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Bat 'Cat slugger Vince Castaldo  
tore up his knee last season. This  
season he's tearing up opposing  
pitching. Pages 18-19. photo by Oscar Combs



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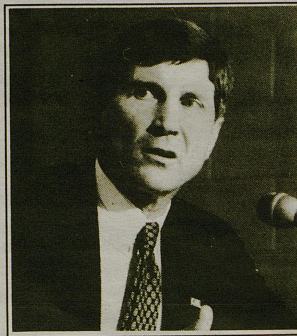
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## UK's Bill Curry presented with prestigious Dodd Award

Becomes first recipient that also played for the legendary Ga. Tech coach



UK football coach Bill Curry

Bill Curry, head football coach at the University of Kentucky, was presented the 1989 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award at a luncheon held Friday, March 16, in the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Lexington.

Curry, who became the Wildcats' 32nd head coach last Jan. 8, earned the award after leading the University of Alabama to a share of the 1989 Southeastern Conference championship.

The award is named after Dodd, a legendary coach (1945-66) and administrator at Georgia Tech. Dodd won 165 games, lost only 64, and tied eight in 22 years at Tech.

Curry is the 14th recipient of the Bobby Dodd Award since its inception in 1976. He is the first winner of the award to have actually played under the legendary Dodd. Curry lettered three years (1962-64) as center at Tech.

"Nothing could mean as much to me as this award," Curry said. "Coach Dodd had a tremendous influence on my life and was like a second father to me. Just knowing Mrs. Dodd is in attendance means so much."

Curry and his staff led Alabama to a 10-1 regular season record last fall and a berth in the USF&G Sugar Bowl, the school's first appearance in the New Orleans classic since 1979.

The Bobby Dodd Award is presented an-

nually by the American Sportsmanship Council and is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines and *The Atlanta Journal*. A selection committee of former coaching greats and past award winners combine to select the annual winner.

Past award winners include Vince Dooley (Georgia), Bo Schembechler (Michigan), Tom Osborne (Nebraska), LaVell Edwards (Brigham Young), Bobby Bowden (Florida State), Joe Paterno (Penn State), George MacIntyre (Vanderbilt), Ken Hatfield (Air Force), Jim Wacker (TCU), Fisher DeBerry (Air Force), Dick Sheridan (North Carolina State), Dick MacPherson (Syracuse), and Don Nehlen (West Virginia).

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### SPRING PRACTICE

UK will begin its 1990 spring football practice March 20, at Shively Sports Center.

Practice sessions generally will be conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with the daily schedule subject to change because of the weather.

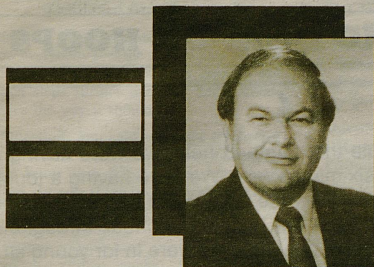
The NCAA allows each Division I member 20 practice dates in 26 consecutive calendar days, beginning with the first day of spring practice. Here is a list of the scheduled spring practices:

March: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31.  
April: 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 21.  
UK Coaches' Clinic—March 30-31.  
Bank One Blue-White Game—April 21, 6:30 p.m., Commonwealth Stadium.

The practice sessions will be closed to the general public.

## SWEET 16: BOYS' STATE TOURNEY PAIRINGS

1ST ROUND: MAR. 21-22	QUARTERFINALS: MAR 23	SEMIFINALS: MAR 24	FINALS: MAR. 24
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## OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

# 'Greatest Show on Earth' takes center stage this week

The biggest event in the commonwealth this week is the annual Kentucky boys' state high school basketball tournament that begins Wednesday at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

As always, this form of March Madness takes over the state's basketball following and this year is no exception.

And as usual there will be a couple strong favorites to go with a number of Cinderella teams.

A couple teams—Louisville Fairdale and Clark County—come to mind as frontrunners for the title come Saturday night.

Fairdale has been the odds-on favorite since the beginning of practice last fall, and coach Stan Hardin has the horses to win all the marbles.

And while Fairdale will be competing not more than a few miles from its home, one would think Hardin's charges have the ultimate advantage going for them.

Actually, it doesn't work that way in the state tourney. First, most of the fans at the Sweet Sixteen are fans from out in the state and the first thing they always do is choose up sides to root against any big city school that comes to the event from either Louisville or Lexington. Call it the anti-bulldog mentality.

Secondly, both Jefferson County representatives to the tourney are not only in the same bracket this season, but playing each other in the opening round. Ironically, Fairdale will be playing a true Bulldog team in Louisville Male.

And last but not least, rarely does the favorite win the state championship. All the other 15 teams lower their sights on the favorite and, when there is an almost unanimous favorite (like Fairdale this season), it becomes all the tougher to accomplish the mission.

All this having been said, watch ole Stan pull off the impossible and it couldn't happen to a nicer guy who is finally having the kind of a season he has sought for so many years.

And what happens if Fairdale doesn't win the title? Well, Clark County is a pretty good team sitting up there all alone in the upper bracket just waiting for the opportunity.

The Cardinals, coached by the veteran Guy Strong, who has enjoyed quite a coaching career on just about every level of the sport, play an extremely disciplined game of basketball and will probably be better prepared to take all the excitement and hoopla that surrounds the tourney.

Without question, the upper bracket is the weaker bracket, especially with both Lexington powerhouses, Henry Clay and Lafayette, being upset in the 11th Region.

Now before all those umpteen thousands of Jessamine County fans come down on us, let's put in a plug in for Julian Cunningham's Colts, who shocked most observers by sweeping through the 11th Region and totally destroying a pretty good Lexington Catholic team in the finals.

For the past couple years, Jessamine was expected to perform better than the

record shows. Because the Colts crumbled badly last season and appeared to be in a prolonged slump (by some experts' opinion), practically no one outside Jessamine County gave the Colts a chance this season.

But the Colts have put it together. The big challenge this week in Louisville will be one of trying to ignore all the fanfare and keeping their attention on the mission at hand. In other words, the Colts are not just happy to be there, they are out to win the entire show.

This same philosophy can apply for most of the other 15 teams, whether it be Leslie County, which is making its first ever trip to the Sweet Sixteen, or little Phelps or North Hardin or an Owensboro Apollo even without a Rex Chapman.

But you cannot forget about other western Kentucky powers such as Henderson County and Paducah.

And, oh yes, Bob by Keith and his Clay County Tigers are back for another run at the title, something he's made a habit of in the late 1980s.

Plenty of tickets remain available for all eight sessions and can be purchased at the Freedom Hall ticket office.

### AAU-USSR II

Speaking of high school basketball, you'll want to mark the date of Tuesday, May 15, when Kentucky fans will be able to watch all four of UK's incoming freshmen in action on the Lexington campus against the Soviet Union's National team that is touring the United States this spring.

The game, to be played at Memorial Coliseum, will feature a Kentucky AAU roster that includes UK-bound Jamal Mashburn, Carlos Toomer, Gmel Martinez and Jody Thompson, along with several other blue-chip prepsters from the commonwealth.

Others who will play include Dwayne Morton and Andy Penick of Louisville. Morton has signed with the University of Louisville and Penick signed with Michigan State last fall. However, Morton's status is on appeal by U of L after

the NCAA negated the signing because of a rules infraction.

The final roster of players will be announced shortly after this week's state tournament, according to Sayre High coach Jim Lankster, who is coaching the state AAU team.

This game will be similar to the one played at the Coliseum two years ago with one minor exception and that is all players on the local AAU team will be high school graduating seniors with no underclassmen.

Among others, the 1987 team featured such players as Don MacLean, Shawn

the renovation this past winter. The 1987 game attracted more than 10,000 fans.

Ticket information may be obtained by contacting Louis Stout at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in Lexington.

Those high school stars also will be featured at the annual Derby Classic, scheduled April 21 in Louisville.

### CURRY ACCEPTS AWARD

Bill Curry was awarded the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year award last Friday in Lexington as almost 600 local Big Blue fans crowded into the Hyatt Regency to

help celebrate the new Wildcat football coach's most recent honor.

And you could feel the excitement Curry has generated since his arrival in Lexington just a couple months ago.

All the bigshots were there, influential community leaders, representatives of major corporations like Kroger, Coca-Cola, IBM, etc.

Curry, upon accepting the honor, talked about the impact Dodd had on him, and on how Dodd had influenced his style of coaching today.

Curry also took the opportunity to talk about his own philosophy on life as well as the game of football. He spoke of the importance of one's quality of life off the gridiron, his dedication to the human side of life and that every important aspect of life hinges on the outcome of a football game.

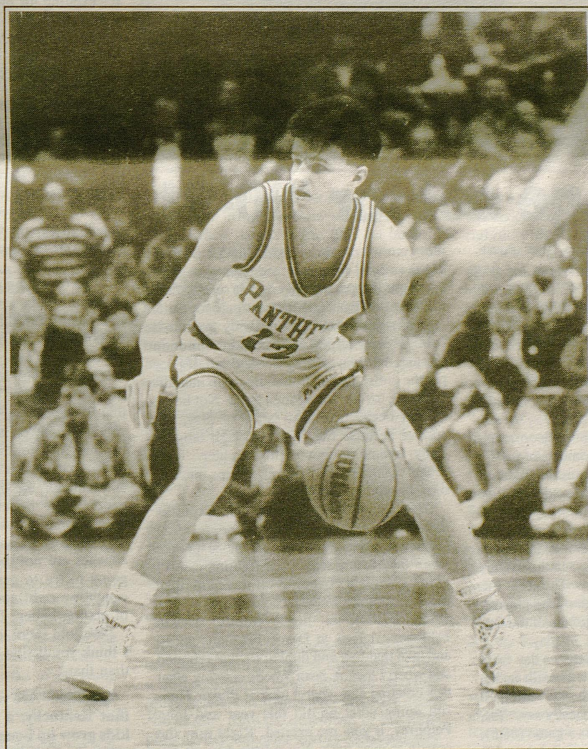
Ironically, UK's just retired coach

Jerry Claiborne was also given a surprise honor by the Dodd Foundation for his contribution to the game of college football.

The event was quite an affair. Claiborne was justly recognized for his contribution as he retired and his honor gave an exclamation mark to Curry's earlier comment that a person's success should not be judged alone on a winning or losing season.

Claiborne bowed out with a 6-5 mark, a record that obviously did not get UK into a postseason bowl, but the quality of

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Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park guard Andy Penick, above, who'll play for Michigan State next season, will join four future UK players against the USSR Junior National team at Memorial Coliseum in May.

Kemp, Sean Woods, Damon Bailey, Pat Graham, Richie Farmer, Chris Mills, Keith Adkins, Travis Ford and Scott Boley.

The May 13 game is expected to be an early sell-out since the Coliseum now seats only about 8,000 people following



Pitino anxious to get started for next season; says Richie Farmer is, too.

## Final curtain is drawn, but stage set for '90-'91

In last week's issue of *The Cats' Pause*, Dwayne Morton was the subject in the first portion of Rick Pitino's press conference, one day after UK's loss at Notre Dame. The second half of his final weekly press conference of the season contained material on this past season and what might await the Kentucky basketball program in the near future:

(Opening comments about the 1989-90 Kentucky season)

**Rick Pitino:** "Looking back on this season, there were many moments of joy for us as coaches. Somebody complimented us, 'We never thought in our wildest dreams you could win 14 games.'

"I really mean this, that does not impress me—the wins. For the next two years (counting this past season) wins and losses are unimportant. They really are. The most important things are the growth of the players, the growth of the team, the growth of the fans and the growth of the style of play.

"We received maybe 50 letters a day from people throughout the commonwealth saying how much they enjoyed Kentucky basketball and its style of play. I can honestly say, 'Yes, we averaged almost 89 points a game (88.8), we led the nation in three-point shooting (281 of 810 attempts). It was exciting. But not near as exciting as it's going to be when you see the real style of play, because we played way too many minutes and our offense we were shooting, and I thought we were a very good shooting and passing team, but we tired at the end of games. In the beginning of the year when you shoot more threes and you're a stand around and a spot up basketball team—you spot up at the three-point line and you get inside and you work inside to out—you're not as tired.

"Obviously when we saw we were going to need to create more movement and we really had a serious chance to not only be entertaining but being winners, we created much

more motion on our offense. That's a double-edge sword. Not only do you get great backdoor layups, not only do you create some exciting plays but you can fatigue yourself.

"So here's a team that not only pressured from 94 feet, turned around and ran motion offense, but played only six-and-a-half people the entire game. To me, that's an incredible thing for the young men to do. Not being special because of their style of play, but special because they went through fatigue. They treated fatigue with laughter. They fought right through that and became outstanding basketball people.

"The thing that makes me most proud is that when I look at Sean Woods, Deron Feldhaus, John Pelphrey, all those people when they first started their training camp I didn't give us a chance at all to accomplish the things that we've accomplished. Now when I look at Sean Woods, Deron Feldhaus...I look at Deron Feldhaus go up and take that ball and dunk it on that rebound and when I look at Sean Woods creating what he's creating and when I look at Reggie Hanson doing what he did this year and John Pelphrey, it gets me excited. Right now the season is over with. I'm a little I won't say down, I'm going to miss it, but certainly the only thing I'm looking forward to right now is Oct. 15. I wish it would start tomorrow. I'm on the edge of my seat right now. I'm excited to get these new players in here and get a real style of play in, where it's not just our opponents we're fatiguing—we're always going to be fresh.

"So when Kentucky fans say, 'Yes, it was exciting. We're excited about the style of play. It was entertaining.' All I can say is you haven't seen anything yet. It's going to get much better."

**Question:** How does the game plan change next season with the new recruits coming in?

## RICK PITINO Q&A: UK HOOPS

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**Pitino:** "What it does it that it gives us competitiveness. What I miss the most was competition in practice; it was so difficult to get real competition in. That what makes people really achieve or overachieve is competition. Then it will allow us to substitute about a minute before people get tired and that will always keep you strong throughout the game. Our fastbreak will be better. Our rebounding will be better. Our press will be that much more effective. We'll be playing on the road more man-to-man; we'll change our defenses out of strength rather than weaknesses. So I'm just looking forward to it. Next year we'll have 11 (players) and the next year we'll have a full circuit of players. It's exciting for me and it's been an exciting year, but, on the other hand, I miss the competition of practice. I'm going to miss practice, period. But, we saw players all get better and that's exciting."

**Question:** Do you give the players a couple of weeks off now?

**Pitino:** "I told the players what they've got to concentrate now on more than anything else is their academics. They've got a week to get ahead academically, then they take a week of spring break. When they come back they'll go through their spring training where they go to the weights and get back in the gym."

"The one thing that excites me more than anything else is, I really looked at this basketball team and there were very few Billy Donovans on this basketball team. Guys that we call 'gym rats.' If they had a choice between a date with Miss Kentucky or going in the gym, they'd go in the gym. It's kinda sick that we would say that (Pitino laughs) but I would actually chose the gym. We're developing that 'love' for the game of basketball right now. That excites me. That's the common denominator, the key ingredient you need for people to get better. They're not only going to perform and work on their skills when the coaches are watching them, it's when the coaches are not there when they are really going to try to get better. That's what has caught on right now, the contagious feeling of getting better. The players can't wait.

"We told them to take two weeks off but I think you'll find them in the gym sooner than that."

**Question:** Are you surprised by the fact that Kentucky, a basketball state where kids grow up bouncing a ball, and yet apparently they weren't gym rats?

**Pitino:** "I think there are reasons for that. Look at the players on the team. I think three

of them are redshirted. You get redshirted because you're normally not good enough or you're not *there* at that point in time. So you sit out that year and you really don't see yourself playing. Really, with the exception of one or two of our guys on our team, they really didn't play that much. So they were the guys sitting on the bench. The motivation to work on your game is because you think you have the opportunity to play. They probably didn't see that opportunity ahead of them."

**Question:** About the players who now have played in your system for a year, do your goals change?

**Pitino:** "No. Really our goals stay the same for two years. We obviously want to now play our true style of Kentucky play. You really didn't see the Kentucky style of play this year. You saw it in terms of points scored, you saw it in terms of the pressing, running style. But the effectiveness of it, which was very effective, will not be in its truest form until you play 10 or 11 people. It'll be more effective next season.

"But the goals stay the same. The goals change in the third season. That's when everything should come together for us."

**Question:** What's your reaction to the state support surrounding Rick Pitino?

**Pitino:** "In the beginning I didn't understand it. In the beginning it was mind boggling to me, the experience we went through this season. But now I understand it. Now I have a better grasp for it and how to handle it. And all I can say is two words: 'Thank you.' Thank you for taking a couple of coaches from the Northeast and welcoming them with open arms and making us feel part of this great state. It's not easy to move at any time. We just feel very welcome and we hope to give back to the fans excitement. That's the way we pay back the fans, with winning basketball and excitement."

**Question:** Did it feel strange at all with that much excitement surrounding you?

**Pitino:** "I think it was a necessary evil, so to speak—when everybody is so down and things aren't going well and it's been a year-and-a-half of investigative reporting and investigative issues coming up and Kentucky basketball breaking the rules and that's all they're talking about, not basketball in itself. Now a coaching staff comes in and says they're going to turn it all around right away and they're going to win and build excitement into it, you step to the forefront.

"Now the coaches step to the background (Continued on page 5)

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a little bit. The players step into the forefront. Now everybody sees the style of play. So now it changes. And as each year goes by the coach steps further onto the background. That's the way it should be."

**Question: You said wins are irrelevant in these first two years. A lot of Kentucky fans know that it's not that irrelevant. What do you think about what Derrick Miller said—predicting UK would win 20 games next year?**

**Pitino:** "That's easy for him to say, he graduated (Pitino laughs). Obviously, our goal is to win every game. I want the players to feel that they can do that. As far as what the Kentucky fans think right now it's totally irrelevant. They've got to go to the game, root hard and enjoy their basketball team."

"Are we a 20-game winner on paper? No we're not, no we're not. But, if our players really improve over the summer and the freshmen come in there and perform and be 'strong' as freshmen, then anything can happen. The only important thing about 17, 18, 19, 20 wins is in the third season. If you were to have told people in the second season that you can get 15 to 16 wins they would be overly delighted. But that's what happens."

