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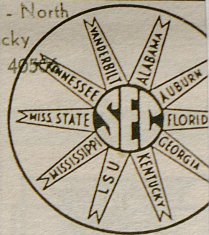
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*...Defend Title In 35th Annual UKIT This Weekend*



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4-GAME STATISTICS  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS

C	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Asc	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
CHAPMAN, REX	4	135	33.8	27	55	49.1	8	18	44.4	14	16	87.5	14	3.5	9	-	11	11	2	10	76	19.0	
DAVENDER, ED	4	141	35.3	21	46	45.7	3	5	60.0	25	30	83.3	6	1.5	8	-	16	8	-	12	70	17.5	
LOCK, ROB	4	115	28.8	18	34	52.9	-	-	-	20	23	87.0	35	8.8	13	1	4	10	3	6	56	14.0	
BENNETT, WINSTON	4	102	25.5	18	38	47.4	-	-	-	16	22	72.7	25	6.3	15	2	8	8	-	9	52	13.0	
MANUEL, ERIC	4	-	53	13.3	8	17	47.1	-	1	-	9	11	81.8	7	1.8	5	-	5	-	4	25	6.3	
JENKINS, CEDRIC	4	106	26.5	9	18	50.0	-	-	-	6	6	100.0	24	6.0	11	1	8	3	5	-	24	6.0	
ELLIS, LERON	4	-	44	11.0	10	18	55.6	-	-	3	10	30.0	14	3.5	8	-	2	2	6	1	23	5.8	
SCOTT, MIKE	2	-	10	5.0	3	6	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.0	3	-	-	-	1	1	6	3.0	
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### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 28	1-0	86	59	Hawaii	27	18 LOCK, ROB	9 BENNETT, W.	23,049 (H)
Dec. 01	2-0	101	77	Cincinnati	24	22 CHAPMAN, REX	13 LOCK, ROB	22,865 (H)
Dec. 05	3-0	82	76	Indiana	6	22 DAVENDER, ED	10 JENKINS, CEDRIC	43,601 (A)
Dec. 12	4-0	76	75	Louisville	1	21 CHAPMAN, REX	11 JENKINS, CEDRIC	23,489 (H)

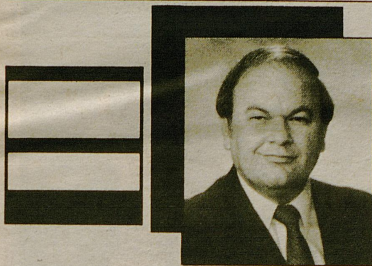
### REMAINING GAMES

Dec. 18	UKIT	(H)
Dec. 19	UKIT	(H)
Dec. 28	Alaska	(H)
Dec. 31	Vanderbilt	(H)
Jan. 02	Georgia	(A)
Jan. 06	Mississippi State	(H)
Jan. 09	Auburn	(H)
Jan. 13	Alabama	(A)
Jan. 16	Tennessee	(H)
Jan. 20	Florida	(H)
Jan. 23	LSU	(A)
Jan. 27	Vanderbilt	(A)
Jan. 31	Notre Dame	(H)
Feb. 03	Ole Miss	(H)
Feb. 06	Mississippi State	(A)
Feb. 10	Auburn	(A)
Feb. 13	Alabama	(H)
Feb. 17	Tennessee	(A)
Feb. 20	Florida	(A)
Feb. 24	LSU	(H)
Feb. 28	Syracuse	(H)
Mar. 02	Georgia	(H)
Mar. 05	Ole Miss	(A)



KENTUCKY WILDCATS





# OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

## If Ya Think 'Bout It. . .'Cats Could Be 2-2

Undefeated, yet so close to what could have been an unsettling 2-2 beginning in a season of much promise.

That phrase is for the losers of the world, those who prescribe "wait 'til next year" theories.

In fact, Kentucky is 4-0, ranked No. 1 in the country and is headed toward a 7-0 start out of the gates before it collides with SEC rival Vanderbilt to ring out the old year later this month.

Oh, there are some games ahead, but none of the next three opponents has the firepower to beat the Wildcats, even on the worst of nights.

Kentucky should successfully defend its UKIT title this weekend against the likes of Miami of Ohio, Middle Tennessee and North Carolina-Charlotte. Miami has no chance of upsetting the 'Cats. In the championship game, UK should be a big favorite. Either MTSU or UNCC could upset the 'Cats, perhaps on their homecourts, but not in Rupp Arena.

And when Alaska comes to town. Well, the Seawolves have about as much chance of beating the Big Blue as a snow has a chance of staying cold you know where.

I mean, if UK can survive all that Denny Crum's Cardinals threw at it Saturday and still win, then the Big Blue should be all right at Rupp this winter.

There were some so-called experts around these parts who predicted a big blowout last Saturday. Some reporters were even suggesting it could challenge last year's 34-point blowout at Freedom Hall.

Either they didn't know much about the game, it was wishful thinking or they were trying to help con Sutton and his Wildcats into thinking they didn't have to be prepared.

I tend to believe that reporters were hard-pressed for story angles of this event tagged the "Dream Game" several years ago.

Throughout the week's buildup, none of these reporters who suggested a blowout was in the offing took time to report what the *real* experts in Vegas were saying about the game.

Although the big dailies report odds on games these days, it wasn't until Saturday morning that reporters got around to mentioning that the official line had UK an eight- (not 80-, not 50-, not 35-, not even a 10-) point favorite.

My friends, that isn't a very high margin for a No. 1-ranked team playing an unranked team on the No. 1-ranked team's home floor.

It's safe to assume then Kentucky was about to be set up for the ambush.

The Wildcats themselves helped along the notion after scrambling ahead by as many as 16 points in the first half before Crum's Cardinals came roaring back.

Some people claim this Louisville team isn't very talented. C'mon sports fans, let's have a little honesty. What I'd like to know is if the Cards were looking past Notre Dame a week ago and really had their eyes on Kentucky?

Back to the Cards' talent. You gonna tell me Pervis Ellison, Herb Crook, Kenny Payne and Keith Williams can't play basketball? Why don't you ask to see their championship rings of two years ago? They didn't come out of Cracker Jacks.

And they're well-coached. Crum is one of the nation's best and he doesn't have to prove his credentials either.

Still, there were some out there to kept yacking about a blowout. If this series is played 20 years, you'll not have a blowout more than once every six or eight. And you'll never see the same team get blown out two years in a row. Traditional rivalries among powerhouses aren't played that way.

Fortunately for Kentucky, the Wildcats played to win down the stretch, not to keep from losing. Sure, there were three vital turnovers by veterans, but when the chips were on the line, the 'Cats found a way to win, and to stay undefeated.

When next December rolls around and the two clubs meet in Louisville, it'll be interesting to see if the media expects a Louisville rout since the Cards almost upset the 'Cats at Rupp Arena when UK was ranked No. 1.

I gotta hunch it'll be another close one.

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It'll be some top-notch high school basketball this Saturday at the annual Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic in Rupp Arena with action set to get underway at 9 a.m.

Highlighting the card will be Toledo (Ohio) Macomber-Whitney High and its junior sensation Jimmy Jackson, rated the nation's top junior by *All-Star Sports Publications*, Orlando Lightfoot's Chattanooga (Tenn.) High and UK signee Sean Woods and his Indianapolis (Ind.) Cathedral team.

In the first game, Lexington Catholic meets Lexington Bates Creek followed by Scott County and Chattanooga High. The third game has Lexington Lafayette taking on Cathedral. The final contest pits Macomber-Whitney against Lexington Bryan Station.

Plenty of excellent tickets are available at the Rupp Arena ticket office or Lafayette High school.

This classic has produced many great collegiate stars in the past, such as Kentucky's

Winston Bennett, Eric Manuel and Richard Madison; Duke's Danny Ferry; Georgetown's Reggie Williams and Georgia Tech's Duane Ferrell.

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Making his final official appearance in Lexington as commissioner of the Southeastern Conference, Col. Harvey Schiller attended the Kentucky-Louisville game Saturday and said he expects nothing but big-time progress for college basketball.

Schiller flew to Lexington for the game with associate commissioner Jack Guthrie. "I wanted to see Kentucky play at least one game before I leave office," he told *TCP*, "and I would have preferred a conference game because we have such a great conference, but I don't think I could pick a better one this game if it couldn't be a conference game."

Schiller said he leaves the SEC with sadness and fondness. He said the opportunity to join the USOC (United States Olympic Committee) was too great an opportunity to pass up.

His big achievement with the SEC has been the new promoting and marketing approach he launched upon his arrival of just over a year ago.

Schiller says he believes the U.S. will regain its basketball supremacy in international basketball at the next Olympics.

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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . People want different things for different reasons for Christmas, but few would have the wish of sophomore **Derrick Miller**—a championship ring and that everyone would quit asking him when he is going to leave the University of Kentucky. Said Miller after the Louisville game with a wink: "I'm not going anywhere." . . . One of the first persons in the UK locker

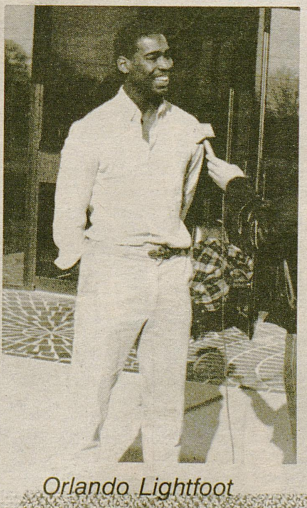
room after Kentucky's 76-75 win over Louisville Saturday was retired UK president **Dr. Otis Singletary**, who congratulated the Wildcats on their fifth victory in six tries since that historic decision to reinstate the series back in the spring of 1983. Dr. Singletary said he had no idea the series would turn into the one-sided affair it has, but jokingly added that he'd be happy to take credit if anyone wanted to pass it along to him . . . Two other familiar faces in the crowd were former Kentucky governor **Happy Chandler** and **Gov. Wallace Wilkinson**, who was just inaugurated last week. Neither denied their strong loyalty to the University of Kentucky . . . Don't be surprised if **WHAS Radio** rejoins the Kentucky football and basketball radio networks next season. There have been several moves and meetings about their return and it now appears a deal is nearing. But don't expect any leaks of the details until a pact is signed, sealed and delivered.

What this means as far as UK's other 50,000-watt, clear channel station—**WLW in Cincinnati**—is unknown. And what it means to the current Louisville outlet—**WAVG Radio**—isn't known other than the fact that WAVG Radio will have UK sports again next year, at least on a simulcast basis . . . One of the big hangups in recent years has been WHAS' use of UK's self-proclaimed critic, **Jock Sutherland**. There are some around UK who seem to think that WHAS will never retain sole rights to UK games as long as Sutherland is permitted to have an open throat against UK. Of course, WHAS' ultimate goal is to have the 'Cats exclusively. That controversy was stirred again last week when both the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the *Lexington Herald-Leader* each published features on Sutherland and his dislike for UK fans . . . For those rabid UK fans who didn't get the opportunity to purchase a Big Four Classic game program, which was produced by Host Communications, you can still obtain one by mailing \$6 (which includes postage and handling) to:

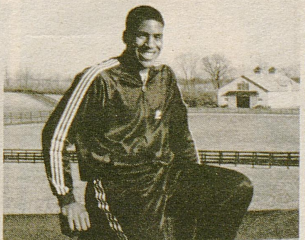
Big Four Program  
P.O. Box 1988-A  
Lexington, Ky. 40593-1988

If you're a collector, you won't want to miss this one. It ranks right up there with the Final Four programs which are also produced by Host Communications. . . Speaking of programs, Host Communications has just made the Lexington Civic Center (which operates Rupp Arena Arena) \$325,000 richer. That's the right fee the Center will receive from Host over the next five years to produce and sell game programs for UK basketball games. Host paid \$43,000 for rights to the programs this season. Next season, Host proposed to pay over \$60,000 with the fee going as high as \$70,000 in the last year of the five-year deal. Unfortunately, none of those dollars go to the University of Kentucky. As part of UK's agreement with the Center for use of Rupp Arena, all profits and rights of game programs go to the Lexington Center . . . We'd like to invite you to catch a one-hour television special this Saturday on **WLEX-TV, Channel 18** in Lexington at 7 p.m., just before the championship of the UKIT. Earl

