

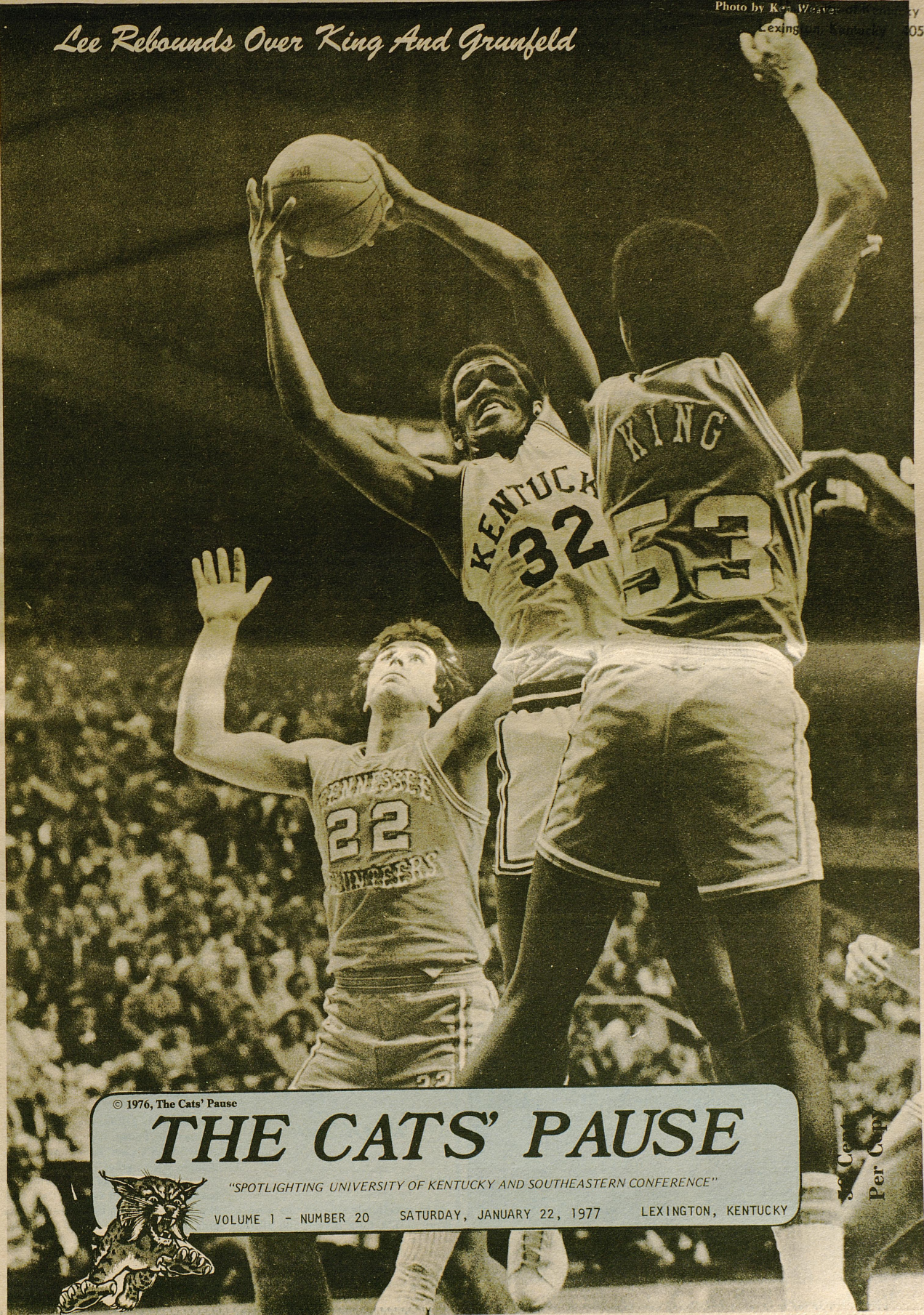
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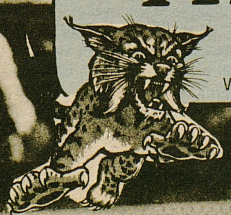


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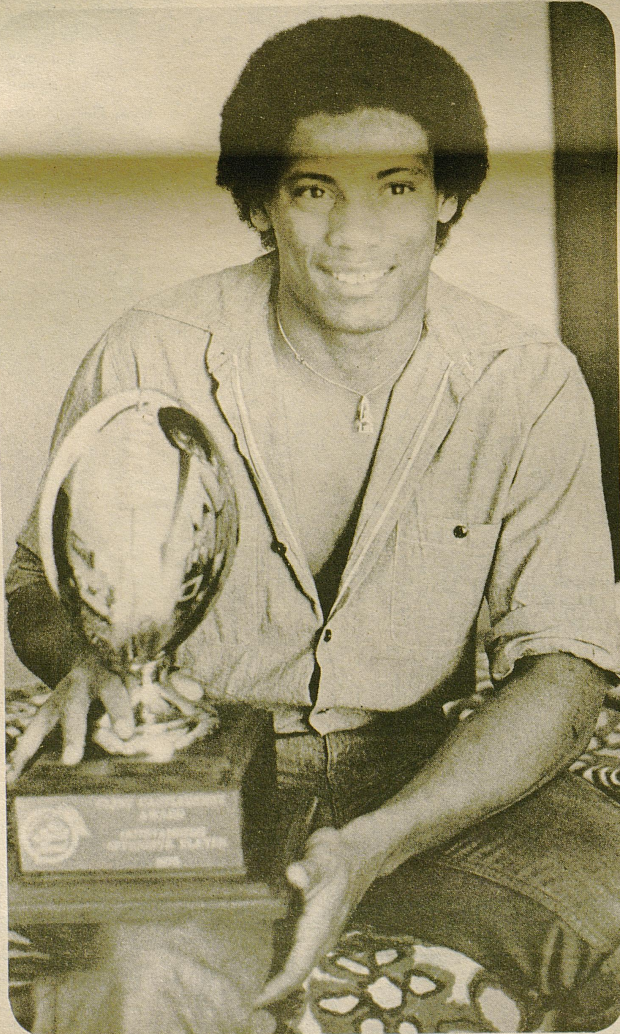
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Rod Stewart With Peach Bowl MVP Trophy

## LETTERS TO VIEWPOINT

### Super Kittens

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your fine publication, which brings me news of my beloved Wildcats here in Bruin Country.

I've been a UK basketball fan since my childhood in New Jersey, where I'd spend Monday and Saturday nights religiously listening to Cawood Ledford describe victories of Rupp's Runts. I'm a Notre Dame grad, but in basketball season, it's "UK All The Way!"

My subscription started with Issue No. 16. Please send me No. 13-15. Enclosed is a check to cover the cost. Also, please tell me what the "Super Kittens" are doing now. I'm especially interested in my all-time UK hero, Jimmy Dan Conner.

Go 'Cats,

T. J. Prendergast  
Costa Mesa, California

ville early on Friday morning (December 31) with the intention of driving to Atlanta. However, after several hours of driving through a snowstorm we found ourselves at the Nashville airport at 1:30 p.m. (one hour from kick-off) with no apparent way to get to the game. But, in a last-ditch attempt, I checked with Southern Airways and was told that they had two seats remaining on their flight to Atlanta which was leaving at 1:35. After a hurried telephone call to our friend in Marietta, Georgia, (UK alumnus J. L. Gray) we made arrangement to pick up our tickets at the Atlanta airport and barely boarded our plane before take-off. After a short flight to Atlanta, we picked up our tickets, got a taxi to the stadium, and arrived at the game with five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On Saturday morning after the game, we located some very nice Wildcat fans (David and Kathy Mefford of Carrollton) at the Holiday Inn in Marietta and they offered to give us a ride back to Nashville to pick up our car. We finally made it back to Tompkinsville on Saturday night and picked up our children to bring them home to Anchorage on Sunday.

I can tell you that it was well worth the extra effort getting to see our Cats put it on the Tar Heels in the Peach Bowl and I'd like to congratulate all the players and coaches for making it such an enjoyable trip.

Best wishes,

David W. Huddleston  
Anchorage, Kentucky

P.S. We'll see you at the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day, 1979.

### Likes Coverage

Dear Sir:

I have just received my second copy of The Cats' Pause and I enjoy every word of it.

Your articles, statistics and pictures are great. I also like your efficiency of covering all the teams and players in the Southeastern Conference. I don't see how I have missed your paper for so long. Keep up the fine work.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Foster  
Faubush, Kentucky

### Backs The Cats

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is \$10 for my subscription to The Cats' Pause. I recently read one of my friend's Cats' Pause and I really thought it was great.

I listen to all of the Wildcats' basketball games. I saw the Cats play Notre Dame. I also plan to see the Cats play Florida State. Please send the Cats' Pause to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bryan Uzzle  
Bremen, Kentucky

### What A Trip!

Dear Sir:

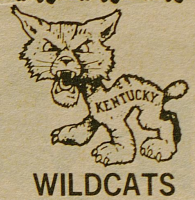
I have certainly enjoyed this week's issue of The Cats' Pause and all the articles about the Peach Bowl. I have been a dedicated "Big Blue" fan all my life and I thought you might enjoy reading about my adventures en route to Atlanta for the big game.

My wife, Edie, and I left Tompkins-



# Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



## Will The Real Wildcats Please Stand Up?

Tonight, we'll see what the Kentucky Wildcats are made of. They escaped with a pair of victories on the road this past weekend and now they'll be facing a strong test from LSU.

Many SEC followers counted the Wildcats out of the conference race following Tennessee's 71-67 overtime upset win when the loss was suffered here at Rupp Arena.

Most observers felt Kentucky had the impossible task of trying to sweep a pair from Auburn and Florida on the road. The Wildcats did that, but they shortened the lives of many followers by taking both to the wire.

Kentucky showed brief signs in both contests of regaining their old form, but most believe the Cats' downfall are the Cats themselves. They just can't stand prosperity.

Up to now, that theory has been proven correct.

Which brings us to tonight's game with LSU.

The Bengal Tigers, believe it or not, have never won a basketball game in Lexington against the Wildcats. Tonight will be their best chance ever.

Two high-scoring Kentuckians would probably trade the remainder of their schedule for a win here tonight. We don't have to mention names but they are Kenny Higgs and Durand Macklin.

Higgs wanted to come to Kentucky and wasn't asked. Macklin was asked and didn't want to. Nevertheless, a win over Kentucky would the season make.

LSU lost to Tennessee 108-102 despite Macklin scoring 40 and Higgs 17. But Dale Brown will have the Bengal Tigers at an emotional high when they hit the floor tonight.

Kentucky, which has been granted a stay-of-execution with wins over Auburn and Florida, now has a second chance to prove how good the Wildcats are. Will they blow it again?

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Kentucky's loss to Tennessee cost the Cats in the weekly UPI top twenty poll as the Cats fell to the seventh spot while Alabama became the SEC leader in the No. 4 spot.

San Francisco retained the top spot with North Carolina moving all the way up to No. 2 while undefeated Cincinnati (going into Wednesday's game with Louisville) in the third spot. Fifth place is held down by Michigan with Nevada-Las Vegas sixth, and Kentucky seventh. Tennessee, with three wins last week, jumped from 17th to 11th and Louisville is in the No. 16 spot.

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A couple of UK players observed birthdays over the weekend as Jay Shidler became 19 on Saturday and James Lee became a man on Monday at the age of 21. Woooo, I wish I hadn't said that.

James Lee has been a man a long time and a lot of SEC opponents will testify to that. Anyway, Lee reached the legal age and celebrated with a 10-point exhibition, including a big dunk, in the 73-71 win over Florida.

While Jay didn't experience one of his better games Saturday against Auburn, he did rejoice, just on a delayed basis. The blonde bomber toed the free throw line with four seconds left to score the deciding points over Florida.

Junior Jack Givens picked up the "Most Valuable Player" hardware for the second time this season with his 20-point, 13-rebound exhibition against Auburn Saturday as the Cats rebounded from the Tennessee loss for a 75-68 win over Bob Davis' Tigers.

Earlier, Jack won MVP honors in the Wildcats' 102-78 thrashing of Notre Dame in Louisville last month.

The award was presented by the UK Alumni chapter of Montgomery, Alabama. The award goes on permanent display at UK with each MVP being inscribed on the trophy. A smaller personal trophy is given to the player.

There's only one catch, Kentucky just win before the award is given. Joe Hall won't kick about that condition. It was the first Kentucky win at Auburn in four years.

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Well, the idea is catching on quickly. A new sports weekly will begin full-time operations in another Southeastern Conference city this fall. The news venture will cover the Mississippi State Bulldogs in Starkville, Mississippi.

Patterned after The Cats' Pause, the new publication is named Dawgs' Bite. A sample, pre-publication issue was published last month and Mississippi State fans will, no doubt, make it a great success.

Heading up the operation is Pete Sanders whose father-in-law happens to work for the printing plant where we publish our newspaper here in Kentucky. Pete talked with us about such project back in October after he had read a couple of issues of The Cats' Pause. Pete says Dawgs' Bite hopes to have a subscription list of 5,000 when it begins weekly publication on August 17 of this year.

The MS sports weekly address is: Bulldog Publications, Drawer NF, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.

Another similar publication may be hitting the newsstands in Alabama this fall. A group of Alabama and Auburn fans hope to launch sports weeklies this year.

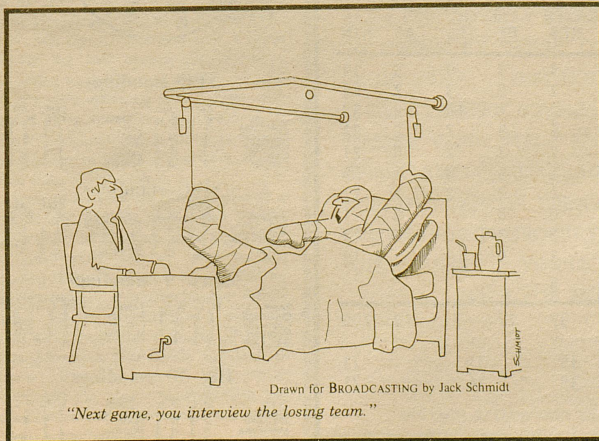
By the way, the first issue of Dawgs' Bite was a good one, especially if you're a Bulldog fan. Remember, Wildcat fans can say they were first again.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . There's been a slight change in the future for sophomore Bill Tolston, the former quarterback at UK. Tolston is in the

process of transferring to Western Michigan and plans to play football there. Earlier, we reported he was going to Central State in Missouri, but Bill has decided on the Michigan school which is much closer to his Chicago home. Tolston spent the semester break in California and friends say he is excited with the opportunity to attend Western Michigan . . . Where goes Bill Battle? Sources in Knoxville predict the axed head football coach of Tennessee will remain in Knoxville and go into private business. Battle, one of the game's true gentlemen, reported was offered the head job at Oregon and probably could have had the job at Purdue had he been interested. Friends say Battle has apparently decided that 'coaching' isn't his best suit . . . The loss of Dwight Evans to Tennessee was a big blow to UK's football recruiting but it didn't come as a great surprise.