"It happened with the Knicks. It happened with Providence. We went to the Final Four after two years and next year was going to be the national championship. That's what makes the world go around; that's what makes it fun for us. We like that type of pressure. We understand it and we'll live with it."

**Question: You don't see next year's team as a 20-game winner on paper?**

**Pitino:** "With that type of schedule we don't look at it (that way). When you're going to play Louisville on the road, Indiana in Bloomington, Cincinnati on the road, North Carolina on the road, Kansas at home, plus the Big Four, plus a tough SEC, the SEC is going to be much better, you don't look at it in terms of that. You really don't."

"Whether it's 20 or whatever, all you look forward to is getting better and improving. If we win 20 games next season and we don't make the NCAA in the third year, what good is it? The only important thing is that we keep this totally in focus—we're trying to rush this process so in the third year we're back into the NCAA tournament."

**Question: Did the turning point of the season, as far as the fans having confidence in the style of play, come against Indiana?**

**Pitino:** "I think the fans wanted to believe the first day we took that court at Midnight Madness. They wanted to believe. Whether they thought that it would happen or not, they wanted to believe. They were hoping; some were praying, some were hoping it would come. We can look at Kentucky basketball back in a positive light, because Kentucky basketball from here on in is going to be looked that way."

"All the things said about Kentucky basketball in the past are just that—in the past."

**Question: How about for the players, was the Indiana game the turning point for them?**

**Pitino:** "They saw a game they could have won against an opponent that was being highly recognized. Any time you play that type of game you develop confidence. But then you can look back and you go out and play Kansas. I told them after the Kansas game that they did not lose that game, I lost that game. By the way, I'm not trying to be martyr, that's true. That blowout was caused by me and not by the players. I could have stopped it and we could have lost it by 30 points."

**Question: What did you do?**

**Pitino:** "I kept running, kept pressing and trying to win the game, (rather) than slow it down and try to stop the slaughter. But I felt it would be a good lesson for us down the

road. I do believe it was. It also taught us that without Reggie Hanson (foul problems forced him to the bench for much of the contest) we cannot play that style. But I think it was good for us. Nobody likes to lose by that many points, but it was good for us."

**Question: Are you surprised that Reggie Hanson didn't make All-SEC?**

**Pitino:** "Didn't he make the second team? (Note: Hanson was a second-team All-SEC selection voted by the *Associated Press*, but did not make the coaches' 10-man squad.)"

**Question: Are you surprised he didn't make the coaches' All-SEC team?**

**Pitino:** "No, I'm not surprised. I think Reggie Hanson will make it in his senior year. I don't think it's a big deal whether he makes it or not. He had a very good year."

"Reggie Hanson is the type of player you've got to see him everyday in practice, every night to appreciate him. As far as I'm concerned he's one of the top five players in the league, but I see him every single day in practice and I understand his value to this basketball team. If you take Reggie Hanson off this team it wouldn't have won three or four games this season. I can honestly say that. But with Reggie Hanson we were competitive and we won a lot of games."

**Question: You have said you are amazed at what this team accomplished. When did you change your estimates—when you were telling the players behind closed doors they were going to win the SEC championship?**

**Pitino:** "More than anything else I saw through individual instruction the players getting better. If you look at the people that came in here, we were having a tough time breaking the six-minute mile. We were having a tough time even lifting light weights. We were really out of shape. We came in like a team that played for a bar league in softball throughout the summer. That's the type of condition we were in for young student-athletes."

"Not that they were drinking beer like some of those softball players. They certainly weren't doing that. But that was the condition they were in. They would have had a tough time getting to third base."

**Question: Like the media's team?**

**Pitino:** "Nothing (he laughs) really reaches those heights."

"Outside of Derrick (Miller) we were really not in good shape. Now these guys are becoming very good athletes... (getting) in good shape. We're really going to spend a lot of our time on quickness. I'm not a big believer in 'bulking' people up. I'm a bigger believer in quickness—jumping rope and all the quickness drills and lifting weights, not only for strength but for quickness."

**Question: How much of that can be coached, can be improved?**

**Pitino:** "I think it is but it takes a lot of dedication because it's not the type of thing you enjoy working on. It's not like shooting or ball-handling. When you get up in the morning you don't wake up and say, 'I'm excited to wake up and can't wait to get going on my quickness.' You'd rather go out and shoot the three and work on your ball-handling."

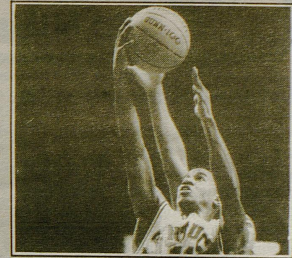
"For a John Pelphrey, whether or not he's going to be a role player down the road or whether he's going to be a significant factor, that's his trump cards that holds the key to his game."

**Question: Do you ever worry about the ups and downs, being too high emotionally for example?**

**Pitino:** "We didn't get our guys up too high, the crowd did certainly at home. I think Pauley Pavilion was that way also. What we wanted to do this year was win at home. We're going to win more games on the road next season; as we become more seasoned and more experienced we'll win more there as well."

## Sorry, Cinderella, you will have to vacate your crown

by TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas



Woods anxious for '90-'91 to begin

They easily were the owners of Cinderella's slipper. Although league step-coaches Dale Brown, Wimp Sanderson and Hugh Durham (sorry, guys) were headed to the NCAA's 'big dance,' the event of the season couldn't even spoil Kentucky's fulfilled 14-14 year.

Next season the 'Cats will again be stuck at home when the big dance gets underway. Those responsible in Mission, Kan., have scratched UK off their list until '91-'92. Meanwhile, the players are anxiously eyeing an Oct. 15 date at their preseason cotillion, dubbed Midnight Madness.

"It's going to be tough, very tough," Sean Woods said of the off-season wait till next October. "I'm ready for it to start all over again."

When the clock strikes 12 on Oct. 15, 1990, Cinderella will no longer be Cinderella. A pumpkin the 'Cats' will not resemble. In fact, the only thing orange relevant to UK will be basketballs and a southern neighbor. No, college basketball's 1990 Cinderella will be expected to do well (it comes with the title). Considering next year's outlook, no one possibly could shimmy Rick Pitino's second Wildcat club into a 1991 Cinderella slipper.

"I think this team will win on the road next year," senior Derrick Miller said,

We hope, while we're winning more games on the road that somehow we can keep that unblemished record in the SEC (at home), which will be difficult to do.

"I want everybody to play as hard as they possibly can. You sometimes fatigue more on the road because when you reach a point of exhaustion, which they did many, many times, all of a sudden 24,000 people are saying, 'You better not tire.' That's what happened."

**Question: Late in the season, did the team run into fatigue problems on the road?**

**Pitino:** "No. In the second half of the season we played very well on the road. I thought last night (at Notre Dame) we played great basketball (and) at Tennessee, Mississippi State on the road I thought we really came on. We beat Florida on the road. In the second half of the season we got better and that's what you look to do. The record certainly wasn't there, but we got better."

**Question: Having coached this team for one season and looking at the success from a John Pelphrey, will you tend to show more interest in future recruits that don't run as fast, have the quickness or the jumping ability but who add great chemistry and team attitude?**

**Pitino:** "Whether the young man is a great athlete or he's a little bit of a John Pelphrey-type of basketball player it doesn't matter, we want him to have a great attitude. But if I had a choice I'd take the great athlete and teach him some of the other skills."

"John Pelphrey is someone who I wouldn't trade for any player in the world. I really love the way he plays; he helps us win games. He's not afraid to make the big play. Passing is sometimes a lost art, but he has it."

"Richie Farmer came up to me the other day... I'd like to say something about Richie Farmer because the young man is, not necessarily under a lot of pressure from

"because of the simple fact that Reggie Hanson is going to be one of the best players in the league. (John) Pelphrey is going to be one of the best... Pelphrey, (Deron) Feldhaus and Reggie are going to be the backbone of the team. They are going to be veterans."

"Reggie is a true veteran, being a senior, but you're going to have two veteran players that are juniors. With (Jamal) Mashburn coming in and (Carlos) Toomer and (Gimel) Martinez, the coaches... they have a bright future."

Don't look for Converse to supply UK glass slippers next season. Right, Derrick? "I look for them to win over 20 games next year. They are going to have the depth and the work ethic is going to be there."

eastern Kentucky, but I think he's thinking Kentucky people just love him so much. And rightfully they should."

"Richie Farmer came up to me the other day at practice and said, 'Coach, I really want to talk to you after the season is over. I want to get serious about this game of basketball.' Not saying he wasn't serious before. Looking at Richie Farmer and knowing him for one year, there's not a finer young man you could come across, but let me say this about Richie."

"What people have to remember, and Providence people did the same thing to me, Billy Donovan had about as special and exciting year as I've ever seen a player have his senior year in leading a team to get to the Final Four. When Billy was cut from the New York Knicks as well as the Utah Jazz, people were stunned: 'How could Billy Donovan not make the NBA with what he did in college basketball?' That's just it. College basketball has nothing to do with the NBA. And no one should look at Billy Donovan's senior year and say he wasn't able to make it in the NBA. You've got to look at that."

"Richie Farmer had the most storied high school career I've ever seen. It was phenomenal. And nobody should look at Richie Farmer's college career as anything but successful. They can't say, 'Well, he didn't reach his potential in college.' It's not true."

"You look at Richie Farmer and you say, 'That young man had the most exciting high school career. He's one of the best high school players to ever play the game in leading his team to do what they did.'"

"I've said it over and over, *Hoosiers* should have been made about Clay County and Richie Farmer and what they accomplished. But that doesn't mean he's going to be a great college player—just because he had that storied career. We hope he will be. But, Richie Farmer is going to get very serious about the game of basketball. I believe in

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# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor



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### We need 'Cats on radio

I have been following UK basketball and football since 1940. I missed three years during World War II when I was in the Marine Corps. I grew up in Kentucky and graduated from Bell County High School. I am almost certain that I have listened to more games on the radio than anyone outside the state of Kentucky. My wife and I were on vacation in the Bahamas a few years ago, and I listened to Cawood (Ledford) calling the play-by-play on WHAS.

Even though I live in Tenn., I can not get all the games on the radio now that (the University of) Louisville has taken over WHAS. We that live out of the state of Kentucky need a 50,000-watt station. I miss Cawood's calling of plays.

I have never given up on the 'Cats or the coaches. I have always said that Joe B. Hall

was an excellent coach, and so was Eddie Sutton. Rick Pitino will be a winner, and every Kentucky fan should support him.

I am a charter subscriber to *The Cats' Pause*, and I enjoy and read it from cover to cover.

Please help us to get another 50,000-watt station.

ROBERT D. RISNER,  
Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

### Just great

It's been a great season, and *TCP* is a great paper. Keep up the good work and I'll keep up my subscription.

DR. MONTY C. HEISNER,  
Paducah

### Fact or fiction?

I would like to paint by words the following scenario:

- Two college kids are escorted to a testing room by a high school coach.

- Coach asks one of the students already in the testing room if it's OK for one of these two athletes (one hasn't taken the SAT before) to sit next to him.

- Student takes test and is positively identified by the proctor that he (athlete) *did not* cheat on the test.

- Students in the testing room also verify that this student never looked up during the test, so it's impossible for this student to cheat.

- After student turns in test, *adults* handle

testing materials.

- Wonder how the answers from one student's answer sheet turn up on the other student's (athlete) answer sheet 211 out of 219 times?

- Wonder how close the scenario is to fact than fiction?

BUD COLE,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

*P.S. Thanks for a great paper. We, the fans, have been sold down the river on our radio coverage. Ego plays some strange games...a la the powers that be in the previous administration.*

*Freezing in the car to hear the pre- and post-game comments sure makes for unpleasant feelings.*

### Oscar Combs

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that record earned him an open invitation to my breakfast table anytime he chooses.

And Curry plans to continue that same tradition and build upon Claiborne's foundation in hopes of adding more victories. He believes you can have both outstanding moral values and still field winning football teams.

### BAT 'CATS COME OUT SWINGING

Coach Keith Madison had his UK Bat 'Cats off to a roaring start entering the Georgia series last weekend as the 'Cats hope to earn a playoff spot in this year's SEC baseball tournament.

Riding the crest of a nine-game winning streak and an overall 11-1 mark, the Bat 'Cats have responded well despite being a very young team with over 20 players being either freshmen or sophomores.

Perhaps part of the spark can be attributed to the remodeling of Shively Field which is expected to be completed early next month and in time for a nationally televised SEC game over SportsChannel America.

The project was initiated by former athletics director Cliff Hagan and the fact that current athletics director C.M. Newton is an old UK Bat 'Cat himself hasn't dampened this particular sports program any.

In fact, Newton came back to UK a few years ago and played in an oldtimers game with the likes of Dick Parsons, Cotton Nash and Dom Fucci, among others.

Newton really likes the game of baseball and look for the program to be given even more emphasis in the future.

Madison, who is known widely for running a clean program on a very successful basis, is just a couple steps away from taking the UK program to a new high. And this could be the year.

Two years ago, UK came within a victory of going to the NCAA World Series before losing to eventual champion Stanford.

Injuries took a major toll on the Bat 'Cats last season and heavy graduation did nothing to soften the blow for this



Keith Madison's Bat 'Cats got out of the gate early this season, rolling to an 11-1 start prior to last weekend's three-game series with SEC foe Georgia.

spring, but the fast start has UK followers thinking playoffs.

### HITS AND MISSES:

- Hot rumor going throughout Florida these days has it that former Lexington Lafayette High star and current UNCC coach **Jeff Mullins** may become the next head coach of the Florida Gators, replacing **Don DeVoe**...

- Still on the SEC rumor front, word down Baton Rouge way has it that the Tigers may lose the bulk of their talent in the likes of **Stanley Roberts** and **Shaquille O'Neal** as well as **Chris Jackson**. Reports have been running rampant that Jackson will announce his intentions to

turn pro right after the NCAA tournament, but one insider said don't be surprised if O'Neal should also leave.

Roberts supposedly is happy and has said to one friend that if O'Neal should leave, he might give it a second thought. Of course all this is probably just rumor like all those rumors at Kentucky when speculation had it four straight years that **Jim Master** was transferring to Notre Dame. And he's still hanging around these parts...

- Overheard at the **Bill Curry** Coach of the Year luncheon last week were a couple athletics people who said several of the Wildcats had been complaining about the tough winter drills at the Nutter

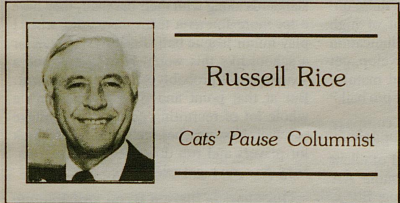
Center. A couple bystanders chuckled and added, "sounds like we're getting some pretty good offseason work this winter!"...

- As bad as the Southeastern Conference was this season in basketball, the league didn't look so bad after the opening round of the NCAA and the NIT. Of the six teams playing postseason action, only **Georgia**—the league's regular-season champion—bit the dust, losing to Texas 100-88 in a very lackluster exhibition. On the positive side, **LSU** and **Alabama** won opening rounds over Villanova and Colorado State, respectively, while **Tennessee**, **Vanderbilt** and **Mississippi State** all won their first-round games in the NIT.

# Shhh! Secretly, John Q. Publics dream of being refs

## Recapping fans' basketball rule changes

Any doubts we may have had about Oscar Combs' longtime contention that Wildcat fans are in another world were put to rest when we received a flood of answers to the "1990 Men's Basketball Rules Ques-



Russell Rice  
Cats' Pause Columnist

tionnaire" published in this space two weeks ago. That issue of *TCP*, as with all issues this past season, was printed on Sunday and put in the mail on Monday. The big surprise was receiving three replies—two from Louisville, one from Covington—on Wednesday, two days after the paper was mailed.

In trying to fathom the U.S. Postal Service, we can't understand how my brother Jim gets his *TCP* in Erlanger, Ky. on Tuesday, brother Randy gets his in Philadelphia, Pa., on Friday or Saturday and friends John and Gene Woodard get theirs in South Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday, one week after the papers are mailed.

The completed questionnaires still were trickling in as this column was being put to bed. The end result is most impressive, which moves us to let O.C. say, "I told you so," and to express a deeper appreciation for *TCP* readers.

To jog the memory, Ed Steitz, editor, *Basketball Rules*, sent the questionnaires to persons in four categories—coach, referee, media, others—asking for answers to 30 yes-or-no queries.

As you peruse the accompanying reader responses, please keep in mind that most respondents chose not to answer all the questions. And since we did not ask for names and since many of the envelopes did not contain return addresses, a majority of the respondents remain anonymous.

However, some respondents did choose to comment on certain portions of the exercise. We pass those on as follows:

**John W. Clarke, Maysville, Ky.:** To give you a little background of my experience, I played four years of basketball in high school and went out as a walk-on at UK in 1931 under "Baldy" Gilb who was freshman coach. My son played ball at Mason County and I have kept up with high school and college teams as well as the rules.

Basketball is a competitive sport, but it has gotten out of hand so these are my feelings:

1. The coaches are taking over too much of the game by their "sideshow" antics and chewing out the referees on the sideline.

2. The fighting of players must be stopped by penalizing them tougher.

3. The referees are human and miss some calls by being out of position, but do a very good job, and with more training and experience will do better.

I hope in a small way these answers will make for a cleaner and better game.

**Cecil Bell, Stearns, Ky.:** In my opinion, the game of basketball has been changed enough, but the officiating is lousy, and something needs to be done about it. You might as well let the officials go on the floor, blow their whistles for 40 minutes, then flip a coin to see who has won the game.

**Donald A. Russell, Louisville, Ky.:** I favor an option in the last two minutes of a game to shoot a foul shot or retain possession out of bounds. This would eliminate the game becoming a free-throw shooting contest.