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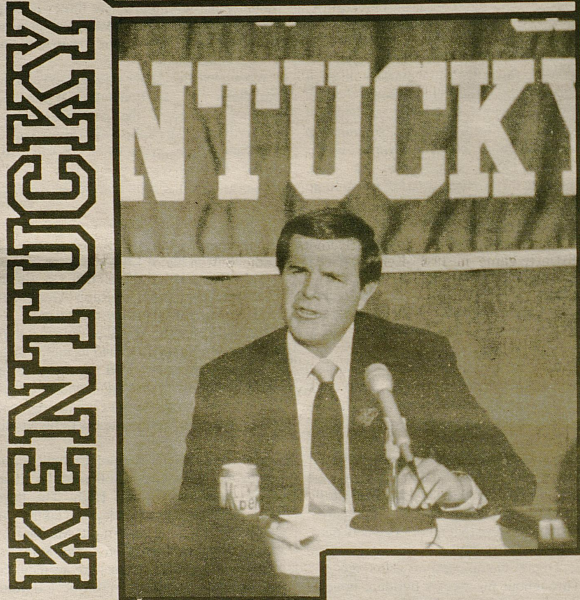
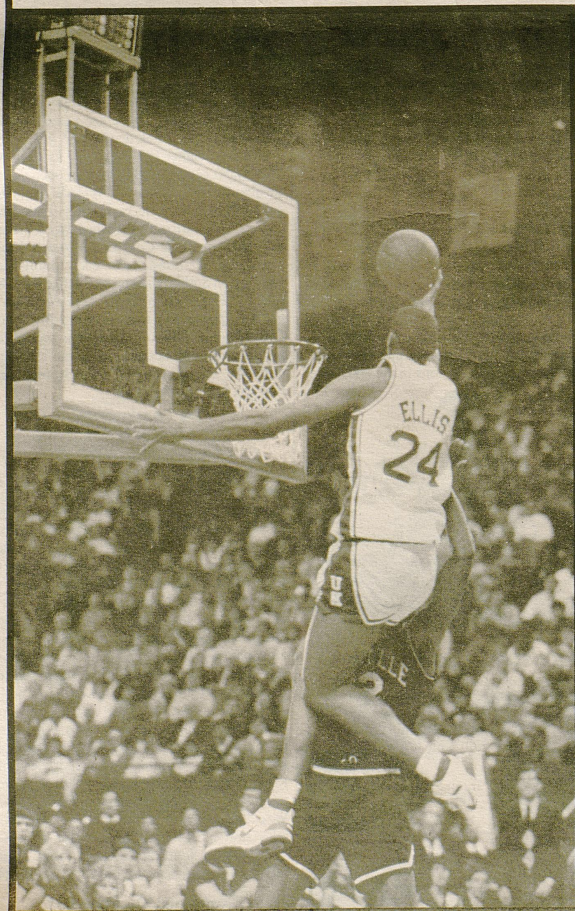
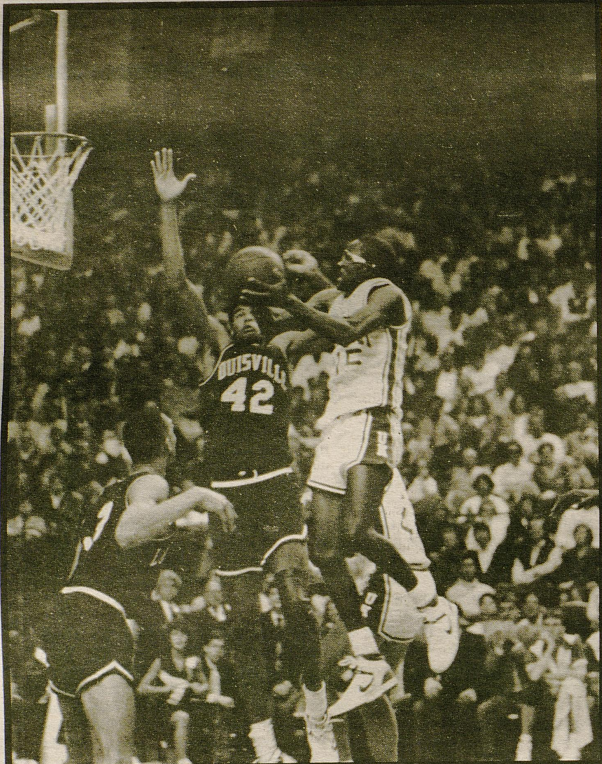
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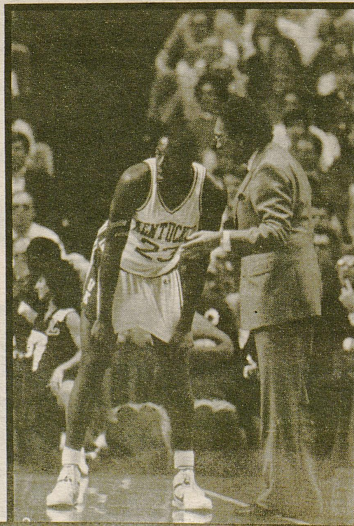
Jackson (Above), Woods







KENTUCKY



UK 76, U of L 75

Top Left: Davender Finds Some Way To Sneak In Amongst The Big Boys.

Bottom Left: Ellis' Basket Disallowed Due To Charge.

Top Right: 'Cats Celebrate Good Times.

Middle Right: Denny Says He's Proud Of His Club's Comeback.

Bottom Right: Manuel Listens To Instructions From UK Boss Eddie Sutton.

Photos By Gary Cromwell



# Time To Gaze At Past, Present, Future

More 'Big Brother,' 'Little Brother'

Louisville vs. Kentucky and things. Denny Crum said before last Saturday's game that he believes the UK-UofL series has been "good for college basketball. I felt before it started (in 1983) that it would help



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

relieve some of the tensions and bad feelings between fans of the schools and I think it has," he said. "Oh, there are some who still have hard feelings, but this series hasn't hurt anybody."

Eddie Sutton agreed. "It's a healthy rivalry here in the state, and I hope it stays that way. I think it's an important game for the fans, one that should be played in December. Then we go and try to win our conference and they go and try to win theirs."

The key word here, I believe, is *fans*. College basketball fans in Kentucky wanted a UK-U of L series for the right reasons. It is one more sports happening to get very excited about.

And, from conversations I heard last week, the series is indeed healthy—a good rivalry with virtually no negative factors of any real significance.

When Kentucky and Louisville fans stand back a little and view the series with a little less passion and a bit more perspective, they will see that the annual contest is an excellent two-hour television commercial for the state.

### Big brother/Little brother

About his "Big brother-Little Brother" remark before the UK-UofL game in 1986, Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton said before last Saturday's game that, "in no way did I mean it (the Little Brother remark) to be derogatory to the University of Louisville. I just meant that Kentucky has been at it longer and has won more games than UofL. But UofL is an outstanding basketball program.

"I didn't mean to put coach Crum down in any way," he added. "If it was taken that way then I would apologize."

Crum's reaction? "The comment didn't help anything, but we all say things that we don't mean. I wasn't upset by it before and I'm not now. It's like my dad told me once 'don't major in minors.' In other words don't worry about the things you can't control."

The game? Sutton predicted it would be a "great game, very close. I don't know what the wizards in Vegas are picking, but I think it's going to be a close game."

Now you know the rest of that story

### Statistically speaking

Sutton analyzed very well last week why his team was No. 1 in the country.

"I look at the points we're scoring — 75 to 80 a game — and if our defense is good and sound — we're holding our opponents to say, 60 to 67 points, then we're going to have a great chance to win a game.

Kentucky is averaging 13 turnovers per game. "That's very good for this time of year," Sutton said. "Defense. I've been very pleased with it."

UK has committed 40 turnovers in three games while forcing its opponents into 67. Steals: The Wildcats have 36, their foes 20.

### On being No. 1

When the Associated Press college basketball rankings came out last week the Kentucky Wildcats were no longer just No. 1 in the hearts of UK fans. The nation's sports writers thought so too.

What does it mean, being No. 1 in the polls?

The pluses outweigh the minuses, it seems to me.

■ **Prestige.** Polls may be for fans, but coaches and players are not being honest if they say "being rated No. 1 doesn't mean anything to us." Being recognized as the best, no matter what time of the season, is the goal for every competitive athlete. And certainly no college team in America ought to be able to handle the pressure that goes with it better than Kentucky.

■ **Exposure.** Being No. 1 means more attention from television and national media as well as day to day coverage at the regional and local levels. Everytime the letters "UK" appear in print or on a TV screen school officials relish it as much or more than fans do.

■ **Recruiting.** "Selling the program" is made immensely easier when a recruiter can walk into the living room of a high school prospect and tell his mom and dad that Kentucky is or has been No. 1 in the polls this season.

■ **NCAA seedings.** It is only December, but staying close to

the top through the season, then solidifying a spot in the top four at the end, translates into being one of the top regional seeds, playing closer to home when the NCAA selection committee seeds its 64-team tournament field.

On the downside, coaches are accustomed to saying "being No. 1 this time of year just means everybody shoots at you that much harder." But Eddie Sutton said only last week, "everybody shoots at Kentucky's great tradition anyway."

Are there any downside items I missed? Next, does Kentucky deserve to be rated No. 1?

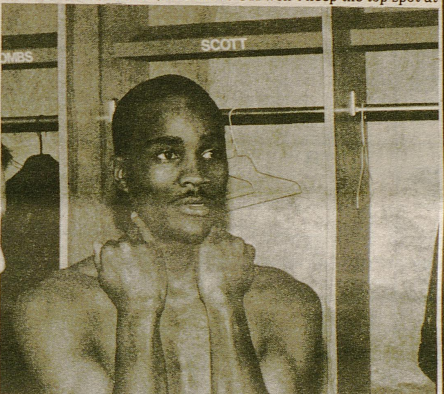
Absolutely. For example, in Indiana, UK won a game one veteran Hoosier reporter said, "IU always expects to win. When they play here or in Bloomington, somehow, some way, by Divine Providence, it's supposed to happen. It's a given."

And, the ways UK beat the Hoosiers were impressive. Leather hide defense is what I call the formula. While the Wildcats' offense was barely adequate, 43.9 percent shooting Saturday, their defense was superb. Indiana had 11 more shots, 68 to 57, but made only 42.6.

"Kentucky is an aggressive man-to-man (defensive) team against whom you have to work hard to get good shots," IU coach Bob Knight said, adding, "I thought our guard play cost us the game. We just got badly whipped at the guard positions."

### How long of No. 1?

With the "Christmas Turkey" UKIT just ahead, there isn't much reason (Alaska?) to believe UK won't keep the top spot at



Mr. Hardnose, Ed Davender

least until New Year's Eve when Vanderbilt travels to Rupp Arena.

But the first real threat, it says here, will be Jan. 2 when UK plays Georgia in Atlanta.

### Ed Davender

UK's Mr. Hardnose is starting to receive the accolades he deserves.

Knight: "He's one of the best in the country at both ends of the floor. I told our team that before the game. Chapman we were able to contain. In fact, he was more a negative factor for them. But Davender, in one stretch kind of took over the game."

Sutton: "I think he's an All-American, one of the top four or five in college basketball today," Sutton said. "Ask (Dick) Vitale or any sports writer who's better than Ed?"

So, why hasn't UK's senior gotten more national acclaim? "He's lived in the shadow of (Kenny) Walker and (Winston) Bennett, and then (Rex) Chapman came in like a whirlwind," Sutton said. "But you can't imagine what he does for our team at both ends of the floor."

"He's got to be the most underrated guard in college basketball," the coach added.

### Dwane Casey on Derrick Miller

During a brief conversation at the Hoosier Dome before the UK-IU game, UK assistant coach Dwane Casey chided the media for "making a big thing" out of Derrick Miller not playing in the Cincinnati game.

"Here we had just beaten Cincinnati and the big headlines next day were all about how Derrick didn't play," Casey said.

### Louisville Cardinals

It is fair to say that the consensus opinion Saturday was that coach Denny Crum's team was awful in virtually every phase of the game. However...

■ If Tony Kimbro comes back next week in the right frame of mind, takes up his role with enthusiasm, makes himself effective from the perimeter and blends in...

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## COACHES' CORNER

Following are coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after UK's 76-75 victory over Louisville last Saturday at Rupp Arena:

**Question: During the week leading up to the game you said it would be a close contest. Did you really expect it to be a one-point game?**

Sutton: I thought it would be a tough game because Louisville is a good basketball team. I've had them in my elite group since we started practicing on the 15th of October. They've got excellent athletes and they are well coached. I knew if we did not play as well as we're capable of playing then it would be extremely close. That's what happened. We played very well in the first half and went into intermission with a sizeable lead. We had the ball to begin the second stanza and yet we went out and did not use good shot selection. The first two possessions: Rex (Chapman) took a shot off the second or third pass; the next time down Winston (Bennett) took a shot...