Evans, who personally wanted to attend Kentucky, could never persuade his mother to sign her approval. The Franklin-Simpson product ended up in Knoxville because his mother likes Tennessee (some say she doesn't like UK) So happens, Evans also has an uncle who lives in the Knoxville area . . . But don't be so discouraged. Kentucky will have some pretty good signatures to release in a couple of weeks and the future still looks bright . . . A couple of interesting statistics were offered by Coach Joe Hall about his team's performance on the road as compared with Rupp Arena games. The Wildcats, prior to the Auburn game, were shooting 55 percent on the road as compared to only 43 percent at home. UK has experienced much difficulty in obtaining the Rupp Arena floor for practice since early December. Hall said the Cats have had only two full-scale practices between the Kansas game in early December and the Tennessee loss last week. While the lack of practice time at the Arena shouldn't hurt Kentucky any more than visiting teams, it does eliminate that "home court" advantage that all other conference teams enjoy when you hit the road in the South . . . Three UK players were involved in an automobile accident on the way to Bluegrass Airport for the Auburn trip. Dwane Casey, Larry Johnson and Rick Robey all escaped what could have been a deathly tragedy. None of the three were seriously injured but the car was heavily damaged as it skidded off the pavement and overturned three times. All three played against Auburn the next day . . . A free prediction service: The finals in Atlanta will pit two SEC teams in the championship game of the NCAA this March.



Drawn for BROADCASTING by Jack Schmidt  
"Next game, you interview the losing team."

With Pair Of FTs And 4 Seconds Left

# Jay Sinks Gators 73-71

Fred Walters, yes, there is a bush league.

But it's Alligator Alley in Gainesville, Florida. And you can bet Joe Hall will give you all the proof you need.

Hall's Wildcats had to beat off just about everybody in the state of Florida Monday night, including the timekeeper, to pull out a 73-71 decision over the Florida Gators and remain in contention for the Southeastern Conference crown.

In a game marred by questionable calls all evening, the real "job" came near the end of the contest when it took some fifteen minutes to play the final seven seconds.

In the end, rookie guard Jay Shidler stepped to the free throw line and settled it all with a pair of free throws. But there was a lot of action still remaining although only four seconds showed on the scoreboard.

Actually, it started with thirty seconds left in the game when senior guard Larry Johnson fired up a jumper to give the Wildcats a 71-71 tie.

Coach John Lotz's club then decided to go for one last shot and worked the clock down to seven seconds and signaled for a time-out.

Returning to the floor, Florida's Don Bostic fired an in-bounds pass to Richard Glasper who stumbled and failed as he tried to bat the ball back to Bostic. Jay Shidler picked up the loose ball for Kentucky and raced down the floor for a lay-up but he was fouled by Bostic at midcourt.

After the game, Shidler said he backed off because his man was throwing in the ball. "I was to slack off and help inside," said Shidler, "when Glasper fell, I just picked the ball up."

During the action, the timekeeper failed to recognize the foul and all the time had expired on the clock.

So while the timekeeper put four seconds back on the clock, Shidler paced the free throw circle then calmly hit a pair of charity shots (can you call them that in Gainesville?) for a 73-71 lead.

Shidler then tipped the throw-in out of bounds at midcourt on the ensuring play but two seconds still showed on the clock.

Time-out for Florida.

On the next in-bounds play, James Lee intercepted the in-bounds play but walked with the ball while trying to protect it. Unbelievably, two seconds still showed on the clock after the interception and infraction.

Another Florida time-out.

The Gators threw the ball in again and this time hit the top of the backboard and the ball then struck a guide-wire and bounced out of bounds as the horn sounded.

Officials ruled the clock should have never started since the ball failed to be touched by any player in bounds so the two seconds were restored to the scoreboard and the ball awarded to Kentucky since Florida threw the ball

away.

Lee took the inbounds play but was immediately fouled with one second still on the clock. Lee missed the free throw but the horn sounded for the final time as Florida went for the missed shot.

"It was a great win for us but I don't understand how we can have a walking violation and a foul called in just one second," said Hall of the game's late actions, "that's the most I've ever seen happen in one second."

Shidler, the hero of the moment, took it all in stride and made no big thing of his deciding free throws.

"I was just hoping I could make them," explained the blond bomber,

"I wasn't trying to think about a whole lot. More thinking means more pressure and I just wanted to step up and go through my natural motion. If they go in, they go in. If they don't, that's just the breaks."

Kentucky jumped out to a pair of seven-point leads in the final half but Florida rallied each time and actually led as late as the final thirty-one seconds of the game.

The Wildcats were red-hot in the early going, hitting their first six shots enroute to a 24-16 lead.

But the Cats cooled off considerably and hit below the fifty percent mark for the game while the Gators got off to a slow start and then blistered the nets

on 15 of 23 attempts in the last twenty minutes for a 65 percent clip.

The game was knotted twelve times and Kentucky was outrebounced by the Gators by a mark of 37-33 as Bob Smyth was high with 12. Jack Givens was Kentucky's best effort with seven while James Lee and Rick Robey had six each.

Givens paced the scoring attack with 19 points despite hitting only 7 of 16 from the field. Robey fired in 12 points



and James Lee had another fine night, coming off the bench with 10 points including the pair which won the contest.

Smyth was the top gunner for Florida with 14 points while Brewster finished with 12 and Al Bonner with 10.

Florida, which entered the game with a 10-3 record, had hopes of challenging for the SEC crown and coach John Lotz admitted he thought the Gators had a good crack at it. But the loss to Kentucky puts a damper on those hopes.

Kentucky, now 11-2, returns home and prepares for a pair of games this weekend. The Cats host tough LSU Saturday night at 7:30 then take on Ole Miss Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Both games are at Rupp Arena.

## KENTUCKY WILDCATS

### KENTUCKY - 73

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	MIN
Robey	4-8	4-7	6	4	12	1	23
Givens	7-16	5-6	7	4	19	3	35
Phillips	2-6	4-6	3	3	8	1	26
Johnson	4-8	1-2	4	3	9	4	39
Shidler	4-12	3-3	1	3	11	2	34
Claytor	1-1	0-0	1	2	2	0	5
Lee	5-6	0-2	6	4	10	1	26
Casey	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Haskis Haskins	1-1	0-0	0	1	2	0	5
Williams	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Team Rebounds			5				

TOTALS	28-59	17-26	33	24	73	12	200
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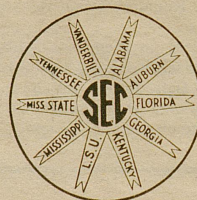
### FLORIDA - 71

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	MIN
Glasper	2-5	5-6	3	3	9	3	34
Sanders	1-4	1-2	2	5	3	2	23
Smyth	6-10	2-3	12	1	14	2	32
Cesare	2-5	3-5	6	3	7	2	33
Brewster	6-10	0-0	2	3	12	0	21
Bostic	4-6	0-2	2	5	8	1	14
Fritz	1-2	0-0	1	0	2	1	11
Coy	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Clarson	2-5	2-2	2	3	6	0	13
Bonner	4-7	2-2	3	5	10	1	19
Team Rebounds			4				

TOTALS	28-54	15-22	37	27	71	12	200
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	34	39	---	73
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	35	36	---	71

Attendance: 5,712



#### SEC standings

Team	Conf. W.	Conf. L.	All W.	All L.	Team W.	Team L.
Tennessee	6	0	12	2	2	3
Alabama	2	0	14	0	2	4
Kentucky	4	1	11	2	1	4
Miss. St.	3	3	10	4	1	4
Florida	0	6	5	9	0	6

#### OVC standings

Team	Conf. W.	Conf. L.	All W.	All L.	Team W.	Team L.
Mid. Tenn.	4	0	12	2	2	3
Morehead	3	1	13	2	2	3
Austin Peay	3	1	13	2	2	3
Murray	3	1	11	4	0	4

#### Metro 7 standings

Team	Conf. W.	Conf. L.	All W.	All L.	Team W.	Team L.
Cincinnati	2	0	10	2	2	5
Louisville	2	0	10	2	1	3
Memphis St.	2	1	14	2	0	4
Ga. Tech	2	1	9	4	0	4

#### Big 10 standings

Team	Conf. W.	Conf. L.	All W.	All L.	Team W.	Team L.
Purdue	4	0	10	3	2	8
Michigan	4	0	11	1	1	3
Minnesota	2	1	11	1	1	3
Indiana	3	2	8	6	1	3
Ohio St.	2	2	7	6	0	4

# Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



## We're Not Back, But We've Started Back

**Question** - Kentucky broke a three-year losing streak in the win at Auburn Saturday and it came just after the disappointing loss to Tennessee in Rupp Arena. Is Kentucky back to the Kentucky of old now?

**Coach Hall** - No, we're not back, but we've started back and that's most important right now. We had several players who played much better against Auburn and the defense was better at times. Our defense looked very good at times and that's an indication we are coming back around.

**Question** - The fact that this is the first time in four years that Kentucky has beaten Auburn at Auburn, is there any special significance to this?

**Coach Hall** - It's real encouraging for us. We have to be very pleased with any kind of a win down here. Auburn is a very fine team and it took a great effort for us to win. I can't say, in any way, that I was displeased with the game today.

**Question** - Shooting had been a big problem in a couple or three games but Kentucky seemed to suffer problems in other areas, particularly in the Georgia, Vanderbilt and Tennessee games. Can you pinpoint what caused this?

**Coach Hall** - The emotion state of our team going into the Auburn game was bad, real bad, and it probably can be attributed to our offensive game. It was probably our shooting (lack of) which made us doubt ourselves against Tennessee and I think it probably had an effect on our total game. It's much like a centerfielder who is in a hitting slump and then finally it affects his other game and he drops a fly ball or makes a bad throw.

**Question** - In the Tennessee game, Kentucky did not have a single player to hit fifty percent of his shots. Isn't that almost unheard of in Kentucky?

**Coach Hall** - I've never had a team where we had eleven players in a shooting slump at that same time and that's very alarming to us, especially when all of them are fifty percent or better shooters. It's a midyear slump and stallness which sometimes set in this time of the year.

**Question** - Truman Claytor played a lot in the Auburn game and looked very good on defense, didn't he?

**Coach Hall** - Claytor came in and picked (Eddie) Johnson up and did an excellent job, defensively. He didn't allow him to penetrate and took the ball away from him a couple of times. His defensive play kinda sparked us early when he came in. Claytor is coming back around and getting his confidence and if he does, he's going to be a big help to us.

**Question** - Jack Givens won his second MVP award in the Auburn game and he certainly earned it, didn't he?

**Coach Hall** - I'd give him another award if I had one to give because he led both teams in rebounds with 13 rebounds. And when you out rebound everyone that Auburn has, the way those guys jump, you've really done something. It was very satisfying for us to out rebound them 46-33 since Auburn went into the game as one of the top five teams in the nation in rebounding.

**Question** - You played the man-to-man defense longer against Auburn than anytime this year. Is there any particular reason?

**Coach Hall** - It is the longest that we've stayed in the man-to-man defense the entire season. What we're doing, is we're trying to bring back our

man-to-man defense. We think this is our basic defense. We had been going to the zone and we felt like our players were waiting for the zone, instead of going on and playing the tough man-to-man defense. I expect you'll be seeing us stay with the man-to-man a little longer until we get our defense back where it should be, until we get basic and sound with it.

**Question** - What did you tell the players before the Auburn game?

**Coach Hall** - You probably won't believe this, but we just turned the game over to them (the players) and got out of their way. It was obvious that the only thing we were doing was putting pressure on them at a time that they didn't need any more pressure, because what was happening to them was already there and we don't have time to come out of it. We were real light on them all night and let them

have their heads.

**Question** - What about the win over Florida? It was some kind of an ending there in the final four seconds. Tell us your thoughts.

**Coach Hall** - I have to think the Florida crowd really helped Florida, and although we never had a comfortable lead, the crowd seemed to bring them back every time we got any kind of a lead. We were really satisfied with the poise our players showed down the stretch there and won this game under real tough conditions.

**Question** - Kentucky finally found its eye and shot well in the first half, but the shooting left you again in the second half. What happened?

**Coach Hall** - We shot 56 percent the first half and that really helped us early in the game. We really needed that because the rest of the game we didn't hit that well. Florida hit 41 percent the first half and still led us by one at the half and they hit 65 percent the last half and we won. So you can see the rest of our game really improved even though we didn't shoot so well. In the turnover department, they had 16 for the game and we had only five and that was a big factor, probably the difference.

**Question** - Jay Shidler, the freshman, stepped to the line with four seconds left and the score tied. You had to be proud of the way he coolly connected for the winning points.

**Coach Hall** - That certainly broke Jay Shidler in. For a freshman to go to the line in that situation with the crowd reacting the way they were, certainly took ice water for him. I think that will do a lot for Jay. Anytime that you have an opportunity to win a game and you come through like he did, it helps you grow up in a positive way. I hated to see him under that pressure but I had a lot of confidence in him making those free throws and he's probably the best free throw shooter on the team. Maybe he's going to lead us out of this free throw slump we're in.