**Mark W. Stone, Evansville, Ind.:** Why would they want

### READERS' TALLY ON NCAA RULES

Here's a recap of the reader's ballots:

**Part I: Regarding Last Year's Changes—Are They Satisfactory?**

1. Visible tights and undergarments must be similar in color to the game pants. **Yes 34, No 8.**

2. Increased length of timeouts to 75 seconds. **Yes 14, No 33.**

3. A player may grasp and hang on the rim to avoid injury. **Yes 42, No 3.**

4. Goaltending a free throw is a technical foul. **Yes 24, No 22.**

5. The penalty for all technical fouls is two shots plus possession. **Yes 35, No 7.**

**Part II: General Observation—Have Officials Done A Better Job Of:**

6. Calling the Principle of Verticality. **Yes 9, No 37.**

7. Calling of rough low post play. **Yes 14, No 32.**

8. Calling intentional fouls. **Yes 10, No 36.**

9. Calling illegal screens. **Yes 15, No 30.**

**Part III: Would You Favor The Following?**

Regarding the width of the free throw lane.

10 (a) Remain as is. **Yes 32, No 15.**

10 (b) Adopt widened free throw lane at base line (ALA Olympics). **Yes 15, No 27.**

10 (c) Adopt widened free throw lane (ALA NBA) **Yes 33, No 8.**

Regarding distance of 3 point line.

11 (a) Remain as is. **Yes 24, No 21.**

11 (b) Move back nine inches (ALA Olympics) **Yes 14, No 27.**

11 (c) Move back two feet (halfway between present and NBA) **Yes 12, No 27.**

11 (d) Move back four feet. **Yes 5, No 38.**

Regarding Shot Clock:

12 (a) Remain at 45 seconds. **Yes 25, No 19.**

12 (b) Change to 40 seconds. **Yes 10, No 31.**

12 (c) Change to 30 seconds. **Yes 4, No 33.**

13. Award three free throws on fouls committed on an unsuccessful three-point attempt. **Yes 30, No 17.**

14. Permit a player not qualified in regulation time, six fouls before disqualification. **Yes 25, No 22.**

15. Permit a player six personal fouls before disqualification. **Yes 14, No 34.**

16. Two technical fouls charged directly to head coach results in head coach's disqualification. **Yes 26, No 22.**

17. Regarding free throw: Players may occupy four marked lane spaces only, others must be behind three-point line and free throw line extended. **Yes 23, No 24.**

18. Stop the clock after field goals made in last two minutes of regulation play and each overtime period. **Yes 6, No 42.**

19. If airborne player charges after shot, he cannot score. **Yes 20, No 27.**

20. Eliminate the five-second dribbling violation when closely guarded. **Yes 19, No 28.**

21. Do not reset clock when a blocked shot is recovered by the offense. **Yes 30, No 19.**

22. Once in the bonus, all common fouls are two-shot penalties. **Yes 11, No 38.**

23. No radical or significant changes without research or valid data to justify a change. **Yes 41, No 4.**

Note: Not everyone voted in all categories.

to make the timeouts 75 seconds? It would just make the game that much longer.

There is too much talk about more free throws. Too often a team will outscore the opponent from the field but still lose the game. I know that is part of the game but if they want the game decided by free throws they should just let them line up and shoot free throws. I don't think the fans would like that and I don't think they go to see a team shoot free throws. As far as the three-point shot, I believe as many of my friends do—that they ruined the game with it. Why stop the clock after a field goal in the last two minutes? With all the fouls the last two minutes they drag it out long enough. It will soon be like the last two minutes in football.

**James A. Freibert, Louisville, Ky.:** (Concerning question 3) I think to avoid injury they should be allowed to (hang on the rim), but they are not calling some that they should. (4.) No, I do not see that this (GT is TF) should be any different from any other goaltending. (5.) I think two free throws is all right (on TF), but possession also is just too much of a penalty. (6.) The offensive players almost always gets the call. (8.) Another option would be to give the ball out of bounds in the last three minutes, but leave the 45-second clock running. (11 [a]) Most of the coaches that want the distance changed are the same conservative ones that didn't want it to begin with. (14.) It (extra foul for OT) would keep better players in for a longer time and the fans pay to see the good players. (22.) You can get into real early foul trouble and be shooting fouls for the better part of the game, and if they are going to get two shots anyway, I think it would lead to some really hard fouls.

**Unsigned, Prestonsburg, Ky.:** (3.) If he (player) can dunk without touching the rim, OK. But grasping the rim gives him too much of an advantage over the defensive man. There is no way to defense against the dunk. If the defensive man touches the rim trying to defend, it is goaltending. (4.) Never heard of this (goaltending a FT) happening. It is so rare that I think you can just let the shooter have another shot. (5.) Very definitely eliminate the five-second dribbling violation. With the 45-second clock, there is no need for this call.

I never could see the reason for restarting the shot clock after a defensive player kicks the ball in defending against a pass. He has not gained anything by blocking a pass with his foot, so why reward the offensive team with more time on the shot clock?

**Unsigned:** (8.) A joke. It (calling intentional foul to stop clock) never happens.

**Claude C. Todd, Spring Hill, Fla.:** After timeouts and free throws clock should start when player receives ball to throw in-bounds; in last two minutes of overtime on non-shooting fouls give one free throw and possession of ball.

**John Fuller, Fairborn, Ohio:** (4.) (TF on GT) Stupid rule. Not very common. Too many rules as is. (6.) Verticality. Don't think any over 40 know what it means. (11.) 3-point line. Best single rule change in 10 years.

**Kenneth Bennett, Brandenburg, Ky.:** There is only one change I would like to see. Since the officials absolutely ignore the intentional foul rule, I would like to see the team being fouled have the option to shoot two free throws or take the ball out of bounds during the last minutes of the game.

**Hayden D. Powell, Kettering, Ohio:** I think the basket should be raised to twelve (12) feet. It is ridiculous for the big players to be able to throw the ball down through the basket. They should have to shoot up at the basket the same as the little guys. It would open the game up more and make it more of a skill game rather than just a game of size and strength.

**P.S. Notice my first name. I was named after Basil Hayden, UK's first All-American.**

**Unsigned:** Should (David) Roselle and (Denny) Crum (have) been elected? Yes 0, No 1. Should players wear sweatshirts? Yes 0, No 1. Rick and the entire team, thanks for a fun year of basketball. You gave it all you had. Can't wait 'til next year.



UK'S KEITH

MADISON

# KENTUCKY'S BEST PITCH

Wildcat baseball coach Keith Madison's weekly Q & A

One of the toughest tasks for a collegiate coach, of any sport, is that of recruiting. Recruiting has developed into a year-round duty for coaches who are trying to 'out-pitch' other schools.

But for baseball coaches the job of recruiting is tougher than most because they must compete not only with other schools for top players, but with professional contracts and the minor leagues as well.

Here are some of University of Kentucky baseball coach Keith Madison's thoughts on this subject and what collegiate baseball has to offer in comparison to minor league opportunities:

**Question: What can collegiate baseball offer that the minor leagues can't?**

**Madison:** "Well, I played five years in the minor leagues and the most coaches I ever had on one team was at the Triple-A level and we only had two coaches. On our staff I have two assistant coaches, a graduate assistant and two student assistants, so that gives me five coaches. At this level you get more individualized instruction. We also have a fall season that is like an extended spring training where we can spend a lot of time with our athletes, coaching them and giving them personal attention. When I played in the minor leagues there probably wasn't six hours

totally given to me in my one season as far as pure coaching, and I think that if you talk to most professional ball players they will tell you that they don't get a lot of individual attention. So from the coaching standpoint I feel it's much better for a young player at the college level."

**Question: Aside from baseball how do the two compare?**

**Madison:** "I also feel that at the college level you are better cared for as a person. Usually you live on campus and you live in a dormitory situation that is near the ballpark and you have a cafeteria that provides three meals a day for you. Where as in the minor leagues you might be sent to Butte, Montana or Walla Walla, Washington where you don't know anyone and you have to get your own apartment and prepare your own meals and do everything yourself in addition to trying to play ball. So as an 18-year-old trying to make a decision—unless he is offered \$200,000 or \$300,000 to sign—he is better off going to college where he will not only get more individual instruction but he will also be getting coaches who care about him as a person, as opposed to just a piece of property. Then in three or four years he will have another opportunity to sign a contract. So basically he is just postponing something un-

til he becomes more mature. We have had 39 players from UK since I have been here who have signed pro contracts and out of those only four of them were drafted out of high school. So I think that gives some indication that players can come here and develop, get quality coaching, get stronger and mature, and they are ready to go on and play pro ball."

**Question: How does the talent compare between the minors and college ball?**

**Madison:** "I think that the level of talent in the SEC is comparable to Double AA baseball. Other conferences like the Big 8, SWC and PAC-10 are just as good. I think the better baseball conferences play ball that is just as good or better than a lot of minor league teams."

**Question: Since you didn't play on the college level, what did you miss out on the most?**

**Madison:** "I missed out on the true team concept. In the minor leagues you never really achieve the true team concept because your teammates are the people you are competing against, not just the other team, but your competing against your teammates to move up to another level. So even though you develop some friendships in the minor league ball, they are nothing like the college atmosphere that I see. I see the fun that these guys have

as a cohesive group. Even though they have to work very hard to maintain their academic standards along with their baseball, they have a lot more fun as a team than I did when I play minor league ball. I think that if UK or a school like this would have offered me a scholarship I probably would have taken it. But at that point and time there wasn't a whole lot of recruiting going on in college baseball. Now coaches really get out and look for players and run down the good players. Very few guys get overlooked now."

**Question: Is there a trend swaying one way or the other that the majority of the good high school players are leaning toward?**

**Madison:** "A lot more players are going the college baseball route now. The year I signed a professional contract 80 percent of the players drafted signed with a professional club. Now 80 percent of the players drafted in high school don't sign. They go on to college."

"This trend has completely reversed now because there are more quality coaches at the college level and there is more emphasis placed on college baseball now and the facilities are better and the TV coverage adds to that. Everything has improved in college baseball and those statistics prove that."

## 1990 KENTUCKY BAT 'CAT BASEBALL STATISTICS

OVERALL RECORD: 11-3		HOME: 7-2		AWAY: 2-0		NEUTRAL: 2-1		SEC: 0-2	
date	opponent	score	att.	winning pitcher (ip)	losing pitcher (ip)	UK r-h-e	Opp. r-h-e		
Mar. 2	Mercer (Greater Savannah Shootout)	6-5, UK	67	Lorhn Frazier (1/3)	Michael Mimbs (8 2/3)	6-8-3	5-6-2		
Mar. 3	Armstrong State (Greater Savannah Shootout)	10-11, AS	125	Jeff Pasquale (4)	Matt Fisher (2)	10-14-2	11-13-11		
Mar. 4	Augusta College (Greater Savannah Shootout)	12-6, UK	115	Scott Smith (6)	J. Ciancio (3 2/3)	12-9-2	6-7-6		
Mar. 6	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7-2, UK	250	Rodney Henderson (6)	Doug Martin (3 2/3)	7-5-0	2-4-4		
Mar. 6	EASTERN MICHIGAN	8-2, UK	250	Rod Bolton (7)	Matt Avery (2 1/3)	8-8-2	2-4-1		
Mar. 7	at Indiana	10-0, UK	75	Larry Luebbers (9)	Doug Peters (3 2/3)	10-15-2	0-4-1		
Mar. 8	at Louisville	11-4, UK	43	Lorhn Frazier (7 2/3)	Rod Biehler (7 2/3)	11-9-2	4-12-4		
Mar. 10	OHIO	5-2, UK	250	Rodney Henderson (4 2/3)	Bryan Young (3)	5-9-0	2-5-2		
Mar. 10	OHIO	9-0, UK	250	Rod Bolton (7)	Jayson Smith (1 2/3)	9-13-0	0-6-1		
Mar. 11	KENTUCKY STATE	8-4, UK	275	Thad Elmore (5 1/3)	Jamie Yount (2 2/3)	8-9-2	4-6-0		
Mar. 12	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	7-2, UK	225	Larry Luebbers (7)	Steve Roof (6)	7-9-3	2-5-1		
Mar. 14	XAVIER	8-4, UK	215	Adrian Adkins (1 1/3)	Steve Horne (6)	8-8-0	4-8-4		
Mar. 17	Georgia	2-4, Ga.	530	Dave Fleming (9)	Rod Bolton (9)	2-4-1	4-6-2		
Mar. 17	Georgia	2-3, Ga.	530	Michael Rabhan (8)	Larry Luebbers (7 1/3)	2-4-1	3-8-0		

KEY: att.—attendance, ip—innings pitched, r-h-e—runs-hits-errors

Home games in ALL CAPITALS

TCP chart

Source: UK sports information

### INDIVIDUAL HITTING: TOP 10

player	avg.	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr
Mike Harris	.404	52	18	21	18	5	2	3
Anthony Morrow	.320	50	16	16	8	1	0	1
Vince Castaldo	.306	49	15	15	21	1	2	6
Keith Conrad	.304	46	7	14	13	1	0	2
Rick Norton	.294	51	12	15	10	3	1	1
Brandy Wilson	.289	38	8	11	4	2	0	0
Darin Rieman	.265	49	10	13	13	3	2	2
Blake Feeney	.261	23	8	6	3	1	0	1
Billy Thompson	.214	14	4	3	2	1	0	0
Jeff Michael	.167	6	0	1	1	0	0	0

KEY: avg.—batting average, ab—at bats, r—runs, h—hits, rbi—runs batted in, 2b—doubles, 3b—triples, hr—home runs.

### INDIVIDUAL PITCHING: TOP 10

player	era	w-l	pct.	s	ip	r	h	er	k	bb
Adrian Adkins	0.00	1-0	1.000	0	1 1/3	0	4	0	1	0
Lorhn Frazier	0.00	2-0	1.000	0	9 1/3	0	4	0	5	0
Tom Froning	0.00	0-0	.000	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Jeff Griswold	0.00	0-0	.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Larry Luebbers	0.95	2-1	.667	0	28 1/3	5	16	3	21	8
Rod Bolton	1.19	2-1	.667	0	30 1/3	9	19	4	38	12
Matt Fisher	1.23	0-1	.000	1	7 1/3	1	7	1	6	3
Mark Thompson	1.42	0-0	.000	0	6 1/3	1	5	1	4	1
Thad Elmore	1.42	1-0	1.000	0	6 1/3	3	5	1	5	1
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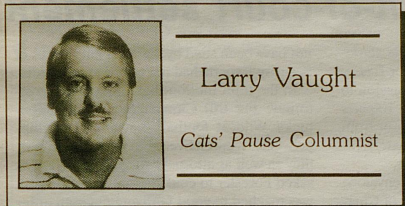
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# Gimel Martinez and UK's Wildcats: Purr-fect match

Miami star confirms he's Lexington-bound

LAKELAND, Fla. — If any player can ever be prepared to play Rick Pitino's style of basketball when he enters college, it might be 6-foot-10 Gimel Martinez. The 18-year-old Miami, Fla., product looks like a



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

perfect fit for UK. He gave a verbal commitment to Kentucky in January and plans to sign in April.

"I've never had a kid have a better or more perfect match for a college than Gimel for Kentucky," Miami Senior High coach Shakey Rodriguez said here during the Class 4-A state tournament.

"I know Kentucky's post situation and they need a big guy. It's a great situation for him to go into and Rick will get everything possible out of him."

Pitino, who watched Martinez score 28 points in the state title game, has already indicated that Martinez will be his starting center next year.

Martinez certainly will know how to press and run the fast break because Miami Senior High does. He's also used to an aggressive man-to-man defense.

Martinez can put the ball on the floor and drive. He also showed he was willing to take a charge.

"Kentucky's style is a style I like," Martinez said. "If it's not similar to ours it's only because it is the same. That really made a big impression on me."

That style is why Martinez, who has already qualified academically to be eligible next season, picked UK over Tennessee, Duke, Oklahoma and Florida State.

"Kentucky's style is the biggest thing that impressed him," Jose Martinez, Gimel's father, said. "We left the decision up to him. If he chose Alaska, I would have just bought a coat. But I'm happy with Kentucky because he is."

Martinez did not have a great game in the semifinals. He sat out the final 4:18 of the first quarter after picking up two fouls, missed 5:02 of the second quarter and fouled out with 4:21 to play. Still, he hit seven of 11 shots, scored 16 points, blocked one shot and grabbed eight rebounds.

"I was kind of nervous early and got a few silly fouls," Martinez, who has played on three state championships, said after the semifinal win. "The second quarter I got real tentative.

"I concentrated real hard at halftime on what I had to do. The first half wasn't me. I couldn't get my act together."

The real Martinez is the one who averages 24 points, 12.5 rebounds and 5.5 blocked shots per game. Those totals are even more impressive considering that Miami Senior does not build its offense around Martinez.

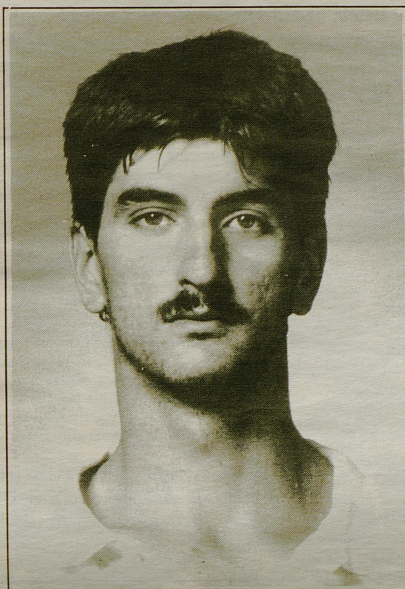
"Our team isn't built around him," senior Jose Besu said. "He's just part of the team, but that's OK with him.

"He'll have a big impact at Kentucky. He always plays hard. Whether he is on or off he gives 100 percent. He never quits competing."

He didn't in the semifinals when he was obviously struggling and then came back with a superb championship game.

"The real Gimel averages 24 points and plays solid defense," Rodriguez said. "He was out of it from the start in the semifinals. The first two plays he just stood behind his man and he usually plays great post defense.

"He got a little frustrated but played a lot better in the second half. He's a master of playing the post and sees things that few players do. He'll be an impact player in



The University of Miami is still trying to woo 6-foot-10 Gimel Martinez, above, but the big guy says he'll honor his verbal commitment and sign with Rick Pitino's Wildcats in April.

college right away."

To do that he'll have to add muscle to his 205-pound frame. A recently cured curvature of the spine prevented him from lifting weights the last three years. Last summer he got permission to lift and gained 18 pounds.

"This summer I'm going to work to gain weight and get stronger," Martinez said. "I'm going to lift a lot of weights and do a lot of shooting."