...that's what I keep preaching—one must be patient, especially when you have a sizeable lead like we did. You can't take anything away from Louisville; they seized that opportunity and made a good run during the beginning of the second half. They had an extremely hot hand; they hit some great shots. Our defense at times was good, but they just hit some outstanding shots. Finally, we did become patient, offensively... we did do a good job of running our offense. They were running a triangle-and-two, a gimmick defense. We put Derrick (Miller) in there; we put Eric (Manuel) in there. They (UK guards) got good shots but they just didn't complete it. Then they (U of L) made a run and finally tied the ballgame up. Then we spurted out. I thought we had the ballgame won again, and should have. I don't think it was as much as their press because we really had attacked their press well throughout the game, but we made three silly turnovers. I want to credit their press because they really played hard, but we made some mistakes there. With three minutes to go we have a five-point lead and the basketball. And what we teach them, that shouldn't happen...

...But our team did display a lot of character. We always believe we're going to win; something good is going to happen. It just so happens that Cedric (Jenkins) made a great play this afternoon. But he also played very well, even if he didn't score (but two) he had 11 rebounds. That's very, very important. It was a good college game as far as intensity level. Both teams played hard. The one thing we've got to do if we hope to have a great ballclub is to eliminate some of our mistakes at the offensive end of the court.

**Question: Winston still seems to be having problems staying out of foul trouble. What can be done to correct this?**

Sutton: Well, he's going to foul because he is so aggressive. He's picking up a couple of fouls each game just on nickle-and-dime fouls—gets himself out of position or he reaches in and grabs or sticks a knee out when a guy starts to drive. Those are careless fouls that you've got to eliminate. He's just going to have to work on that—look at film, listen to coaches, and be aware of it.

**Question: When Louisville picked up the technical in the first half for having six players on the court it seemed to change the pace of the game in UK's favor. Do you agree?**

Sutton: That was an unfortunate thing on their part. I don't know how much it changed the game but it was a big play. Those things happen. It's never happened to me, but I always fear that it could happen. We try to be very careful and I'm sure they do, also. Sometimes young people in the heat of battle forget to tell who they are going in for, or there is a timeout like there was then and (the player says) "I've been in the game and I go back out." All of a sudden you have six players out there. I've seen it happen, but not that often.

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# 1987-88 College Basketball TV Calendar

## DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13	14	15	16 Ohio St.-Florida, TBA (ESPN) DePaul-Weber St., 9:30 (WGN)	17 Austin Peay-Wichita St., 7:30 (ESPN) Bradley-Memphis St., 9:30 (ESPN)	18 Miami (O.)-Kentucky, 9:00 (UK) DePaul-Washington, 11:00 (ESPN)	19 UK in UKIT, 6:30 or 9:00 (UK) No. Carolina-Illinois, 3:45 (CBS) Valparaiso-Notre Dame, 1:00 (WGN) Kansas-N.C. St., 4:00 (ABC) South Carolina-Temple, 8:00 (ESPN)
20	21 UCLA-California, 11:00 (ESPN)	22 Illinois-Missouri, 9:00 (USA)	23 UT-San Antonio-DePaul, 8:30 (WGN) Alabama-Arkansas, 9:00 (USA)	24	25	26 Pitt-Jacksonville, 9:00 (ESPN)
27	28 Alaska-Kentucky, 8:00 (UK) Clemson-Michigan, 9:00 (USA) Wis.-UNLV, 12:30 a.m. (Tue.) (ESPN)	29 Auburn-Villanova, 9:00 (USA) LSU-UNLV, midnight (ESPN)	30 N. Dame-St. Bonaventure, 8:00 (WGN)	31 Vanderbilt-Kentucky, 8:00 (ESPN)		

## JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Florida-Pitt., 2:30 (CBS) UCLA-Louisville, 2:00 (NBC) Kentucky-Georgia, 7:00 (ESPN) Georgetown-Miami (Fla.), 8:00 (USA) Notre Dame-LaSalle, 9:00 (ESPN) Arizona-New Mexico, 11:30 (ESPN)
3	4 Notre Dame-Lafayette, 8:00 (WGN) Villanova-St. John's, 7:30 (ESPN) Purdue-Illinois, 9:30 (ESPN) Kansas-Washington, 11:30 (ESPN)	5	6 Pitt-Georgetown, 7:00 (ESPN) Bradley-UNC, 9:00 (ESPN) Miss. St.-Kentucky, 11:30* (UK) Florida-Auburn, 8:00 (SEC)	7 Va. Tech-S. Carolina, 7:00 (ESPN) Georgia-Alabama, 9:00 (ESPN) California-Arizona, 9:00 (USA)	8	9 Auburn-Kentucky, 8:00 (ESPN)
10	11 Syracuse-Villanova, 7:30 (ESPN) Indiana-Northwestern, 9:30 (ESPN) Oklahoma-LSU, 9:00 (USA)	12	13 Yale-Notre Dame, 7:30 (WGN) Georgetown-Providence, 8:00 (ESPN) Kentucky-Alabama, 10:00 (ESPN) Vanderbilt-Ole Miss, 8:00 (SEC)	14 LaSalle-Temple, 7:00 (ESPN) Dayton-DePaul, 8:30 (WGN) No. Carolina-Maryland, 9:00 (ESPN)	15	16 DePaul-Notre Dame, noon (ESPN) UCLA-Louisville, 2:00 (NBC) N.C. St.-Georgia Tech, 4:00 (ESPN) Maryland-Duke, 7:00 (ESPN) Virginia-No. Carolina, 9:00 (ESPN) Tennessee-Kentucky, 11:30* (UK)
17	18 Rhode Island-George Washington, 1:30 (ESPN) Boston Coll.-Syracuse, 7:30 (ESPN) Michigan-Ohio St., 9:30 (ESPN)	19 SMU-Houston, 9:00 (USA)	20 Florida-Kentucky, 8:00 (SEC) St. John's-Georgetown, 8:00 (ESPN) Alabama-LSU, 10:00 (ESPN)	21 Loyola-DePaul, 8:30 (WGN) Duke-No. Carolina, 8:00 (ESPN) UCLA-Arizona St., 9:00 (USA) Memphis St.-So. Miss., 10:00 (ESPN)	22 Austin Peay-Tennessee Tech, midnight (ESPN)	23 Kentucky-LSU, 2:00 (CBS) Kansas-Notre Dame, 2:00 (NBC) Purdue-Louisville, 4:00 (SEC) Marquette-Dayton, 8:00 (ESPN) DePaul-Old Dominion, 9:00 (WGN) Ole Miss-Alabama, 4:00 (SEC)
24 Georgetown-Syracuse, noon (CBS) No. Carolina-N.C. St., 1:00 (NBC) Michigan-Indiana, 2:00 (ABC) Temple-UNLV, 4:00 (ABC)	25 Providence-Pitt., 7:30 (ESPN) Iowa-Wisconsin, 9:30 (ESPN)	26 Louisville-Dayton, 8:00 (USA)	27 St. John's-Villanova, 7:00 (ESPN) Marquette-DePaul, 8:30 (WGN) Syracuse-Seton Hall, 9:00 (ESPN) LSU-Florida, 8:00 (SEC)	28 Louisville-So. Miss., 7:00 (ESPN) No. Carolina-Wake Forest, 9:00 (ESPN) West Virginia-Bradley, 9:00 (ESPN) Wyoming-San Diego St., 11:30 (ESPN)	29	30 Wake Forest-Virginia, noon (ESPN) Florida-Vanderbilt, 4:00 (SEC) Pitt-Boston College, 7:00 (ESPN) Louisville-Memphis St., 9:00 (ESPN)
31 DePaul-N.C. St., noon (NBC) Kentucky-Notre Dame, 1:30 (ABC) Michigan-Syracuse, 2:30 (CBS)						

## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Georgetown-Villanova, 7:30 (ESPN) Ohio St.-Michigan St., 9:30 (ESPN)	2 Maryland-Notre Dame, 7:30 (WGN) Tulsa-Brigham Young, 9:00 (USA)	3 DePaul-Indiana St., 7:30 (WGN) Georgia Tech-Duke, 7:00 (ESPN) Pitt-St. John's, 9:00 (ESPN) Ole Miss-Kentucky, 11:30* (UK) LSU-Florida, 8:00 (SEC)	4 Oklahoma St.-Nebraska, 7:00 (ESPN) No. Carolina-Clemson, 9:00 (ESPN) West Virginia-Bradley, 9:00 (USA) Utah-Brigham Young, 11:00 (ESPN)	5 Middle Tennessee-Tennessee St., midnight (ESPN)	6 Houston-Louisville, 2:00 (CBS) N.C. St.-Duke, 2:00 (ESPN) Kentucky-Miss. St., 4:00 (SEC) Auburn-Florida, 7:00 (ESPN) Brigham Young-UAB, 9:00 (ESPN)
7 Purdue-Michigan, 2:00 (ABC) Notre Dame-Duke, 3:30 (NBC)	8 Connecticut-Providence, 7:30 (ESPN) Wisconsin-Minnesota, 9:30 (ESPN)	9	10 Syracuse-Pitt., 8:00 (ESPN) Bradley-DePaul, 8:30 (WGN) Villanova-Temple, 9:00 (USA) Tennessee-Vanderbilt, 10:00 (ESPN)	11 UNC-UAB, 7:00 (ESPN) N.C. St.-No. Carolina, 9:00 (ESPN) UCLA-USC, 11:00 (ESPN)	12 Eastern-Middle Tennessee, midnight (ESPN)	13 Alabama-Kentucky, 1:00 (SEC) Syracuse-Georgetown, 2:00 (CBS) Louisville-N.C. St., 3:00 (NBC) Georgia-Auburn, TBA (SEC) Tennessee-LSU, 7:00 (ESPN) Duke-Maryland, 9:00 (ESPN)
14 UCLA-Notre Dame, 1:00 (NBC) No. Carolina-Virginia, 4:00 (ESPN)	15 Villanova-Georgetown, 7:30 (ESPN) Florida-Miami (Fla.), 8:00 (USA) Purdue-Iowa, 9:30 (ESPN)	16	17 Kentucky-Tennessee, 8:00 (SEC) St. John's-Syracuse, 8:00 (ESPN) Villanova-Temple, 9:00 (USA) Missouri-Iowa St., 10:00 (ESPN)	18 Kansas-Kansas St., 7:00 (ESPN) Dayton-Notre Dame, TBA (USA/WGN) N.C. St.-Clemson, 9:00 (ESPN)	19	20 Maryland-No. Carolina, 2:00 (ESPN) Kentucky-Florida, 2:30 (NBC) Duke-Kansas, 4:00 (SEC) LSU-Alabama, 1:00 (SEC) Miss. St.-Ole Miss, 7:00 (ESPN) Georgia Tech-N.C. St., 9:00 (ESPN)
21 Temple-No. Carolina, 1:00 (CBS) Indiana-Purdue, 1:30 (CBS)	22 Creighton-Notre Dame, 7:30 (WGN) Pitt-Seton Hall, 7:30 (ESPN) Michigan St.-Michigan, 9:30 (ESPN)	23 Temple-West Virginia, 9:00 (USA)	24 Kansas-Oklahoma, 7:00 (ESPN) LSU-Kentucky, 8:00 (SEC) Villanova-Temple, 9:00 (USA) Georgetown-St. John's, 9:00 (ESPN)	25 Syracuse-Providence, 7:00 (ESPN) Virginia-Georgia Tech, 9:00 (ESPN) Tulsa-Bradley, 9:00 (USA) Oregon-Stanford, 11:30 (ESPN)	26 UTEP-New Mexico, midnight (ESPN)	27 N.C. St.-Virginia, 4:00 (ESPN) Auburn-Alabama, 4:00 (SEC) Vanderbilt-Notre Dame, 7:00 (ESPN) Jacksonville-Western, 9:00 (ESPN) Middle Tennessee-Austin Peay, midnight (ESPN)
28 Syracuse-Kentucky, 2:30 (CBS) Duke-Georgia Tech, 1:00 (NBC)	29 Providence-Georgetown, 7:30 (ESPN) Illinois-Indiana, 9:30 (ESPN)					



MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> DePaul-Dayton, 9:00 USA	<b>2</b> Seton Hall-Pitt, 7:00 (ESPN) <b>Georgia-Kentucky, 8:00 (SEC)</b> No. Carolina-Ga. Tech, 9:00 (ESPN)	<b>3</b> Oklahoma-Missouri, 7:00 (ESPN) Maryland-N.C. St., 9:00 (ESPN) Arkansas-Houston, 9:00 (USA)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Marquette-Notre Dame, 2:00 (WGN) Louisville-DePaul, 2:30 (NBC) Tennessee-Georgia, 4:00 (SEC) MVC Tourney 1st Rd, TBA (ESPN)
<b>6</b> Pitt-Syracuse, noon (CBS) No. Carolina-Duke, 1:00 (NBC) LSU-Florida or Iowa-Illinois Southern Conf. Final, 7:30 (ESPN) Am. So. Conf. Final, 9:30 (ESPN)	<b>7</b> Hardin-Simmons-Notre Dame, Sun Belt Final, 7:30 (ESPN) Metro Atlantic Final, TBA (ESPN) WCAC Final, 11:30 (ESPN)	<b>8</b> ECC Tourney Final, 7:30 (ESPN) MVC Final, 9:30 (ESPN)	<b>9</b> Purdue-Ohio St. or Michigan-Illinois 9:00 (ESPN) Miami (Fla.)-Dayton, 9:00 (USA) Atlantic 10 Final, 7:00 (ESPN)	<b>10</b> SEC Tourney 1st Rd, 8:00 (SEC) ECAC Metro Final, 7:30 (ESPN) Pac-10 1st Rd., midnight (ESPN)	<b>11</b> SEC Tourney 2nd Rd, 1:00, 3:00, 8:00, 10:00 (SEC) ACC 1st Rd, noon, 7:00, 9:00 (ESPN) Pac-10 Quarterfinals, 1:00, 4:00, midnight (ESPN)	<b>12</b> ECAC No. Final, 11:30 a.m. (ESPN) SEC Semis, 1:30 & 4:00 (SEC) ACC Semis, 1:30 & 3:30 (ESPN) WAC Final, 10:00 (ESPN)
<b>13</b> ACC Final, 1:00 (NBC) SEC Final, 2:00 (ABC) Metro or SWC Final, 4:00 (ESPN) Pac-10 or Big 8 Final, 4:00 (ABC)	NOTE: All times are Eastern and p.m. unless otherwise noted. *delayed broadcast; TBA-To Be Announced. UK games listed in bold type.					

