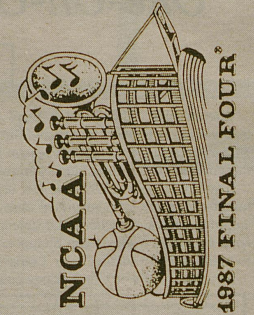
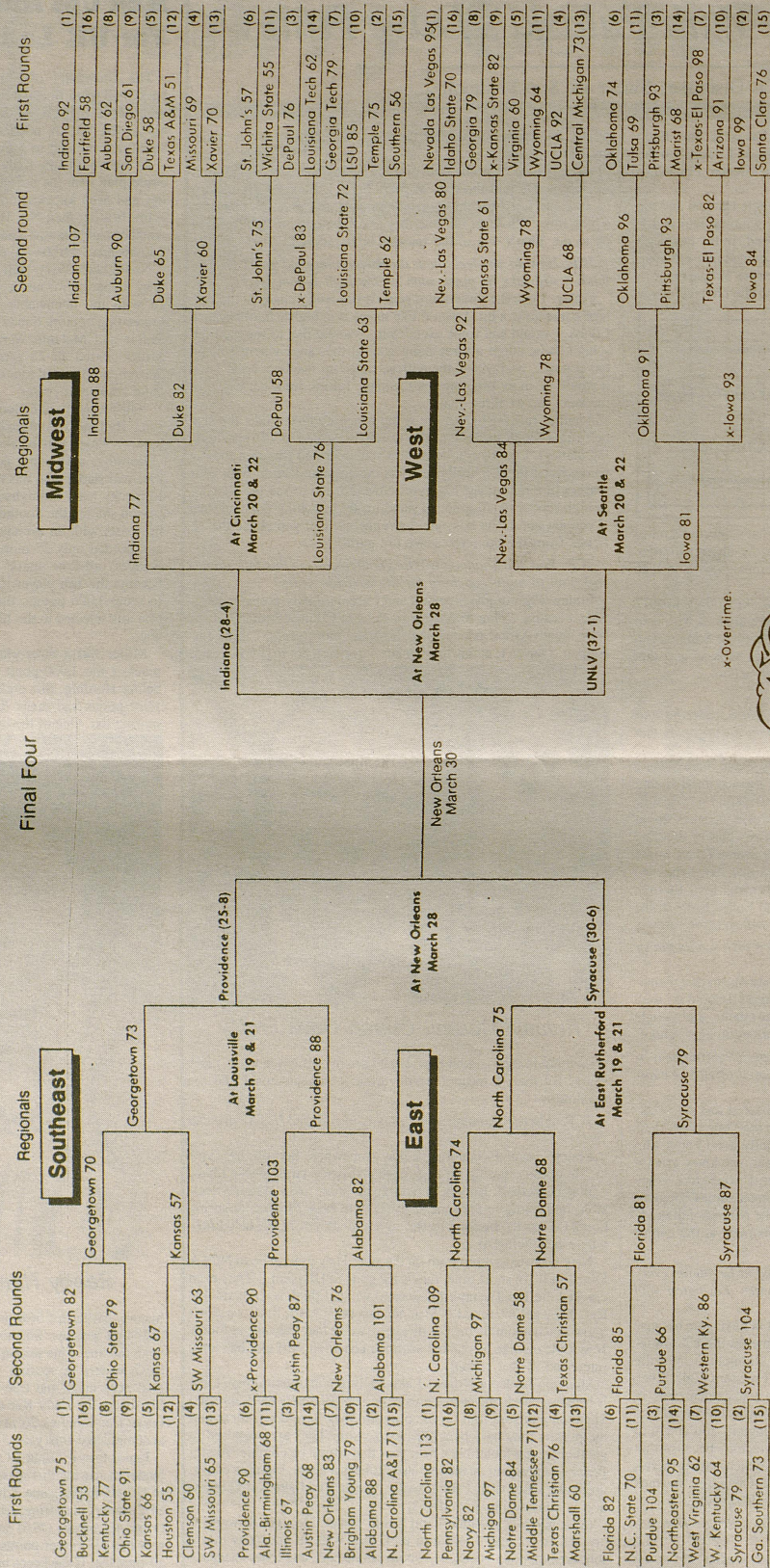


Sandy Harding

history, Miller hit 56.6 percent of her shots over four seasons. She also hit 79.6 percent from the line. This season she ranked among SEC leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage and free throw percentage. She owns the Lady Kat record for consecutive free throws—26 in a row—which she accomplished this year.

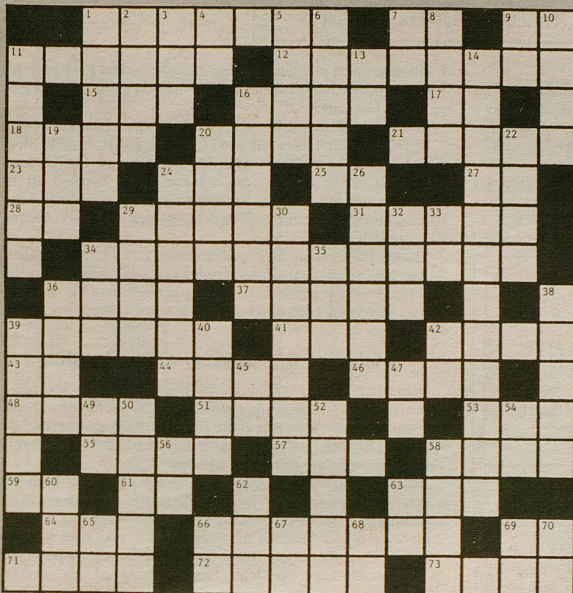
Junior forward Belitta Croley was the team leader in scoring this season with an average of 17.7 points per game. Croley ranked among SEC leaders in scoring, rebounding (7.1), free throw percentage (78.6) and steals (2.6). She now has 937 career points and is 14th on the all-time list. If she keeps up her current pace, she could easily finish as one of UK's top five all-time scorers.

1987 NCAA Basketball Championship Bracket



TCP Crossword Puzzle

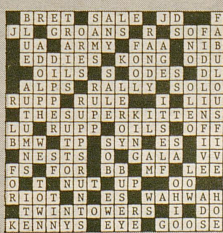
By Dan Krueckeberg



WILDCAT ALL-AMERICANS: FROM AGGIE TO ?