Martinez didn't really get to show off his outside jumper often in high school, but he is confident Kentucky fans will like what they see.

"My range is 15 to 18 feet," Martinez said. "I didn't get a chance to go out and shoot a lot in high school but I can, and will, in college."

His court savvy should also suit Pitino's system. Despite an off-night in the semifinals it was obvious Martinez understood positioning on both ends of the court.

He also plays the back of Miami's full-court press, a spot he'll probably inherit at Kentucky.

His passing skills will mesh nicely with Pitino's motion offense. He's agile running the court and never quit moving on offense even when teammates didn't get him the basketball. No wonder he's considered the top post player in Florida and one of the top five in America.

"I don't worry about trying to prove things," Martinez, who will play in the Derby Classic in Louisville April 21, said. "I just try to be the best player I can."

Since announcing he was going to UK, though, he has felt extra pressure. At the state tourney fans chanted "Pitino" and "Kentucky" hoping to unnerve him.

"It has put some pressure on me but I just tried to focus on the game," he said. "The pressure doesn't bother me but it is in the back of my mind. I just try to block it out."

He's doing the same to recruiting pitches from the University of Miami. Others have stopped calling since his commitment but Miami has not given up on persuading him to stay at home.

"He still gets letters but most of the calls stopped

when he said he was going to Kentucky," his father said. "People should know Gimel means what he says. He'll play at Kentucky."

"I'm pretty focused on Kentucky," Martinez said. "I like Kentucky a lot. I like coach Pitino and his program.

"Rupp Arena was wild on my visit when Kentucky played Tennessee. Our fans are wild but that place was really loud."

Martinez, a four-year starter, dreams of playing professional basketball. He lives in the "Little Havana" section of Miami, a low-income area with a heavily-Cuban population.

"Sure he dreams of professional basketball," his father said. "But I want him focused on Kentucky and his education when he goes to college.

"If he has as good a college career as he has in high school, it will propel him towards professional basketball. Somebody will be looking for him."

Until then, Pitino will be refining the skills Martinez already possesses and adding new techniques, moves and muscle.

It's a challenge that won't bother Martinez. He learned early not to back down from challenges and showed in the state semifinals that a bad outing wouldn't deflate him.

His English might sometimes be fragmented because Spanish is the main language at his home. But on the court he understands the language perfectly.

He's Miami Senior's pressure scorer on offense, intimidator on defense and leader on the floor.

Those skills and the style he's played in high school are why Rodriguez and Pitino think Martinez is perfect for Kentucky.

Paula Abdul's latest hit, "Opposites Attract," won't work here because this time two naturals have come together and it's a union both should enjoy the next four years.

## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE AT KNOXVILLE?

•Freshman Allan Houston of Tennessee would love to have 6-7 Dwayne Morton of Louisville Central High School join him in K-town next season.

Morton, who Houston played against in high school, signed with Louisville but recently the NCAA voided that letter-of-intent. Louisville plans to appeal but if it is denied Morton can play for any team.

Morton already knows Houston and his father, Tennessee coach Wade Houston. The elder Houston recruited Morton the last two years for the Cards.

"He would really fit in well here," the UT freshman said. "He's a good athlete, runs the court well and is a quick jumper.

"I think he would feel very comfortable here. I don't know how good a player he'll be in college but he'll be OK anywhere he goes. I'd love to see him here."

So would UT fans. Morton is rated as one of the nation's premier players and is a leading contender for Mr. Basketball honors in Kentucky.

Tennessee has not signed a recruit this season and coach Houston needs a big-time player to commit. Morton, who cancelled a visit to Tennessee last fall, still has not qualified academically to be eligible to play next year but that apparently would not stop Tennessee from signing him.

## MASTER BROADCASTER?

•Former UK player Jim Master made a favorable impression in his debut as a color analyst for Jefferson-Pilot.

"I thought Jim did fine," Jimmy Rayburn of Jefferson-Pilot said. "We needed some help at the last minute and had seen Jim on the University of Kentucky replays.

"Like all people he needs experience. But he knows the game and most ex-players and coaches do. He does a good job explaining what is going on without getting too technical. Viewers like that.

"Jim has really improved his work and if he keeps doing that he has a future in this business."

# 'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

## Dwane Casey and Security Experts agree on out-of-court settlement

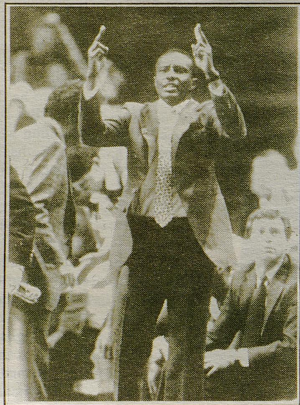
Dwane Casey, former UK assistant basketball coach, and Security Experts Inc., one of the defendants in his \$6.9 million law suit, have reached an out-of-court settlement.

The suit stems from a March 31, 1988, incident at the Emery Air Freight terminal in Los Angeles, where an overnight envelope allegedly came open, revealing \$1,000 in cash and a videotape inside. The envelope, sent under Casey's name from the UK basketball office, allegedly was intended for UK recruit Chris Mills.

In a joint motion filed in U.S. District Court last week, Casey and the securities firm said they had reached an agreement and asked Judge Karl Forester to approve it and dismiss Security Experts as a defendant from Casey's suit.

The firm had the contract with Emery to provide security services at Emery's terminal facility next to the Los Angeles International Airport.

Terms of the settlement were not disclos-



ed in the joint motion. However, the settlement is being opposed by attorneys for Emery Air Freight, which is seeking permission to file a cross claim against Security Experts Inc., saying Emery is entitled to recover from the firm any money that it is ultimately required to pay Casey.

Employees at the terminal said the envelope had been sent by Casey to the father of Chris Mills. Casey denied putting money in the envelope.

In his suit filed against Emery and Security Experts Inc. in 1988, Casey accused the two companies of damaging his reputation and invading his privacy.

The shipping firm, in its proposed cross claim against Security Experts, says it would

**How much was the settlement for, Dwane? The former University of Kentucky assistant coach would not say.**

not have been sued by Casey if employees of Security Experts had not talked to the media.

In the joint motion that Casey and his attorney, Joe Bill Campbell, a former Kentucky Wildcat football player from Campbellsville, hand-delivered to the federal court, they as well as attorneys for Security Experts asked Forester to confirm that the settlement was reached in good faith and enter an order barring all cross claims and third-party claims against Security Experts Inc.

A ruling in their favor would preclude Emery from filing its cross claim against Security Experts.

Emery contends in its proposed cross claim that SEI breached its duties to Emery in failing to properly document and secure the contents of the envelope in question. Emery also says SEI violated its duty by failing to keep newspaper reporters off the premises at the Emery terminal.

No trial date has been set for Casey's suit against Emery.

## WILDCAT NOTES • WILDCAT NOTES • WILDCAT NOTES • WILDCAT NOTES

### UK'S WHELAN NATION'S BEST

•Kentucky's Bob Whelan became the school's sixth national champion in track as he won the men's mile in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field championships held March 10 the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.

Whelan covered the distance in 3 minutes, 58.77 seconds on the banked Mondo surface. That was five hundredths of a second better than his school-record time set in last year's NCAA meet, when he placed third.

Eric Henry of Arkansas was runner-up in 3:59.18. Cornell's William Rathbun was third in 4:00.05 while the pre-meet favorite, Loyola's (Ill.) Eddie Slowikowski, finished fourth.

A sociology major and an academic All-Southeastern Conference performer, Whelan is a nephew of Press Whelan, a former UK track star who was Wildcat track coach when Jim Green won the men's 60-yard dash in 1968 and 1971.

UK's Valerie McGovern won the 5,000-meter outdoors championship the day before Whelan won his title. McGovern also won the 5,000-meter outdoors championship last June.

UK's other national champions are Lisa Breiding, NCAA women's 3,000 outdoors, 1985; Bernadette Madigan, AIAW women's two-mile indoors, 1982, and Bill Lightsey, NCAA men's long jump indoors, 1970.

### WILLARD OR SMITH TO WKU?

•Two members of Rick Pitino's UK basketball staff—associate coach Ralph Willard and assistant Orlando "Tubby" Smith—are included in Western Kentucky's search for a new head basketball coach.

Joe Iracane, chairman of the Western board of regents, said recently in Knoxville that Western had received calls on behalf of both assistants at UK.

"We've done our homework on them," he said. "We're interested in both of them."

Willard said he probably would be in-

terested in the job, but he had not been contacted. "It's in the total rumor stage," he said at the time. "To be honest, I haven't even thought about it. All I'm thinking is getting the next step here."

Willard was a member of Pitino's staff with the New York Knicks in the 1989-90 season before coming to Lexington. At his season-ending news conference after the Wildcats lost to Notre Dame, Pitino described Willard as fine head coaching material. Smith was an assistant at South Carolina and Virginia Commonwealth before coming to UK.

Iracane, of Owensboro, said Western was not necessarily looking for a candidate with head coaching experience. He added that former UK coaches Eddie Sutton and Joe B. Hall were not candidates. Sutton has not shown interest in the job vacated by Murray Arnold, he said, and a Bowling Green newspaper story mentioning Hall as the leading candidate was "ridiculous."

However, he described as "natural candidates" former Western assistant Dave Farrar, now head coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College, and Kentucky Wesleyan coach Wayne Chapman.

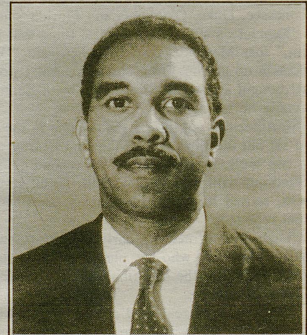
**OOPS!**

•Thanks to the caller who pointed out that Feds Creek had a winning, not a losing, effort against Johnson Central earlier this month.

### THOSE WHO ARE LEGITIMATE WKU CANDIDATES...



Ralph Willard



Tubby Smith

### ...AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT WKU CANDIDATES



Joe B. Hall



Eddie Sutton


# Hope you didn't draw an SEC team in your office pool

They probably won't last long in NCAA tourney

Cleaning off my desk at the end of the basketball season...

**U-P-S-E-T**

I saw both Kentucky and LSU in person the last week of the regular season. Based on that look the No. 2



Stan Torgerson  
Cats' Pause Columnist

upset of the year has to be Kentucky's win over the Tigers. Florida-LSU is No. 1 and may be for all time. Kentucky's talent level simply isn't very high. With all this who-shot-John being spread by certain opposing coaches about the Wildcats' alleged stable of former high school All-Americans, if All-Americans are enrolled at UK I didn't see them.

What I did see was a bunch in blue and white playing their tails off and coached within an inch of their lives. They and coach Rick Pitino got everything out of themselves there was to get. Kentucky's 14-14 record this year was phenomenal, even crediting the best sixth man in the SEC, the crowd in Rupp Arena.

Meanwhile, LSU is awesome. I can't ever remember seeing as much individual talent on one team. Well, maybe Kentucky's national championship bunch 12 years ago—Jack Givens, Rick Robey, Kyle Macy, et al, could match up, but no one else. Yet, with their amazing ability, the Tigers simply didn't look like a good team. There was a tremendous amount of one on one, and not much five on five. But, oh lordy, when Shaquille O'Neal or Stanley Roberts go to the basket, get out of the way. Then they'll turn around and make some dumb over-the-shoulder foul and negate their seven-foot size. But if Dale Brown can keep that bunch together one more year, and if they'll grow up mentally a bit, they really will be as good in 1991 as they were supposed to be in 1990.

**SEC: GAME OF THE WEAK?**

Can anybody remember a season in which two freshmen and a sophomore made the SEC's All-Conference team? I can't.

The consensus team is Chris Jackson, LSU; Allan Houston, Tennessee; Shaquille O'Neal, LSU; Gerald Glass, Ole Miss, and Alec Kessler, Georgia. Only Glass and Kessler are seniors. Jackson is a sophomore and Houston and O'Neal are freshmen.

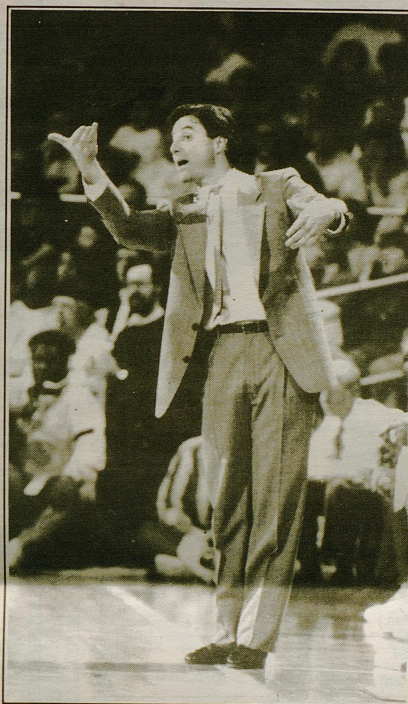
The success of these newcomers points out again how weak the SEC was last year when it went 0-6 in tournament play and the fact that it is still weak this season. Other than LSU, name a truly talented SEC team. That's said with all due respect to Georgia and Alabama, the regular-season and tournament champions, respectively, but two teams that just aren't deep enough to go far in the 1990 NCAA.

**RECHARGING RICK**

How well did Rick Pitino recharge Kentucky's basketball batteries? UK played before six of its all-time top 12 crowds this season, including the biggest, 24,301. This is the first year Kentucky ever had six crowds of 24,000-plus.

**GOOD RULES**

The experimental rule changes under which the SEC operated this season turned out to be sensible and popular. As the players get bigger and faster and the court remains 94' x 50', six fouls is a rule that we believe the NCAA will adopt for everyone. I will



In this columnist's opinion, Rick Pitino, above, coaching his Wildcats to a home victory over Dale Brown's LSU club—probably the most talent-rich SEC team in recent memory with the exception of Kentucky's 1978 national championship team—has to rank as the second-biggest SEC upset of the year.

photo by Brian Tirpak

remember when it was four fouls and out. Then it was upgraded to five. Six is the next logical step.

I was strongly against the three free throws for a foul on a three-point shot, but after seeing it in action I changed my mind. It doesn't happen that often, it doesn't slow the game down that much. Two shots on a field goal attempt for three isn't fair. Simple as that.

I do believe the lane will be widened to prevent slambang action under the basket but couldn't the same result be gained if the officials would only call the present three-second rule? No violation in college basketball is as ignored as the three-second rule. I haven't seen it whistled five times this season and have consistently been able to count as high a "eight" when players camp out in the lane.

**NOT FOR BROADCAST:**

•What does Steve Spurrier face at Florida? A murderous schedule that includes 11 teams who, combined, won 78 games in 1989 while losing only 44. That's a .638 winning percentage. Included on the list are Alabama, Tennessee, Auburn, Florida State, Oklahoma State, LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State and Kentucky. Spurrier's problems would seem to be mainly offensive with Emmitt Smith gone. Thirteen of the top 22 on defense last year were freshmen or sophomores. Florida had just four seniors on its entire defensive roster. The Gators will play their spring football game this year in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl because a natural grass surface is being installed at Florida Field...

•Auburn basketball coach Tommy Joe Eagles before his game with Kentucky in Lexington: "I'm told Kentucky is two steps quicker and 15 points better at Rupp." They are and they beat Auburn in Lexington...

•Alabama's Wimp Sanderson was selected as Coach of the Decade in a recent poll conducted by the Lexington Herald-Leader. Good choice. In a vote of the writers covering SEC basketball I believe Wimp would easily be named as the best coach in the league...

•Gerald Glass' performance in his final home game was remarkable. Playing against Kentucky, the Ole Miss star had a triple double—34 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Anytime you're inclined to think recruiting is an exact science, remember that Glass spent his first two years at Delta State because none of the big boys went after him hard...

•Personal opinion: ABC-TV's Roger Twibell and Cheryl Miller, the twosome that called the telecast of LSU's recent Vanderbilt game, are the weakest basketball broadcasters on network TV. Miller adds nothing and is working only because ABC wanted to show the world how fair they were by hiring a woman. I don't object to that but they should have gotten one who had something interesting to say...

•I couldn't believe it when LSU coach Dale Brown came out wearing a T-shirt for his game with Ole Miss. Brown, always the master psychologist, created a so-called "2 a.m. Club" in honor of eight students who came out to the airport at that hour to meet the LSU team plane when it returned from the Tigers' disaster at Gainesville, Fla. Dale had gold T-shirts made inscribed "2 a.m. Club" in honor of their support, wore one himself and promised the eight front row seats next year. I think the world of Dale Brown and we're good friends, but he operates on a different wave length of any coach I've ever known...

•Speaking of coaches, Ole Miss track coach Joe Walker is still a voice in the wilderness, attempting to drum up support in Mississippi for his favorite sport. He travels throughout the state speaking at civic clubs, puts out a breezy newsletter about his program and solicits support money for a track booster group. I believe on any list of the top 10 SEC coaches, regardless of the sport, you'll find Walker's name. He's very good and he'll get it done—eventually...

•How poor were the shooters playing for Alabama this year? Very poor! The Tide hit over 50 percent from the field in only eight of 27 games. That's why they won't go far in the NCAA tournament. In four of those eight games Bama was exactly 50 percent and the other four slightly over with a high of 55 percent...

•How smart were the experts this year? Not very. Here was the preseason order of finish as predicted by the press attending the annual media days: 1. LSU, 2. Florida, 3. Alabama, 4. Ole Miss, 5. Georgia, 6. Mississippi State, 7. Tennessee, 8. Vanderbilt, 9. Kentucky, 10. Auburn. Compare that with the actual finish, that went like this: 1. Georgia, 2. Alabama, 2. LSU, 4. Kentucky, 4. Tennessee, 6. Auburn, 6. Ole Miss, 8. Mississippi State, 8. Vanderbilt, 10. Florida...

•Laugh if you will, but I believe there's less cheating in the SEC right now than at any time I can remember. Is that because of the change in coaching staffs at several schools? Why, sir, you'll just have to figure that out for yourself. I didn't say that, did I?...

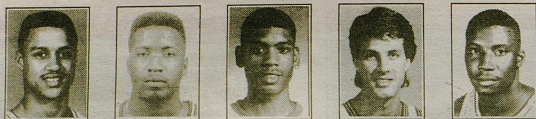
•Why do basketball games run so long? Because television adds eight timeouts to the five each team gets by the rule book. Even a game that is not televised now gets four additional radio timeouts. Got to get in the commercials you know...