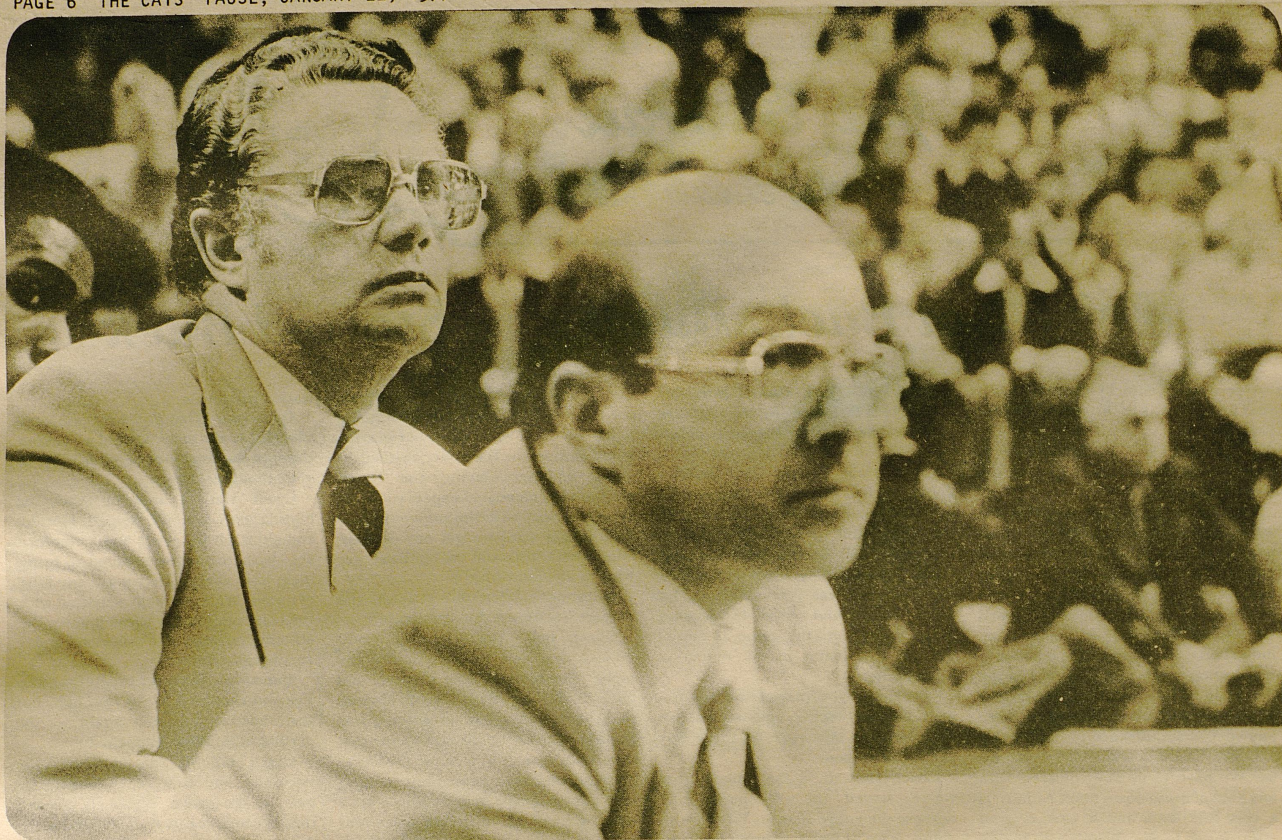
**Question** - You're now heading home for two games with LSU and Ole Miss. It's got to be a good feeling going home with two wins at Auburn and Florida, but Kentucky hasn't played that well at home.

**Coach Hall** - That's true, but the main thing is to get to work. It's going to take some good, fundamental organization practices to get us playing the caliber of ball we're capable of playing and we're really looking forward to this opportunity to work with the players this week and to have these two games at home before going on the road again.

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# Kentucky Wildcat Basketball

## Game Statistics

PLAYER	G	MIN	FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	REB-AVE	A	PF-D	PTS	AVE	TO
GIVENS	11	381	94-177	53.1	25-30	83.3	82-7.5	28	20-0	213	19.4	19
ROBEY	11	309	62-111	55.9	32-55	58.2	91-8.3	13	39-1	156	14.2	24
LEE	11	302	40-78	51.3	32-47	68.1	77-7.0	14	36-2	112	10.2	23
JOHNSON	11	368	38-94	40.4	24-34	70.6	45-4.1	45	31-1	100	9.1	20
PHILLIPS	9	163	39-70	55.7	16-28	57.1	44-4.9	9	26-1	94	10.4	21
SHIDLER	9	266	41-95	43.2	11-14	78.6	22-2.4	25	30-0	93	10.3	21
CASEY	10	120	10-29	34.9	15-22	68.2	7-0.7	13	16-0	35	3.5	16
STEPHENS	9	90	12-37	32.4	2-5	40.0	11-1.2	8	12-0	26	2.9	3
WILLIAMS, L.	8	79	8-22	36.4	6-12	50.0	20-2.5	1	13-0	22	2.8	12
CLAYTOR	7	74	5-20	25.0	2-3	66.7	4-0.7	12	9-0	12	1.7	9
HASKINS	10	87	3-8	37.5	2-6	33.3	18-1.8	6	7-0	8	0.8	4
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LAWLESS	1	1	0-0	----	0-0	----	0-0.0	0	2-0	0	---	0
REBOUNDS			KY TEAM 53			Deadball -			KY-OPP 17-24			

KY TOTALS	11		352-742	47.4	167-256	65.2	474-43.1	174	244-5	871	79.2	172
OPP TOTALS	11		277-641	43.2	143-213	67.1	398-36.2	148	257-17	747	67.9	230

SEASON RECORD: WON 9, LOST 2 - SEC: WON 2, LOST 1

AT HOME: Won 5, Lost 2 - AWAY: Won 3, Lost 0 - NEUTRAL: Won 1, Lost 0 Lost

Opponent	Site-Crowd	KY	OPP	INDIVIDUAL HIGHS - POINTS, REBOUNDS
Marathon Oil AAU (EX)	(MC-6,988)	110	93	Givens 19, Robey 10
Wisconsin	(H-23,266)	72	64	Robey 13, Robey 13
Texas Christian	(H-22,312)	103	53	Robey 21, Robey 15
Indiana	(A-17,632)	66	51	Johnson, Shidler 20, Johnson 7
Kansas	(H-23,107)	90	63	Givens 15, Lee 7
South Carolina	(A-10,987)	98	67	Givens 28, Phillips 12
Bowling Green	(H-16,305)	77	59	Givens 28, Robey 14 (UKIT)
Utah	(H-18,751)	68	70	Robey 19, Lee 13 (UKIT)
Notre Dame	*(N-16,613)	102	78	Givens 30, Robey 8
Georgia	(H-22,100)	64+	59	Givens 17, Lee 7
Vanderbilt	(A-15,626)	64	62	Robey 21, Robey 9
Tennessee	(H-23,271)	67+	71	Givens 23, Lee 12

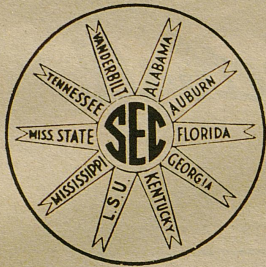
\* Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky. + Overtime

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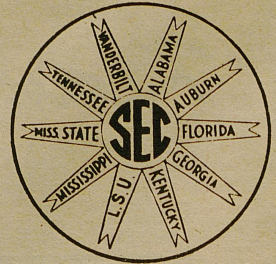
REMAINING JANUARY SCHEDULE: January 22 LSU HOME  
 January 24 Ole Miss HOME  
 January 29 Alabama AWAY  
 January 31 Miss. State AWAY

THESE STATISTICS DO NOT INCLUDE THE PAST WEEKEND GAMES WITH AUBURN AND FLORIDA.



# Around The SEC

With Bill Straub



If someone came up and offered you \$100,000 for every Southeastern Conference championship Florida has won, don't count on becoming a rich man.

The Gators have been in the SEC for a long time now--since its inception as a matter of fact--but through all those years a major title has eluded them. Florida has never won an SEC football championship although it came close before blowing it this year nor have the Gators copped a basketball crown.

Of course Florida has had a few seasons where it nearly broke its string of undenied mediocrity. During the 1966-67 season, the Gators finished a very respectable second behind Tennessee. During the 1966-67 campaign they finished third.

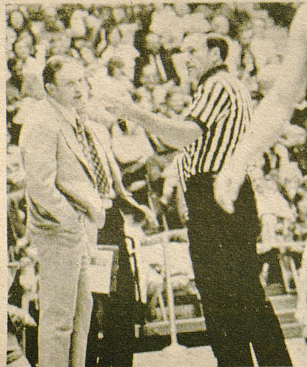
But other than those two auspicious campaigns, Florida has done little. It would be premature to say that streak will be broken this year--premature and dead wrong--but it would be equally mistaken to say some improvements have not been made.

Coach John Lotz arrived upon the Gainesville campus in 1973 following a stint as assistant coach at North Carolina. His first year on the job, Lotz led the Gators to a 15-11 overall mark, good for fourth place in the SEC. It marked the Gators' first winning season in five years.

Since then, however, things have progressed a bit less well. His second season Florida finished a disappointing 12-16 losing four games by one point. Last year, the Gators ended the season at 12-14 with upset wins over Alabama and Tennessee.

The 1976-77 campaign was expected to be another lackluster effort for the Gators. Although holding a distinct homecourt advantage in outmoded and sometimes dangerous Alligator Alley, Florida was again expected to lose more games than it won. It hasn't happened that way.

Prior to Monday's game with



Dale Brown

Kentucky, the Gators have a 10-3 overall mark. That constitutes a 7-1 record in pre-conference competition. Evidently, for the first time in a long time, this Alligator's bite is worse than his bark.

There really isn't a whole lot of difference between this Gator squad and past ones. Since Lotz arrived, Florida has always been a good shooting team. This has been no exception--the Gators are currently hitting 50.9 percent of their shots.

It's on the other side of the court that they've come up lacking. Just like the football team, the defense leaves something to be desired. Florida is giving up over 70 points per game--seventh in the SEC--and it could be worse.

One man who has made a big difference is Richard Glasper, a 20-year-old transfer from Edison Junior College in Florida. The 6-0 guard from Labelle has turned out to be the quarterback the Gators have long been after.

Glasper doesn't show up very much in the shooting statistics--that's left more up to Al Bonner and Bob Smythe--but it's he who makes sure everyone gets their points.

The Gators look to Glasper to make things happen. His inside drives allow him to open things up for the big men underneath. His composure under fire has left Louisville-native Don Bostic--a four-year letterman in his senior campaign--sitting on the bench.

Florida has a lot of firepower. Besides Bonner and Smythe--both averaging in double figures for Florida's well-balanced attack--the Gators have Malcolm Cesare, a high scoring 6-8 forward from Hicksville, N.Y., and Len Sanders who averaged over six points per game as a sometimes starter last year.

Bonner, Glasper and Cesare all return next year. The string might finally be broken.

ALABAMA--The Tide had to check to see if they still had the skin of their teeth following a closer-than close 65-63 squeaker over Mississippi State in Starkville Saturday.

It hadn't been for a few Dog ballhandling errors midway through the second half, Bama may have been left standing with its first loss in 14 starts.

"There haven't been any easy ones," a tired coach C.M. Newton said after the affair. "It doesn't appear there's going to be any."

Behind the shooting of sophomore Gary Hooker, the maroon did manage a seven-point lead. But with Ricky Brown playing perhaps his best game of the year, the Tide pulled it out of the fire.

Earlier in the week, Newton's crew

whipped Ole Miss--as expected.

AUBURN--The Tigers appeared ready to pull itself out of a tailspin following a win over hapless Georgia earlier in the week. But after Saturday's 75-68 loss to Kentucky on its homecourt, coach Bob Davis' crew appears to have crashed.

Auburn holds the second worst record in the conference at 1-4. What's



C. M. Newton

worse, three of those losses have come on the Tigers' homecourt. Although they stand as one of the nation's top rated teams in rebounding, it appears the Plainsmen will close this season early.

FLORIDA-- After splitting its first four conference games, Florida rebounded to take a 83-72 decision over Vanderbilt in Gainesville.

Smythe, the 6-8 senior center, chipped in 18 points and helped stake the Gators to a commanding 23 point lead midway through the second half.

Center John Sneed led a late Commodore rally to bring it with nine points at 3:43 but it wasn't enough.

Earlier in the week, Lotz's crew fell to Tennessee 92-82 at Knoxville. Keeping within 10 points against the Vols on their homecourt could be considered a moral victory.

GEORGIA-- Coach John Guthrie's Bulldogs are the only conference team without a league win. Georgia is currently on a seven-game losing streak and in real danger of becoming the first SEC team to go through its schedule without a win since former member Georgia Tech suffered that fate in 1954.

The Bulldogs are now playing without four men who were expected to be starters this winter and Guthrie said, "We're going to have to reevaluate our starting line-up and the people we're playing."

It could come none too soon. Even perennial doormat Ole Miss, behind 20 point efforts by John Stroud and John Billips, whipped the Dogs 82-62.

Even with the return of Tony Flanagan from the football team, the Dogs could do nothing.

Earlier, LSU received the honor of thumping the Dogs.

LOUISIANA STATE--If it was an old-fashioned shoot-out you were looking for, Baton Rouge was the place to be Saturday night. Tennessee beat the Bengals 108-102 in a defensive struggle.

The Vols built up a 58-47 halftime advantage and made it 79-59 with 15 minutes left in the game.

But then Kentucky native Durand Macklin went to work. LSU scored 13 unanswered points--eight by the Louisville Shawnee grad--to tighten things up. The Tigers got within three at 87-84 with eight minutes to go but that was as close as they could come.

Tennessee's Ernie Grunfeld had 33, Bernard King had 31 and Mike Jackson had 30. Macklin led everyone with a whopping 40 points. Another Bluegrass native--Owensboro's Kenny Higgs added 17.

On Jan. 10, the Bengals fell to a good Mississippi State squad.

OLE MISS--Coach Bob Weltich's Rebs got their shot at Georgia Saturday for their first SEC win but fell to Bama as previously stated.

MISSISSIPPI STATE--Perhaps the most improved team in the conference, State beat LSU before losing that heartbreaker to Bama.

TENNESSEE--The Vols went 3-0 for the week including an overtime victory over Kentucky.

"We have become a disciplined club, one that doesn't get rattled when we fall behind," coach Ray Mears said. "We seem to be getting better each game."





# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor



Mail All Letters To: VIEWPOINT, The Cats' Pause, Box 7297, Lexington, Ky. 40502

### *Nuts To Fan*

Editor  
The Cats' Pause  
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

After listening to the Georgia game and reading Kenneth B. Hatfield's letter in your January 1, 1977, issue, all I can say to him is "NUTS." With that sort of attitude, I sincerely hope you rush his money back C.O.D.

Down here in Texas (Houston area) it's tough to pull UK games via WHAS but I make a point of it for every game. Texas is NOT a big basketball state as we have to hunt for details of even University of Houston basketball in our local papers.

Therefore, you can imagine how much I appreciate The Cats' Pause. There are some UK fans at work (Texas Instruments) and your paper gets passed around and thoroughly perused each week (even by the local Hoosiers).

We were all proud of the UK football team's performance in the Peach Bowl. After attending the Mississippi State and Florida games, I knew they could do it.

I'm glad to see all the favorable comments about The Cats' Pause, just keep 'em coming.

A loyal UK Alumni & Fan,

Dr. Glen G. Possley  
Sugar Land, Texas

### *Listen To All Games*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$10 for my subscription to The Cats' Pause.

I got a copy from a friend and really enjoyed it. I've been looking for something like this for years. I listen to all of the Cats' games on radio. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,

Afon Bates  
Antwerp, Ohio

### *Hard To Follow Cats*

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible to obtain back issues of The Cats' Pause?