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|---|---|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 '33 Cat All-American Ellis | 1 Mid-'50s Cat Bird |
| 7 Initials of 50 Down | 2 Kitchen item |
| 9 Initials of '70s Cat Key | 3 Long-time U. of Washington hoop coach |
| 11 Cat All-American from Ohio | 4 Edmondson |
| 12 All-American of "Rupp's Runt" | 4 abbr. for state where 12 Across played |
| 15 Abbr. for "recreation" | high school ball |
| 16 Turned out All-Americans in record number | 5 Musical composition |
| 17 Used to call attention; biblical | 6 Backs of the neck |
| 18 First name of 39 Across | 7 Initials of 16 Down |
| 20 Be outscored | 8 1st name of a 7-foot Cat All-American |
| 21 Musical instrument | 9 Compass abbr. |
| 23 Former Tarzan actor Ron | 10 All-American when Cats won the National Championship |
| 24 '44 All-American Brannum | 11 All-American from Bryan Station |
| 25 Initials of Cat All-American from Lebanon, PA | 13 Initials of early-'70s Cat Parker |
| 27 Big Ten state abbr. | 14 All-American from Southport H.S. in Indy |
| 28 WAC state abbr. | 16 All-American teammates included J.L., M.P. and T.C. |
| 29 2-time All-American lee of the '40s | 19 Tree |
| 31 '39 Cat All-American Bernard | 20 New Mexico team member |
| 34 An early Rupp All-American | 22 Sailors |
| 36 Fly upward | 24 Mid-'50s All-American Bob |
| 37 Step | 26 All-American honors were worth waiting for |
| 39 All-American from Lafayette | 29 Warmth |
| 41 All-American years for John DeMoisy | 30 Counter argues |
| 42 Ammunition | 32 Golf term |
| 44 SEC state abbr. | 33 Initials of 12 Across |
| 46 Grevey was first Cat All-American to _____ the blue and white for coach Hall | 34 Sacant |
| 48 Leak through cracks | 35 First name of All-American who wore #44 |
| 49 Equipment | 36 Rupp's first All-American |
| 51 Paul McBrayer was the _____ All-American from Lawrenceburg | 38 Cat All-American from Harlan |
| 53 Suffix for "native" | 39 Consensus All-American for coach Rupp |
| 55 All-American Parkinson preceded the "Fab Five" | 40 Body part |
| 57 '80s Cat All-American _____ | 42 Initials of former South Carolina star English |
| 58 _____ All-American years are ahead of him | 45 NC |
| 59 Compass abbr. | 47 Initials of 1 Across |
| 61 Initials of '70s Cat Stampler | 49 Race driver Foyt |
| 63 Neither partner | 50 1st name of Cat's first 2-time consensus All-American (first team) |
| 64 Tear | 52 Hides |
| 66 Namesakes of 62 Down | 54 SWC state abbr. |
| 69 Initials of All-American from Madisonville | 56 Feminine name |
| 71 3-time Cat All-American | 60 The John Mauer _____ produced 2 All-Americans |
| 72 Be | 62 '59 consensus All-American |
| 73 First name of a '49 Cat All-American | 63 See 4 Down |
| | 65 Common verb |
| | 66 Cat Ned mungs |
| | 67 WAC state abbr. |
| | 68 Abbr. for a Bible part |
| | 69 Symbol for "iron" |
| | 70 Pharmacy abbr. |

Last Week's Answers



Kentucky High School Football All-Star Team Announced; Set To Tackle Tennessee Stars July 18 In Knoxville's Neyland Stadium

Eleven University of Kentucky football recruits headline the 1987 Kentucky High School All-Star team that will travel to Knoxville, Tenn., on July 18 to face the Tennessee High School All-Stars.

UK signees Larry Jackson, Jeff Hauk, David Scott, Jerry Bell, Courtney Longacre, Freddie Maggard, Steve Kelley, Billy Swanson, Todd George, Phil Logan and William Dishman will join forces with 24 other prep stars from around the commonwealth as they try to win their second consecutive game in the annual series.

Among other notables that will be taking part in the game for the Kentucky All-Stars are wide receiver Eddie Thomas (Indiana), tight end Frank Jacobs (Notre Dame), tackle Bobby Craycraft (Vanderbilt), tight end Jeff

Ellis (Ohio State) and guard-tackle Walter Underwood (Alabama).

The squad will report to Lexington on Sunday, July 12 to begin practice under the guidance of Belfry coach Phillip Haywood. Haywood will be assisted by Bruce Hedman of Morgan County, Joe Ruddle of Tates Creek and Steve Mickey of Belfry.

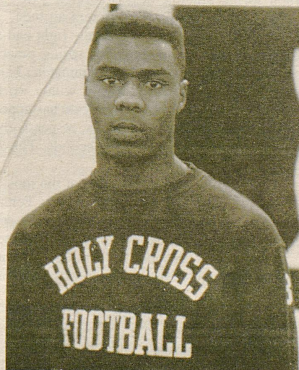
The team is scheduled to work out twice a day at UK's Shively Sports Center until departing for Knoxville on Friday, July 17. Practices are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16, with an early morning practice slated for Friday, July 17. All sessions are open to the public.

Kickoff time for the game is set for 7:30 p.m. at Neyland Stadium.