**THE LAST WORD:**

Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger columnist Butch John on agents trying to sign Ole Miss wide receiver Willie Green, expected to go high in the NFL draft: "All kinds of enticements arrived in the mail. He received a Mercedes brochure from an agent with 'Pick One' scrawled in the margin."

# THE CATS' PAUSE 1989

## TCP ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM



Jackson Glass Houston Kessler Burns

pos.	player, team (height, weight, class, hometown)	votes
G	Chris Jackson, LSU (6-1, 170, So., Gulfport, Miss.)	120
F	Gerald Glass, Ole Miss (6-6, 240, Sr., Gulfport, Miss.)	120
G	Allan Houston, Tennessee (6-5, 180, Fr., Louisville, Ky.)	115
C	Alec Kessler, Georgia (6-11, 230, Sr., Roswell, Ga.)	115
F	Cameron Burns, Mississippi State (6-7, 218, Jr., Flora, Miss.)	100

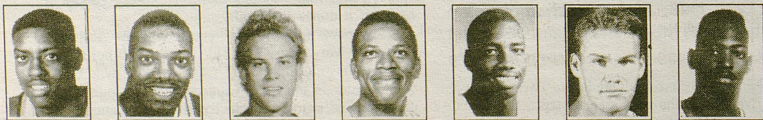
## TCP ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM



Green Hanson O'Neal Cheatum Miller

pos.	player, team (height, weight, class, hometown)	votes
G	Litterial Green, Georgia (6-1, 185, So., Moss Point, Miss.)	95
C	Reggie Hanson, Kentucky (6-7, 200, Jr., Somerset, Ky.)	95
F	Shaquille O'Neal, LSU (7-1, 272, Fr., San Antonio, Texas)	95
F	Melvin Cheatum, Alabama (6-8, 200, Jr., Winnsboro, La.)	85
G	Derrick Miller, Kentucky (6-5, 170, Sr., Savannah, Ga.)	65

## TCP ALL-SEC THIRD TEAM



Dennison Davis Draud Lockhart Bell Feldhaus Horry

pos.	player, team (height, weight, class, hometown)	votes
G-F	Derrick Dennison, Auburn (6-3, 185, Sr., Atlanta, Ga.)	60
F	Dwayne Davis, Florida (6-7, 215, Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla.)	55
G	Scott Draud, Vanderbilt (6-2, 185, Jr., Crestview Hills, Ky.)	50
C	Ian Lockhart, Tennessee (6-8, 230, Sr., Nassau, Bahamas)	45
G	Greg Bell, Tennessee (6-2, 180, Jr., London, W.Va.)	35
F	Deron Feldhaus, Kentucky (6-7, 210, So., Maysville, Ky.)	35
F	Robert Horry, Alabama (6-9, 200, So., Andalusia, Ala.)	35

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:** Ronnie Battle, Auburn (30); Greg Carter, Mississippi State (30); John Pelphrey, Kentucky (25); Stanley Roberts, LSU (20); Joe Harvell, Ole Miss (15); Rod Cole, Georgia (10); Derrick Wilcox, Vanderbilt (10); Maurice Williamson, LSU (10); Keith Askins, Alabama (5).

### COACH OF THE YEAR



#### RICK PITINO

Near unanimous choice after guiding UK to a 14-14 overall record and a 10-8 mark (tied for fourth) in SEC play.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR



#### CHRIS JACKSON

Edged Alec Kessler to repeat as our Player of the Year after leading SEC in scoring (28.7 ppg.) & FT shooting (90.8).

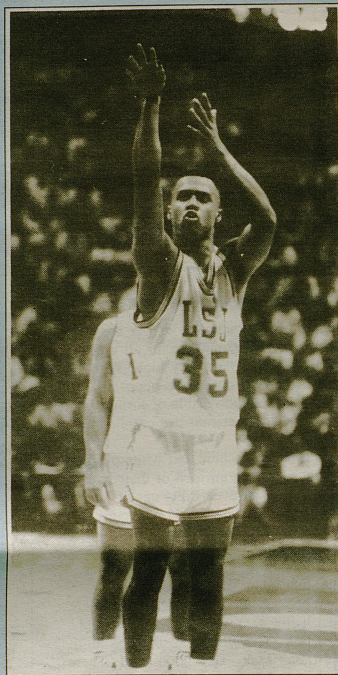
### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



#### ALLAN HOUSTON

Runaway choice after finishing in the top 25 of seven of the league's nine offensive statistical categories.

## CHRIS JACKSON



## LSU

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-1 Weight: 170 Class: So.  
Hometown: Gulfport, Miss. High School: Gulfport

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Led SEC in scoring, for the second year in a row, with 28.7 points per game.
- Finished 11th in field-goal and three-point field-goal percentage, shooting 46.3% and 36.3%, respectively.
- Was second to UK's Derrick Miller in three-pointers made per game, with 2.8.
- Led the league in free-throw percentage, for second straight year, converting 90.8% of his attempts.
- Finished 13th in the league in assists, averaging 3.2 per game.
- Tied Kentucky's Sean Woods for ninth in the SEC in steals with 1.7 per game.
- Named consensus All-American for second straight year.
- Edged Georgia's Alec Kessler (70-55), to become our SEC Player of the Year for second straight season.

## GERALD GLASS



## OLE MISS

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-6 Weight: 240  
Hometown: Greenwood, Miss. High School: Greenwood

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Finished second to Chris Jackson, for second year in a row, among SEC scorers with 24.1 points per game.
- Was sixth in rebounding in the league with 4.5 per game.
- Was sixth in field-goal percentage (45.3%) and three-point field-goal percentage (37.7%).
- Averaged 1.5 three-pointers per game.
- Hit 73.6 percent of his free throws, 11th in the league.
- Dished out 4.0 assists per game—tied for eighth among non-guards—ninth overall in the league.
- Blocked 30 shots, ninth best in the league.
- SEC steal leader, for second straight year.
- Named to first-team of several All-American magazines.
- Finished third in our Player of the Year voting.
- Average rank in each of the SEC's nine statistical categories was 7.5, easily the best in the league.

## BALLOT-BY-BALLOT VOTING:

### OSCAR COMBS

**FIRST TEAM**  
Alec Kessler, Ga.  
Shaquille O'Neal, LSU  
Gerald Glass, Ole Miss  
Chris Jackson, LSU  
Litterial Green, Ga.

**SECOND TEAM**  
Allan Houston, Tenn.  
Reggie Hanson, Ky.  
Cameron Burns, MSU  
Dwayne Davis, Fla.  
Melvin Cheatum, Ala.

**THIRD TEAM**  
Derrick Miller, Ky.  
Robert Horry, Ala.  
Stanley Roberts, LSU  
Derrick Dennison, Aub.  
Greg Carter, MSU

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
Player of the Year (1) Pitino, (2) Pitino  
Player of the Year (1) Kessler, (2) Jackson  
FROSH OF THE YEAR (1) O'Neal, (2) Houston

### RUSSELL RICE

**FIRST TEAM**  
Chris Jackson, LSU  
Alec Kessler, Ga.  
Gerald Glass, Ole Miss  
Allan Houston, Tenn.  
Cameron Burns, MSU

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# 89-90 ALL-SEC TEAM

## GERALD GLASS



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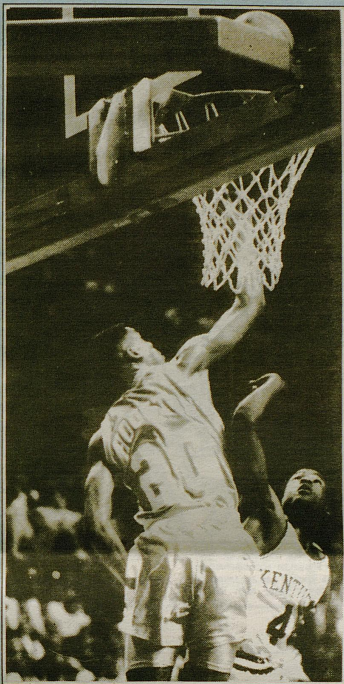
### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-6 Weight: 240 Class: Sr.  
Hometown: Greenwood, Miss. High School: Amanda Elzy

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Led the SEC in scoring, for the second straight year, with 24.1 points per game.  
• Rebounding in the league with 7.6 per game.  
• Field-goal percentage (49.0%) and eighth in field-goal percentage (37.7%) in SEC.  
• Three-pointers per game, ninth best in SEC.  
• Percent of his free throws, 18th best in SEC.  
• 4.0 assists per game—best in the league guards—ninth overall in the SEC.  
• Shots, ninth best in the league.  
• Leader, for second straight year, with 2.3 a game.  
• First-team of several All-American squads.  
• Ranked in our Player of the Year balloting.  
• Ranked in each of the SEC's individual offensive categories as 7.5, easily the best in the league.

## ALLAN HOUSTON



## TENNESSEE

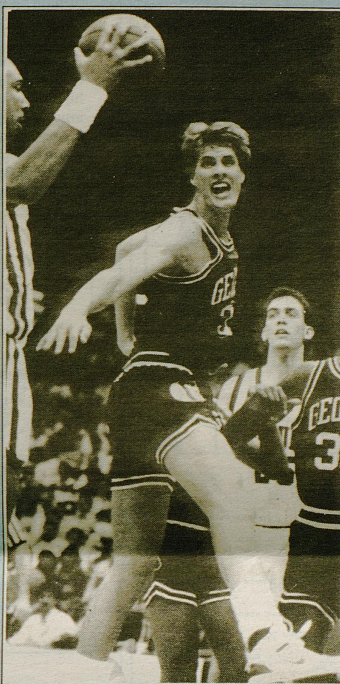
### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-5 Weight: 180 Class: Fr.  
Hometown: Louisville, Ky. High School: Ballard

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Top freshman scorer in the league with 19.9 points per game, good enough for fourth in the SEC overall.  
• Was 13th in the SEC in field-goal percentage (43.0%) and fifth in three-point field-goal percentage (42.6%).  
• Averaged 2.7 three-pointers per contest, third behind UK's Derrick Miller and LSU's Chris Jackson.  
• Made 80.1 percent of his free throws, sixth in the SEC.  
• Dished out 4.2 assists per game, eighth best in the league.  
• Part of a six-way tie for 20th place in steals in the conference with 1.2 per game.  
• Runaway choice as our SEC Freshman of the Year, easily outdistancing Auburn's Ronnie Battle for the honor.  
• Also got consideration in Player of the Year balloting, earning 15 points, to finish fourth in that category behind Chris Jackson, Alec Kessler and Gerald Glass.

## ALEC KESSLER



## GEORGIA

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-11 Weight: 230 Class: Sr.  
Hometown: Roswell, Ga. High School: Roswell

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Finished third in SEC in scoring, behind fellow first-teamers Chris Jackson and Gerald Glass, with 20.6 points per game.  
• Grabbed 10.1 rebounds per game, third in the league behind LSU's Shaquille O'Neal and Tennessee's Ian Lockhart, after leading the SEC with 9.7 per game last year.  
• Converted 48.2 percent from the field, eighth best in SEC.  
• Made 75.1 percent of his attempts from the free-throw line, 16th best in the conference.  
• Part of a six-way tie for 18th in blocked shots.  
• Earned three of six first-place votes for Player of the Year honors, finishing second to Chris Jackson in that balloting.  
• Academic All-American selection after earning a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in microbiology.  
• Helped Georgia to its first regular-season SEC title.

## CAMERON BURNS



## MISSISSIPPI STATE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 6-7 Weight: 218 Class: Jr.  
Hometown: Flora, Miss. High School: East Flora

### 1989-90 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Averaged 18.0 points per game, many on rim-rattling dunks, sixth best in the conference.  
• Finished seventh in the league in rebounding with 7.4 per game.  
• Led the SEC in field-goal percentage (60.7%) after finishing second in that category last season.  
• Made 63.6 percent of his attempts from the charity stripe, 23rd best in the conference.  
• Also part of that six-way tie for 18th in blocked shots, along with Alabama's David Benoit, Tennessee's Ronnie Reese and Michael Curry, Georgia's Alec Kessler and Florida's Stacey Poole.  
• Edged Georgia's Litterial Green, Kentucky's Reggie Hanson and LSU's Shaquille O'Neal by five points (100-95) for the last spot on our first-team.

## NOTING:

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**THIRD TEAM**  
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Allan Houston, Tenn.  
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Reggie Hanson, Ky.  
Ian Lockhart, Tenn.  
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(1) Jackson, (2) Houston  
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(1) Houston, (2) Harvell

### MIKE ESTEP

**FIRST TEAM**  
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Gerald Glass, Ole Miss  
Allan Houston, Tenn.  
Litterial Green, Ga.  
Reggie Hanson, Ky.  
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Alec Kessler, Ga.  
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Cameron Burns, MSU  
Melvin Cheatum, Ala.  
John Pelphrey, Ky.

**THIRD TEAM**  
Ronnie Battle, Aub.  
Scott Draud, Vandy  
Greg Bell, Tenn.  
Stanley Roberts, LSU  
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**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
(1) Pitino, (2) Durham  
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### LARRY VAUGHT

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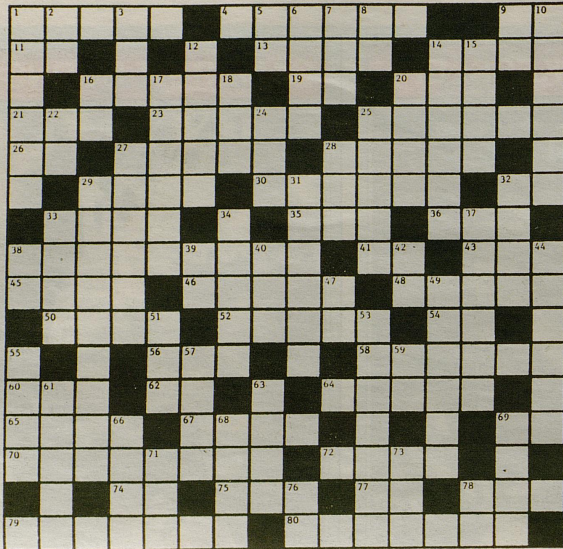
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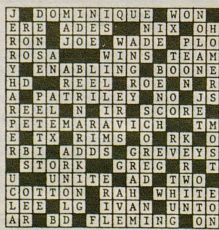
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ALL-SEC STARS OF THE 1950s

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1 Henry _____ team was Auburn in late-'50s                           | 1 Late-'50s All-American of the Cats                             |
| 4 Vandy's _____ '50 All-American Billy Joe                           | 2 Initials of Vandy's mid-'50s Rochelle                          |
| 9 Initials of early-'50s Jordan of Georgia                           | 3 British drink  |
| 11 Initials of '44 Down  | 5 Initials of '25 Across   |
| 12 The two of them   | 6 Namesakes of Ole Miss star Jarvis                              |
| 14 Not there   | 7 Hall of Fame baseballer Mel                                    |
| 16 2-time consensus All-American in '50s                             | 8 Initials of '16 Across   |
| 19 Initials of Vandy's Taylor or Thym                                | 9 Initials of early-'50s Tulane standout Riffey                  |
| 20 Egg giver   | 10 Last name of '27 Down & Cats Bird                             |
| 21 Nike lace   | 12 Style of '60s   |
| 22 _____ notes are Huron and Ontario                                 | 14 Commodore Jim _____ All-SEC honors came in the late-'50s      |
| 25 '55 SEC/Rebels top scorer Brackeen                                | 15 "Green with _____"  |
| 26 Gator Gunkle & UK's Herocco were _____ the '53 All-SEC first team | 16 Initials of Gator Traenzler or Vol Thompson                   |
| 27 Late-'50s Gator guard Joe   | 17 The Tide's '56 All-American Lim                               |
| 28 Coach Ebenhorst of '53 & '54 SEC Champs, LSU                      | 18 Pen point   |
| 29 Taverna   | 20 " _____ today, gone tomorrow"                                 |
| 30 Led SEC in scoring in '50 and '51                                 | 22 Indefinite article  |
| 32 Initials of standout LSU guard Sigler                             | 24 Female suffix   |
| 33 Tennis star Bjorn   | 25 Namesakes of Vandy standout Kardokus                          |
| 35 Summer in France  | 27 "Bama's SEC scoring king of '56                               |
| 36 Attendance abbr.  | 28 "He _____ the short jumper"                                   |
| 38 SEC's 3-year scoring king of the '50s                             | 29 UK's mid-'50s All-American                                    |
| 41 Initials of '53 Down  | 31 3-time first team All-SEC center                              |
| 43 Pie _____ mode  | 32 Actor's part  |
| 45 Coach McCarthy of '59 SEC Champs, MSU                             | 33 Snakes  |
| 46 Direction   | 34 Late-'50s Tulane star Gary                                    |
| 48 Scheduled   | 37 Early-'50s Cats star  |
| 50 Certain   | 38 Initials of Geo. Tech standout Buddy                          |
| 52 Dens  | 39 Abbr. for SEC state of standouts Finch, Showalter or Garrison |
| 54 Initials of coach who followed '50s Gator mentor John Mauer       | 40 Investment vehicle  |
| 56 Tulane's All-SEC forward Payton                                   | 42 Initials of UK's Tsitoropoulos                                |
| 58 '58 & '59 SEC scoring king from MSU                               | 44 Winningest SEC coach of the '50s                              |
| 60 Hase error  | 47 Initials of coach of B. Mardie, B. Meador                     |
| 62 Abbr. for school with '50s coach Emmett Lowery                    | 49 Not outward   |
| 64 Stall   | 51 Flightless bird   |
| 65 Hiddy   | 53 Namesakes of UK's Linville                                    |
| 67 Race track shape  | 55 Big _____ Tormenten of the Vols                               |
| 69 Initials of early-'50s Cats Hirach                                | 57 British school  |
| 70 Tennessee's All-American forward of mid-'50s                      | 59 Abbr. for "one-line"  |
| 72 Footnote abbr.  | 61 Cowboy's sport  |
| 74 Kentucky's big guy Beck   | 63 Pine Vols forward Widseth                                     |
| 75 Family  | 64 Require   |
| 77 Time abbr.  | 68 Blood carrier   |
| 78 Georgia's Healey or Schloss                                       | 69 " _____ the best of the '50s?"                                |
| 79 Was All-SEC for LSU in '52  | 71 The _____ of March  |
| 80 Florida's 2-time All-SEC Rick                                     | 73 See 40 Down   |
|  | 76 Initials of late-'50s Vol Coulter                             |
|  | 78 Initials of Cats Evans or Gators Earick                       |

Last issue's solution



UK recruit Jamal Mashburn MVP of NY state tourney

University of Kentucky basketball ginee Jamal Mashburn was voted tourney MVP after leading his underdog Cardinal Hayes' club to the New York state Catholic High School Athletic Association title last week.