# Meet The Press

## Sutton Says Lock Has Improved More Than Any Other Player He's Coached; Likes Davender-Chapman Duo As College Basketball's Best Backcourt

By Nick Nicholas

By defeating Indiana, coupled with Vanderbilt's upset of No. 1 North Carolina, Eddie Sutton's ballclub was left in sole possession of the No. 1 spot, college basketball's version of King Of The Mountain. For at least a week anyway.



Prior to the No. 1-ranked Wildcats' showdown with Denny Crum's Louisville Cardinals, Sutton talked about his upcoming opponent, possibly the best backcourt in the nation, an improved center and other topics of interest. As you may be wondering, yes, here are some leftover tidbits from Sutton's Dec. 8 press conference which will fill your hunger for the roundball sport.

**Vandy's At It Again:** C. M. Newton's Vanderbilt Commodores may not be giant killers in the SEC, but for the second time since last season the boys down in Nashville have knocked off the nation's No. 1 squad. Just last week, North Carolina put its No. 1 ranking on the line when it met the 'Dores in Nashville's Memorial Gym. Vandy turned in perhaps the biggest upset of this brief campaign with a 78-76 conquest over Dean Smith's team.

To refresh your memory, it was last season when the Commodores shocked No. 1 and eventual national champion Indiana in Music City.

"As I mentioned at the Southeastern Conference Media Days in Atlanta, I believe it (SEC) from top-to-bottom is the best conference in college basketball," said Sutton. "It is this year. I thought last year, that perhaps it was the best. The only other leagues that can challenge the SEC would be the Big Ten, the Big East and the ACC.

"Last year Vanderbilt certainly represented the SEC well and probably had the most prestigious wins in the league—outside of conference play."

Besides beating Indiana, other noteworthy non-SEC opponents which fell victim to Vandy last season were: Notre Dame, Kansas State, New Mexico and Missouri, along with NIT wins over Florida State and Jacksonville.

"Anytime we beat an Indiana or Vanderbilt beats a North Carolina, it does nothing but bring prestige to our league," Sutton went on to add. "That's why I always root for everybody in our league when they're playing anyone other than someone within our conference.

"I called C.M. to congratulate him. He told me before the season began that he felt like he was going to have a very good ballclub. (Will) Perdue is the best center in the league. They've probably got the best perimeter shooters in the conference. So, we know Vanderbilt is one of the 30 elite teams in college basketball.

"I believe there are five or six teams in our league that are in that group of 30."

**'Locked' Into The Center Spot:** Prior to the season, many people around the Kentucky program felt freshman LeRon Ellis would take over the center spot from senior Rob Lock. After three games, however, Lock has nailed down the starting post position.

With his first three performances, Lock, the free-spirited Californian who resembles Opie Taylor from the neck up, has turned nonbelievers into believers. Well-known basketball analyst Dick Vitale said that he

didn't even know Lock was out on the floor last season, whereas this year he's become one of the most improved players in the land.

In the first three games UK's starting center averaged 16.7 points per game and a team-leading 9.7 rebounds. The biggest eyebrow-raiser so far in Lock's statistics is his improvement from the line—16 of 17 for 94.1 percent. He was 35 of 71 for a 49.3 percent from the charity stripe as a junior.

His praiseworthy performances have been a pleasant surprise to one Eddie Sutton.

"I started not to say that Perdue's the best center in the league because I'm not sure that, right now, Rob wouldn't be challenging Perdue. I haven't seen Perdue play but I do believe Rob Lock is playing like an all-conference center.

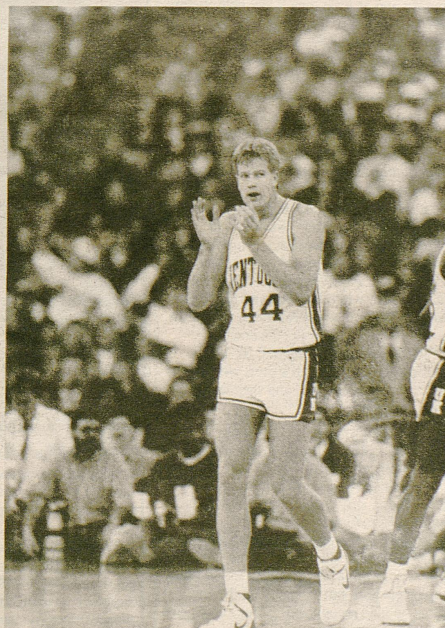
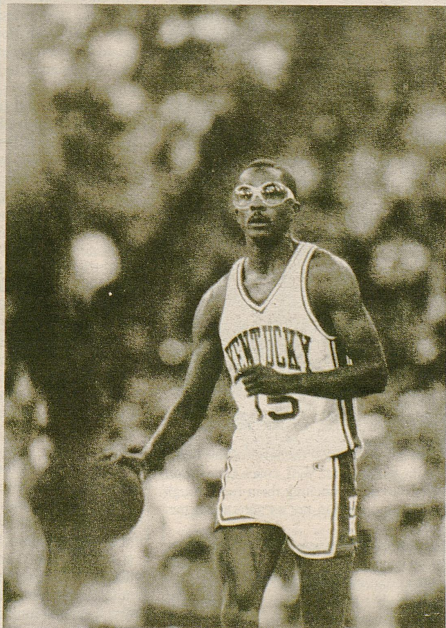
"We all knew from last year that at times he was an excellent defensive center. He's become much more consistent."

Having a strong performance against Hawaii or Cincinnati is one thing, but against Pan American performer Dean Garrett and the Indiana Hoosiers is a different story.

Said Sutton: "When you look at the game the other day, here's Garrett who will be a first-round draft choice in all likelihood. . . I felt Rob Lock outplayed him in that ballgame. Garrett took 24 shots and ended with 20 points, Rob took eight shots and got 14. He (Lock) had one less rebound (11 to 10) and battled defensively as well as Garrett did. "So, Rob Lock has improved as much in one year to the next as any player I've ever had. I've made the comment that Ed Davender is the heart of the ballclub, maybe Rob is the guts of the ballclub."

**A Backcourt Second To None?**  
UK dynamic duo Ed Davender and Rex

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Sutton: If Davender (Left) Is The Heart, Maybe Lock's The Guts



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Chapman already are off to fantastic starts. Offensively, Chapman is the 'Cats' leading scorer (18.3 ppg), including six of 11 from three-point range. Davender's on Rex's heels (16.7 ppg) and has 13 assists to his credit.

Defensively, the Brooklyn senior continues to curtail offensive bombers into innocent pistols. Roger McClendon, the Metro Conference's leading scorer last season, only could muster seven points past Davender's way. And Indiana's Keith Smart fared worse, scoring just five points.

You could say Davender "out-smarted" last year's NCAA hero.

"Ed Davender is the most underrated guard in college basketball," said Sutton. "If he continues to play like he's playing he certainly would be a strong candidate for (All-America status). I think he's an All-America player. When you stop and realize what Ed Davender does defensively, what he did to Smart the other day, what he's done to other guards, you just can't measure the importance and the value of Ed Davender to our basketball team. Along with that he's a great offensive player."

As for Chapman's defense, the Owensboro sophomore is showing that he can apply the skills needed in Sutton's man-to-man philosophy. Chapman and Winston Bennett are second only to Davender on the team in the theft category, each with nine.

"I wouldn't trade them (Chapman and Davender) for any combination in college basketball," Sutton proudly voiced. "If you're asking me then I would say yes, they are the best backcourt combination that we'll see in the college game."

Later, Sutton would add: "Chapman and Davender create problems for you (opposing coach), once you start assigning people to them. They are very good, as we all know."

**Sign Here, Uncle Eddie Wants YOU:** Time and time again Sutton thanks former Wildcat coaches Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall for the strong tradition of UK basketball. It's that tradition which is the main attraction to blue-chippers, not only in the Bluegrass but from the East Coast to the West Coast as well.

"It's certainly a different situation than I had at Arkansas," he said. "Here you can pick up the telephone and call anyone in the country and at least they'll say hello before they say goodbye. That was not always the case at Arkansas."

Sutton summed it up by saying: "I don't think we're unique. I think there are some other programs that are a close second to us."

**One For The Fans:** As Louisville and Kentucky were gearing up for their seventh meeting on the hardwood within a five-season span, Sutton concurred that the in-state clash is mostly for the fans.

"It should be a series where you go out and play... a one-time shot," said Sutton. "It is an important game because it's important for the fans. Once you got into conference play it would be a neat thing if we rooted for Louisville to win the Metro and they rooted for us. I know that's never going to happen, as far as 100 percent is concerned."

"It's a game that should be played in December. Then after it's over, we go back and try to win the SEC and they try to win their conference."

**More On Davender:** Coach, why isn't Ed Davender's play, in regard to the media, not appreciated any more than it has?

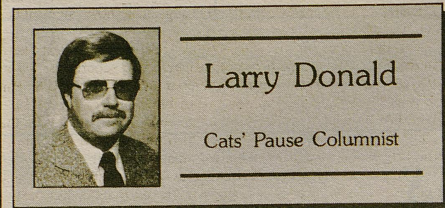
"I don't know. I do everything possible I can," Sutton answered. "I think Brad (Davis, sports information director) and his staff do. He's lived in the shadow of Kenny Walker, Winston Bennett. Rex came on the scene like a tornado. I think you all (local media) fully appreciate him, but probably on the national scene he isn't recognized... but I can't give you an answer (why)."

"I truly believe that he is one of the top five or six guards in college basketball."

## Hold On! Basketball Season In Full Throttle

Rex Chapman—He's Out Of This World

Obviously, **Bobby Knight** is the coach at Indiana who gets all the media attention, but there's another great story on the Hoosier bench this year, former Clemson coach **Tates Locke**. He'd been out of the game for several years after being fired at Jacksonville.



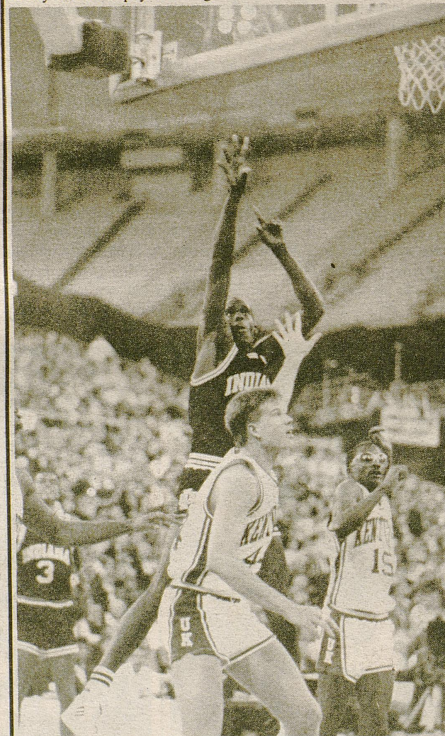
Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

For a time he worked for Mizuno, but then disappeared from the sporting community entirely. But an urge to coach remained. When Knight, who broke in as an assistant to Locke at Army, called and asked his old friend to come for a visit and discuss the job the opportunity opened. Locke agreed to come and talk about the position for a couple of days. He never left Bloomington. And, for one, I'm glad to see him back in the coaching business.