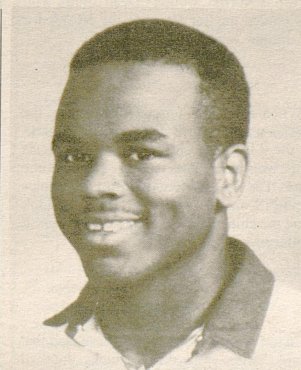
KENTUCKY ALL STAR TEAM 1987

NAME	HT	WT	OFF	DEF	SCHOOL
Greg Armstrong	6'2"	300	T	T	Heath
Maurice White	6'0"	185	TB	E	Owensboro Senior
Larry Jackson	6'1"	170	TB	S	Mayfield
Eddie Thomas	6'0"	175	WR	S	Fort Knox
Richard Newton	6'4"	242	T	T	Oldham Co.
Brian Renaud	6'1"	175	QB	E	Anderson Co.
Jeff Hauk	6'2"	195	QB	S	St. Xavier
David Scott	6'1"	210	TB	LB	Jeffersontown
Jerry Bell	6'3"	256		T	DeSales
Courtney Longacre	6'4"	220	C		Fairdale
Frank Jacobs	6'5"	225	TE	MG	Newport Central Catholic
Jimmy Baughman	5'9"	180	RB	LB	Danville
Bobby Craycraft	6'4"	255	T	T	Boyd Co.
Freddie Maggard	6'3"	205	QB	S	Cumberland
Dale Fox	6'0"	202	TB	CB	Corbin
Ernest Thompson	6'0"	235	G	T	Laurel Co.
Steve Kelly	6'2.5"	222	RB	LB	Hopkinsville
Billy Swanson	6'0"	220	RB	LB	Paducah Tighman
Jeff Ellis	6'4"	230	TE	DE	Male
Walter Underwood	6'3.5"	270	G-T	T	Fairdale
Jeff Dick	6'1"	235	G	T	Mayfield
Todd George	6'5"	265	G	T	Covington Catholic
Phil Logan	6'2"	185	WR	DB	Holy Cross
Darren Hayden	6'3"	230	FB	LB	Fairdale
Bryan Barret	6'2"	200	K		Cawood
Joe Johnson	6'1"	180	WR	DB	Mayfield
Ben Sutkamp	6'2"	220	FB	LB	Highlands
Norton Hazard	6'0"	170	RB	DB	Fern Creek
Keith Marcum	6'1.5"	225	T	DL	Belfry
Criss Collins	6'3"	230	T	DL	Ballard
James Jagers	6'2"	254	T	DL	Pleasure Ridge Park
Dennis Guillaume	6'6"	225	T	DL	St. Xavier
Skip Leach	5'9"	160	QB	DB	Male
Matt Axline	6'6"	225	TE	DE	Shelby Co.
William Dishman	6'1"	195	RB	LB	Bryan Station

HEAD COACH: Phillip Haywood - Belfry
 HEAD COACH 1988: Mike Glaser - St. Xavier
 ASST. COACHES: Bruce Herdman, Morgan Co.; Joe Ruddle, Tates Creek;
 Steve Mickey, Belfry
 GAME DIRECTORS: Paul Young, Wilson Sears



Phil Logan



William Dishman

Knox's Late-Inning Heroics Help Bat Cats Sweep Double Header

The Kentucky Bat Cats took a pair of games from in-state rival Morehead last Tuesday at Shively Field, winning the first contest 14-0 and squeaking by 5-4 in the nightcap.

It was Mitch Knox's clutch home run which allowed UK to take two from the OVC school. With Kentucky trailing 4-2 with two outs in the bottom of seventh of the second game, Knox drilled Sandy Short's pitch over the fence giving UK the win.

The Bat Cats entered the final frame behind 4-1.

In the first game, Kentucky scored seven times in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way for the victory. While getting four hits in the first inning, UK's seven-run frame also was helped when the Eagles committed four errors.

After being shut out in the second inning, UK again took aim on Morehead pitching. Six Bat Cat runners crossed the plate in the third inning.

The wins lifted the Bat Cats record to 11-3. Morehead State dropped to 1-10.

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According to the Jeff Sagarin's *USA Today* computer rankings, which are used by the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee, Kentucky played the toughest schedule in the 1986-87 season. The Wildcats met Top 50 opponents in 22 of their 29 games. Kentucky also played 16 games against teams in the NCAA Tournament field, compiling an 8-8 record in those games. Of the top 15 toughest schedules, seven were played by schools in the Southeastern Conference.

Kentucky made its 32nd appearance in the NCAA Tournament, more than any other school in the country. The Wildcats played in college basketball's showcase for the eighth straight year, earning Kentucky the distinction of being one of only three schools that have gone to at least the last eight NCAA tournaments. North Carolina made its 13th straight appearance, while Georgetown was in for the ninth straight year.

UK now has competed in either of the NCAA or the NIT for 13 straight seasons, winning a championship in each of those tournaments once during that time. In 1976, the Wildcats won the NIT and two years later advanced through the Final Four without a loss to capture the NCAA title in 1978.

Coach Eddie Sutton now has guided a team to the NCAA Tournament for 11 straight years. The only coach who can match that record is North Carolina's Dean Smith, who has guided the Tar Heels to the NCAA for 13 straight years.

When Kentucky upset Oklahoma in the regular-season home finale March 1, it marked the 23rd consecutive year the Wildcats have won their last regular-season home game. The last time Kentucky lost on "Senior Sendoff" was in 1964, when the 'Cats took it on the chin against St. Louis at Memorial Coliseum, 67-60.

OOPS!

In last week's TCP it should have read that Mark Sellers was the Kentucky football team's top performer in the chinups (71) and dips (39) during this month Wildcat Pro Day.

Injuries Continue To Sideline Curry

Has Timetable Set For August

It started out to be a promising career.

Joe Curry, an All-State selection out of Madisonville, was a nationally sought after prospect and considered to be Kentucky's answer for a top-notch performer in years to come. However, those adulations and high expectations have yet to surface.

Why?

Four knee surgeries during a three-year period have put Curry's football career on hold. His future? It remains uncertain.

Curry's hopes will be resting on the sidelines this spring as he will be held out of the month-long session. During this period he'll



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

probably be wondering about as well as wanting to partake in spring practice. Instead, Curry will be rehabilitating his knee back in shape for a possible return to the lineup.

It'll be a tough, not to mention a long road back.

Like many talented athletes who get injured, the thought of "why me" has been on the mind of one Joe Curry. But for Curry his comeback is a challenge which must come from within. In other words, an uphill battle, emotionally as well as physically, awaits him.

"Sometimes you ask yourself why does this happen to me," said Curry. "But if you do that it's like spinning wheels in mud, and you're not getting anywhere. You just have to push yourself and believe you can comeback."

"Coaches say it builds character. But it sure affects you mentally."

Instead of dwelling on his injuries received on the battle field, Curry looks ahead and hopes to compete for the tight end position. Currently, the tight end spot is up for grabs.

Although his return to action remains a question mark, the UK junior is planning on suiting up when fall practice gets underway. "My time table is set for August," informed Curry. "I hope to be running full speed in May."