The 6-foot-8 Mashburn was held to a playoff-low 18 points in his team's 52-46 championship game win over All Hallows, but was still impressive.

"Still, it was Mashburn who made the difference against Hayes' more-talented opponents," *Newsday* high school writer Neil F. Best wrote in an article giving Mashburn "Feat of the Week" honors. "He played every position from point guard to center and made nearly as many key passes as key baskets."

All Hallows coach John Carey apparently

agreed.

"Mashburn just takes over a game," he said after Cardinal Hayes pulled the upset to win its first CHSAA title since 1944.

The best compliment of all may have been paid Mashburn by one of his peers, however.

“He played every position from point guard to center and made nearly as many key passes as key baskets.”

After Mashburn tossed in 26 points in Hayes' 65-58 double-overtime upset of Tolentine in the semifinals of the tournament, consensus All-American guard Adrian Autry said the future Wildcat is in a class by himself.

"He's the best player I've ever played against," Autry, a consensus All-American who has played with and against some of the best players in the nation the past few years—including current Georgia Tech freshman sensation Kenny Anderson—said.



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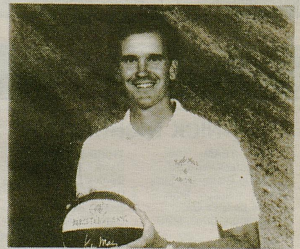
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# From A to Z, the NCAA tourney has it all this year

Well...except for Kentucky's Wildcats

As we arrive at this year's NCAA basketball tournament, the 1989-90 season has certainly had its share of joy and pain. The jubilation came from witnessing Rick Pitino putting the fun back into UK basketball, the



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emergence of Connecticut as a bona fide power in the Big East and fans continuing to fill up most arenas. The sorrow began with numerous programs, including the likes of Illinois, UTEP and Missouri, coming under scrutiny of NCAA investigators, and continued with the shocking news of rules violations and allegations of players shaving points at North Carolina State. Finally, the tragic death of Loyola Marymount's Hank Gathers touched the entire nation. College basketball hopefully will gain from the good and learn from what has happened in the past. So as the 64-team NCAA tournament gets into full swing, we thought it appropriate to compile an alphabetical index for this year's event.

**A** is for aspirin. Most coaches will need a generous supply of this headache remedy throughout the entire tourney, for which there are no legitimate favorites.

**B** is for Big Ten. The league has seven representatives in the event and was considered by most experts as by far the superior conference during the entire season. Will its teams prove that in the big show?

**C** is for Connecticut. The Huskies are making their first tourney appearance since losing to Syracuse in 1979. Under fourth-year head coach Jim Calhoun, they are playing a smothering defense and can deliver the knock-out blow.

**D** is for Delaney. As chairman of the NCAA Selection Committee, Big Ten commissioner Jim Delaney took a lot of abuse from the likes of Southern Illinois, Depaul, Maryland, Hawaii, Cincinnati and Memphis State, to name a few who didn't get bids this year. His committee also didn't help matters by extending a bid to Notre Dame.

**E** is for electricity. The sparks from college zeal have made the NCAA Tournament an extraordinary event. It's now a one-game season for any loss along the way.

**F** is for Final Four. For the record, we're guessing UNLV, Connecticut, Michigan State and Purdue. Keep in mind this prediction is being made just before tourney time.

**G** is for Gathers. His death will long be remembered, but his spirit won't be forgotten.

**H** is for home court. Although the selection committee outlawed teams playing games on their

home courts a few years ago, UConn was selected to play its opening round in nearby Hartford, Conn. Although the Huskies played less than 50 percent of their games in the Hartford Civic Center, the precedent has been challenged.

**I** is for Idaho, Illinois, Illinois State and Indiana, schools that are spread out among the regions.

**J** is for Jackson. As in LSU guard Chris Jackson, who might be the best one-on-one guard in the country. But can he lead the Tigers to the Final Four?

**K** is for a Kentuckyless tournament. The NCAA made sure of that. However, there will still be a rooting interest for all Kentuckians for Louisville and Murray State. At least UK coach Rick Pitino professes to feel that way.

**L** is for luck. It never can be said that no team can win the NCAA tournament without a little bit of lady luck.

**M** is for money. A bid to this year's tournament will net the 64 teams about \$286,000 each this year. Final Four teams will pocket \$1,432,500 each.

**N** is for New Mexico State. The Aggies were 26-4, including a win over UNLV, this season. A definite sleeper.

**O** is for Officials. It seems officials caught more heat from coaches that ever before. With some of the better officials working the tournament, let's hope the heat is off.

**P** is for parity. According to Jim Delaney, the committee had more difficulty in deciding the last five to seven slots than at any time during the five years he has been a member of that group.

**Q** is for quality. There's definitely a lot of quality in this year's field, especially when you compare the top four seeds in each region.

**R** is for Runnin' Rebels. UNLV with its lineup finally intact was 15-1 heading into the tournament. Now it's up to "Tark the Shark" (coach Jerry Tarkanian) to lead them to the Promised Land.

**S** is for Steve Scheffler. The Purdue center shot more than 70 percent from the floor in helping the Boilermakers to a surprising second-place finish in the Big Ten.

**T** is for TV. CBS bid \$1 billion for exclusive rights to the tourney starting next season, which means no more ESPN and Dick Vitale involved in those games.

**U** is for upset. And there will be upsets, following a long-established tournament trend.

**V** is for Vitale. As mentioned in "T" above. He's wacky, unpredictable and at times uncanny



"Y" Notre Dame? Digger must be counting his blessings after his 16-12 Irish got an NCAA bid.

at gaining the spotlight. But love him or hate him, everybody seems to have an opinion. Hey, Dick, it's rock 'n roll time!

**W** is for West Region. With the likes of Michigan, UNLV, Louisville, Arizona, Providence, Oregon State and Alabama, this region no longer can be looked upon as a weak sister.

**X** is for Xavier. But it's pronounced Zav-yer. Regardless, the Muskies from Cincinnati could be a team to be reckoned with this season.

**Y** is for why Notre Dame? The Irish struggled all season and lost to Depaul twice. Digger Phelps has to be counting his blessings.

**Z** is for zeal. Let's hope we have another exciting tournament and another dramatic final game. The last five NCAA finals have been decided by less than four points.

## UK FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK:

• Look for former UK assistant coach **Rod Sharpless**, who was UK defensive tackle coach nine years under **Jerry Claiborne**, to join the **Joe Krivak's** staff at Maryland. Sharpless also was considered for a coaching opening with the Buffalo Bills...

• Owensboro Apollo's advancement to the Sweet Sixteen gave UK football fans an opportunity to catch a glance at **Zane Beehn** on the basketball court. UK signee Beehn earned four letters in football, playing six different positions. He also averaged more than 18 points a game for the roundball team...

• U of L football coach **Howard Schnellenberger** says he has talked with Wildcat athletic director **C.M. Newton** and coach **Bill Curry** about a "Cats-Cards" matchup. He said neither of the UK officials rules out the possibility; however, Newton indicated that UK has a full schedule of games for the next couple of years, but is willing to get together with U of L in the future about the possibility of starting up a series. Such a happening would be a feather in Schnellenberger's cap since the interest in the game would immediately generate support for getting his program a new football stadium.

## UK HOOP NET:

• A quick update on some of UK's basketball recruits: **Jamal Mashburn**, 6-foot-8 forward for Cardinal Hayes in Bronx, N.Y., led his team to a state title in New York, defeating a top-rated Tolentine squad. **Gimel Martinez**, 6-10 center for Miami (Fla.) Senior, helped his club to the top prize in Florida, while **Carlos Toomer**, 6-5 guard for Corinth (Miss.) High, led his team to a surprise state crown in Mississippi. Toomer also was a first-team all-state choice.



*Keith Madison #32*

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**UK's Keith Madison, right, is in his 12th season as Bat Cat coach.**

S N A P S H O T



# Is that grumbling we hear from South Bend, Digger?

Indeed it is, but it's nothing to worry about

□Is that the sound of thunder I hear shaking down around the shoulders of Notre Dame coach **Digger Phelps**? In the aftermath of a disappointing season (NCAA tournament gift or not) which featured boos



Larry Donald  
Cats' Pause Columnist

for Phelps and his team during several home games, it seems clear there is an element around the Irish program which has grown disenchanting with the basketball coach.

Phelps has been at Notre Dame 19 years and has an outstanding record. He's had a team in the Final Four and many in the NCAA tournament, but now that **Lou Holtz** has restored the sporting notion of Notre Dame as the master conqueror, Phelps successful, but not spectacular, achievements have come to be viewed in a different light.

Part of the problem is Phelps' acerbic style and internationally famous ego which has left him without tremendous support or sympathy inside Notre Dame's athletic family or from many outside agencies such as the media and his peers.

I said when he recruited **David Rivers** that Irish basketball would finally come into the 1980s with a fast tempo, but that never happened. Instead Notre Dame continued (and continues) a patient halfcourt oriented style which, frankly, seems headed the way of the buffalo. Even worse his highly recruited players seem to show little or no improvement in his system.

The question, of course, is what happens and the answer likely is nothing. Even though Phelps and athletic director **Dick Rosenthal** are reportedly not exactly a mutual admiration society, it would be virtually impossible for the school to broom its coach. There's no possible explanation or rationalization which could overcome that public relations disaster.

My guess is these two will stay married, happily or otherwise, as long as Phelps chooses to stay in South Bend. But there could be a few interesting soap opera stories in the future for both parties...

□Although I think the NCAA tournament committee got perilously close to the line on granting homecourt advantage by sending **UConn** to Hartford, that doesn't detract from what the Huskies have achieved this year. With a win in the Big East tournament coach **Jim Calhoun's** team stamped itself as not only a power of the present, but one which could stay in the spotlight for years to come. Just one starter, guard **Tate George**, will be lost and you can be assured a number of pollsters will be giving UConn very serious consideration for a No. 1 preseason ranking next fall. It's been a tough climb because this is a program surrounded by tremendous interest and expectation, but the pathway to tomorrow seems very promising. The turnaround probably came when Calhoun signed guard **Chris Smith** two years ago. For too long UConn just couldn't keep the considerable in-state talent (**Charles Smith** and **Harold Pressley** in recent years) at home and thus languished deep in the Big East's second division. All that seems in the past now leaving just one question:

Is Calhoun likely to follow the UConn president who took a similar job recently at the University of Virginia?...

□If, as everyone anticipates, **Jim Valvano** walks away from **North Carolina State** one of the top prospects to replace him will be Providence coach **Rick Barnes**... And don't be stunned if Oklahoma coach **Billy Tubbs** exits Norman for an NBA job during the summer months. Hey, just giving you early warning...



□And should Tubbs move up to the play for pay league he wouldn't be the first college coach to jump directly into the NBA since **John MacLeod** (Oklahoma to **Phoenix** 16 years ago) as I've been telling you all winter. Indeed, not. The last to make the college to pro transition (without any NBA background) was none other than "Oh, Baby" himself. That's right, **Dick Vitale** had been gone from the bench at the **University of Detroit** for one season (he was still the Titans' athletics director), when the **Detroit Pistons** hired him in 1978. Vitale had no previous NBA experience and some would say that fact eventually made its presence known. But things always work out, usually for the best. I mean, where would college basketball be without him?...

□Idaho's **Kermit Davis** is very much a hot coaching property these days. The son of **Kermit Davis Sr.**, former head coach at **Mississippi State**, has done an outstanding job with the Vandals leading them into NCAA tournament play this year. **Texas A&M** and **Miami** have come courting and it seems likely he'll land one place or the other...

□Typical of the NCAA, it recently buried **Marshall University** with a two-year probation after what has to be a record length investigation. This penalty is for violations committed during the last coaching regime and if you don't think this is slow, slow justice then try to name the previous coach at Marshall. If you said **Rick Huckabay** either you live in West Virginia or you've had a misspent life in college basketball. There's no reasonable explanation for the delay in getting this investigation wrapped up...

□Incidentally, don't suggest to me that the sellout crowds in Madison Square Garden for the Big East tournament says that New York City still has a large body of college basketball fans. Take away the fans of the nine teams who journeyed to the Big Apple for a weekend of hoops and hilarity and you wouldn't have more than a handful of people in the Garden during the games... And that might also explain why **UConn** went to Hartford, **East Tennessee State** to Knoxville, **Purdue** to Indianapolis, etc., etc. As big as it has become, college basketball is still very much a regional and local sport in terms of attracting a crowd on game night...

□I think the decision of **Hank Gathers'** family to bring suit against **Loyola Marymount** and others before the young man had even been buried was badly misguided. It made me wonder if they had lost a loved one or a



HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW? LSU super soph **Chris Jackson** (left) may skip his final two seasons, opting for the NBA; **Digger Phelps** (top) had a tough go of it during the regular season, but in all likelihood will remain in South Bend.

meal ticket? Sad...

□My pal **Bob Ryan** calls Villanova's **Tom Greis**, "the number one ulcer carrier in the East" and he's probably right. How can Greis be so ineffective for such a long period then suddenly look like a first-round pick during the Big East tournament? I'd hate to make the call on his pro future... And, staying with that league, there's no doubt that **Pittsburgh** underachieved more than any other team in America this year. The Panthers lacked depth and sorely missed guard **Sean Miller**, but don't tell me there wasn't talent on that roster. I suspect there was a lot of unrest in the locker room and it will be interesting to watch what happens next year which, by the way, now looks to be a pivotal one for coach **Paul Evans**...

□As the NCAA tournament got underway one of the breaking stories concerned **Chris Jackson's** future at LSU. The sophomore All-American appears set to make himself available in the NBA draft and if so that's probably best for him and the school. A year ago, without much of a supporting cast, Jackson was able to exercise his considerable one-on-one talents to the max. But this time around he simply has been unable to make the transition to be the consummate point guard, thinking pass first and shot second. Likewise, Jackson doesn't operate well enough without the basketball to play at the off guard. So if you are looking for a reason why LSU faltered so badly down the stretch the Jackson factor was certainly significant...

□Most often teams assigned to a road game in the NIT aren't especially happy, but you can be certain that Tennessee coach **Wade Houston** eagerly accepted the opportunity to play at **Memphis State**. This is the city, of course, in which he must begin to score some recruiting successes if the Volunteers are to become a power in the Southeastern Conference. The fact Tennessee beat the Tigers was just an added (and pleasant) bonus...

□Speaking of the NIT which specializes in storyline pairings, how could the committee have overlooked sending **James Madison** to **Maryland**?...

□Never one to miss a one liner, Michigan State's **Jud Heathcote** said this about his team's first-round NCAA game against **Murray State**: "I can guarantee you that MSU will win."

Unfortunately the obvious was lost on a desk man at the **Detroit Free Press** which printed the following headline: "Heathcote guarantees Michigan State victory;"

And you think some of the humor hasn't gone out of the modern life?

## KENTUCKY BASEBALL FEATURE: VINNIE C.

by Pancho Easterwood

Twas an ill wind that blew on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at University of Kentucky's Shively Field.

The stiff breeze from left to right had Old Glory flapping and Vince Castaldo contemplating.

"It's usually blowing that way," Castaldo said. "Sure, it affects me since I'm a left-handed hitter. It's kind of a disadvantage. "But I just go the other way with the pitch." Castaldo has gone all ways this year. Left, center and right in hitting a team-high six home runs in 14 games.

He also has a team-leading 21 RBIs to go with a .306 average and .776 slugging percentage.

His new-found power is magnified even more when you consider he hit only four all year in 1988...his only year as a Bat Cat.

"I've gained some upper body strength but the key, to me is the strength I have acquired

understatement.

Figures don't lie. Castaldo, the year before, had hit .363 with 57 RBIs, 19 stolen bases and a tie for most doubles (27) in the Southeastern Conference with Alabama's Dave Magadan. Yes, the same Magadan now with the New York Mets.

"In looking back I think Vince's injury had a tremendous effect on the team," UK coach Keith Madison said. "He provides a lot of leadership on the field and helps motivate other players."

It wasn't a pleasant memory but Castaldo still remembers that day in late January when he went down for the count. All too well. He still can't understand how it happened.

Oh, he knows how it happened. He was cutting throws off to the catcher and running

Castaldo said. "Plus, my quads had to be built up...they had shriveled so much because I had to be in bed for four weeks."

His mom, Lorraine, was there to administer some tender loving care and sisters Leslie, 26, and Marisa, 25, helped...a lot.

"When I was laid up they got me little things and helped out in a lot of ways," Castaldo said.

Vinnie also looked to his dad, Tom, for guidance. He always has.

There was a time when Tom had visions of being a major league player in the Philadelphia Phillies chain. But Lorraine was pregnant with Leslie and Tom felt he couldn't afford to work his way up through the minor league system.

"He didn't think he could make enough

playing baseball this summer," Castaldo said. "I worried for a while but I found out it is as strong as ever. I'm not going to be tentative about it. If something happens, it happens."

Madison also feels his star infielder has returned to his 1988 form...with one exception. He's hitting the ball even harder.

"I'm not surprised at his power," Madison said. "The first time I saw him in college he hit two homers and two doubles. I think it was a fluke he didn't hit more two years ago."

Castaldo even swears he's faster now than in 1988 when he stole 19 bases. He worked long hours with Lafayette (Ballwin) track coach Dave Johnson this summer.

"I ran 4-5 times a week...concentrating on sprints," Castaldo said. "I feel I'm faster than ever."

Castaldo said the move to third from second was not precipitated to protect his knee. He feels his position is third and Darin Rieman is a good second baseman.