There are only two words I can give you in asking some restraint over the excitement created by all the schoolboy signings this fall—**Scottie Pippin**.

My vote for "December's Team" goes to **Arizona**. The Wildcats seem to have the whole package, quickness, tremendous shooting ability and more physical toughness than their size would be able



Garrett—Now You See Him, Now You Don't

to indicate. But will they be able to sustain the level of their play through the season and into the tournament? Well, coach **Lute Olson** says the team can get better, but after watching them run through the Great Alaska Shootout with ease, I'm not so sure about that prediction.

The first coaching casualty of the season was Detroit's **Don Sicko**, who was in his sixth year. A quality coach, Sicko just never could put the package together for a program which has fallen badly since the glory days of **Dick Vitale**. His departure not only gives UD administrators a chance to search for a new coach, but also an opportunity to think about where they really want this to be in the scheme of college athletics... I look at schools like **Detroit, Du-**

**quesne** and even my old school, **Bowling Green**, and wonder where they fell out of basketball's fast lane. Look back in the late 1940s, the 1950s and even into the 1960s. These programs were nationally prominent, but now, as college basketball has become such an attraction, they are nowhere to be seen. Like the dinosaurs I guess these schools just couldn't adjust.

Well, the NCAA is at it again. Recently I noted a story which indicated the governing body of college athletics was investigating the basketball program at **LSU**. This story also mentioned the fact that LSU had recently come off probation for past sins. In other words, the convict got sprung and went right back to his life of crime. As it turns out, however, the investigation centers around the fact that during a visit to LSU two prospective basketball players were photographed by *Tiger Rag*, a weekly magazine which covers athletics at the school. Had a basketball coach or any LSU official arranged the photo session or had *Tiger Rag* been a university owned publication these would have been violations of NCAA legislation. Perhaps, as publisher **Steve Myers** pointed out, the NCAA mistakenly thought LSU owned *Tiger Rag* or, "maybe they were just on a witch hunt." In either case the NCAA should have looked before it acted. And, as a newspaperman, what really bothers me is the role played by the media here. I mean if LSU were being investigated because its coaches were suspected of buying a car or giving a briefcase full of money to some kid, that's one thing. But the fact a prospective player's photo appeared in a newspaper is quite another. The NCAA needs to find a way to make sure the media is aware of the nature of these investigations. There are degrees.

You knew it would happen: A book about **Dick Vitale** is being written this winter by *Sports Illustrated's* **Curry Kirkpatrick**. It will be in your neighborhood book stores next spring.

**Marquette's** blowout loss at Tennessee served as a reminder of just how far this program has fallen and how desperately the Warriors need to get into a league. I suggest administrators there do a case history study on the schools like **Duquesne** and **Detroit** which I mentioned earlier.

Sorry, I still think the real **Missouri** basketball team is closer to the one which lost to **Xavier** in the first round of NCAA play than it is to the one which won last year's Big Eight. To wit, the Tigers needed two overtimes to beat Eastern Michigan in the finals of their own invitation. Indiana Pacer coach **Jack Ramsay** told me a long time ago to remember this about basketball players: "Leopards never lose their spots." He's right.

**Moses Scurry**, a powerful 6-foot-9 forward playing at San Jacinto Junior College, has decided to play at Nevada-Las Vegas next year. He reached that decision after watching the Rebels beat the Soviet team in November. Was it the style of play at UNLV which made him choose them? Nope. Moses liked the gaudy light display and fireworks show which went on before the game. Honest.

So **Vanderbilt** slays another giant, beating North Carolina in Nashville. For omen lovers this is perfect. Last year the Commodores handed Indiana its first loss of the year. The Hoosiers survived.

More incidental information: They're going to make a movie about **Pete Maravich's** life. True, he was a great player, one worthy of the Hall of Fame, but what do they do when they get to the part about having won something?

Normally I stay out of political discussions, but it is almost criminal that the **NAIA Hall of Fame** hasn't inducted **Bevo Francis**. Here's a man who twice scored more than 100 points in a game and averaged 50 points for a season. Sure, some still doubt the circumstances under which it happened, but as **Abe Lemons** once said, it can't be that easy to do or more people would have done it.

What does a continuing presence in television's spotlight mean? Well, Michigan's **Gary Grant**, Syracuse's **Sherm Douglas**, Indiana's **Keith Smart** and Notre Dame's **David Rivers** are generally regarded as the best backcourt players in the nation. Let me assure you, however, none of this foursome compares with Arizona's **Steve Kerr** in terms of value to his team. And, even including **Kerr**, no guard in college basketball is in the same world as Kentucky's **Rex Chapman**, a young man who will, though it's hard to believe, get better.

I'm also eager to see San Jose State's **Ricky Berry**. Something tells me he'll be closer to the **Kerr-Chapman** level than the over-rated status of those other four players.

Up front it looks like **Danny Manning** and a bunch of other players. Arizona's **Sean Elliot** has probably moved into the class of **Fennis Dembo** (Wyoming) and **Derrick Chievous** (Missouri) at small forward. In the middle, Syracuse's **Rony Seikaly** looks better, but still is inconsistent. North Carolina's **J.R. Reid** hasn't faced a big test yet and Indiana's **Dean Garrett**, though quick, still disappears for long stretches. No real patterns can yet be seen here.

Looking for a 1989 NBA draft sleeper (isn't everyone)? **Torgeir Bryn**, Southwest Texas State. Remember the name.



## Once Again, SEC B-ball Flexing Its Muscles

Here's A Look At How League Shapes Up

If early-December non-conference play is a true indicator, then the Southeastern Conference already has displayed signs of having its best college basketball season ever. Of course, preseason favorites Kentucky and Florida have made national headlines with the



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Wildcats being the No. 1 ranked team in the nation and the Gators winning the Big Apple NIT in New York City. However, that doesn't mean the rest of the league should not be forgotten.

From the looks of things the SEC could send at least six or possibly seven teams into postseason action this season. Only Mississippi State, Ole Miss and a rebuilding Alabama appear to be clubs which will struggle this season. But that's not to say any of those three are unqualified for spoiler status, incapable of knocking off any team in the conference.

Let's take a look at the goings-on around the league.

**KENTUCKY:** It's obvious that the Wildcats' added bench strength and the return of Winston Bennett have made Kentucky a much-improved team this season. But what this added depth also provides is the ability for Eddie Sutton to substitute more frequently to give starters Rex Chapman and Ed Davender a chance to catch a breather or two on the bench. Last year that simply was not the case.

With UK simply smothering opponents with tremendous defensive pressure, this allows Sutton to use the type of defensive play he always cherishes—having fresh players applying consistent man-to-man pressure for 40 minutes a ballgame. This year's club is playing defense like two years ago when Kenny Walker & Co. finished with a remarkable 32-4 record.

Furthermore, Rob Lock's performances in the pivot have been a pleasant surprise for Sutton and UK fans alike. The only question remains is whether it will continue when the conference play begins. If Kentucky continues to play as tenaciously as it did against Indiana, there's no telling how good this team can be. UK fans hope it reaches its peak in March when it really counts.

**FLORIDA:** Norm Sloan's Gators immediately made their presence known by winning the Big Apple NIT with the last two games played in New York City.

Seven-foot-two sophomore center Dwayne Schintzius appears much more mature in the middle and is becoming a leader on the Gators' squad. Vernon Maxwell certainly has shown why he is considered to be one of the better guards in the nation. At times Maxwell is unstoppable for opposing guards. Now, if he and Sloan can get along for a full season then the Gators will continue to be a force to be reckoned with.

Last but not least let's not forget freshman forward Livingston Chatman who has emerged on the scene as one of the better rookie performers in the country.

**VANDERBILT:** Just who are these so-called super student-athletes wearing the Black and Gold? For the last two years Vandy has upset two of the nation's elite teams. Last year it was top-ranked Indiana, the eventual national champion. This year's stunned victim was No. 1 ranked North Carolina in Nashville.

If professional basketball scouts want to find a center prospect then they have to look no further than Vandy's Will Perdue. The bigfooted 7-0 Commodore aircraft carrier already has made gigantic strides for All-America honors by scoring a combined 55 points against Carolina and defending national champion Indiana.

But these "Dores are not led by Purdue and his "Perdunks" alone.

Freshman Charles Mayes supplies some instant offense up front and fellow rookie Steve Grant has given the Commodores enough depth for a high-ranking in the conference. Nobody in the league has more quality depth in the backcourt than Vanderbilt. Barry Booker and Barry Goheen are proven SEC guards and Derrick Wilcox and Scott Draud have received significant playing time and are good enough to start whenever for C.M. Newton.

Following Vandy's tough 63-61 loss to Indiana in Bloomington, Newton huddled with his good friend Bob Knight to get a insightful scouting report on his club. And from all indications Newton believes his "Dores are for real this season.

**GEORGIA:** So far, Hugh Durham has had to play without a full deck of players.

First, freshman center Elmore Spencer was redshirted, and second, starting guard Patrick Hamilton has been out of the lineup because of academic problems. Despite early losses to Southwestern Louisiana and Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs have shown signs of being a contender.

For all he does for his team, Willie Anderson is the best guard in the SEC. The lanky, 6-7 Atlanta native is a superb guard and it's easy to see why he was a member of this year's U.S. Pan American team. In the Bulldogs' heart-breaking one-point loss to rival Georgia Tech, Anderson was incredible. He nearly won the game by himself as he hit on 14 of 20 from the field. No team in the league this year has anybody to match up with him.

Along with Anderson, Durham loves having Toney Mack back this year after the talented performer missed most of last season with academic difficulties. Mack might just be the best athlete in the conference this year and his scoring and rebounding this season will put the "Dogs in the fight for a league title.

Now, if only freshman guards Rod Cole and Jody Patton develop and give Durham the quality bench strength he's looking for. Both were thrown into the fire early this year in the game against Georgia Tech.

**LSU:** Don't ever count out a Dale Brown-coached team.

This year LSU is somewhat of a mystery squad with the return of a healthy Ricky Blanton. Blanton will be counted on this year to account for much of the scoring load. The Tigers already have gotten off to an impressive start this season winning their own invitational tournament over Southern University. Guards Fess Irvin and Daryl Joe are underrated and last year center Jose Vargas was just starting to reach his true potential.

If recent history tells us anything, expect LSU to finish in the middle of the pack of the conference race but becoming a significant force when tourney time rolls around in March. Brown's clubs have followed this script for the last two seasons. What makes us believe that anything should be different this year?

**TENNESSEE:** If the opening of the UT's 25,000-plus seat Thompson-Boling arena is an indicator then the Volunteers are destined to be the sleeper team aching to wake up at any given moment.

Before a crowd of more than 25,000 fans, Don DeVoe's club demolished Marquette 82-56. For DeVoe's sake the Vols had better make a strong run in conference play this season. The rumor out of Knoxville has DeVoe in a produce-or-else situation. It's either



Will Perdue

reach the NCAA tournament or find a new team to lead for the veteran SEC coach, according to those close to the UT program.

Pan American alternate Dyron Nix is one of the better forwards in the country and center Doug Roth has shown significant progress and glimpses of greatness. Greg Bell, a victim of Proposition 48 last season, returns and has all the tools to become an outstanding talent in UT's backcourt. JC transfer Clarence Swearingen is not much of an offensive threat but will be assigned

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## Breathitt Co's McCune Becomes UK's First Football Commitment

Last Tuesday the Kentucky Wildcat football program received its first verbal commitment when Breathitt County's Rich McCune announced his intentions to play for the Wildcats. McCune played offensive tackle and nose guard for the Bobcats and was selected to the all-state squad.

"I wanted to be the first to commit to UK," McCune noted. "I wanted to do it early so maybe some other Kentucky high school players would do the same so we can all go to Lexington and help win some championships."

McCune is listed at 6-foot-3, 250 pounds. According to his coach, McCune's ACT test score was above Proposition 48 requirements.

"He's a good one," said Breathitt County coach Mike Holcomb. "He's not only a good football player, he's a good citizen and a good student. He's got a 3.6 grade-point average and he's already scored a 22 on his ACT. Best of all, he's a hard worker."

High school seniors can officially sign with the college of their choice on Feb. 10.

"My birthday is Feb. 13," McCune said, "and I think it'd be kind of nice to sign with UK then."