One of the questions that must be answered this season is: Who will replace last year's senior tight ends Mark Wheeler and Matt Lucas?

With Curry's future up in the air, spring practice will become a crucial time for the Wildcat staff to find a starting tight end. Thus, going into spring drills the candidates are: Martin Pennington, Mike Meece, Rich Hadych, Scott Rayburn and junior college transfer Charlie Darrington.

Tight Race For Tight End Spot

"I'm sure the coaches will do something during the spring," said Curry of UK's current tight end situation. "I don't know what it will be. There is some pressure at the tight end position because I'm not sure I will be able to play or not."

If there is a front-runner heading into the end of March it's Martin Pennington, a junior, who just happens to be Curry's roommate. Pennington has the most experience of the bunch and according to Curry, will be one of the most improved players on the UK team when spring practice begins (March 25).

"He's got a completely different attitude," Curry said of Pennington. "He realizes he is the only tight end with any experience. Martin appears to be ready for spring practice."

Curry's opinion is based on Pennington's hard work ethic, recently displayed during the Wildcats' winter workouts. Through hard work in the weight room, Pennington has upped his squat and bench press lifts to 675 and 385 pounds, respectively. He's also improved his 40-yard dash time to 4.58 seconds. Those improvements have caught Curry's attention.

"Martin will definitely be one of the most improved players on the team," beamed Curry, who expects Pennington to receive the Mr. Wildcat award, which is given in the spring to the most improved player. "He's ready to play ball because he knows he has to."

In fact, Curry, because of Pennington's improvement, will have to work extremely hard if he's to gain valuable playing time in the fall.

It's something he realizes.

"With Martin having a good spring practice he deserves to be considered the starter," said Curry. "I'm going to do my best to be back for August. "It's hard to say if I would be starting because spring practice is a big evaluation.

"But if I come in August in good shape to play then I don't think

I will have much problem showing the coaches that I can play. It's just who does what between now and the first game of the season against Utah State."

Meanwhile, Curry still reflects back on what could have been.

In 1983 as a first team All-State selection and Honorable Mention All-America (defensive end) for the Maroons, Curry's team went 10-0 in the regular season before being bumped off by Owensboro in the playoffs. Schools from all across the country courted him while he made official visits to national powers Miami, Fla., and UCLA.

"I look back on my high school career and see the quickness I once had," Curry said. "Sometimes I couldn't believe some of the things I did in games after looking at the game film. But now since I've been here I've had a setback every summer because of knee surgery."

If It's Not One Injury. . . It's Another

Indeed, the injuries kept piling up. His first surgery to his knee—cartilage repair—came while playing basketball for Madisonville, a Region 2 power. Thus, his entire freshman year was spent on the sidelines. He then reinjured the knee last season during the team's third scrimmage of spring ball. Another setback.

But the lowest moment occurred last season during the Wildcats' second game, a victory at Cincinnati. On a speciality team assignment, his knee suddenly buckled from under him while he made a block on a punt return. Curry continued to play with pain but could not finish the season. By the time the LSU game rolled around in October his knee was simply worn out.

"After that injury against Cincinnati I had no cartilage left," Curry remembered. "It's now raw bone rubbing against raw bone. I just have to let it heal naturally."

Something which Curry has stored in his memory banks is the game at Cincy, and having the opportunity to show his stuff against UC linebacker Alex Gordon, a candidate to become a high-round draft pick in the NFL this season.

"After I got hurt in the UC game," Curry said, "trying to block a player like Gordon was kind of embarrassing—because I was giv-



Curry Scoring Against Cincinnati

ing it my best effort it never seemed to work out."

Ironically, Curry scored his first collegiate touchdown against the Bearcats.

Although he missed the last half of the season (after the LSU game), Curry was not pleased with the way the 'Cats' campaign ended. The marketing major says overall consistency hurt the squad. It was like. . . despite a thrilling 10-3 upset over Florida in the home finale, Kentucky lost to Tennessee 28-9 the following week in Knoxville.

"Win one. . . lose one. Lose one. . . win one. That's the kind of year it was.

"I didn't like the consistency we had last year," said Curry. "We were up one week then down the next. Then sometimes the overall aggressiveness wasn't there."

Not being able to participate in spring practice certainly will affect his progress as a tight end. However, from a team standpoint, Curry has watched his squad admirably progress over the winter

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Final Four Caps Off NCAA Tourney

North Carolina's The Team To Beat

Well, we're still right in the middle of March Madness, and that can only mean the Final Four is just around the corner. So, I'll go out on a limb and try to predict what four teams will still be around in New Orleans, and which one will take the title. Keep in mind that these predictions were made before the Final Four field was set.

This year the tournament was wide open. The team that wins it all will have to be talented, patient, on a hot streak and maybe most importantly, it will have to be lucky.

Carolina In the East. . .

In the East Region, you always have to be ready for every game.

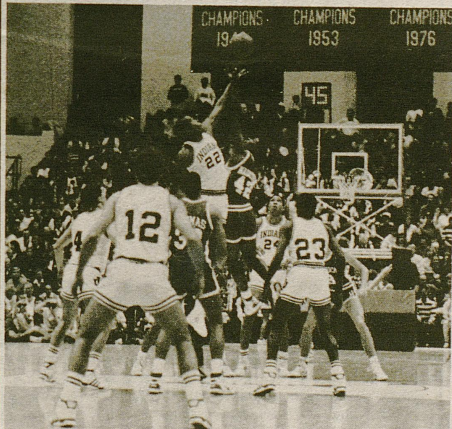


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When the pairings were announced, I felt like the East was the toughest bracket. As usual, the best teams in the Southeastern part of the country were sent to this region. But regardless of the stiff competition, North Carolina should win the East. Carolina has the best point guard in the nation in Kenny Smith. Smith causes problems for opponents with his blinding speed and quickness. He leads the Tar Heels in scoring (16.8 ppg.) and assists. Smith is also the coach on the floor as he sets up the team's offense and defense. Maybe that's why Kenny Smith was voted to most of the All-American teams this year.