"I know coach likes to say sometimes the move was because of my knee," Castaldo said. "But I don't like to say that. I don't think my knee had anything to do with it. Darin could make the move and so could I. So we did."

In fact, Castaldo prefers third, a position he earned all-conference honors in two years at St. Louis Community College in Meramec. He helped lead Meramec to a 53-8 record and a No. 2 national ranking.

"It's all reflexes...you don't have to think, just knock the ball down and make the throw," Castaldo said of the hot-corner position.

Castaldo also feels third base will be his position when he begins the climb to the majors.

The transplanted New Jerseyite said his dream is to be drafted by the New York Yankees in a decent round. Then, he says, he would work his way up, even if he has to begin in the Rookie A league.

"I've got to work on my defense...it's not as solid as I want it to be," Castaldo admitted. "Sometimes my concentration isn't there. I sometimes get lackadaisical on the routine plays after making the difficult ones."

Madison sees it a bit different. He feels Castaldo is a "big play" infielder. "He enjoys making the big play," the UK coach said. "He has that knack."

Castaldo was nine years old when the family moved from Randolph, N.J., to Ballwin, which is about a 30-minute drive from St. Louis. Vince said his mother wanted to move to be near her brother, George Repetti, who lives in St. Louis. His father concurred.

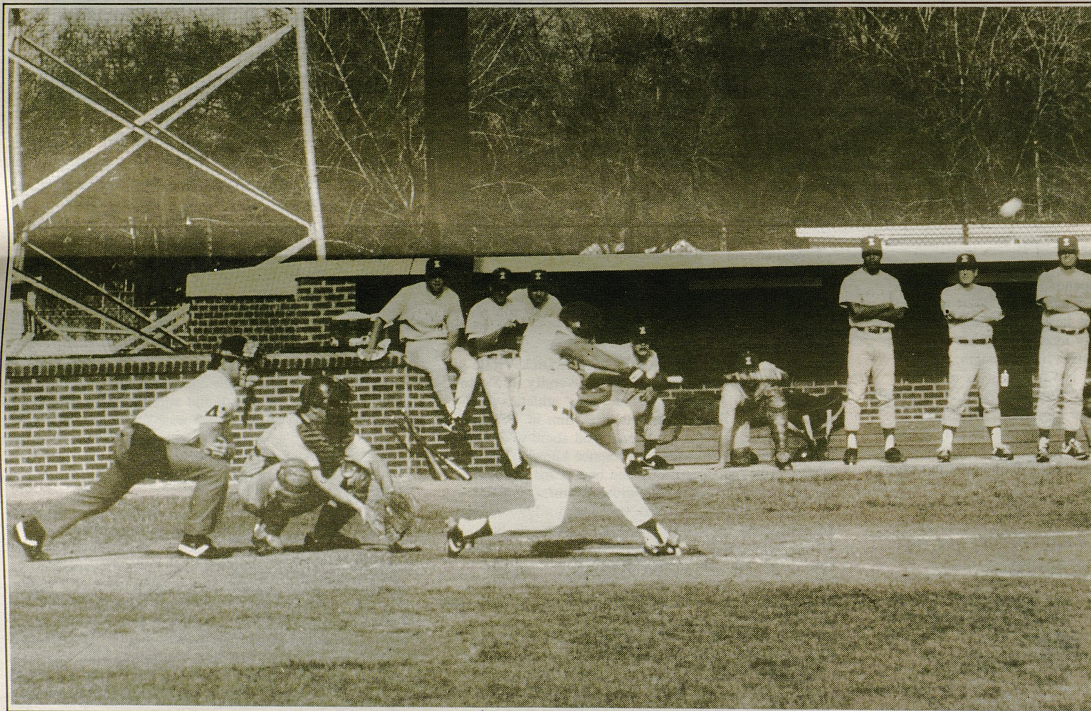
"Obviously, it took some planning," Castaldo said. "My father sold computers to corporations in New Jersey. He does the same in Ballwin. But I think we needed a

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## HEALED & IMPROVED

Vince Castaldo is 100 percent...make that 110 percent

photo by Nick Nicholas



Off to a sizzling start—six HRs—Castaldo and the Bat Cats are trying to turn up the heat on opponents, especially those in the SEC.

in my legs," Castaldo said. "I think my legs have a lot to do with my power."

Castaldo admits he is a little bit excited about his homer binge...if you can call it that. He was disappointed he hit only four in 1988.

"I knew it was there but now it's coming out," Castaldo said. "I can get my share of homers and, hopefully, I won't stop hitting them. I'm not a home run hitter but a line drive hitter with power...to left as well as right."

The sudden power outbreak becomes a bit more impressive when you consider that the Italian stallion did not play baseball at all last year.

While the Bat Cats struggled to post a less-than expected 28-25-1 record, Castaldo was back home in Ballwin, Mo., mending. He had blown out a knee a month before the Batcats were to open the season.

To say Castaldo's loss hurt would be an

hard on the infield grass around second base. He planted his right foot.

Then came the sound. Something popped and he was writhing in pain on the ground.

"It was something I've done a thousand times," Castaldo said. "But this time I guess my spikes just got caught."

Castaldo suffered interior cruciate ligament damage to the right knee. Total reconstructive surgery was required. With a heavy heart, Castaldo withdrew from UK to return home. At this moment he needed his family...and they came to his aid.

"We're an extremely close Italian family," Castaldo said. "They were everything to me during this time. Without their support, I don't know if I would have made it."

Castaldo was in rehab seven days a week. Two physical therapists designed three hours of exercises a day for the knee.

"I had to get my range of motion back,"

money to support his family," Vince said. "He says today he lives his dream through his two sons."

Vince, 21, has a brother, Greg, 18, who is a freshman player with the University of Florida.

"He's a good prospect," Castaldo said. Vince said his father was a centerfielder and a good hitter when he was a promising player. Like father, like son, we presume?

"He taught me basically everything about the game," Castaldo said. "He used to go out almost every day and throw me batting practice. But what he really helped me with was the mental aspect of the game. He helped me to not get down...like when I was laid up with the knee."

Castaldo says the knee is "100 percent" today. And he looks like it as he runs the bases. He already has two thefts in three attempts.

"I got rid of the fear of reinjuring it while

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change."

Vince played football (defensive back) and basketball (guard) in addition to baseball at Lafayette High in Ballwin.

However, his prep baseball numbers as a second baseman—while good—were not good enough to attract Division I attention. He then opted for St. Louis CC.

It was during his sophomore year at St. Louis CC that he began to blossom.

"I think I hit 13-14 home runs and stole 25 to 30 bases," Castaldo remembered. "I also moved to third and was getting used to it. I

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We expected to be overlooked. Darin, Rick and I played in 1988 and we know what it takes to win. We felt we had such a team this year. We just had to instill it in the younger players. Now they feel we can win any game. As a result I don't think we will be overlooked by the time the SEC season starts.

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had ability...it was just a matter of refining it."

Kentucky associate coach John Butler got his first look at the 175-pound Castaldo when the St. Louis Community College team played in Florida.

He liked what he saw as Castaldo was three-for-five. Madison then showed up at a game later that summer in Meramec.

"I had a good day," Castaldo recalled. "A homer (Madison says it was two homers) and two doubles. He talked with me and my dad and we were really impressed with him. He's a straight-forward guy...he doesn't beat around the bush. He tells you what is going on...I liked that."

Madison also was impressed with the Castaldos and their closeness as a family. "They support each other well," Madison said. "His dad really knows baseball. It's a great family. I enjoy seeing them at a lot of the road games."

Castaldo said he has no regrets of signing with the Bat Cats. He never let the knee injury sour him on Lexington and the improving UK baseball program.

"I think if we really continue winning, we're going to attract fans," Castaldo said. "By the end of the year people are going to take notice. I think we are a fun team to watch."

Castaldo doesn't see the Bat Cats in competition with Pitino's Bombinos. He doesn't begrudge the cagers their mounds of ink...or their ability to attract good-looking girls.

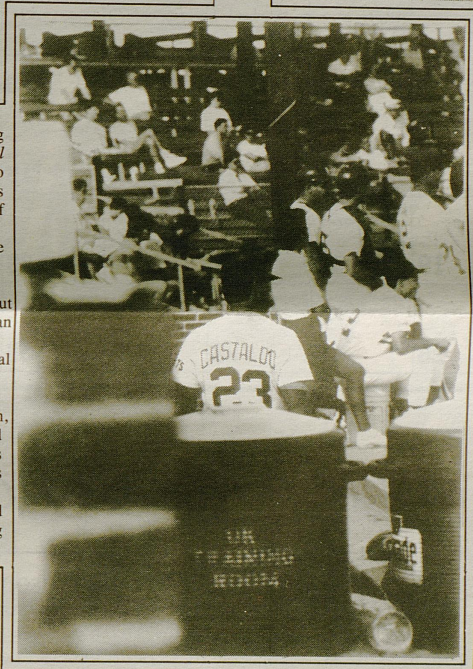
"I think girls like baseball players, too," Castaldo said. "The game is slower...they have more time to watch us."

Castaldo laughed, then added, "but if we have winning seasons back to back I think the sport will be a lot bigger here."

Encouraged by the team's start (winning 11 of its first 12), Castaldo said he is not surprised...even if other people are.

"We expected to be overlooked," Castaldo, interviewed prior to UK's series with Georgia, said. "Darin, Rick (Norton) and I played in 1988 and we know what it takes to win. We felt we had such a team this year. We just had to instill it in the younger players. Now they feel we can win any game. As a result I don't think we will be overlooked by the time the SEC season starts."

And, while the present Bat Cats would not



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be confused with the rollicking players portrayed in movies like *Bull Durham* or *Major League*—two movies he enjoyed—Castaldo feels the 1990 team is a collection of characters...with a capital C.

There's also another 'C' word he feels the team has...

"Chemistry."  
"We can be good but with chemistry we can be great," he says.

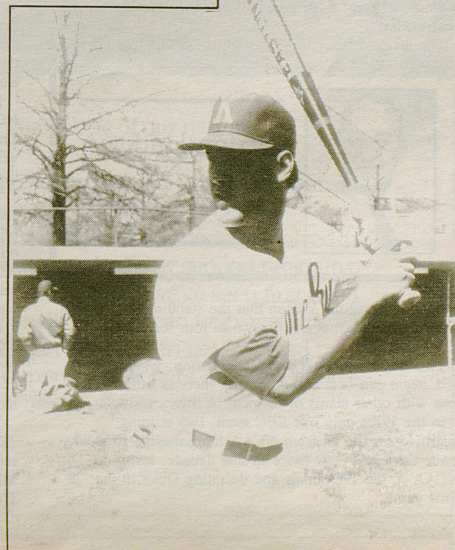
Madison adds a final 'C' word...  
"Challenge."

The Bat Cat coach, who has been in the Shively Field dugout for 11-plus seasons, feels this is what Castaldo has done best this year.

Said Madison: "He's challenged the team to be better and he's leading by example."

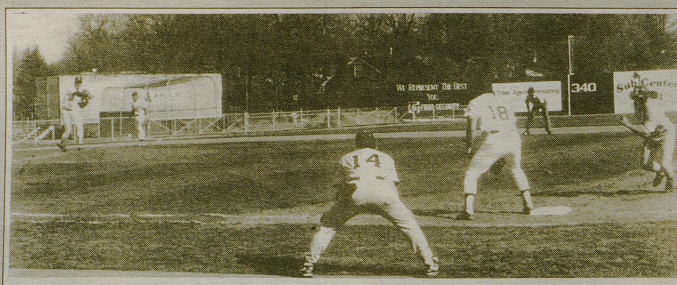
Offensive star Vince Castaldo, UK's second-baseman-turned-third-baseman senior, says the reason for the change is not because of reconstructive knee surgery he underwent last season. Sure, double-play prevention collisions are a common problem for second basemen. But the move allows Darin Rieman to switch from the hot corner to second, a move that benefits both players.

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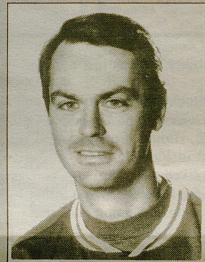
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### PREVIOUS GAMES

- Jan. 3: Basketball—Georgia 106, UK 91
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- Jan. 10: Basketball—UK 89, Florida 81
- Jan. 13: Basketball—LSU 94, UK 81
- Jan. 17: Basketball—UK 82, Alabama 65
- Jan. 20: Basketball—UK 95, Tennessee 83
- Jan. 24: Basketball—Auburn 74, UK 70
- Jan. 27: Basketball—UK 98, Ole Miss 79
- Jan. 31: Basketball—Mississippi State 87, UK 86 (OT)
- Feb. 3: Basketball—UK 88, Georgia 77
- Feb. 7: Basketball—UK 100, Vanderbilt 93
- Feb. 12: Basketball—UK 95, Florida 74
- Feb. 15: Basketball—UK 100, LSU 95
- Feb. 17: Basketball—Alabama 83, UK 56
- Feb. 21: Basketball—Tennessee 102, UK 100
- Feb. 24: Basketball—UK 98, Auburn 95
- Feb. 28: Basketball—Ole Miss 88, UK 74
- Mar. 2: Baseball—UK 6, Mercer 5
- Mar. 3: Baseball—Armstrong State 11, UK 10 (11 innings)
- Mar. 4: Baseball—UK 12, Augusta State 6
- Mar. 5: Basketball—Notre Dame 80, UK 67
- Mar. 6: Baseball—UK 7-8, Eastern Michigan 2-2
- Mar. 7: Baseball—UK 10, Indiana 0
- Mar. 8: Baseball—UK 11, Louisville 4
- Mar. 10: Baseball—UK 5-9, Ohio 2-0
- Mar. 11: Baseball—UK 8, Kentucky State 4
- Mar. 12: Baseball—UK 7, Kentucky Wesleyan 2
- Mar. 14: Baseball—UK 8, Xavier 4
- Mar. 17: Baseball—Georgia 4-3, UK 2-2



Rick Pitino



Keith Madison

## The SEC in the '90s? Obviously, it's up for grabs

Proof: Look at first season in new decade

During the 1980s Southeastern Conference basketball wound itself into a massive ball of concentrated competition.

The league enters the '90s with the teams tied up so



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

tight for the regular season that the standings ladder has only five or six rungs, with two to four teams on each rung.

This has produced a peculiar situation, wherein any SEC team can beat any other, but there is little competition with other teams of national quality.

In the 1970s only one SEC team, two at most, qualified for the 24-team NCAA tournaments. Kentucky made the Final Four twice in that decade, losing to NCAA in the 1975 finals and defeating Duke in the '78 final game.

As the NCAA enlarged its field—from 24 to 40, to 48, to 64—the SEC qualified more and more teams. In the decade of the '90s, 43 SEC teams played in the NCAA tourney, an average of 4.3 teams each year. Four reached the Final Four: LSU in '81 and '86, Georgia in '83 and Kentucky '84.

For 1990 only three SEC teams qualified for the NCAA. Neither is expected a chance for the Final Four. The chances for a fourth team qualifying were negated when Alabama beat Ole Miss for the conference tournament championship.

Thirteen wins and five losses won the regular season championship this year, as it did in five of the 10 years of the '80s. Georgia had the 13, with LSU and Alabama on the next rung with 12, with Tennessee and Kentucky 10, Ole Miss and Auburn eight, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt seven and Florida only three as the Gators were decimated by injury and rebellion.

Placing the SEC beside the top 32 (half the 64-team NCAA field) of the latest AP poll, a summary of the season shows this: Alabama beat Clemson (ACC champ) and North Carolina and LSU beat UNLV, Loyola Marymount and Texas, while losing to Kansas.

The tightest finish ever in the SEC regular season was 1983. Kentucky won with 13-5. Ole Miss and LSU were second with 10-8. Then Georgia, Tennessee, Vandy and Miss. State all at 9-9, with Alabama and Auburn at 8-10. The .722 winning percentage was only .378 better than

the .444 for eighth. Five of the eight went to the NCAA tourney.

The most successful SEC force to attack the NCAA Tournament (won-loss record with other teams) was the 1986 group. Kentucky, Alabama, Auburn and LSU wrote a 10-2 record against other teams in the tourney.

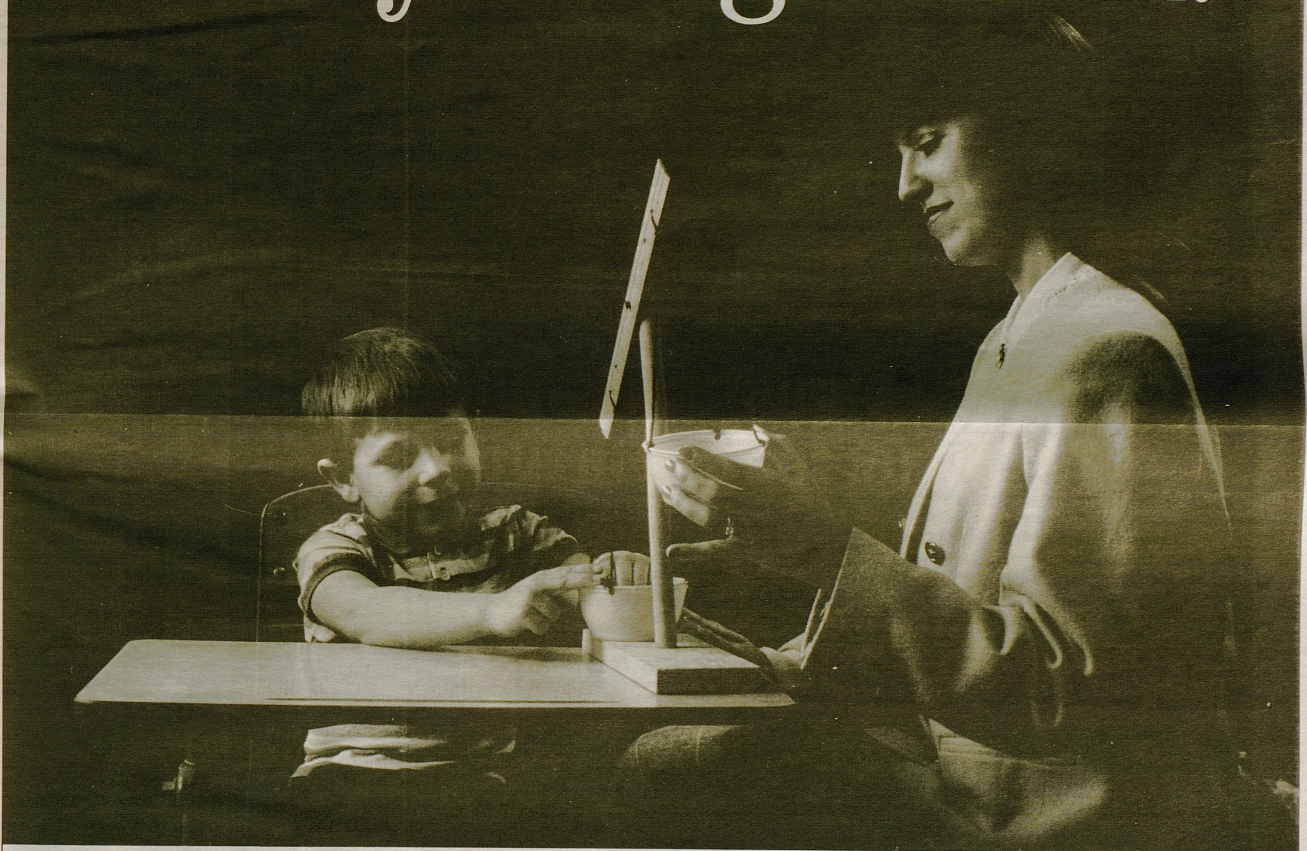
The NCAA committee curiously placed three SEC teams in the regional at Atlanta, and they knocked each other out. LSU, just 9-9 regular season, made the Final Four, then lost to Louisville, 72-69.