Having been born and raised in Kentucky and a UK follower for life, I'm finding it hard to obtain any inside information concerning the Cats here.

About all I can do is listen to Cawood Ledford on all the games. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frank Mattingly,  
Muncie, Indiana

[Editor's note: Back issues of The Cats' Pause from issues numbered from 12 to the present are available for fifty cents each plus 25 cents mailing and postage. More than one issue ordered at the same time requires only a total of twenty-five cents postage. No individual copies of issue 1-11 are available. But fifty bound volumes, containing issues 1-12 of the 1976 football season are available for \$10 each. These volumes are bound and trimmed especially for fans who wish to keep them as a collector's item. At the end of the basketball season, we will make a similar basketball volume available to our readers. All orders should be directed to the circulation department and they will be shipped by second class mail.]

### *Fills A Void*

Dear Sir:

First introduced to The Cats' Pause by my brother who lives in Middleboro while visiting there at Thanksgiving, I purchased two issues at a Barbourville bookstore during the Christmas holidays.

Needless to say, both issues have been devoured by myself and my son. Your publication has to be one of the best reportorial efforts on UK athletics and it fills a real void for us out-of-state true blue "Big Blue" fans who really never receive much information on UK sports.

Enclosed please find a check for \$10 and it will be greatly appreciated if you would begin my subscription with the January 1st issue. And please keep The Cats' Pause coming for a long time.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Taylor  
Augusta, Georgia

### *About Cosell*

Dear Sir:

I am writing to say that I was glad to see your story on Jim Lampley of ABC-TV. Another employee of ABC, Howard Cosell on his radio show, said that UK had so many violations that he couldn't name them. People like Cosell and Lampley should do more invest-

igating before making such statements.

They should have read your article in your newspaper on the NCAA investigation to get a better understanding. In my opinion, UK came out of the investigation as one of the class programs in the nation.

I would like to see you do more reporting on high school prospects in football and basketball. Could you give more information on who UK is recruiting, and what are the top athletes?

I would like to end the letter by saying I enjoy your newspaper very much.

Sincerely,

Darrell Detherage  
Loretto, Kentucky

### *About Rupp Arena*

Dear Sir:

I am a very avid Wildcat fan who is isolated from all sources of information about the teams except through The Cats' Pause.

So far, I have received all of the magazines except for No. 2 and the most recent No. 12. I would appreciate receiving the No. 12 since I was looking forward to reading about the opening of Rupp Arena in that copy.

I would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eddie Wills, Jr. M.D.  
Akron, Ohio

[Editor's note: We ask all subscribers to notify their local postman or post office when any issue fails to arrive in the mail. If the paper is not found, then please write us and we will check into the problem. Also, anytime there is an issue late, please complain to your local post office. All copies of The Cats' Pause are placed in the mail every Tuesday afternoon [the Tuesday prior to the dated Saturday] for delivery. There has never been a delay in placing the papers in the mail. Any delay in delivering the paper has been after the papers have been placed in the mail at the Shelbyville, Kentucky, post office.]

### *Follows The Cats*

Dear Sir:

Please add me to your list of subscribers to The Cats' Pause. I am a native Kentuckian from Bell County

now living in Ohio.

I have listened to and watched Kentucky on television since 1962 when I first got in to Kentucky sports.

The last six years I have listened to the game when I can catch them on WHAS-AM but at times the station fades. I would like to know what their WHAS-FM station call numbers are on the radio if you know.

Congratulations to Coach Curci and the rest of the staff and team on their win in the Peach Bowl. It was a good ballgame and looked like they had things well in hand in the second half.

Also good luck to Coach Hall and his basketball squad.

Sincerely,

William Carter  
Miamisburg, Ohio

[Editor's note: The WHAS-FM station does not carry the UK games. However, WKRC Radio in Cincinnati this season carries the games live for all the Wildcat fans in Northern Kentucky, Southern Ohio and Cincinnati area.]

### *Big Blue No. 1*

Dear Sir:

I am a subscriber to your newspaper and I did not receive the January 1, issue of The Cats' Pause. If it is possible, please send this issue to me as soon as possible.

This has to be the greatest newspaper in the nation, but that is only common with the university. It seems the "Big Blue" extends itself in everything in being No. 1.

I was one of the 37,000 in Atlanta, and I will be there in March.

Sincerely,

Wayne Eberenz  
Louisville, Kentucky

### *From Morehead*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find my check for \$10. I've been reading a friend's issue since it started. I want one for myself so I can save them.

This makes the fifth subscribe in Morehead that I know. We all love Kentucky and drive seventy miles each way for every game. We haven't missed a home game in three years and go to a few away games and especially enjoyed the Tennessee football game this year.

Congratulations to the UK football team! Good luck in basketball because we already have reservations in Atlanta for March!

Sincerely,

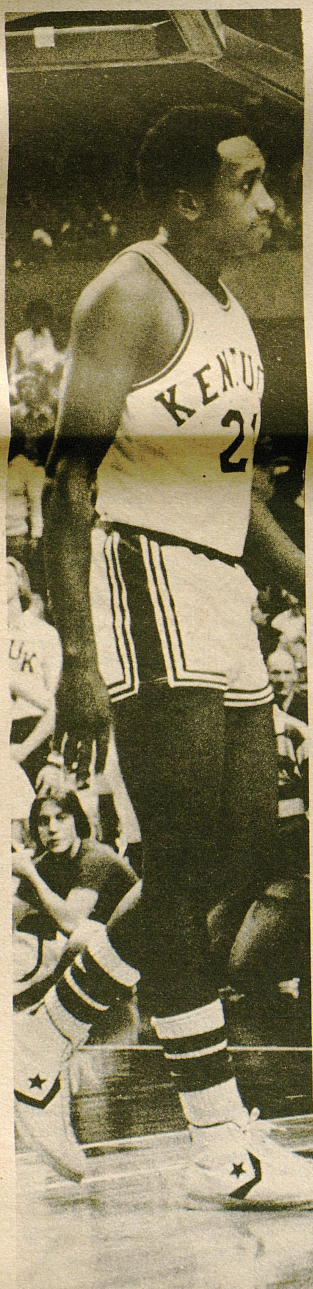
Gary Edmon  
Morehead, Kentucky

# Vols Come From Behind To Beat Cats 71-67, In OT

By MARK BRADLEY

Bill Russell, the noted basketball player and social critic, once said, "the best team always wins. Every time. That's why they keep score."

There are those who will argue that Kentucky would have beaten Tennessee Wednesday night if it had not shot so poorly, or had not gone into a slowdown late in the game.



*A Dejected Givens*

But the fact remains, UK did not deserve to beat Tennessee last Wednesday.

The Volunteers came into Rupp Arena, the boos of the rabid Wildcat fans cascading down around them, and after playing even with Kentucky most of the way, fell behind by seven points with seven minutes to play. Instead of cracking under the pressure, Tennessee came back with poise and heart and managed to down UK 71-67 in overtime.

For the Wildcats, the loss was a damaging one. It dropped their Southeastern Conference record to 2-1, and left the Cats shaking their heads and muttering to themselves as they prepared to embark on a crucial weekend road trip to Auburn and Florida.

The game also knocked the Cats out of a first place tie in the SEC with Alabama now the front leader and Tennessee right behind, both still undefeated following the Kentucky-Tennessee game.

The heroes in the contest were the leading men in the Volunteers' long-running "Bernie and Ernie Show."

**All-American forwards Bernard King and Ernie Grunfeld combined for 38 points as both played all 45 minutes of the thrilling game.**

But the Vols' answer to the Dynamic Duo got an important boost from freshman center Reggie Johnson, who scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in battling UK's Rick Robey and Mike Phillips to a standstill in the middle. After the game, Grunfeld said, "Johnson would get the game ball for this one if I could give one. He played a great game for a freshman."

Kentucky's biggest breakdown in the game was its shooting. The Wildcats connected on only 32.9 percent of their field goal attempts (far below the season average), and hit a frigid 26.8 percent in the first half from the field.

In that first half, the teams battled on even terms before the Vols broke a 14-14 tie and burst out to a six-point lead late in the stanza. Intermission found the Volunteers leading, 32-28.

UK tied the game early in the second half on a jumper by James Lee, and the Cats seemed to have broken the game open when they scored three quick baskets within a 42-second span.

A Larry Johnson jump shot put Kentucky ahead, 45-44, and successive hoops by Robey on a turnaround and Jay Shidler after a steal staked the Wildcats to a 49-44 lead.

The crowd exploded after Shidler's steal and layup, and as Tennessee called time out, the cacophany of the fans' noise seemed enough in itself to blow the Tennessee squad back to Knoxville. But it wasn't to be.

The roar of the crowd wasn't the only thing raining down on the floor

during that time out. Four oranges were hurled on the court (fortunately, not hitting anyone) during the time out, and time had to be taken to clean up the playing floor. As Grunfeld said later, "the oranges helped us out. UK had just scored six straight points, and it seemed that they (UK) lost their momentum in the huddle."

Whatever the reason, Kentucky did appear to slow down noticeably after that break in the action. A King dunk cut the lead to three points, before the Cats could come back on successive baskets by Jack Givens and James Lee for a 53-46 lead with 7:47 to go.

An alley-oop pass from Johnny Darden to a soaring King resulted in a shattering dunk shot for the UT star, who showed in the late going why he is regarded as one of the finest collegiate players in the land.

If King wasn't dominating the backboards [he had 19 rebounds] or scoring, he was dishing off passes to his teammates for easy lay-ups.

King fed Grunfeld underneath for two buckets, and suddenly Kentucky's lead was cut to three points at 55-52. After Phillips scored on a hook shot for the Cats, baskets by a driving Mike Jackson and Grunfeld cut the lead to one.

With the hearts of 23,271 (a new NCAA home-court attendance record) pounding away, Kentucky tried to run some time off the clock, but the strategy backfired when Jackson stole the ball. The Vols brought the ball downcourt and looked inside to Johnson, who scored on a layup and was fouled by Givens with 1:29 left. Johnson missed the free throw, but his basket gave the Volunteers a 58-57 lead.

**Tennessee appeared to be in the driver's seat when King rebounded a Givens miss, but Givens stole the ball from Darden at midcourt and looked to be headed for a layup only to walk. The Vols were granted a reprieve.**

With 34 seconds left in regulation, Jackson scored on another drive but charged into Lee. Lee hit both of his free throws, cutting the UT advantage to one again. UK's Johnson fouled Darden with 22 seconds to go, as the Vols' little guard was trying to dribble out the clock.

Darden hit the first of his free throws, but missed the second, and Givens rebounded for the Cats. Kentucky sped downcourt, and reserve guard Truman Claytor sent the game into overtime when he canned a 16-footer with eight seconds left.

The Vols tried a "fly pattern" on the inbounds play after a timeout with Grunfeld throwing a length-of-the-floor pass to a streaking Jackson, but Jackson was covered closely by Shidler and walked with the ball with three seconds still on the clock.

Kentucky called a time-out, but the best the Wildcats could do was to

throw the ball into Robey who missed a desperation heave from midcourt at the buzzer.

In overtime, the Vols scored first, as King hit Johnson underneath for a basket, after King had his shot blocked. The Cats countered with a Robey tip-in, but Grunfeld put Tennessee back in front with a baseline jumper.

Givens hit a turnaround jumper to knot the score at 65-65, but it was to be the Wildcats' last gasp. King (that man again) hit a shot while he was falling down, reminiscent of the one he made against UK last year.

After Robey lost the ball out-of-bounds, King spotted Johnson under the basket who dumped in a short one as Tennessee led by four with a little over one minute left.

After a furious struggle under the UK basket of a missed shot, Jackson was fouled by Claytor with only thirty-nine seconds to go. Jackson stepped to the line and hit both tries and Tennessee was home free.

Kentucky got its last bucket on a jumper by Claytor, but the game had already been decided in favor of Tennessee.

In the jubilant Tennessee locker room, Grunfeld said he wasn't terribly worried when Kentucky led by seven points.

"We knew anything could happen," he said, "and after all, they were ahead by 14 last year up here and we won. We just happened to get a few breaks, but they got a few breaks, too. I think we capitalized better on ours."

Grunfeld also raised a few eyebrows when he said, "Kentucky has the best fans in the country. I'm serious, they have great fans here, they're the greatest, except at Tennessee."

Grunfeld had been the target of much verbal abuse after his celebrated free throw incident last year when he stepped to the line twice to shoot free throws which were supposed to be awarded to other players.

Tennessee's other star was sitting on a table, winking, smiling, gesturing, slapping hands and holding court for reporters.

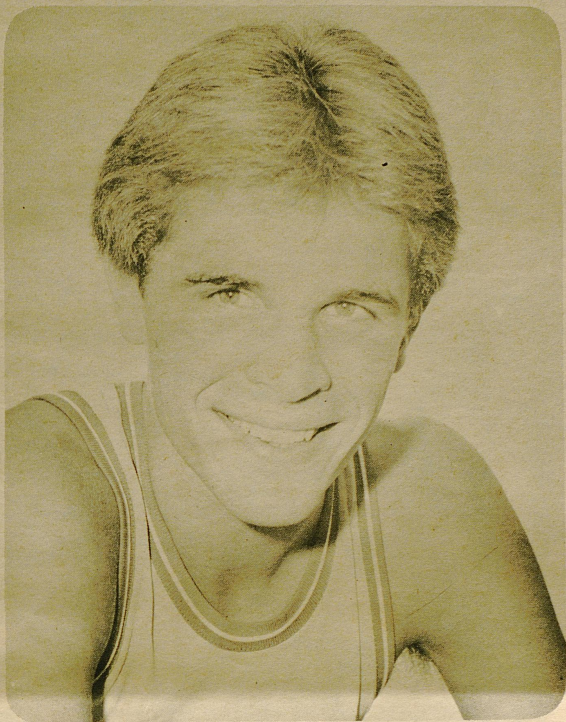
"Kentucky was very physical out there. We don't weigh as much, but I feel we're tougher," King sized up, "we didn't get down when we fell behind, because we remembered last year, and I think they did, too."

About his passing, King said, "when they came out on me in the corner, I was looking for Ernie underneath." King finished the game with eight assists.