But he's got some support, too. In the middle, Carolina has what many experts consider to be the best freshman in the nation in 6-10 center J.R. Reid. The big guy can run the floor like a guard and he can score with anyone. When Smith had an off-game against Notre Dame in the regional semis, it was Reid who carried UNC, scoring a career-high 31 points against the Irish. He mixes well



IU On The Go

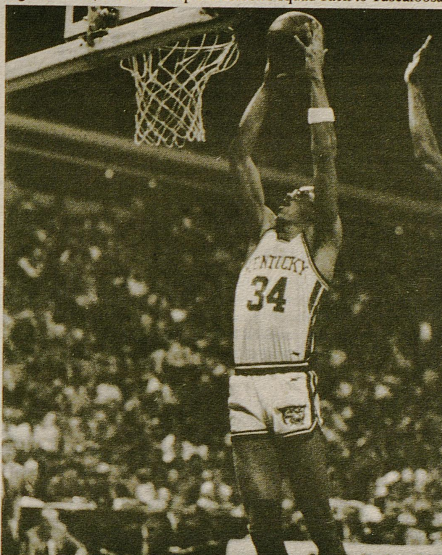
with Carolina's motion offense and tough pressure defense. The Heels have the bench strength, and head coach Dean Smith is second to none.

Before the tournament started, my darkhorse team in the East was N.C. State. I thought they were playing well at the end of the year and had a chance to make it to Bourbon Street. But, as everyone knows, Jimmy Valvano's team ran into a bunch of Gators from Gainesville. In fact, Norm Sloan's team was playing so well it took a great effort from Syracuse's Rony Seikaly to eliminate them and set up a showdown between Carolina and Jim Boheim's Orangemen. Syracuse showed me something in that game, but I still have to go with Carolina as my pick in the East.

Georgetown In The Southeast. . .

In the Southeast, Georgetown is the No. 1 seed and the favorite to survive the region. I felt John Thompson's Hoyas were too young to go all the way this year, and so I picked Alabama and Illinois to be playing for the regional finals. Wrong on both counts. Austin

Peay knocked off Illinois in the first round and Providence, who was scheduled to square off with Georgetown in the all-Big East regional final, blasted Wimp Sanderson's squad back to Tuscaloosa.



Kenny Walker Adjusting Well To NBA

The two clubs played each other three times prior to the Southeast final in Louisville and the Hoyas came out on top twice. So it looks like more of the same, through process of elimination, Georgetown is my pick to be in the Final Four.

Indiana In The Midwest. . .

Say what you want about Bobby Knight. He is a man that you either love him or you hate him. I love his coaching, but as far as his other antics, well they leave a little to be desired. The tournament selection committee made the Hoosiers the odd-on choice to come out of the Midwest Region, and it's hard to argue with 'em on that one. Indiana will come out of the region and will be playing for all the marbles in Cajun Country.

The Big Ten co-champs had a great year, finishing the regular-season 24-4. Steve Alford and Keith Smart give IU excellent guard play. And with Ricky Calloway, Darryl Thomas and Dean Garrett forming an good inside combination, along with Knight's coaching, the Hoosiers will be dancing on Bourbon Street.

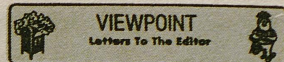
. . . And Iowa In The West

Jerry Tarkanian's UNLV team is picked to win the West Region, but I like Iowa. Iowa has the players and the coaching to beat any team in the West. Vegas' annual achilles' heel—lack of strong competition in the regular season—will again prevent the Runnin' Rebels from traveling all the way on The Road To The Final Four. On the other hand, the Hawkeyes come out of the tough Big Ten and can use 10 players without losing much strength. The only thing standing between Iowa and the Final Four is Oklahoma. The Sooners have the talent and the big men to run with any team, anywhere. UK beat Billy Tubbs' squad this year, but OU is really talented. Either way, the winner of the Iowa-Oklahoma matchup will be in New Orleans.

After saying all that, my Final Four picks are North Carolina in the East, Georgetown in the Southeast, Indiana in the Midwest and Iowa in the West. All these teams will no doubt represent themselves well down on the Bayou, but I look for Dean Smith and North Carolina take the big trophy back to Tobacco Road.

Walker Enjoying NBA

A couple of weekends ago I had the chance to see Kenny Walker and the New York Knicks play against Michael Jordan and the Bulls in Chicago. Walker only had three points but New York won the game. Kenny seemed to be enjoying the NBA. After the game we talked about the 'Cats, life in the NBA and how Jordan had an off night, scoring only 27 points. Before the game I asked him if he was going to guard Jordan, and he just laughed. After the game Kenny was hounded for autographs and pictures. Of course, that's something Kenny Walker is used to.



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likes of North Carolina, DePaul, UCLA, UNLV, and Georgetown, that's not too earth shaking. But to a football school such as Ohio State? In Ohio they disdain OSU basketball like the "nosepickers" around UK do football.

I know, (Winston) Bennett's hurt, (Richard) Madison hasn't played to his full potential, (Cedric) Jenkins hasn't fully recovered, wait until we get a big man, etc., etc., etc. . . There was very little sympathy when (Bill) Ransdell went down, two or three key linemen were injured, when (Mark) Higgs was out for the year and (Al) Baker was lost for the season. Heck no, football has to press on the what the press says. . .

I guess what I'm trying to say is, how about some football parity? No cry-babying around with either sport.

E.E. Jones
Ashland, Kentucky

Jumping Ship?

Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure of watching Ohio State basketball this year. The Buckeyes were not a great basketball team but they were fun to watch. Aside from Dennis Hopson, the talent on the team was average. They had no high school All-American superstars. In fact, this season they were expected to only win a few games. But under new basketball coach Gary Williams, they played aggressive, up-tempo, exciting basketball and averaged over 80 points per game.

They were classic overachievers. Even when they lost, you knew they'd given a great effort.

I also watched Kentucky play this year. They didn't win games, they survived them. I'm sure the players tried hard but they never seemed to be any chemistry on this year's team. The guards were quick, but kept the tempo slow and the score in the 60s. The man defense wasn't effective at times but a zone was hardly used. And the big men aware never included in the offense. Overall, this year's team was frustrating to watch. Aside from the Louisville game, they never seemed to play up to their capabilities. Next year should be a real test for Eddie Sutton since he'll finally have the depth of players he says he needs. Let's hope he turns the offense up a notch and makes Kentucky basketball worth watching again or this disappointed Wildcat fan may turn into a Buckeye.