Reportedly, Clemson, Auburn and Alabama kept in touch with the Bobcat star. But... "I've always been a big fan of UK," said McCune. The Kentucky staff has kept its eye on McCune since his sophomore days.

"When we needed some yardage, we knew we could get it behind Rich," Holcomb said. "Besides having overpowering strength, he's real technique-conscious on his blocks."

"But he could play either side of the line in college. He's got that potential."

Offensive line is where Jerry Claiborne's program will be the most inexperienced in 1988. Heading into next season, the Wildcats return only one starting offensive lineman, junior-to-be Mike Pfeifer.



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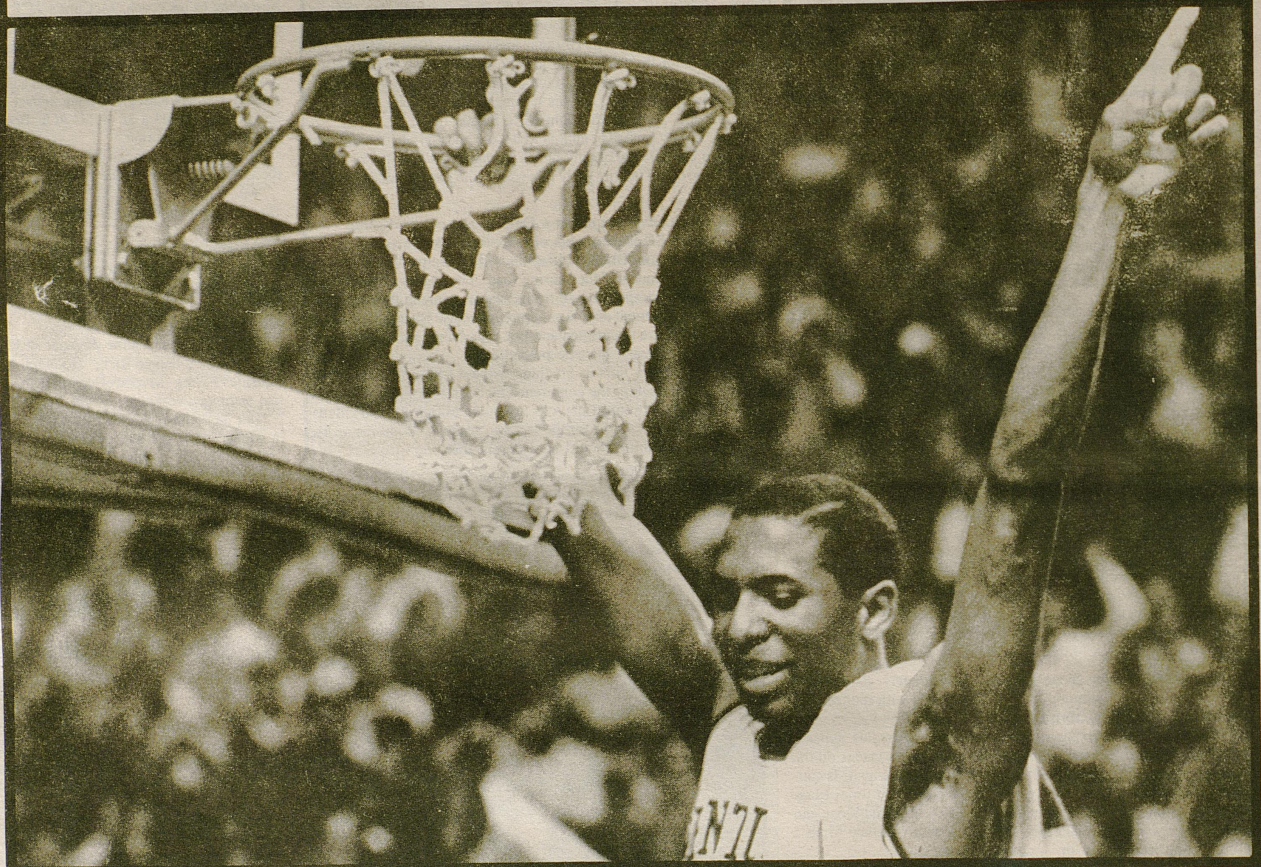
I'm somewhat disappointed in the football team. It seems they hang tough for awhile but eventually get pretty well blown out in the second half. I guess depth has a lot to do with that, but mistakes have also taken them out of a number of games. I feel that this has to lie with the coaching. I love coach (Jerry) Claiborne (I lived in Owensboro when his brother coached at Daviess County). But I'm disappointed in some of his assistants. I realize he has had most of them a number of years and is dedicated to them.

However, I feel that some of their shortcomings are going to pull coach Claiborne down with them. I'm like a lot of other fans who are tired of the Wildcats being the doormat for the rest of the so-called powerhouses of the SEC. Since I live in Chattanooga area and work in Alabama, I hear a lot of bragging about the War Eagles, the Tide, them Dawgs, as well as the Vols! So you can see why a Kentucky fan in this area becomes frustrated during the football season. But I'm a diehard fan and will continue to wear my Big Blue jacket and bumper sticker with pride and I guess I'll continue to tell 'em, "Wait! I'll next year!" because I too am taken in by coach Claiborne's ever-present optimism and his promises of better things to come. I do

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

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VIEWPOINT  
Letters To The Editor



## Wildcat History 101

Dear Sir:

I am sending you my check with the amount included enough to cover two renewal subscriptions (my brother's in Princeton, Ky., and mine). It is a little early for my renewal subscription but I thought I would send it in so I would be sure not to miss an issue of *The Cats' Pause*.

I especially enjoy the crossword puzzle in each edition. I have no complaints about your publications and I think that you are providing the many fans of the Wildcats who live out of the great state of Kentucky an enjoyment and entertainment in Wildcat sports that we cannot get anywhere else. About the only time I call my own is the time I spend reading *The Cats' Pause* and listening to the Wildcats on the radio. However, I do have one thing that I am critical of and that is the irregular postal service. Sometimes I get *TCP* on Thursday and most of the time I receive it on Monday or Tuesday of the next week (I can't understand such irregularity).

I have been a University of Kentucky Wildcat fan for many years now. Back in 1947 my father bought an AM/FM radio so we could listen to all Kentucky's games over an FM station. Since that time I haven't missed a Wildcat basketball game (and many, many football games). The last few years since TV I haven't missed the 'Cats play on TV. I have been privileged to attend two games—one in Owensboro, Ky., when the Fabulous Five were playing. They were playing Bradley on this given night and Cliff Barker made a set shot behind the half-court line just before the buzzer sounded to end the half. During the half someone drove a nail in the floor where Cliff had made the shot, and then four years ago I drove down from my home in Huntsville, Ala., to see the Wildcats play the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Just two more things I would like to relate to you. My oldest son, Tim, came in home the other night from his work and announced that he had received enough tickets for the UKIT, Dec. 18-19 and Tim, Kyle (my youngest son), Gordon Bastin (one of my parishioners in the church I pastor), David Shepherd (a friend to my oldest son, he is an Alabamian who we have converted to a Wildcat fan and is a high school coach) and myself are planning on attending the UKIT for the first time and being there at Rupp Arena for the first time. This is my (early) Christmas present from my oldest son.

And the last point of interest: My father, Jesse Hunter, died Feb. 25 of this past year. He was listening to Kentucky play the University of Georgia and his demise came just as the game was ending. The reason I tell this story is that there are many people who are suffering with cancer or other sickness and are unable to enjoy the entertainments of life but can turn on the radio or TV and always enjoy the efforts that are put forth by the fine young men in the Blue & White of the University of Kentucky. For 10 years Dad fought cancer and his pain was made lighter when he was listening or watching the Wildcats play basketball (especially when they were winning). Being a minister for 36 years it has helped me to see the good that people do and apply the Bible to everyday life, and to help bear someone's burdens is a part of the Biblical teachings; therefore, I hope that in your publishing of *The Cats' Pause* and all those responsible for broadcasting on radio and TV the University of Kentucky ballgames and the coaches and players alike will not overlook the fact that your efforts are more than sports, but they are making this world a better place to live and helping someone bear their burdens. God bless you all in your endeavors of giving,

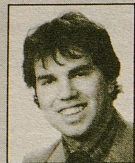
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# Yes, Sports Fans, There Is A Santa Claus

Columnist Takes Christmas List To North Pole

Put on your jammies and gather round the fireplace, boys and girls, because I want to tell you about my recent visit to the North Pole.

This time every year I take a couple of days off to visit a good



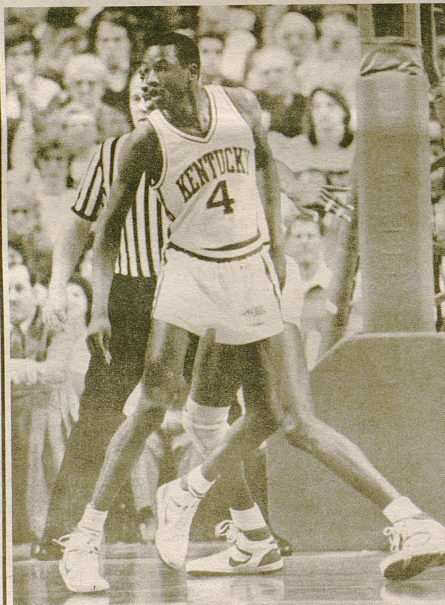
Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

friend of the family's, Mr. S. Claus, better known to you and me as jolly ole Santa. Believe me, the requests given to me to take on my journey filled a big portion of my suitcase. But, I'm always obliged to lend a helping hand to my friends in the sporting world.

Talk about winter wonderland. Brrrrrrr. The weather there, of course, is not ideal (unless you're part seal, part polar bear and part Bobby Knight), but the frost and chilly climate of this adventure are always melted by the warm hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and all their helpers.

**YOU GOTTA WATCH SANTA'S ELVES**, though. Remember last year I mentioned the pickup game which involved myself (all 5-foot-8) and those enterprising, but non-basketball playing munchkins? Well, before I could say "Hello" to the Clauses those little



More Smiles On Derrick Miller's List

guys grabbed me by my pant's leg and said, "Time for a rematch." So much for season's greetings.

Anyway, these guys have improved. . .and how. They must have spent the offseason at a Spud Webb or a Tyrone Bogues camp. After taking my share of abuse on the hardwood, I suggested to my little friends that they get a team up and compete in the newly-developed International Basketball Association, which is for players 6-4 or shorter.

Finally, after a couple of games of R-E-I-N-D-E-E-R, which is better known in the States as H-O-R-S-E, I packed away my gear in the guest room and headed down stairs to chat with Santa. . .with the list my cohorts gave me.

"Pull up a chair and let's take a gander at that list," as one Nick said to another.

**HANDING HIM THE LIST, I PROCEEDED** to make a suggestion to St. Nick. I told him a lot of Kentucky fans were upset because his identity is always associated with a red suit. "Don't you have a blue one?" I asked.

And, about a certain reindeer named Rudolph. . ."Cats' Pause

subscribers want to know if you have a reindeer with a blue nose?" I noted.

He began to chuckle. "Ho, ho, ho, those Kentucky fans."

The list began with a request from Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton and ended with a wish from Louisville mentor Denny Crum. How appropriate.

"Ho, ho, ho, let's see now," muttered Santa while looking over the list.

✓For Eddie Sutton: A ticket to the Final Four in Kansas City. "A ticket to the Final Four?" asked Santa. "Why, he already has his ticket. . .his ballclub."

✓For Mark Higgs, Dermonti Dawson, Jerry Reese, Greg Kunkel and Joe Worley: A legitimate shot at making the NFL ranks.

✓For Ed Davender: More respect.

✓For Rex Chapman: More time to himself.

✓For sportswriter Earl Cox: A refund on a recent hair piece he doesn't need.

✓For Keith Madison: A spot in next season's NCAA tournament.

✓For Sonny Smith: Two guards to feed plenty of assists to his hungry frontline.

✓For Sharon Fanning: A sellout Memorial Coliseum to watch her Lady Kats play.

✓For Barry Switzer & Tom Osborne: A competitive conference to play in.

✓For C.M. Newton: Consistency once the SEC season begins.

✓For Derrick Miller: A smile on his face and more playing time. In this instance the latter will produce the former.

✓For *TCP's* Mike Estep: A date with a Dance Cat.

("Hey, Santa that's what I would like, too," begged this columnist).

✓For Bobby Knight: An XL red sweater.

✓For Jerry Claiborne: A book on *How To Climb To The Top*, featuring chapters on "Beating Auburn," "Beating Alabama," "Beating LSU," "Beating Georgia," "Beating Florida" and "Beating Tennessee."

✓For Jerry Claiborne: A lucky charm to take with him on the road.