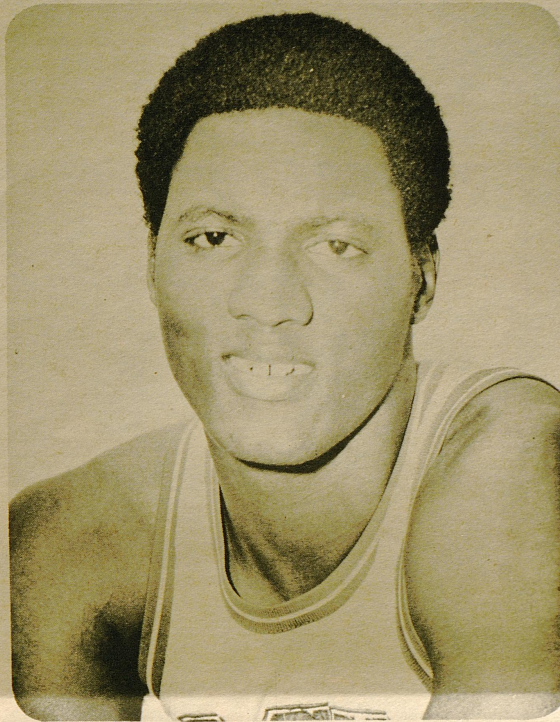
Down the hall, the Wildcats' dressing room was more subdued. Coach Joe Hall said, "we absolutely and completely have lost it. We have to regroup now and try to see where our aggressiveness and spirit have

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## *LSU Comes To Town This Saturday Night*



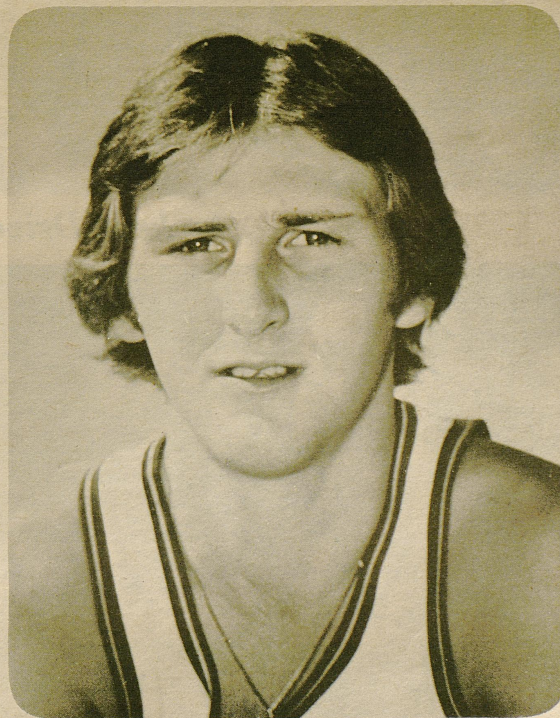
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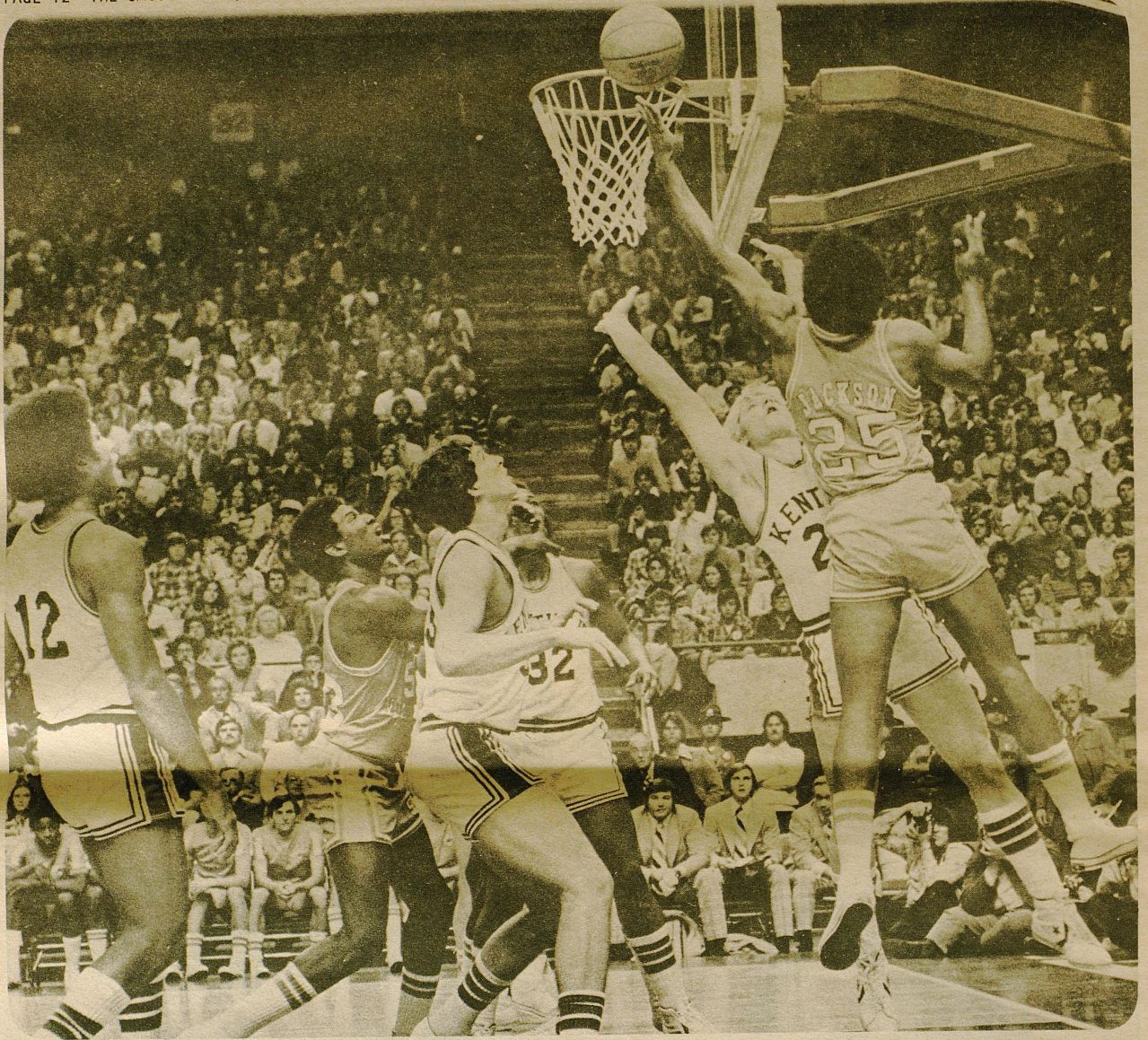
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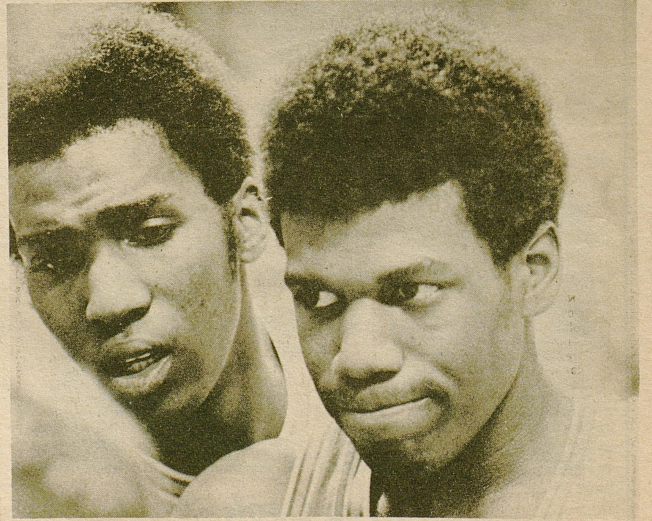
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*Jackson Drives Over Shidler*

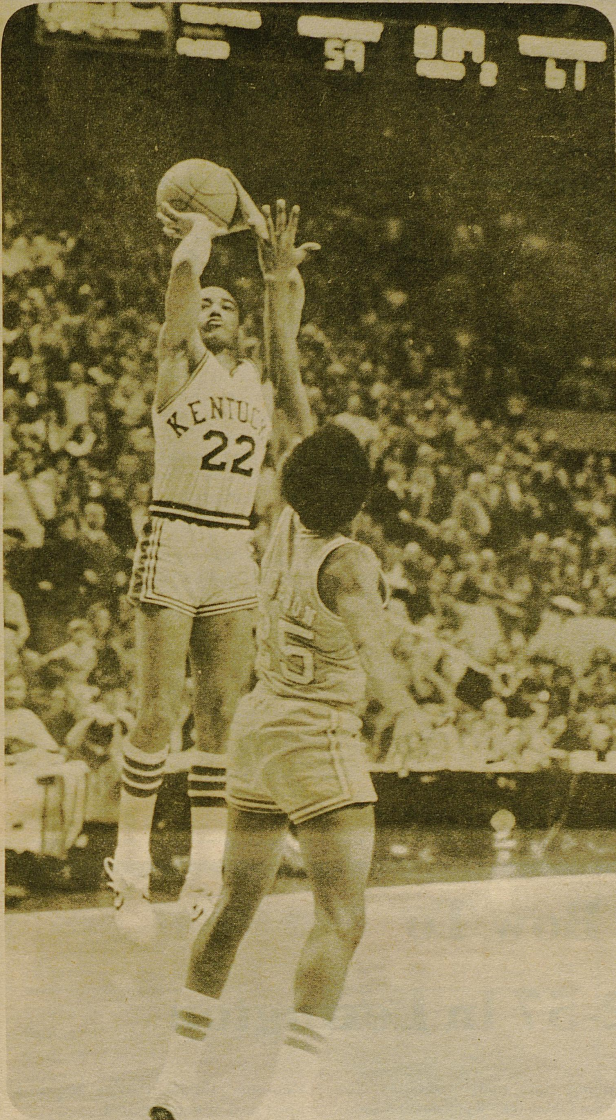


*Ray Mears*



*Bernard King*

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*Claytor Ties Game Up*



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# It Says Here . . .

With Chip Hutchinson

## Just How Important Are The Polls?

Polls—they're like the weather. Everybody complains about them, but nobody ever does anything about them.

"The pollsters sometimes puzzle everyone," said UK basketball coach Joe Hall recently. "I don't understand the polls sometimes."

He's not the only one. Pick up a newspaper and there's a good chance you'll see some coach somewhere griping about the ratings. The coaches don't like to come right out and say it, but they like those high ratings.

Sure they like them, even though you'll always hear them repeat the old line, "I don't care where we're rated now—it's where we are at the end of the season that counts." That's true, but too often they like some recognition before the final game.

Coaches like their teams to be rated highly. If they didn't, they'd not be so adamant in their condemnation of the polls when they feel jilted.

And they certainly like their opponents to be rated clubs. If you beat a

high-ranked team, it enhances your reputation. You can become a giant killer. If you lose to one, you've got the consolation you lost to one of the best teams in the country.

The fans love the polls. Saying your favorite club is third in the nation is much better than saying your club has an 8-1 record.

Yes, they all love the polls—even though most know the polls don't mean a thing.

It's amazing to watch the ratings week after week. They defy logic.

Take Kentucky. The Wildcats were ranked third until the UKIT. Losing in the finals of that tournament cost the Cats three places in the next poll. Did the pollsters ever consider that Kentucky played without two starters?

The next week the Wildcats were idle, but still moved up a notch to fifth. You can't complain about that—moving up when you don't play.

Then came the win over Notre Dame. Sure it was an impressive

performance, impressive enough that the pollsters pushed Kentucky back up to third. Notre Dame was No. 2 in the nation when the Wildcats pasted a 102-78 loss on the Irish. Either Kentucky should have been ranked No. 1 after that or Notre Dame was grossly overrated. After all, a 24-point setback is no close struggle.

Perhaps the most frustrating aspect of the polls comes when two ranked teams play a close game. The winner of such a game stands a chance to advance, but the loser is destined to drop. Suppose the No. 2 and 3 teams in the country clash and the No. 2 team wins by a few points. Isn't that what should happen if the poll is correct? But rather than keeping that No. 3 rating, the loser may drop far down the list of the best teams in the country.

And quality of competition is rarely considered.

The Southeastern Conference has four teams that probably should be rated in the Top 20 in the country. Because of the strength of the

conference, you can expect these top clubs to sustain some losses along the way. And as they play each other and knock each other off, there go the good ratings. A strong team in a weak conference has a much better chance of keeping a ranking—simply because it will keep winning.

Let's watch to the polls for Kentucky and Tennessee after the Vols' 71-67 upset over Kentucky in overtime last week.

How can the system be bettered? It may be hard to make much improvement—after all, the polls are simply opinions of those writers and coaches labeled as "experts."

Fortunately, polls don't have a significant lasting effect.

For instance, UK was rated 18th in the final Associated Press football poll. But when Wildcat fans remember 1976, they'll remember it as "the year UK won the Peach Bowl" rather than "the year UK was 18th in the country."

## LadyKats Bow To Tennessee Gals 82-57 In Lexington

By MARK BRADLEY

It isn't often that a coach has a reason to be optimistic after a 25-point loss. But Debbie Yow, after seeing her LadyKats fall to Tennessee 82-57 recently, still managed to discover a silver lining behind the cloud of defeat.

"I'm not destroyed or crushed by this game," Yow said, "there's been a lot of improvement on our part since we played them (Tennessee) the first time."

Indeed, the University of Kentucky women basketballers did manage to improve on their earlier loss to the Lady Volunteers. UK played Tennessee back in November in Knoxville and lost 107-53, as UT's Patricia Roberts fired in 51 points.

After that game, Yow vowed, "I'll tell you what, Roberts won't get 51 on us the next time. I'll give her 25, but she won't get 50 again."

She didn't. Against the LadyKats last week, Roberts managed to score 29 points, but Kentucky's Pam Browning more than held her own with the Vol star in the match-up of high-scoring centers. Browning hit for 27 points and outrebounded her tall opponent, 17-15.

The 6-0 Browning was vitually the whole show for UK as she accounted for almost half of her team's points.

The LadyKat center was the only player for UK to reach double figures in scoring, and it was the inability of the Kentucky women to offer a balanced attack that led to their undoing against Tennessee.

The LadyKats' two forwards, Janet Timperman and Linda Edelman, managed to combine for only 13 points in the contest. Earlier in the season, Timperman and Edelman had each been averaging better than 12 points a game.

"Both Janet and Linda are in a

slump right now," admitted Yow, "but I think they'll pull out of it soon."

UK's record now stands at 9-3, and the LadyKats have compiled a 3-2 mark against Top Twenty opposition, defeating Indiana twice and Tennessee Tech which was ranked second in one preseason poll.

"This is the kind of schedule I want us to play," Yow said, "this is the only way we're going to improve, playing good teams. You're not going to get any better if you play podunk schools."

Tennessee coach Pat Head said after the game, "UK has improved tremendously since we played them in

Knoxville. I think they've shown a great deal of improvement.

About Browning's fine performance, the UT coach said, "Pam Browning is a fine player and I know and respect her ability very much."