Robert L. Brownlee
Columbus, Ohio

HELP!

Dear Sir:

I thought I had taped the UK-Oklahoma game and you can imagine my disappointment when I discovered it didn't tape.

Is there any way I can get a copy of it? I have the last two games of Senior Day and I'd like this one also.

Thanks,

Lois Justice
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(Editor's note: Wildcat fans, we included Lois' address in hopes that someone out there can help a Big Blue follower in distress.)

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Bob Watkins

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kids. Maybe if someone listens and helps then somebody you and I know can avoid what was for Gary McLain "A Bad Trip."

NCAA cheers 'n jeers

CHEERS. When the NCAA Tournament got down to the Sweet 16 there were still three Southeastern Conference teams left — Alabama, LSU and Florida.

JEERS. Syracuse and DePaul advancing to the Sweet 16 because, some of us believe, they got to play their games at home.

CHEERS. Western Kentucky made a good account of itself and might have done infinitely better in this NCAA had the Hilltoppers not been thrown to the wolves by the selectors. Again, one must wonder how Coach Murray Arnold's club might have done had it won one or two of its regular season games on television.

JEERS. DePaul got a break against St. John's when Dallas Comegys clearly left the free throw line early after intentionally missing a free throw that the Blue Demons converted into a tying basket that allowed them to win in overtime.

CHEERS. Florida Coach Norm Sloan's "straight talk" after the Gators blitzed Purdue at the Carrierdome in Syracuse was testy with reporters.

Angered by one writer's account that he had a charisma bypass, Sloan barked, "I'm not going to start grabbing sweaty bodies hugging and kissing like you (media) want. I'm not charismatic. You don't have to be a Michelangelo (sportscaster Dick Vitale's expressions for a top coach) or do a three-minute stage show have a good basketball program."

Comment Straight talk beats charisma every time.

How do I love basketball?

Let me count (some of) the ways...

- ✓ A star player who says things like, "I'm just an ordinary person playing basketball. I'm not special." — Rex Chapman.
- ✓ Norm Sloan's palaver.
- ✓ Sonny Smith's baloney.
- ✓ Freedom Hall for a college game.
- ✓ Michael Jordan.
- ✓ Happy Chandler singing My Old Kentucky Home.
- ✓ Rex Chapman.
- ✓ Duke students (fans) who come up with those clever poster ideas.

- Cawood Ledford describing a fast break.
- Cawood Ledford saying "write it down!"
- Denny Crum after a Cardinal victory.
- Denny Crum "No comment" after the NCAA draw.
- Hardin McLane analyzing a high school game.
- Spud Webb.
- Bucky Waters.
- Jay Burson, Ohio State.
- The Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena.
- Joe Dean's "nuthin but the bottom of the sack."
- Louie Carnesecca.
- Memories (that always come back in March) of Adolph Rupp.

Parting shot

Dean Smith, North Carolina coach on his long running feud with referee Lenny Wirtz: "I've been coaching 25 years and he's been an official for 25 years. And I think we deserve a divorce."

And so it goes. ■

Stan Torgerson

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the early time period. . . Speaking of Notre Dame, the **Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh**, president of the school, warned teams which want to get on the Irish schedule that he will not OK games with violators of NCAA rules. Said Father Hesburgh, "As a general principle, I think you could say we are not going to play schools which are constantly on probation. We've lost \$500,000 the last two years because we couldn't televise a game against a team on probation. Let that be my parting shot. Why should we be penalized because the other school is on probation?" . . . **The Last Word:** **Michigan's Garde Thompson**, dehydrated after scoring 33 points in the Wolverine's win over Navy about being forced to take an NCAA urinalysis drug test after the game:

"I couldn't go. It was the only thing I couldn't seem to fill up tonight."

Todd Hallum

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months.

"Going into spring practice we probably have the strongest and fastest team since I've been here," noted Curry. "Everybody has made all kinds of improvements in the weight room."

The personable Curry is hoping those improvements will be displayed on the football field for the upcoming season. For that to happen, the off-season months will play a key role to how well the Wildcats will do in '87.

"If we have a good turnout in Lexington this summer for workouts then it will help us as a team tremendously," he said. "It could mean a big difference. The off-season period is important because that's when you grow together as a team. It can throw you into a great year."

"Losing to Bowling Green and tying Rutgers for the first game (1985 and '86 seasons, respectively) leaves us with a sour note. Those early games are important when it comes down to the 10th and 11th games of the season."

Larry Vaught

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the field to become Sutton's first team in 13 years to shoot under 50 percent.

The Cats had 206 steals while the opponents had 184. Kentucky was outrebanded 33-31 per game. The team shot only 63 percent at the foul line and opponents shot 545 free throws to UK's 509.

"I have never had a team give up baskets, steals and offensive rebounds like this one," said Sutton. "Not one person created the problems or we could have put him on the bench."

The Cats lost their leader when Bennett went down. Graduation took Kenny Walker, last year's leading scorer, and Roger Harden, last year's floor leader.

Junior guard Ed Davender tried to replace Harden at point guard. He averaged 15 points per game and had 101 assists. But he was not a true point guard.

"We just didn't really have a true floor leader," said Sutton. "Ed is not as vocal as you would like to see but he had a fine season for us. I just don't think he was ever comfortable running the team."

Chapman had to supply the offense Walker and Bennett contributed last season. Chapman averaged 16 points per game but shot just 45 percent from the field as teams concentrated their defenses on him.

The team never had a consistent inside game. Juniors Richard Madison and Rob Lock played well at times but combined for only 16 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Senior James Blackmon was also a mystery. He averaged 8.5 points and 3.1 rebounds per game and never seemed to get untracked.

The Wildcats didn't have the overall talent to beat teams on off nights but had trouble understanding that fact.

"For some reason we didn't always play as hard as we should," said Davender. "That bothered me but we never got over that all year."

Still, the team did tie for third in the balanced Southeastern Conference and beat Auburn (twice), Navy, Oklahoma, Florida, Austin Peay and Alabama, all teams that advanced to the NCAA tourney.

"We overcame a lot of adversity this year and just getting in the NCAA was a big reward for our team," said Davender. "We came a long way and beat some quality teams. Now we just have to regroup for next year."