✓For Gene Keady: A Big Four Classic of his own to play in.

✓For Wimp Sanderson: A Tuscaloosa Summit with Alabama Birmingham's Gene Bartow. . .Naw, better make that a Gene Bartow dartboard.

✓For Gene Bartow: A Wimp Sanderson Dartboard.

✓For Hugh Durham and Dale Brown: Don DeVoe Dartboards.

✓For Jerry Eisaman: A copy of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden's offensive playbook.

✓For Don DeVoe: Enough wins to allow him to keep his job.

✓For Richie Farmer: A letter of intent to the University of Kentucky.

✓For Cliff Hagan: Seven or more wins from the football team and the Bernie Moore Trophy.

✓For Winston Bennett: The opportunity for his mother to be in attendance at Rupp Arena on March 2, that's when her son will play his last home contest for the Wildcats.

✓For Mississippians Ed Murphy and Richard Williams: Better results than the ones that have been forecasted for the Rebels and Bulldogs this season.

✓For Jimmy Johnson: A class football program.

✓For Denny Crum: A 50-percent shooter, or at least a 40-percent shooter.

"Ho, ho, ho, that is quite a list, Nick," hinted Santa. "But I'll see what I can do.

"A Dance Cat, huh?"

"Oh well, as my mother says, 'It can't hurt to ask.' " I reminded him.

After going over this list of lists, Santa and I watched a replay of the Kentucky-Indiana game on his VCR. "Boy, has that Rob Lock improved," commented Santa, while watching UK's recent win in the Big Four Classic. "Nick, when you get back to Lexington tell Cedric Jenkins to take that jumper more often. He has a nice shot.

"Also, tell Winston not to worry about his offensive play, because after he gets a couple of games under his belt he'll be fine. You might suggest to the Kentucky staff that they use their full-court press more than they have. And. . ."

Hmmm, now I know who drove those elves night-after-night on the basketball court. Methinks Santa has got a little Blue blood in his bones which has made the jolly ole man a little basketball crazy.

Now about that red suit and a reindeer named Rudolph. . .

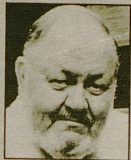


## 1987 Football Season—Good, But Not Great

As Usual, The Same Old "Haves, "Havenots"

Never was the gulf between the Southeastern Conference "have" and "havenots" more plainly demonstrated than during this recently-finished 1987 football season.

Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss and Mississippi State finished



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

in a four-way deadlock for the conference cellar. Each went 1-5 in league play.

Perhaps more telling than any other statistic is the fact that the only SEC teams these four could beat were each other.

Kentucky whipped Ole Miss, Ole Miss defeated Vanderbilt, the Bulldogs won over Ole Miss and Vandy dropped Kentucky.

The other 20 league games for this group were all losses.

None of the top six—Auburn, LSU, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama or Florida—finished below .500 in conference play. In fact, only Florida was at .500. The others all were better than that.

Further, all of the top six were above the break-even point in overall play. None of the bottom four won more than they lost. Kentucky went 5-6. Vanderbilt and Mississippi State were each 4-7 and the Rebels were the league's worst team at 3-8.

**NONE OF THIS SHOULD COME AS A SURPRISE.** These four were picked preseason to hold up the rest of the conference and they did just that.

As a matter of fact, the preseason forecasting was remarkably accurate. Auburn and LSU were expected to be powerhouses, and



Ole Miss Coach Ed Murphy Also A Novelist

they were. Tennessee and Georgia were supposed to be a step behind, and they were.

Alabama and Ole Miss were the only teams to surprise.

Bama was chosen sixth preseason and the Crimson Tide did better than that. It tied for fourth with Georgia and was in contention for championship honors right to the last game of the year.

Ole Miss surprised the other way. The Rebels were a solid choice for at least third place by the preseason experts. Instead, Billy Brewer's kids were the Bust of the Year, finishing in a tie for last.

This was a season with almost no upsets. As a matter of fact, only one true upset comes to mind. That would be Alabama's 22-10 win over LSU, in in the Tigers' own ballpark, no less.

Other than that, everything ran pretty much to form, with the possible exception of the thumping Auburn took from Florida State. It was also a year in which the players who were expected to star did.

Bobby Humphrey was not up to the preseason hype as a Heisman Trophy candidate, but he did play very well and led the league in rushing.

Tom Hodson at LSU and Jeff Burger of Auburn started at quarter-

back as expected, but Vanderbilt's Eric Jones emergence as a talent comparable to those two was a surprise.

Wide receiver Wendell Davis of LSU was as good as advertised, but while J.R. Ambrose from Ole Miss had a very good year, he did not have a great one.

**THERE WERE A NUMBER OF GREAT, YOUNG** freshmen on display in 1987. Three of the best young running backs in years were chief among them.

Emmitt Smith of Florida may have Herschel Walker-type talent. This could be one of the greatest since Walker left the scene. But Reggie Cobb from Tennessee and Rodney Hampton of Georgia are only a step behind. Both of these kids can play the game.

On the defensive side of the ball, young Todd Sandroni of Ole Miss showed definite star qualities. He's always around the ball as his seven interceptions this year showed.

What's in the future? Perhaps more of the same. This year's SEC All-Freshman team was led by Alabama with six members. Tennessee had five and Florida had four.

That obviously puts even more pressure on the bottom four. If the Wildcats, the Commodores, the Bulldogs and the Rebels can't add some outstanding talent to their present rosters, next year could be a repeat of this one.

Overall, 1987 was a good season. Not a great one, but a good one. SEC teams won almost 70 percent of their games against non-conference opponents. No other league in the country did better than 60 percent. The Big Eight and the Southwest tied for that figure.

Once again, our toughest competition was ourselves.

### Not For Broadcast

So you think competition in the SEC is limited to the playing fields? Ha! That just shows what you know. Here's a quote from the new Florida tennis media guide: "Compared with most of the South's other state schools, the University of Florida is like fresh-squeezed orange juice alongside the stuff that comes in a can." Take that Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, et al. . . The Reaching Out For An Angle Award is hereby bestowed on the Vanderbilt sports information department! From a recent Vandy press release: "If it were possible to buy stock in a football team, Vanderbilt would have been an excellent investment this year. In fact, an investor would have realized 300 percent profit as coach Watson Brown's Commodores improved from one win in 1986 to four this year." Sounds like a "Bull Market" to me. After all, Vandy did lose seven. . . Sometime this month, LSU will probably win the 1,000th game in its 80-year basketball history. When the season opened the Tigers needed only five wins to achieve that record. Coach Dale Brown has a chance to reach one of his plateaus this year—300 victories at Tigertown. He started the season with 281. . . Right now, during recruiting season, it might be wise to remember a remark once made by former Texas coach Darrell Royal. He said the toughest part of recruiting was to make a determination that a player everyone else considered a blue-chipper was not as good as everyone else thought him to be, or to make a judgement that a player not highly rated by others would turn out to be a star. . . Ole Miss and Mississippi State are considering moving their annual game from Jackson back to the schools' respective campuses. The crowds the last two years would have filled the stadiums in Oxford and Starkville. In Jackson's bigger stadium, there were 20,000 empty seats. The sentiment seems to be the schools can make more money playing at home. In Jackson, the schools pay a 50c-per-ticket surcharge, plus 10 percent of the gate, plus \$10,000 to \$12,000 to transport, house and feed their teams. That totals about \$100,000 they'd keep if they played on campus. In addition, at Jackson the schools do not get any of the concession money. At home they would. . . Part of the dues of a coach's wife must pay to see her husband become head coach is being prepared to move. **Rocky Felker**, who is only 34, was an assistant at Mississippi State, Texas Tech, Memphis State and Alabama before returning to Starkville as the Bulldogs' top man. . . LSU has beaten Tulane more times than any other opponent in Tigers' football history. This year's win for LSU was number 56, against 22 defeats and seven ties. . . Most fans think defensive linemen generally run bigger than offensive linemen. Not true. **Tennessee's** offensive front averaged 271 pounds per man this year. The defense averaged "only" 258 pounds each. At **Ole Miss**, the offensive line averaged 267 pounds while the defensive linemen averaged 243. . . More and more basketball teams are recruiting from the junior college ranks. An eight-team junior college jamboree in Missouri two years ago attracted between 30 and 40 coaches. A 12-team jamboree this fall was witnessed by more than 150 coaches from four-year schools. . . The **University of Florida** now employs a full-time sports psychologist, available for all sports. He meets the athletes in a room with walls painted a

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VIEWPOINT  
Letters To The Editor



### More Imagination

Dear Sir:

I have been a long-time supporter of coach (Jerry) Claiborne. I think he runs a class operation that appears to be clean and academically oriented. I am totally in agreement in continuing to run the program the way coach Claiborne has run it, with one exception. Do it without coach Claiborne!

I have supported the coach through the good games and the bad games. I see 4-5 games a year in Lexington and always take at least one road trip. This year it was Vandy.

So, I'm a paying fan that thinks the coach should step aside to make room for a coach with more imagination. With first and goal at the five-yard line late in the Tennessee game, surely the 'Cats could run something other than four plays up the middle with (Mark) Higgs. I realize Higgs is a great runner, but Tennessee keyed on him in the second half even more so than the first half. That was obvious. Also, no one uses the wide-tackle-six anymore. There must be a reason for that. With four non-winning seasons out of six, it may be time for a new coach with fresh ideas.

Also, I think it's time for the university to sell off a section or two of the students' side. I can't understand why more students don't support the team. If they aren't going to fill up their allotment of seats, then sell them to people who will fill it up.

Tom McClure  
Louisville, Kentucky

(Editor's note: Tom, we're going to stay out of the debate about Claiborne, but we will say this: Georgia coach Vince Dooley still runs the wide-tackle-six, and hasn't done too badly with it. And that defense got Virginia Tech into a bowl game last season.)

As for your suggestion about student tickets, according to sports information director Brad Davis, UK is already planning to reduce the student allotment for next season. Also on the agenda for the near future, according to Davis, are a covered practice field and stadium expansion, in that order.)

### Happy Holidays!

Dear Sir:

Have just finished the Nov. 28 issue of *The Cats' Pause*, and what could be better time to renew my subscription? This was an edition WITHOUT Bob Watkins' column. How pleasant.

Look for the basketball 'Cats to have an excellent season.

Thanks again, and with best wishes for the Holidays, I remain a loyal subscriber with the exception of Bob Watkins.

Thanks again,

Gus T. Petro  
Danville, Kentucky

### Eddie Has The Horses

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to *The Cats' Pause*.

I sincerely feel the 'Cats will add yet another NCAA banner to Rupp Arena after the Final Four in Kansas City. All they need is improvement inside to be competitive with anyone.

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# Upset Not In Cards; Tip At

## UK's Jenkins Had Only One Bucket Against Louisville, But Boy Oh Boy Was It A Big One

By TCP Staff Writer Jim Easterwood

The annual Kentucky-Louisville courting match had been advertised as a probable "Big Blue Blowout" by one newspaper headline. But, if anyone really "blew" it, it was those media experts who predicted a rout. By the end of the game those experts were blushing Cardinal red.

A bad bounce—depending on your point of view—was all that kept the Cards from knocking the 'Cats off their top perch.

But Cedric Jenkins was there to tip the 'Cats to a 76-75 win. The unranked Cardinals, kissed off as Crum-bums the week before in a hideous defeat by Notre Dame, could have used the luck of the Irish in this one.

But, fortunately for No. 1-ranked Kentucky, the roll of the basketball came up with the number 55 on it.

And No. 55, senior forward Jenkins, was there to tip in teammate Ed Davender's missed shot to enable Eddie Sutton's 'Cats to escape with a win.

Kentucky was favored to win by as much as 18 points by some experts. Las Vegas was kinder with an eight-point spread. But the tip in time kept the 'Cats unbeaten (4-0) and No. 1.

### Second Half Exposed Some Of UK's Weaknesses

But, in defeat, Denny Crum's Cards may have done a favor for future Wildcat foes who match up in similar fashion. Like, for example, Vanderbilt.

The 'Cats get the Commodores Dec. 31 after encountering much softer opposition Friday and Saturday in the 35th annual UKIT at Rupp Arena. And the following Monday UK should mosh past Alaska-Anchorage, which should be a laugher in the same mold of a Hawaii.

But, if the Commodores were watching Saturday—and good sense dictates they were—they may have picked up on some things the Cards did in the second half to turn a runaway into a nail-biter.

Which is, to wit: play a good, tight zone, put a lot of pressure on outside shooters Rex Chapman and Davender and make Rob Lock, Winston Bennett and Jenkins shoot the ball.