Auburn is the only team to win four games, and the championship, in the modern 10-team SEC tournament. In 1985 the Tigers, 7-8 in the standings, slashed Ole Miss, LSU, Florida and Alabama in the tourney held at Birmingham.

The first SEC tourney of the '90s had its earth shocks, as in the 1970's, with Georgia and Louisiana State losing in their opening rounds. For those who expected no great impact in that area, they could have recalled a week earlier when a revived Florida ballclub blew LSU from the top of the league standings. The quakes continued.

The three league teams—Georgia, Alabama and LSU—chosen for the NCAAs certainly improved on the 1989 record in the event, which was 0-5. Alabama lost to South Alabama, Florida to Colorado State, LSU to UTEP, Tennessee to West Virginia and Vanderbilt to Notre Dame.

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# Rick Pitino Q&A

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what he says and I think he'll improve. As Richie develops that love for the game and really works on it, he'll become a Billy Donovan-type player. But he's going to have to do that, because sometimes in order to reach those heights you've got to just put in so many hours of work. And Richie is going to be committed to that.

"He's a special young man. Sometimes people just talk about that high school career. Let's not take away from that high school career as well as that Billy Donovan at Providence. Forget about what he's doing in college and look back and remember that high school career. Boy, was that unbelievable. We expect him to have maybe not quite the career he had in high school, but we expect him to be a big factor for us in college."

**Question: Did he tail off a little bit down the stretch?**

**Pitino:** "No I don't think he tailed off. (It was more that) Sean Woods came on. Sean Woods just played outstanding basketball down the stretch."

**Question: For the new guys that come in next season, what sort of impact, in terms of style, will be apparent early in the season?**

**Pitino:** "We've got the potential to be a great running team because we're a good passing team. We can shoot the basketball. We're unselfish. We were great on the break (success rate) but we didn't get out enough times because we couldn't rebound the basketball. Then, we really couldn't get our guards to the outlet areas up the court because they had to get in the lane and help our big people rebound."

"When we add size and experience to our unit we'll be able to run more of a conventional fastbreak, we'll be able to beat people down (the court) and you'll see us get some exciting three-on-twos and two-on-ones."

**Question: Do you expect any more players on the roster before next season?**

**Pitino:** "I think it's possible. In the junior class?"

**Question: No. Players who are seniors now who will pay their way their freshman**

season but will be assured a scholarship the following year.

**Pitino:** "That would depend on who the person would be."

**Question: Is it still possible?**

**Pitino:** "It doesn't look that way right now. But you never know what would pop up in line of a transfer or anything else. You never know what can happen."

**Question: Dale Brown has said he's had to learn how to coach a squad with All-Americans. Talk about team chemistry and its value.**

**Pitino:** "Well chemistry...sometimes people think it's an overstated word. It's not. You've got to have good chemistry. Dale's right. And I know that from coaching in the professional ranks. It's not easy."

"Just think of the pros. They are all college All-Americans. They're all high-paid athletes. You've got to mesh this group of egos together for the good of the basketball team. It's not easy. You do that with fairness. You do that with discipline. You do that with style of play where you can play a lot of people. But it's not easy. You have to work at it every single day. But you know what? I can't wait to have that problem again."

**Question: Is there an advantage when you do play a lot of people?**

**Pitino:** "I've had problems in my coaching career in certain facets of the game, certain facets of life. I've never had a problem, from a dissension standpoint. I've been very, very fortunate in my coaching career, knock on wood, that it continues. I've always had great chemistry with my basketball teams. And I think it will continue."

**Question: Could you be in a situation two years from now, because of playing many inexperienced players, where you could have one of the great bench teams?**

**Pitino:** "Whether they (this year's players) go to the bench, I'm not sure. I don't look at who's starting on the bench next season. It's who finishes the game. Some of the youngster may be in there early on, but you can bet by the end of the game the experience will be on that court. So I really don't look at starting, I look at who is going to finish as

being important in the matter."

**Question: What happens to those players—Johnathon Davis, Nehemiah Braddy—on the end of your bench?**

**Pitino:** "They would have to improve substantially to get any playing time, that's the obvious thing. The only way you do that is by dedicating yourself. It's possible. They realize they didn't play too much this year (that) we have better walk-ons coming in and more scholarship athletes. They'll have to get after it. That's competition."

**Question: Will the three walk-ons be invited back next season?**

**Pitino:** "They'll certainly be invited back and they'll always be a part of the Kentucky family. They'll always be a part of my personal family. Whether or not they can make the team depends on how much they can improve."

**Question: So there will be a re-tryout?**

**Pitino:** "No. They (current walk-ons, actually four) won't tryout with the rest of the walk-ons; they'll tryout with the Kentucky basketball team. And then we'll make a decision who to keep and who not to keep."

**Question: So there will be another walk-on tryout?**

**Pitino:** "On Oct. 15. Just to give the student body a look. You never know what you may find."

**Question: How many players will you keep on the team next season?**

**Pitino:** "Fourteen would be a good number, but anywhere from 13 to 15 would be fine."

**Question: Are you going to have walk-on tryouts every year?**

**Pitino:** "I've always had walk-on tryouts. It's good for students. You never know. There may be a player with your style of play. You may get a 6-4 lightning jet forward that can press, maybe can shoot and suddenly walkons with potential. You never know what you'll find. You really have to give everybody an opportunity."

**Question: Looking back on the season, is there anything you would do differently?**

**Pitino:** "I'm sure, in looking back, there

are a lot of things that you look back on as a coach in certain situations that you would do differently. Certainly. Any coach that would not probably has an undefeated season. There are a lot of things that you look back on that you would do differently. But overall, I'd say I was very, very pleased with the...I'm overly pleased with the players.

"The true key, and I just want to say 'thank you to them,' I push the players hard, 'drive' em hard, I 'drive' em positively, that's why I get them to play tired because they know the aspects of positive reinforcement, but I drive a group much harder than the players and that's the assistant coaches."

"I have a young man out there now coaching Dayton (Jim O'Brien) that I'm really, really proud of...he was a Knicks assistant with me. I have another young man out there, Stu Jackson (New York Knicks head coach), that I think should be a candidate for Coach of the Year in the NBA. He's doing a terrific job, I'm so proud of him. I have an assistant at G.W., John Kuester (head coach at George Washington). I've got so many people out there I'm proud of. But, I can be no more prouder of the staff I had this year."

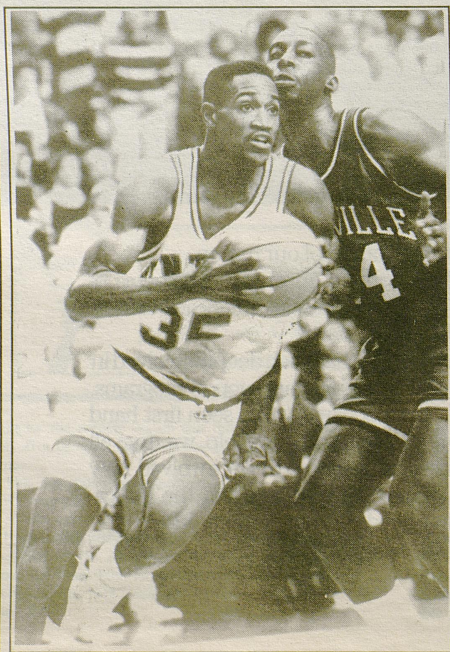
"It's a tremendous teaching staff. The great thing about it is three of the guys—Herb Sendek, Ralph Williard, Billy Donovan—have been with me before. So it's been a smooth transition right into the teaching. Tubby Smith will be a lot more comfortable next season and I think we'll be ready to go as a staff."

"But this staff is by far the deepest, most talented I've ever had."

"I can tell you right now, you won't see Ralph Williard past next season...he'll only be here one more year, I'll guarantee you that. That man is a terrific asset and he's going to make a great head coach, as Jim O'Brien and Stu Jackson have. He deserves to be captain of his own ship."

**Question: Talk about the small amount of injuries this team had this season.**

**Pitino:** "Yes, I've been fortunate in my coaching career—I've had very few injuries as a coach. It's just luck. I'm very fortunate along those lines."



◀ REGGIE HANSON

Kentucky coach Rick Pitino says Reggie Hanson, a senior-to-be Wildcat, this past season was one of the top five performers in the Southeastern Conference...

## Pitino Says...

...He also said that in order for John Pelphey, a junior-to-be 'Cat, to be a bigger factor, he must improve this off-season on his quickness. Pitino says it's more difficult to have the desire to work on quickness drills, than say, practice on 'shooting the three.'

▶ JOHN PELPHEY



# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## One Year Ago

Although he claimed his innocence until the end, Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton ended months of speculation by announcing his resignation during a nationally televised NCAA tournament broadcast.

Saying he was stepping down for the good of the program and his family, Sutton made the announcement live on CBS Sports during halftime of the Indiana-UTEP game, nearly one year after the NCAA launched a probe into wrongdoing in the Wildcat program.

Sutton, who posted a 90-40 mark (.692) during his four-year stint at UK, had a 432-165 won-loss mark over his 20 years at the major college level.

The following day, former UK basketball player Dwane Casey announced his resignation as an assistant on Sutton's staff.

## Five Years Ago

Kenny Walker scored 29 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as the Wildcats beat Washington 66-58 in NCAA regional action at the Salt Lake City, Utah, Special Events Center.

Then Walker came back to hit 10 of 14 from the field and three of five from the line for 23 points and had six rebounds in a 64-61 upset victory over UNLV. The victory over the Runnin' Rebels—coach Joe B. Hall's last at Kentucky—quieted critics who complained that UK, which finished the regular season with a 16-12 mark, should not have been included in the 64-team tourney.

Hall, who compiled a 297-100 record (.748) in his 13 years, would announce his retirement following the Wildcats' 86-70 loss to St. John's in the West Regional finals in Denver, Colo.

## ONE YEAR AGO:

Former UK hoop coach Eddie Sutton, pictured here in happier times, ended months of speculation by announcing his resignation during a live halftime broadcast of the Indiana-UTEP game on CBS Sports.

Sutton, who claimed he had no part in the wrongdoings that eventually landed Kentucky three years of probation following a long NCAA investigation, said at the time that he was stepping down for the good of the program and his family.

He's currently employed as a spokesman for Nike, the company whose shoes he endorsed much of his career.



## WILDCAT QUIZ

### The Wildcat record book

- True or False? Former guard Jimmy Dan Conner is a member of the UK 1,000-Point Club.
  - Maryland
  - South Carolina
  - Vanderbilt
- Which NBA team drafted former Wildcat guard Roger Harden?
  - Phoenix Suns
  - Utah Jazz
  - Los Angeles Lakers
  - New York Knicks
- Kevin Grevey's brother Norm played basketball at which of the following schools?
  - Evansville
  - Xavier
  - Dayton
  - Tennessee
- Who is UK's all-time career assist leader?
  - Roger Harden
  - Dickey Beal
  - Dirk Minniefield
  - Kyle Macy
- True or False? In addition to scoring more than 2,000 points, former UK great Jack Givens also grabbed more than 1,000 rebounds during his Wildcat career.
  - Indiana
  - LSU
  - Tennessee
  - Louisville
- Who was the last UK front-line player to make the All-SEC team?
  - Sam Bowie
  - Kenny Walker
  - Reggie Hanson
  - Winston Bennett
- True or False? How many NCAA championships did Adolph Rupp win during his long tenure as head coach of the Wildcats?
  - two
  - three
  - four
  - five
- Who is UK's leading career free-throw shooter, by percentage?
  - Kyle Macy
  - Jim Master
  - Louie Dampier
  - Derrick Hord
- Kentucky scored the most home floor points (126) against which of the following teams?
  - Portland State



### Answers

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. True (1,009)              | 5. False (753)       |
| 2. LA Lakers                 | 4. Minniefield (646) |
| 3. South Carolina            | 3. Dayton            |
| 4. Macy (89%)                | 2. LA Lakers         |
| 5. Four (1,948, 49, 51, 58)  | 1. True (1,009)      |
| 6. Bennett (888)             |                      |
| 7. LSU (2,288)               |                      |
| 8. LSU (2,288)               |                      |
| 9. Bennett (888)             |                      |
| 10. Four (1,948, 49, 51, 58) |                      |

## 10 Years Ago

Kentucky football coach Fran Curci sent his squad through its second full week of spring drills after the team took a 10-day layoff for spring break. Observers are keeping a keen eye on the progress at the quarterback spot. Fighting for the No. 1 position are Randy Jenkins, Terry Henry, Larry McCrimmon and Rick Buehner.

The UK baseball team suffered three heartbreaking defeats in Eastern Division play to the Florida Gators in Gainesville.

DePaul sophomore star Mark Aquirre is the 1980 winner of the prestigious Rupp Award, given annually in honor of legendary UK coach Adolph Rupp to the best college basketball player in the nation. Wildcat guard Kyle Macy finished second in voting.

Ray Meyer of DePaul was named Coach of the Year by the *Associated Press*. Kentucky's Joe B. Hall finished fourth in the balloting for the nation's top coach in 1980.

## 15 Years Ago

Kentucky handed Central Michigan a 90-73 setback in the Midwest Regional semifinals at Dayton, Ohio.

Central Michigan had trailed 55-44 but came back to take a 70-66 advantage. The UK-man-to-man defense then forced three straight turnovers. Kevin Grevey had 12 points and Mike Flynn and Rick Robey II each for UK. Flynn also had 11 rebounds.

The Wildcats upset previously undefeated and No. 1-ranked Indiana 92-90 before 13,450 fans in the finals of the Midwest Regional in Dayton, Ohio, to advance to the NCAA Final Four in San Diego.

Kentucky's aggressive defense forced 20 Indiana turnovers. The Wildcats were led by Hoosier native Mike Flynn, who hit nine of 13 shots for 22 points, and Jimmy Dan Conner, who poured in 17 points to give the guard combo 39 points for the night. Kevin Grevey also scored 17 and Rick Robey and Mike

Phillips added 10 each.

With the victory, UK avenged an earlier 98-74 loss to IU at Bloomington's Assembly Center in December.

## 20 Years Ago

The Kentucky Colonels have signed UK basketball star Dan Issel for approximately \$1.4 million in salary, bonuses and deferred payments.

The American Basketball Association team also signed Issel's teammate at UK, Mike Pratt, for an estimated \$400,000. The Issel deal rivals the \$1.4 million paid Lew Alcindor by the Milwaukee Bucks as the largest amount ever paid an athlete.

Five Kentucky players were named to the all-time SEC team selected by 14 veteran observers and conducted by *The Lexington Herald*. Dan Issel, Cliff Hagan, Ralph Beard, Frank Ramsey and Alex Groza were all named from UK. Adolph Rupp was named the coach.

Others players selected were Bob Pettit, Pete Maravich, Bailey Howell, Clyde Lee, Bernie Nehan and Jerry Harper.

Mike Fanuzzi, a 6-foot-11, 175-pound quarterback from New Jersey, signed a football letter-of-intent. Fanuzzi was honored as the outstanding athlete in New Jersey.


Ray Edelman is the first prospect to sign a UK basketball grant this year. The 6-2, 180-pound guard from Pennsylvania scored 23.4 points a game his senior year.

## 35 Years Ago

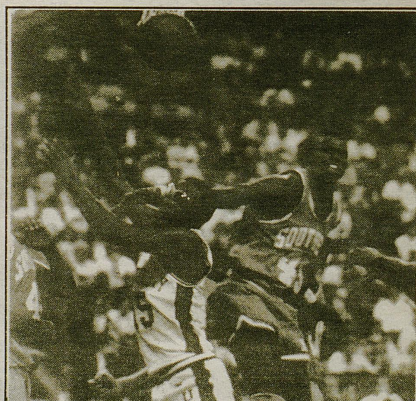
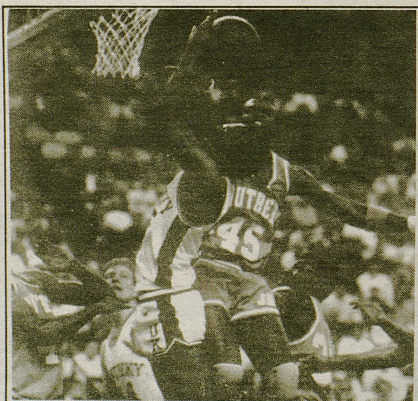
Quarterback Bob Hardy, running for two scores and passing for another, led the Blues to a 28-7 triumph over the Whites before approximately 10,000 fans in the annual spring football game held on Stoll Field.

The triumph gave backfield coach Ermal Allen revenge over line coach Buckshot Underwood, who had won the last two outings.

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