With a solid recruiting class on the way and the return of Bennett, Sutton sees brighter days for the Cats.

"We'll be stronger next season," said Sutton. "We had a lot of guys get valuable experience this season and we have more help on the way."

"Still, I'm proud of what this team pulled together and did. You always want to win more but I can't be disappointed with this bunch."

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Two Years Ago

*Shortly after St. John's ended Kentucky's Cinderella season, defeating the 'Cats 86-70 in the West Regional in Denver, coach Joe B. Hall confirmed rumors by announcing he was resigning after 13 years at the helm of the UK program.

Hall said when he started into the coaching profession that he didn't want to be "an old coach," and cited the need to spend more time with his family as the reasons for his decision to step down.

Hall had the unenviable task of following legendary coach Adolph Rupp, but carried on the Wildcat tradition admirably, ended his coaching career at UK with a 297-100 win-loss record, a .748 winning percentage.

UK president Dr. Otis Singletary promised to name a successor to Hall as soon as possible. A long list of possible replacements has surfaced, but it is thought that Arizona's

Lute Olsen, Georgia Tech's Bobby Cremins, UAB's Gene Bartow and Arkansas' Eddie Sutton are the top candidates. Some names with Kentucky ties, such as Dan Issel, Dickie Parsons, C.M. Newton, Pat Riley, Hugh Durham and Lee Rose have also been mentioned in connection with the job.

Four Years Ago

*The University of Kentucky Athletics Association board of directors voted to begin negotiations with the University of Louisville for a basketball game. The resolution adopted by the board, against the wishes of both UK athletics director Cliff Hagan and coach Joe B. Hall, called for Hagan and Hall to begin negotiations with their Louisville counterparts. The two teams met for the first time in 24 years in the NCAA Midwest Regional a few weeks ago.

*University of Kentucky-bound Winston Bennett, to no one's surprise, captured the

Mr. Basketball title for the state of Kentucky this year. The Louisville Male senior averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds a game. Another UK signee, Paul Andrews of Laurel County, was second in the balloting for the prestigious award.

*Several basketball records have fallen with the final statistics out on the 1982-83 season. The '82-83 squad will go down in the record books as the all-time best shooting team in the history of the university, shooting 55.6 percent from the field.

*UK signees Winston Bennett and James Blackmon have been named to the McDonald's and *Parade* magazine All-American teams. They will play in the McDonald's Classic in Atlanta.

Five Years Ago

*With perhaps the greatest shot ever made in Sweet Sixteen history, Laurel County's Paul Andrews swished a 44-footer to lift his team over North Hardin 53-51 at the buzzer in the championship game of the Kentucky basketball state championship game at Rupp Arena.

*Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne began spring football practice and received many words of praise from his players. He is installing a new wide-tackle-six defense and an I-formation offense at his alma mater.

Seven Years Ago

*Kentucky basketball signee Bret Bearup was named to *Basketball Weekly's* five-man, first-team All-American squad. Guard Jim Master, also UK-bound, was named to the third team. Both Bearup and Master were also named to the *Parade* All-American second team, as well as the McDonald's All-American Dream Team.

Eight Years Ago

*The University of Kentucky will likely be forced to make some alterations to its Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge, but the players will not have to move out. That is the present interpretation UK officials have of the NCAA ruling made in the winter meetings. However, UK is still waiting on a clarification of the ruling.

Nine Years Ago

*Quickness and a pet play enabled Kentucky to skin the Arkansas Razorbacks 64-59 and give UK a shot at its fifth national title against Duke. Kentucky led by only two points with less than two minutes left in the game and Arkansas was applying fullcourt zone pressure. But all of this was for naught as Kentucky used one of its favorite plays as Kyle Macy inbounded the ball to Jack Givens, who was on a dead run at the other end of the floor and Givens laid it in to give the 'Cats the lead at 63-59. Givens led all scorers with 23 points, followed by James Lee with 13. Macy had only three assists, but the last one was awfully important.

***NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!** Kentucky won the NCAA tournament for a fifth time, thanks to a sparkling 41-point performance by senior Jack Givens and 20 points from teammate Rick Robey.

*Jack Givens was the runaway choice as the NCAA Final Four MVP. Joining Givens on the all-tournament team were UK's Rick Robey, Duke players Mike Giminski and Jim Spanarkle and Arkansas' Jim Brewer.

*Kentucky signed the nation's top prep star, Dwight Anderson of Dayton, Ohio, to a national letter of intent. Coach Joe Hall said that Anderson is one of the finest players in America today and that it will be a pleasure to coach him.

Eleven Years Ago

*Guard Larry Johnson drove the entire distance of the court for a last-second layup to give Kentucky a 79-78 NIT win over Providence in the tourney's semifinals. The Friars, coached by Dave Gavitt, had taken only their second lead of the game with :07 left to play. The scrappy UK team was led by Jack Givens who tossed in 28 points. Mike Phillips had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the 'Cats and James Lee scored 10 points and grabbed 12 boards. Johnson finished with 12 points, hitting five of seven shots. The game was close much of the way as UK led 39-37 at the half. The win puts UK in the NIT finals against North Carolina-Charlotte.

*Kentucky captured its first NIT championship since 1946, defeating UNCC 71-67 in the tourney finals at Madison Square Garden. Charlotte led 54-47 with 10:11 left in the game when coach Lee Rose ordered his team to go into a slowdown, despite Kentucky's entire front line being on the bench with four fouls each. Kentucky slowly crept back into the game and then mounted a rally when the big men came back into the game. Neither team led by more than seven points in the second half. UK finally took the lead for good when guard Reggie Warford, who scored 10 second-half points, fired in a bomb with 1:07 left to give UK a 64-61 lead. Mike Phillips and Larry Johnson led the 'Cats with 16 points apiece, while Warford added 14. Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell led UNCC with 24 points.

*Over 1,000 cheering fans crammed into the terminal at Bluegrass Field to greet the 'Cats after they captured the NIT title. UK was 10-10 at one point in the season but finished strong by winning its last 10 games, despite injuries which sidelined Rick Robey and hampered Truman Claytor for much of the season.

*UK forward Jack Givens and center Mike Phillips were named to the first-team all-tournament squad for the NIT. Guard Larry Johnson and forward James Lee were named to the second team.