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While most UK students were home over the Christmas holidays, the LadyKats traveled to Mississippi to participate in a 15-team tournament containing some of the biggest names in women's basketball. Such powers as Delta State, Stephen F. Austin, Tennessee and Tennessee Tech took part in the four-day event, which was won by Tennessee Tech.

The LadyKats got off to a bad start in the tourney, losing their first game to Bellhaven 74-56. But the Kentucky squad rebounded to win the consolation bracket of the tournament and grabbed a ninth-place finish in the event.

UK defeated Indiana 57-46, Pittsburgh 74-67, and Central Missouri 74-67 to grab first in the consolation round. Pam Browning, as usual, led UK's efforts as she scored 111 points in the tournament for an average of 27.8 points in four contests.

### LadyKats Whip Dayton

Led by Pam Browning's 20 points, the Kentucky LadyKats bounced back to whip Dayton women 69-66 Saturday night in the Dayton Arena.

Despite trailing by three points with 1:30 to go after Browning had fouled out and a technical had been called on UK coach Debbie Yow, the Kats rallied behind substitute Janet Timperman to win the contest.

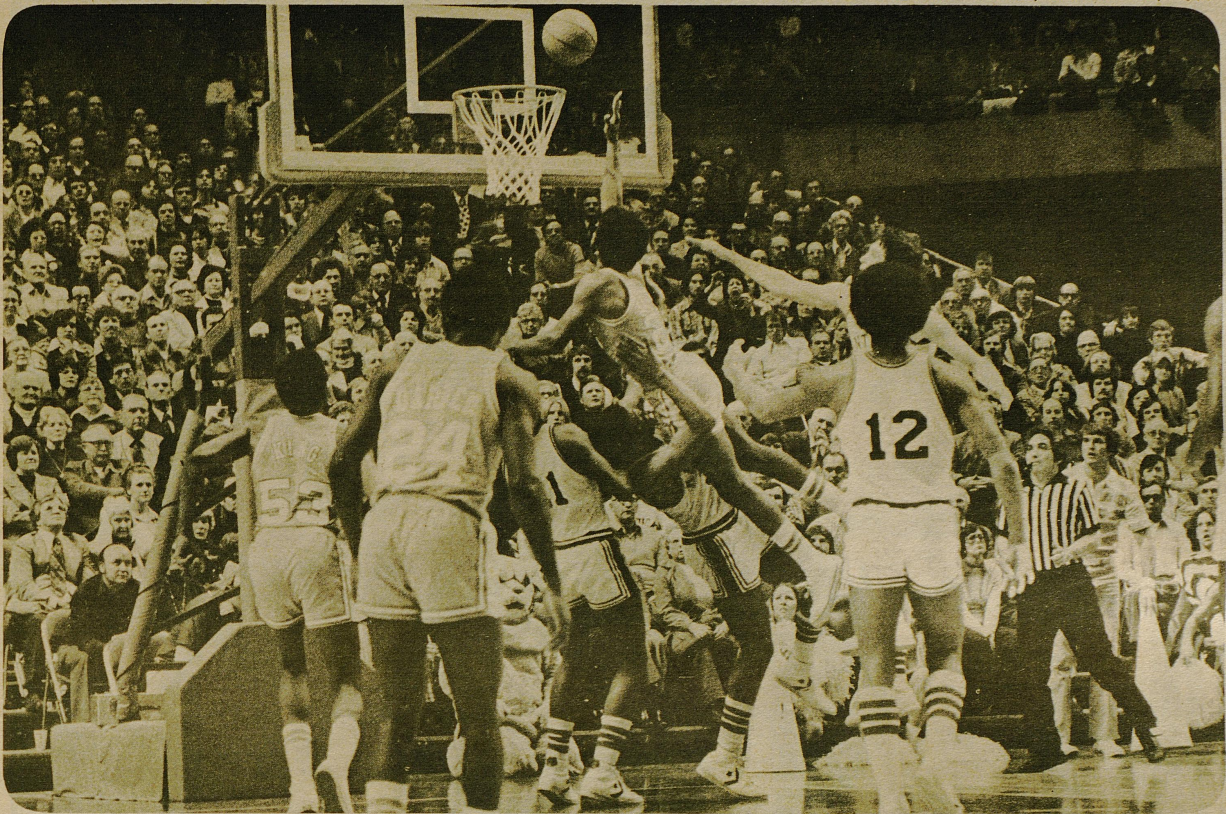
Kentucky led by 31-29 at the intermission.

The win upped the Kentuckians' record to 10-3 on the season as the Kats outthit the Dayton club 43 percent to 39 percent from the field.

At Dayton (64)—Myers 20, Mays 11, Barnett 14, Shefer 13, Johnson 6.

Kentucky (69)—Edelman 10, Timperman 16, Browning 22, Mack 14, Barry 2, Deters 2, Oden 1.

Halftime: Kentucky 31-29



Jackson Charges Into James Lee During Action

*Tennessee Whips Kentucky In Overtime*

**TENNESSEE - 71**

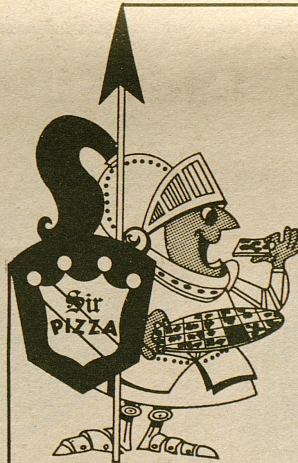
Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TP
Ernie Grunfeld	9-21	4-6	3	3	22	0	1
Bernard King	8-16	0-2	19	3	16	8	4
Reggie Johnson	9-15	0-1	13	4	18	0	2
Johnny Darden	1-1	1-2	1	2	3	8	5
Mike Jackson	4-11	2-2	3	4	10	3	5
Terry Crosby	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Chuck Treeths	1-1	0-0	0	3	2	0	1
Team Rebounds			7				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32-65</b>	<b>7-13</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>

**KENTUCKY - 67**

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	TO
Jack Givens	10-26	3-4	9	2	23	3	4
Rick Robey	4-16	0-3	10	3	8	0	2
Mike Phillips	2-5	3-4	7	4	7	0	1
Larry Johnson	1-5	2-2	2	5	4	6	2
Jay Shidler	5-17	0-0	6	2	10	6	1
Truman Claytor	2-6	0-0	0	1	4	1	0
Merion Haskins	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Tim Stephens	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
James Lee	4-10	3-5	12	2	11	1	3
Team Rebounds			6				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28-85</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE	32	29	10	---	71
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	28	33	6	---	67

Attendance: 23,271  
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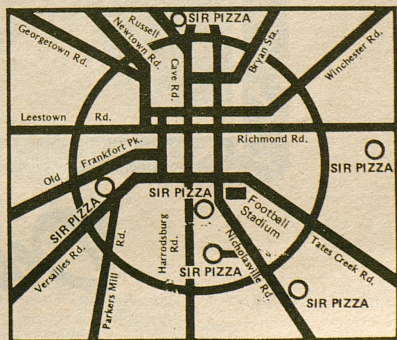
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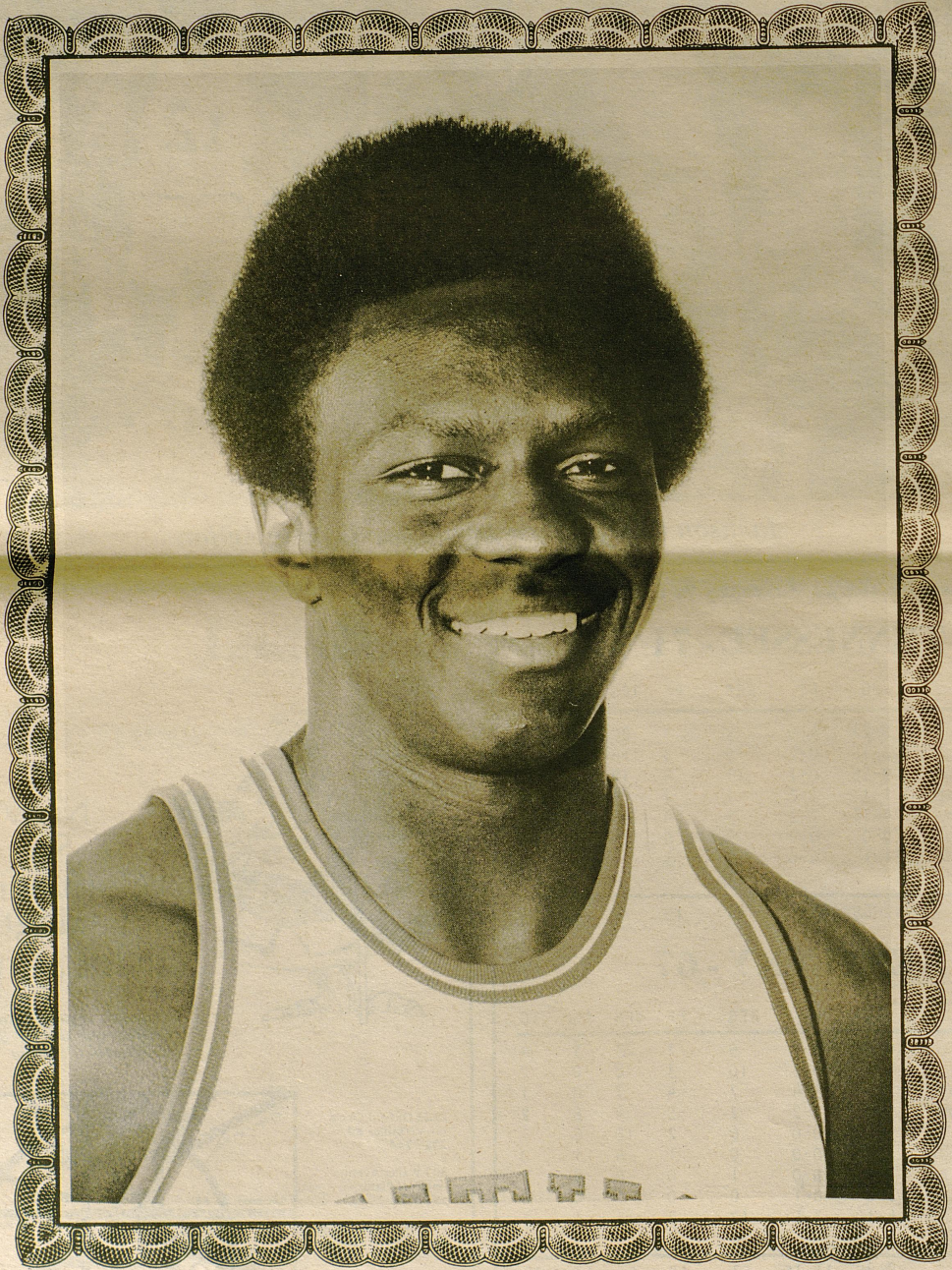
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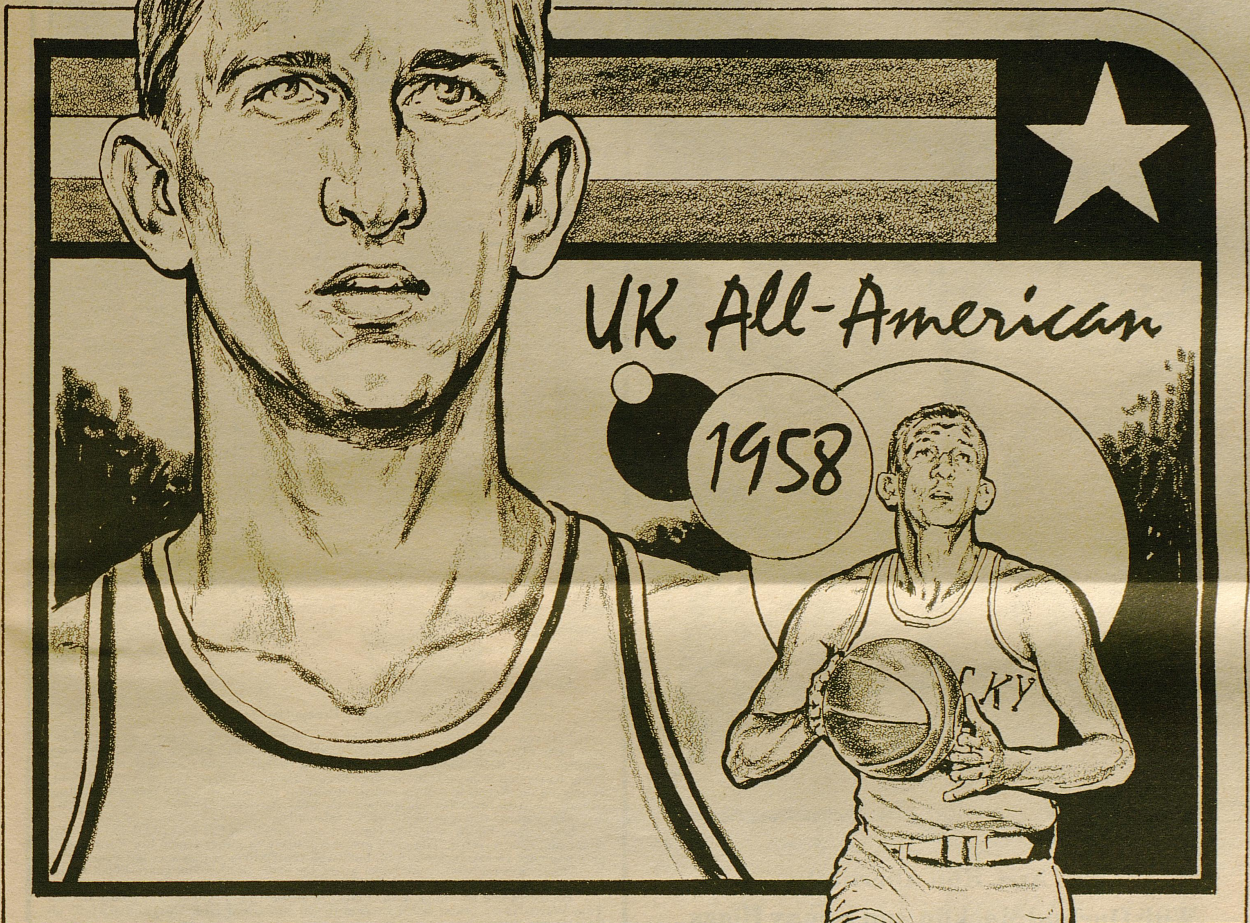
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With Durand Macklin and Kenny Higgs**

## Tennessee Whips Cats 71-67 In OT

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gone." The UK coach credited the poor shooting by the Cats as the prime reason for the loss. "We just could not buy a basket," he said.

Larry Johnson said, "we lost some momentum when we slowed it down. We kind of turned it off. When you're not trying to score and you lose the ball, it's tough to turn it back on."