Twelve Years Ago

*Pesky Syracuse refused to quit but Kentucky had too much manpower as it recorded a 95-79 victory in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament in San Diego. Jack Givens came off the bench to lead Kentucky with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Mike Phillips also came off the bench to hit five of six shots for 10 points. Three other Wildcats—Kevin Grevey, Jimmy Dan Conner and Mike Flynn—also hit in double figures as UK advanced to the NCAA final against John Wooden's UCLA team which nipped Louisville 75-74.

*Coaching in his last game, UCLA's John Wooden won his 10th NCAA title in the last 12 years as the Bruins slipped by a tough Kentucky team 92-85. Kentucky continued to battle back but never could catch UCLA in the late going. The turning point may have come after UK had cut a 10-point deficit to one with 6:23 left. Kevin Grevey went to the line to shoot a technical foul shot and the front end of a one-and-one. Grevey missed both attempts and Kentucky couldn't capitalize on its possession for what could have been a five-point play. UCLA, which played only six players the entire way, led 43-40 at the half, after UK had been in front 20-14 early. Richard Washington led the Bruins with 28 points and Dave Meyers added 24. Grevey led Kentucky with a game-high 34 points. Bob Guyette had 16 and Mike Flynn scored 10.

Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Kentucky never reached the 100-point mark for points scored in a single game this season.
2. Against which SEC school did UK center Rob Lock pull down a career-high 13 rebounds?
a) Vanderbilt
b) Florida
c) Alabama
d) Mississippi State
3. What UK player had the best free throw shooting percentage this year?
a) Rex Chapman
b) Ed Davender
c) Steve Bruce
d) Cedric Jenkins
4. Against which SEC school did Derrick Miller score a career-high 15 points?
a) Auburn
b) Ole Miss
c) Georgia
d) Tennessee
5. True or False? UK coach Eddie Sutton has a career winning percentage of over .500 in NCAA tournament games.
6. UK owns the NCAA Division I mark for consecutive non-losing seasons. How long is the current record-setting streak?
a) 50 years
b) 55 years
c) 57 years
d) 59 years
7. What SEC athletic director was a member of the NCAA tournament selection committee this year?
a) Joe Dean (LSU)
b) Cliff Hagan (Kentucky)
c) Roy Kramer (Vanderbilt)
d) Charlie Carr (Mississippi State)

8. True or False? UK never won a basketball game this year in which it trailed at the half.
9. Rex Chapman led Kentucky in both scoring and assists this season. Who was the last UK freshman to lead the 'Cats in scoring?
10. True or False? More than half a million fans turned out to watch the Kentucky Wildcats play basketball this season.

CATS

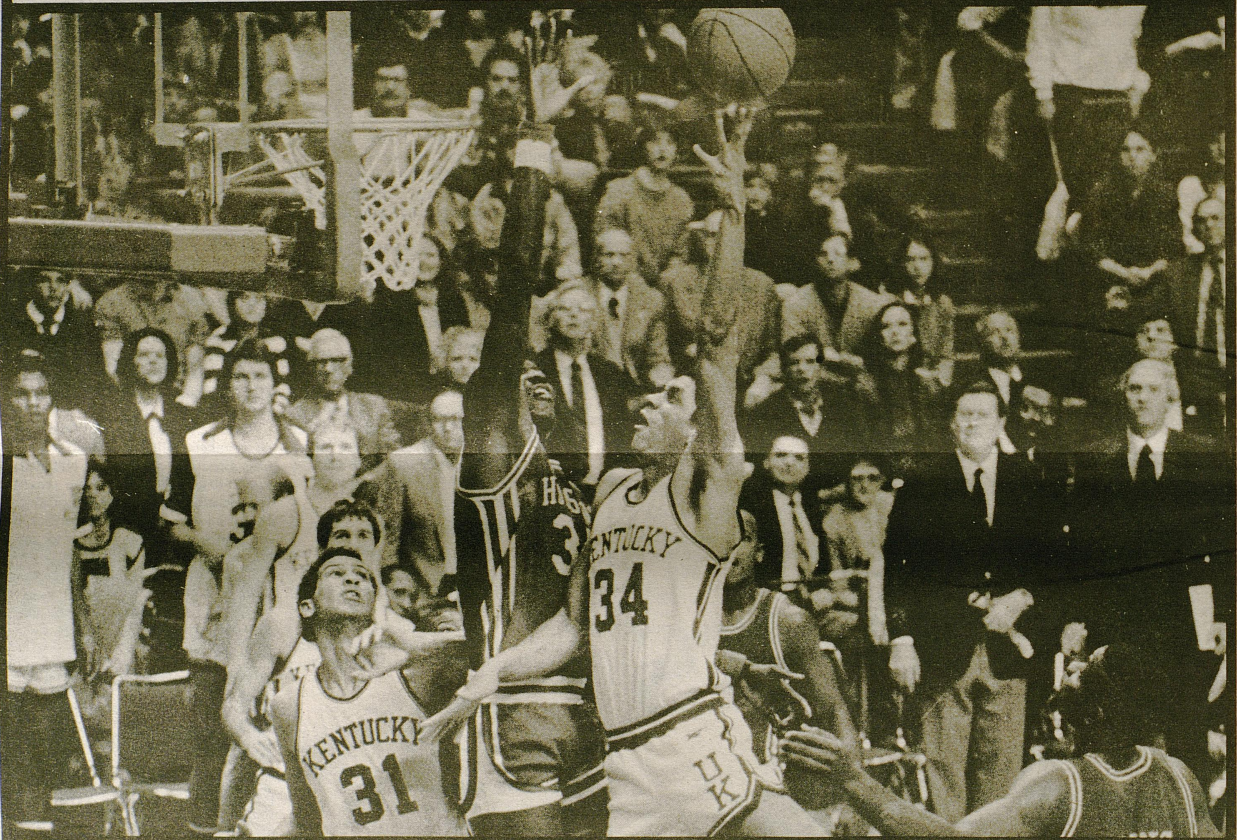


Answers

1. True
2. Florida
3. Steve Bruce
4. Georgia
5. True
6. 57 years
7. Roy Kramer
8. True
9. Chapman is the only freshman to lead the UK in scoring.
10. True

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