"We just stopped attacking the basket," Givens said, "we shouldn't have slowed it down. It was just one of those nights."

Whatever the reason for the defeat, the facts are these: Kentucky has now lost to Tennessee four straight times, and in so doing, lost its second game of the season.

Now, the Wildcats are indeed going to have to regroup, as Hall said.

The awesome basketball machine that was UK earlier in the season against Kansas, South Carolina, Indiana, and Notre Dame seems to have stripped its gears, and if the Cats are to have a chance at the NCAA, a major turnaround will have to take place. Fast.

### SEC SCOUTING REPORT

#### University of Mississippi

Location: Oxford, Miss.  
Founded: November 6, 1848  
Enrollment: 9,200

Colors: Cardinal and Navy  
Nickname: Rebels  
C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum Capacity: 8,500



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#### 1976-77 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Miss.	Opp.
Nov. 27	T.C.U.	Fort Worth	7:30 CST	80	Mo. Western
Dec. 1	MISSOURI WESTERN	Oxford	7:30 CST	86	Indiana St.
Dec. 4	T.C.U.	Oxford	2:00 CST	81	Minn.-Duluth
Dec. 6	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.	Oxford	7:30 CST	65	Texas
Dec. 8	TULANE	New Orleans	7:30 CST	51	Texas Tech
Dec. 17	TOLEDO TOURNAMENT	Toledo	6:00 and 8:00 EST	77	So. Miss.
and 18	(Eastern Ky., Marshall, Toledo)			88	Tulane
Dec. 21	MEMPHIS STATE	Memphis	7:30 CST	84	Pan Amer.-sb
Dec. 30	SOUTHERN MISS.	Jackson	7:30 CST	54	South Ala.-sb
Jan. 3	* LSU	Baton Rouge	7:30 CST	58	* Florida
Jan. 8	* MISS. STATE	Starkville	7:30 CST	66	* Auburn
Jan. 10	* ALABAMA	Tuscaloosa	7:30 CST	75	* LSU
Jan. 15	* GEORGIA	Oxford	2:00 CST	54	* Miss.State
Jan. 17	* TENNESSEE	Oxford	7:30 CST	41	* Alabama
Jan. 22	* VANDERBILT	Nashville	7:30 CST	53	* Tennessee-t
Jan. 24	* KENTUCKY	Lexington	7:30 EST	72	* Georgia
Jan. 29	* FLORIDA	Oxford	2:00 CST	81	* Kentucky
Jan. 31	* AUBURN	Oxford	7:30 CST	60	* Vanderbilt
Feb. 5	* MISS. STATE	Oxford	2:00 CST	57	* LSU
Feb. 7	* ALABAMA	Oxford	7:30 CST	66	* Miss.State
Feb. 12	* GEORGIA-t	Athens	2:00 EST	70	* Alabama
Feb. 14	* TENNESSEE	Knoxville	8:00 EST	81	* Tennessee
Feb. 19	* VANDERBILT	Oxford	2:00 CST	68	* Georgia
Feb. 21	* KENTUCKY	Oxford	7:30 CST	87	* Kentucky
Feb. 26	* FLORIDA	Gainesville	2:00 EST	81	* Vanderbilt
Feb. 28	* AUBURN	Auburn	7:30 CST	94	* Florida
Mar. 5	* LSU	Oxford	2:00 CST	88	* Auburn

#### 1975-76 Results

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#### 1977 Prospectus

First year coach Bob Weltlich inherits eight lettermen, five of them seniors, off last year's Ole Miss team that finished at 6-21. Much of Weltlich's initial success will be dependent on the Rebels' adjustment to his coaching techniques and gaining consistency and senior leadership from veteran forwards Eugene Harris (6-6) and Walter Actwood (6-6). Harris led the Rebels in scoring and rebounding a year ago with 14.8 points and 9.8 rebounds, the sixth best rebounding total in the SEC. Actwood, who has started every game for three seasons, averaged 12.0 with 9.3 rebounds.

Senior John Billips (6-4), like Harris a juco transfer in '76, hit at 13.0 and can play either guard or forward. The point guard will likely be either senior Jim Varner (6-1) or sophomore Henry Jackson (6-0), both who shared time at that spot last year.

Other numeral winners are junior guard Joe Kyles (6-2), senior guard Elijah Emanuel (6-4) and sophomore center Jeff Klein (6-9).

Weltlich's first recruiting class consists of forward John Stroud (6-7) guard-forward Tom Warda (6-3), center Bob Patterson (6-10) and guard Eddie Martindale (6-0), all '76 prep graduates.

Major problem areas are lack of a proven spot man, the absence of a take charge playmaker and adjustment to a new coaching staff.

#### Rebel Coach

After seven years as an apprentice to one of the nation's finest head coaches, Bob Weltlich took the reins of the Ole Miss basketball program last April. From 1970-76, Weltlich was with Bobby Knight, first at West Point and then at Indiana where they established collegiate basketball superiority.

In Weltlich's first year at Army, the Cadets ranked No. 1 in the nation in defense and finished third in the NIT. A year later they were second nationally in defense.

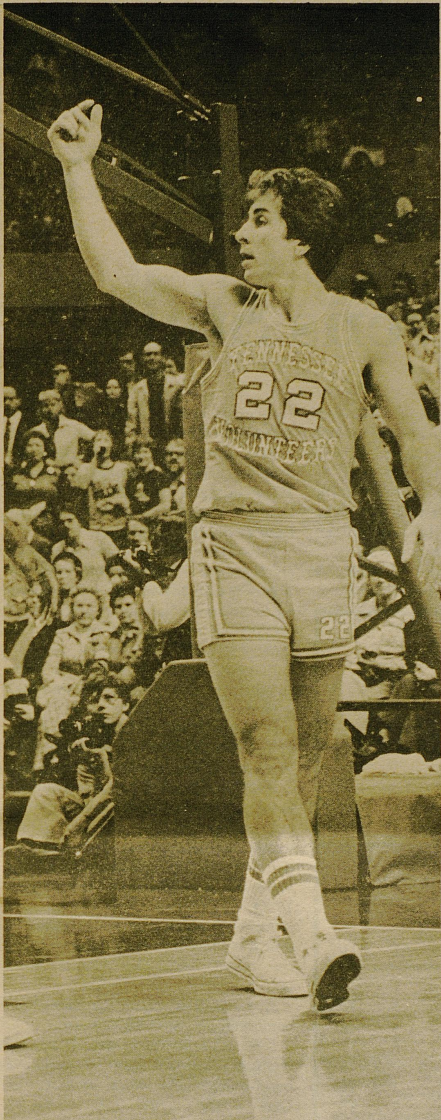
After the '71 season, he accompanied Knight to Indiana where in five years the Hoosiers compiled a 125-20 record winning four Big Ten titles and one national championship. At Indiana he administered the Hoosier recruiting program, aided in the direction of the scouting program and served as an on-the-court coach.

From 1967 through 1969 he was assistant basketball coach, assistant football coach and head track coach at Rittman H.S., Ohio.

A native of Orrville, Ohio, Weltlich graduated with a B.S. degree in Education from Ohio State in 1967.

#### 1976-77 Ole Miss Roster

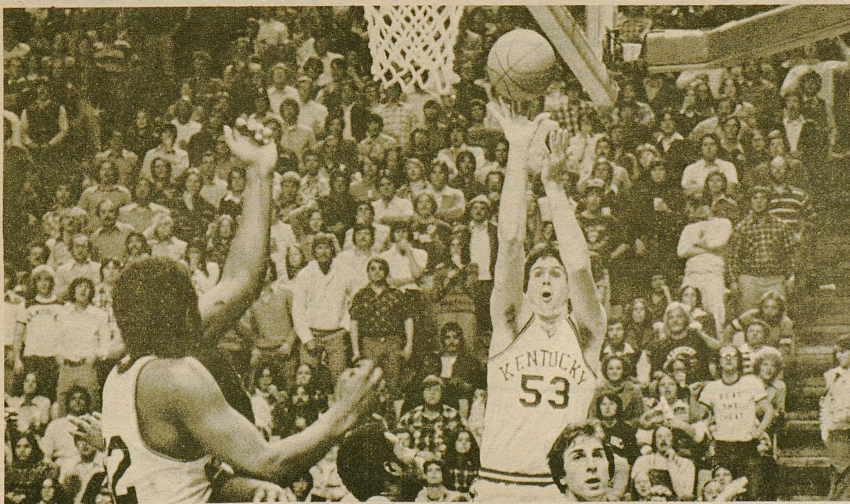
No.	Name/Position	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	Hometown	Course
10	Eddie Martindale, G	Frsrh.	6-0	170	19	—	Jackson, Tenn.	Business
11	Henry Jackson, G	Soph.	5-11	165	19	1L	Walnut Grove, Miss.	Education
12	Jim Varner, G	Senr.	6-1	185	21	1L	Memphis, Tenn.	Pre-Med.
20	Walter Actwood, F	Senr.	6-6	220	23	3L	Greenville, Miss.	Education
22	Tom Warda, G-F	Frsrh.	6-4	190	18	—	Milwaukee, Wisc.	Education
24	George Gillom, F	Soph.	6-4	195	20	RS	Abbeville, Miss.	Business
25	Eugene Harris, F	Senr.	6-6	190	22	1L	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Education
33	Elijah Emanuel, G	Senr.	6-4	190	22	1L	Bunnell, Fla.	Education
34	John Billips, G-F	Senr.	6-4	211	22	1L	Gary, West Va.	Education
42	John Stroud, F	Frsrh.	6-7	198	19	—	New Albany, Miss.	Education
44	Joe Kyles, G	Junr.	6-2	185	20	2L	Shaw, Miss.	Education
53	Jeff Klein, C	Soph.	6-9	255	19	1L	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Business
54	Bob Patterson, C	Soph.	6-10	232	18	—	Houston, Texas	Engineering



*Grunfeld Waves On*



*Lee Drives In For Two*



*Robey Scores On Jumper*

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**Claytor Shines In Sub's Role**

# Wildcats Break Streak, Whip Auburn 75-68 As Givens Stars

Something good is going to happen to you today!

Had you said that to any member of the Kentucky Wildcats team the past ten days, you'd probably have got one square in the face. After all, the UK basketball camp hasn't exactly been a fun place lately.

After barely beating back upset attempts from Georgia and Vanderbilt, the Wildcats ran out of lives and fell victim to old rival Tennessee 71-67 in overtime at Rupp Arena.

Adding insult to injury, Vols supporters were boasting about being a team which won its last game against Kentucky in Memorial Coliseum and the first one played in Rupp Arena. That ain't exactly sweet music to the Wildcats' ears.

Then three players, Dwane Casey, Larry Johnson and Rick Robey, must have thought the end was near when the car in which they were riding skidded off the highway and overturned three times as they were preparing to leave for a two-game road trip.

By some fate, none of the three were injured with the exception of a couple minor cuts.

With all of this, Kentucky was scheduled to face Auburn's Tigers, a club coached by a former Kentuckian who had never lost to the Wildcats in Auburn, Alabama.

The past three seasons, Kentucky had left Auburn with a defeat. But lady luck finally smiled. In Kentucky's direction.

Getting a pleasant, surprise defensive contribution from reserve Truman Claytor and a smooth outing from MVP Jack Givens, the Wildcats came on strong in the final half and took a 75-68 win on the first half of a two-game swing into the South.

Givens, who fired in 20 points and hauled down a game-high 13 rebounds, regained his shooting eye which had failed him so badly three nights earlier while connecting on 10 of 20 attempts.

But the real surprise came from Claytor, the young sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, who was expected to perform so much when he arrived on the UK campus a year ago.

While Claytor did not have his exceptional shooting eye, TC did provide the aggressive defense which shut off the high-scoring All-SEC guard Eddie Johnson in the last half.

Following the game, coach Joe Hall said Claytor's defense of Johnson was a major key in the victory.

"I thought Claytor did a great job, defensively," said Hall following his

first win in four years on the Auburn campus. "I think he is about to rediscover his confidence and if he does, then he will be a great asset to our team down the stretch."

The game wasn't decided until the last three minutes.

Much of the game was typical of Kentucky's affairs since the Wildcats started a down-hill drag four games

ago following a stunning 102-78 win over Notre Dame which was ranked No. 2 in the nation at the time and was undefeated.

The Wildcats simply allowed the win to go to their head. It took two near scares and a upset to remind the Kentucky team it isn't invincible.

The Wildcats, behind a balanced attack, roared out to a 10-2 lead in the

early going and appeared ready to nail Auburn's coffin shut.

Less than three minutes into the contest, 6-10 Rick Robey picked a Tiger clean and raced the length of the floor for a stuff and a 10-2 lead. The Cats were off and running.

However, Dr. Bob Davis immediately signaled a time-out and gave the Tigers a transfusion. Kentucky refused to acknowledge the operation and the results soon caught up with the Cats.

Midway in the first half, Auburn caught up and played nip-and-tuck with the Kentuckians.

Actually, it was the outstanding play of junior Mike Phillips who kept the Wildcats in the contest the first half.

Phillips scored 10 of his game's 13 points in the first twenty minutes while performing his best in four games while teammate Robey scored 12 points and 10 rebounds as the Wildcats outrebounded the Tigers 46-33.

Auburn, which entered the game as one of the top five rebounding teams in the nation, found the Wildcats fired up.

By the halfway point, Kentucky held command of a slim 39-37 score.

It wasn't until late in the contest that Kentucky spurred into a couple of eight-point leads which insured the Cats of their tenth win in twelve outings this season.

Eddie Johnson, who has been in his coach's dog house the past couple of weeks, was limited to 18 points on 7 of 15 from the field, thanks largely to Claytor's defense.

Following the game, the Auburn star offered his appraisal of the Tigers' inability to make it four years in a row over the Wildcats at home.

"You can't point to any one thing about our loss," explained the premier Tiger guard. "Kentucky played with more enthusiasm down the stretch, even more than we did and we're the home team. Kentucky tires you by running people in and out, but the main thing is enthusiasm, that's why Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama win. It's something you can't coach."

Givens' 20 points were tops in the game while three teammates scored in double figures led by Phillips and Larry Johnson with 13 each, Robey with 12, and Claytor with 10.

Freshman guard Jay Shidler, who picked up three fouls, failed to score and played only 12 minutes.

Auburn got 18 from Johnson and 15 from Pepto Bolden while Stan Pietkiewicz tallied 14 points.



*Kentucky  
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## KENTUCKY - 75

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	MIN
Robey	6-10	0-0	10	3	12	0	28
Givens	10-20	0-0	13	2	20	5	36
Phillips	6-11	1-5	7	2	13	1	22
Johnson	5-12	3-4	5	2	13	6	34
Shidler	0-4	0-0	0	3	0	1	12
Lee	3-6	1-2	1	3	7	1	26
Claytor	5-14	0-0	1	2	10	1	30
Casey	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
Williams	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	3
Stephens	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	3
Haskins	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	2
Team Rebounds			8				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35-78</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>200</b>

## AUBURN - 68

Player	FG	FT	REB	PF	TPS	AS	MIN
Bolden	6-10	3-5	11	1	15	0	34
Mitchell	4-13	0-1	8	3	8	1	36
Hordges	1-5	1-2	4	5	3	3	25
Johnson	7-15	4-4	1	4	18	3	40
Pietkiewicz	6-9	2-2	3	2	14	4	39
Patrick	3-4	2-2	4	3	8	0	24
Price	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Bracy	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	1
Team Rebounds			2				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28-57</b>	<b>12-16</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>200</b>
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY			39		36	---	75
AUBURN UNIVERSITY			37		31	---	68

Attendance: 11,903

## One Who Has It Made

# Bill Keightley Has Fan's Dream, Is Wildcats' Equipment Manager

By MARK BRADLEY

Bill Keightley is sitting in the University of Kentucky basketball equipment room in Memorial Coliseum. That's no surprise, since Keightley is the Big Blue's equipment manager.

It's difficult to walk by the blue cage that serves as the equipment room at any time during the basketball season and not find Keightley working at his desk.

Today, Keightley is talking about the snow, which has descended on Lexington for much of the past week. "It took me two hours and five minutes to get here from my home out on Tates Creek," he says. "I burned half a tank of gas, too. 'Hey,' Keightley says to a young man who walks into the room, 'I thought I was going to have to get you to fly out in that helicopter and pick me up.'"

"He flies Captain Tag Veal around for WVLU," Keightley says by way of explanation.

Enough about the weather. Keightley is asked if the shift from Memorial Coliseum to the downtown Rupp Arena has made his job any tougher.

"It sure has!" he says emphatically. "It's added the dimension of being on the road for every game from my job's standpoint. I told Coach (Joe) Hall the other day that we were the only school in the country that plays 26 road games a year," added the equipment manager.

"It's tougher," Keightley continues, "because we have to take a lot of equipment down there to practice and then we have to bring it back with us, because we can't leave it down there."

Even with that, Keightley probably wishes he had the problems more often. Kentucky, over the period of almost a month (since the UKIT) had been allowed to practice only once in the Rupp Arena and the Wildcats' play certainly confirms that.

Bill's job may have been made a little tougher this season, but one gets the feeling listening to Keightley talk that he wouldn't trade his position for anything.

Keightley has been a fixture around the Coliseum since the early Sixties, when he served as assistant to George Hukle, who was then UK's equipment manager. "George was both the equipment manager and statistician," Keightley explains, "and I helped him out on game nights because he was busy with the shot charts."

"I knew George from the post office," Keightley says, "we both worked there, so he asked me to help him out at UK. Then, George had to

retire and Coach Hall asked me if I would assume the duties of equipment manager full-time. It was compatible with my schedule, so I accepted." This was in 1973.

A Lawrenceburg native, Keightley continues to work at the postal service in addition to his duties with the Wildcats. "I get up every morning at four o'clock. If I sleep until six, I feel like it's noon," he laughs.

As equipment manager, Keightley's job is, you guessed it, to take care of the shoes, uniforms, basketballs, and whatever else the Wildcats need. "There's so many doggone small things that you do, too," he says, "like ordering shoes for each player."

An average player will use about ten pair of sneakers in a year at Kentucky according to Keightley. "For the whole team, we order about 150-160 pair a year," said Keightley.

What's the biggest shoe size ever worn by a UK player? "Well, we had one player [Tom Payne] who wore a size 17," said Keightley.

Rick Robey, who has wandered in the equipment room, says, "tell them about Phillips. He wears a sixteen and a half."

Well, Rick, what size do YOU wear? "I wear a 14," Robey says. "For a guy my size, that's not really that big."

Robey is only one in a stream of people walking around the equipment room while Keightley is talking. Manager Tripp Ramsey sits at a table eating a hamburger, Kyle Macy walks in and grabs a Snickers out of a big box on the shelf, LaVon Williams walks by and asks Keightley if the mail has come.

Even with this activity going on about him, Keightley manages to keep talking. "Each player has two uniforms," he says. "A white home uniform and a blue road one. The only responsibility the player has about a uniform is to take care of it on the road."

During the conference season, both uniforms are carried on the road, especially on two-game trips involving Saturday and Monday night games. The conference does this so a visiting club won't have to wear the same uniform twice since laundry is sometimes difficult away from home.

Keightley always travels with the Cats when they go on road trips. His main chore on the road, Keightley says, "is to take precautions to see that nothing is left behind in motel rooms."

Taking care of the Wildcats is "sort of like teamwork on the basketball floor. I work closely with the student managers and everybody knows what to do and they all do their job. We've

always been fortunate at Kentucky to have good managers," Keightley added.

His job also enables him to work closely with the UK players, and Keightley says, "when you work with them every day, you feel like they're a part of you."

"The worst thing is when you're out and you hear statements being made about a player that you know aren't true," explained Keightley, "you can't say anything because they're not your kids, but it makes my blood pressure rise when I hear somebody say something about a player when they don't know what they're talking

about."

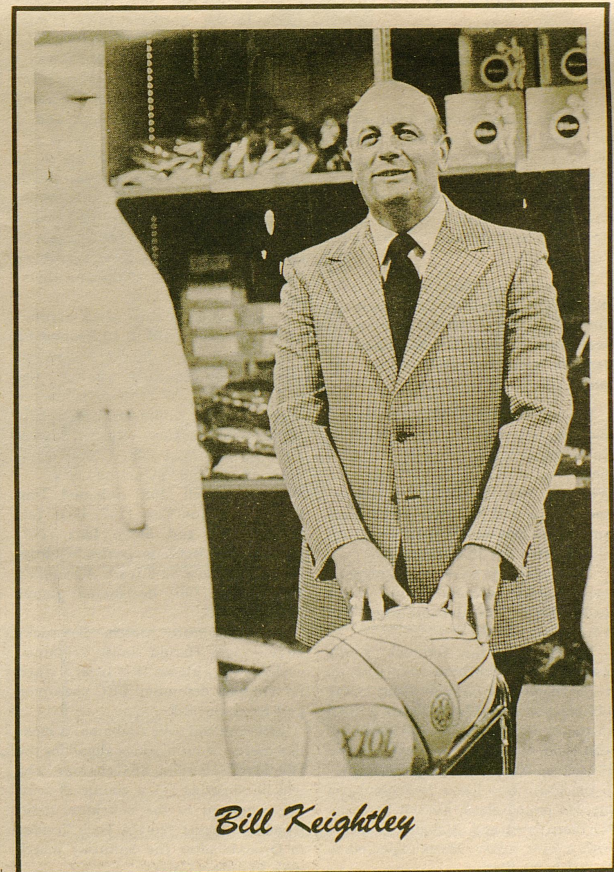
It's time to go to practice and Keightley begins to wind down the conversation.

"You know," he says, returning to the subject of Rupp Arena, "it is a nice place, but here at the Coliseum, we can do whatever we want whenever we want. Down there, we have to make arrangements to use the Arena for ahead of time and then we seldom get in."

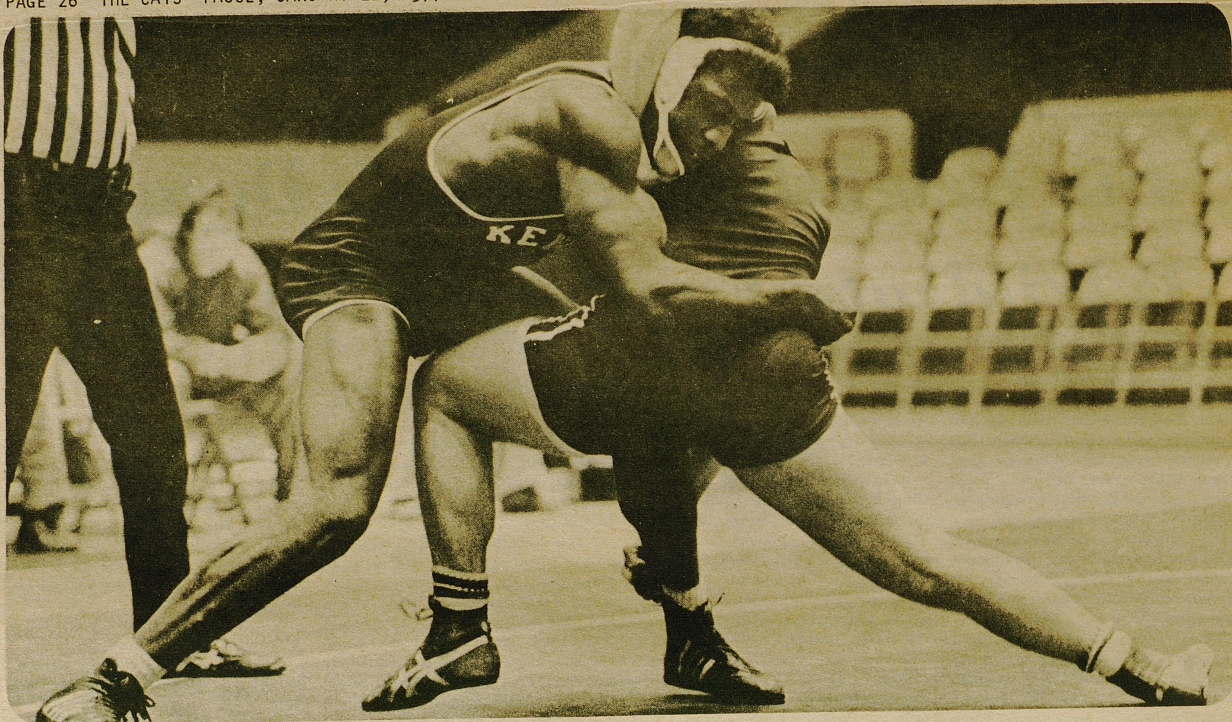
"There's no place like home," Tripp Ramsey says from across the room.

"That's right," Keightley agrees, laughing, "there's no place like home."

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## *Wildcat Wrestlers Whip Alabama*

By **CHUCK MALKUS**

The performances of Kentucky's wrestling team last Thursday and Friday were as different as night and day.

Thursday, the Wildcats were as cold as the freezing weather outside Memorial Coliseum in a 25-19 loss to defending NCAA Division II champion Northern Iowa. The loss was Kentucky's second straight after a 30-18 thrashing by Clarion, January 8 in Pennsylvania.

"I don't know what to say," said Wildcat coach Fletcher Carr following Thursday's upset, "in order for us to beat Alabama tomorrow, we'll have to perform twice as well as we did tonight."

Kentucky did just that, generating enough electricity to set Memorial Coliseum on fire last Friday in a 35-7 victory over Alabama. It was the Wildcats' first Southeastern Conference match and it looked like a good tune-up for this week's showdown with Florida Saturday in Gainesville.

"The next few days we're going to have to buckle down for Florida," Carr said following the Alabama win, "I'm 0-3 against Florida."

Tim Mousetis won Kentucky's only match against Northern Iowa with an 8-4 decision over Gary Bentrim in the 134-pound class. The Wildcats gained 12 points on forfeits by the Panthers who had wrestlers injured in the 134-pound class and at heavyweight.

Jim Carr, who has a 10-2 record in the 134-pound class, missed both the Northern Iowa and Alabama matches with a knee injury. He is expected to be ready for Florida.

The Wildcats, who had scoring blues in the Northern Iowa match, exploded the scoreboard against Alabama, taking a 17-0 lead after the first four matches. When the massacre was over, Kentucky had two pins along with two superior decisions and a major decision.

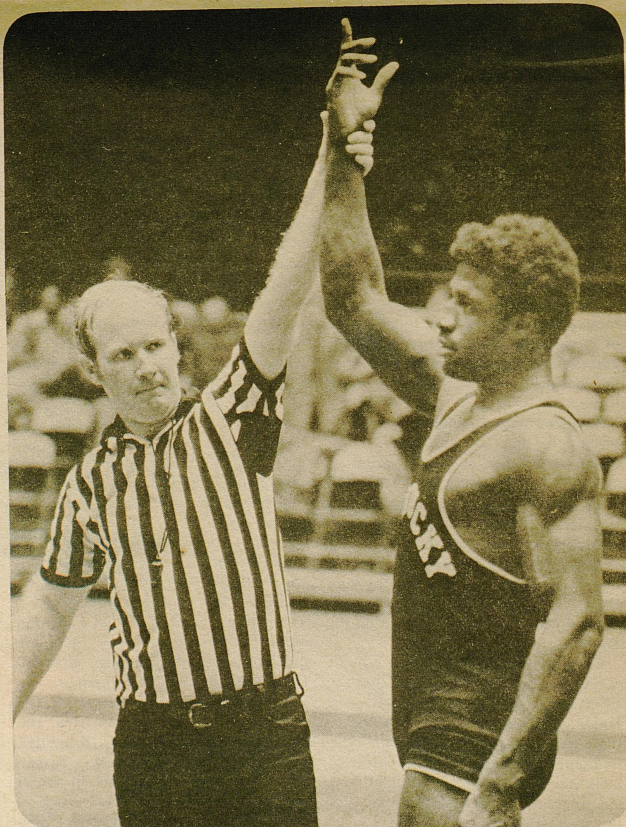
Jim Means won his first match of the season in the 118-pound class with a 9-7 decision over Bama's Dave Robbins. Jim Florio was the second Wildcat wrestler to gain his first win of the season with a 5-3 victory over Randy Erwin in the 126-pound division.

Kentucky junior Kurt Mock improved his season record to 10-2 when he pinned Rick Stone in the 134-pound class. Tim Mousetis vaulted the Wildcats to a 17-0 lead when he defeated Scott Anderson 16-1 in the 142-pound division. The Crimson Tide's Mike West edged Mike Andreoni 12-9 in the 150-pound class.

Scott Crowell [158] defeated Tom Pasis 11-4, Joe Carr [167] beat Jeff Brader 16-3 and Steve Linz [177] pinned Leon BeCoats as the Wildcats jumped out to a 32-3 lead. Alabama's Billy King [190] decisioned James Johnson 11-3.

In the feature match, Kentucky heavyweight Harold Smith remained undefeated with an 18-0 record when he whipped defending SEC champion Leif Erickson, 8-2.

After the win over Alabama, it looks like there are sunny skies ahead for the Wildcats, defending SEC champs, who will be shooting for a couple of wins this weekend in the sunshine state. Kentucky meets Florida Tech Sunday in Orlando after the Saturday match with Florida's Gators.



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