How effective was the zone? Well, for one thing it kept the Wildcats from going to the foul line. Chapman and Davender had 21 and 20 points respectively, but Bennett, who fouled out, Lock and Jenkins had only 22 between them.

"Well, when you play Kentucky in Rupp Arena they average something like 40 free throws," said Crum in explaining his defensive strategy. "Or maybe its 50... or 60. Whatever, you can't beat a good team when you put them on the line that often."

For the record, the Wildcats hit on 18 of 24, a far cry from their 35 of 41 against Cincinnati in their previous Rupp appearance.

"In the first eight to 10 minutes they hardly got to the line," said Crum. "That helped. We don't have Kentucky's depth. When you are going man, Kentucky has four seniors in there and they are going to get the ball to the right places. Then the crowd yells and the whistle blows. Its automatic. We couldn't let them get to the line and expect to beat them."

### Snorer Turned Into 'Dream Game' In 2nd Half

The plan wasn't too "Crum-my," either. But Davender had too much bounce to his off-balance jumper.

The little guy, Mo Mentum, had played a hot hand for the Cards in the last half of a game that turned in the last three minutes of play.

The Cards had wiped out a 45-32 halftime lead to finally tie the game at 65-65 on guard LeBradford Smith's jumper with 4:06 left in the game.

Kentucky spurted again to lead 75-70 on a pair of foul shots by Chapman, one by Lock and a jump shot by Bennett.

But the Cards refused to fold their hand.

Instead, three quick turnovers and a Payne—first name of Kenny—put a real hurt on the Wildcats.

Louisville's Herbert Crook, who led all scorers with 24 points, swiped Chapman's floating in-bounds pass, and scored.

Payne and Mike Abram then trapped Davender with Payne getting the pass and scoring again. Payne then hit a three-point shot after Bennett's long pass was short. It was 72-70 Louisville.

"I don't think it was so much their press but we made three silly turnovers," said Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton.

But, fortunately, once a hero, always a hero for Jenkins. After the two teams swapped the lead three more times, Pervis Ellison, the talented Card forward-center, hit a baseline jumper to put Louisville ahead 75-74 with 40 seconds left.

Kentucky calls a timeout. The strategy called for a Chapman shot. It was a simple play that sounded complex. Called "three box."

Lock and Jenkins simply double screen for Chapman near the circle. But Chapman never got the ball.

### They Didn't Draw It Up That Way, But It Worked

Davender, trapped in the corner by Abrams and Keith Williams, put up what he called a "good shot" from the baseline. The ball bounced off the rim with Lock, Crook and Jenkins, who had slipped in through a crack, going for it. Jenkins batted it once, as did Lock, and then Jenkins found the sweet spot the second time around with one second remaining on the clock.

"I just found an open lane," said Jenkins, the hero of last Saturday's overtime win over Indiana. "I hit it once, somebody else (Lock) hit it and I hit it again."

Sutton glanced over at Saturday's hero in the post-game media festivities and said: "Great effort."

Sutton, who had said before the game he would be pleased with a one-point win, must have had a sixth sense about how the game would end.

"I've said it many times," said a relieved Sutton. "It's usually not the initial shot but sometimes the second or third shot. I told Lock and Jenkins in the timeout to make sure they crashed the glass if we missed the shot."

Kentucky, led by Davender, was seemingly on its way to an easy win with the aid of a Cards' technical that is rare indeed.

Trailing 23-19, Louisville called time out. But with time back in, Louisville put the ball in play and was promptly hit with a technical for having six men on the floor. Center Felton Spencer had failed to tell Payne he was replacing him.

Davender made the tech, then converted a three-point play, and UK was rolling. Davender had 15 of his 21 points by halftime.

"It was a four-point swing right there," said Crum of the unusual technical. "It's a mistake young people make. We had to overcome a lot in this game."

Sutton agreed the tech was an early-game momentum builder for the Wildcats.

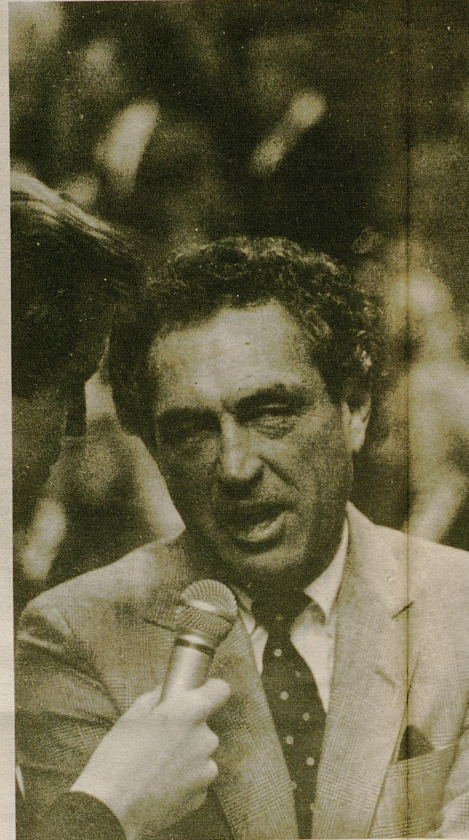
"It was an unfortunate thing, but it happens sometimes in the heat of battle," said Sutton. "I'm surprised it doesn't happen more often. But it got us off and running."

It sure did. The Wildcats led by as much as 16 points (45-29) on Chapman's jumper before Payne's three-pointer closed the gap to 45-32 at halftime.

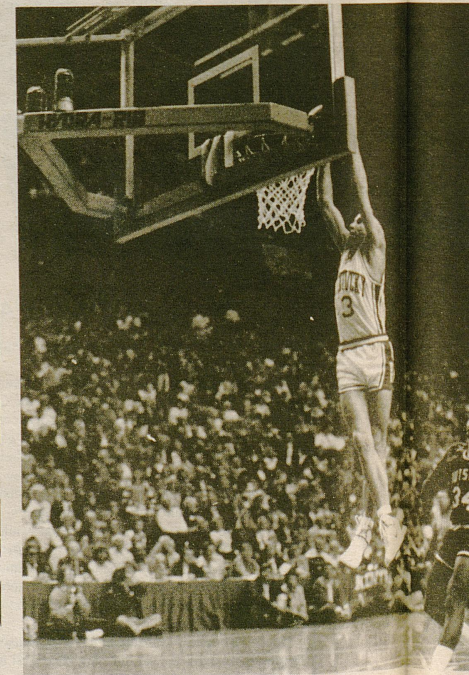
And then it became a real game in the second half.

"We came out rushing things too much and got real flat," said Davender. "And Louisville is too good a team. They took advantage of it."

And now the media skeptics will probably agree with Davender on how good Louisville really is.



UK Coach Eddie Sutton And Cedric Jenkins



Chapman Goes Up For Two Of His Team-H

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date Dec 12/87 Site Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT	FTA	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
21 Payne, Kenny	14	9	2	5	0	0	1	4	5	10	1	0	0	1:36
41 Crook, Herbert	10	16	0	0	4	6	8	3	24	1	3	0	1	36
42 Pervis, Ellison	7	17	0	0	6	7	13	10	13	3	20	5	2	34
3 Williams, Keith	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	1	0	0	16
23 Smith, LeBradford	4	13	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	35
34 Abram, Mike	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	16
50 Spencer, Felton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)											2	1	3	
TOTALS	30	63	3	9	12	15	13	21	36	18	75	2	1	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-35, 34.3%											2nd Half 18-28, 64.3%	Game 22-52, 42.3%		Deadball
3pt FG %: 1st Half 2-5, 40.0%											2nd Half 1-3, 33.3%	Game 1-5, 20.0%		Rebounds 5
FT %: 1st Half 8-8, 100.0%											2nd Half 5-5, 100.0%	Game 12-15, 80.0%		

HOME (Last Name, First)	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT	FTA	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
25 Bennett, Winston	6	11	0	0	2	4	7	4	16	5	14	2	2	0
55 Jenkins, Cedric	1	4	0	0	0	5	6	11	0	2	3	0	1	32
44 Lock, Rob	0	1	7	0	4	6	5	1	6	4	6	2	0	1
3 Chapman, Rex	8	15	2	7	3	4	1	2	3	1	21	2	3	37
15 Davender, Ed	7	14	2	3	4	4	0	2	2	3	20	1	2	34
4 Williams, Derrick	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
23 Hammett, Eric	2	7	0	1	4	4	2	2	5	1	6	0	0	18
24 Ellis, LeRon	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	6
42 Madison, Richard	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	8
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)											0	1	1	
TOTALS	27	65	13	18	24	16	21	37	17	76	15	11	2	17
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 17-37, 45.9%											2nd Half 10-29, 34.5%	Game 27-66, 41.1%		Deadball
3pt FG %: 1st Half 1-4, 25.0%											2nd Half 2-9, 22.2%	Game 3-13, 23.1%		Rebounds 2
FT %: 1st Half 10-12, 83.3%											2nd Half 12, 66.7%	Game 18-24, 75.0%		

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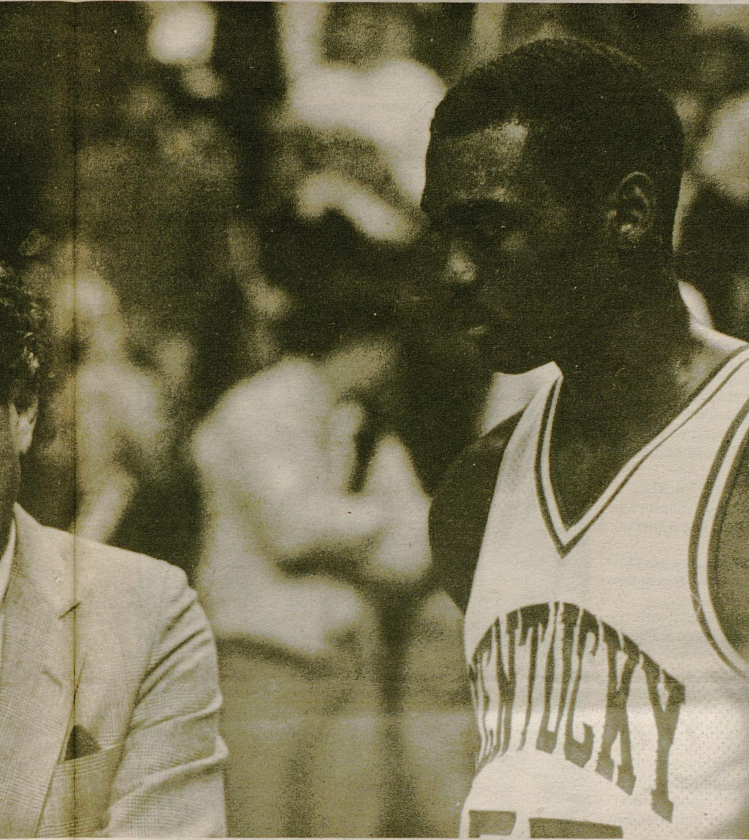
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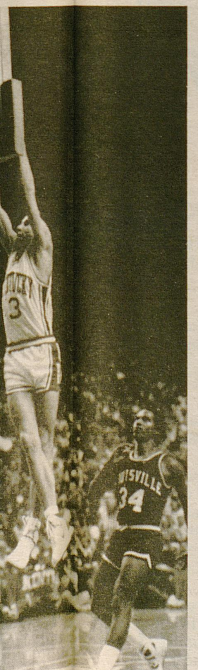
SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	OT	OT	FINAL
LOUISVILLE	32	43	XX	XX	75
KENTUCKY	45	31	XX	XX	76



# At 0:01 Lifts UK 76-75



... and Cedric Jenkins Moments After Thrilling Ending



Of His Team-High 21



LeRon Ellis—In The Fast Lane

## UK, U of L Put Dream Back In 'Dream Game'

By TCP Columnist Mike Estep

There were those who said it was time to end The Series. Said it was time to mercifully pull the plug on the annual blood-letting that had become so anemic in the four-plus years since that magnificent Dream Game I, that even Marcus Welby himself couldn't revive it.

Little brother...er, uh, Louisville coach Denny Crum, had even suggested his team would be fortunate to stay within 50, maybe even 55 points, of the top-ranked 'Cats. That anything less would be a moral victory.

Several locals placed the point-spread at a more-sympathetic 15-18 points, but still, the general prognosis was the same: Kentucky versus Louisville had one sneakered foot in the grave and the other planted firmly across the baseline.

One reason for the premature postmortem was this: In the four years since CBS-TV brought UK and U of L together in that 1983 shotgun marriage in Knoxville, the two clubs had met five times, four in the regular season, once in the 1984 Mideast Regionals at Rupp Arena. And four times, including blowouts of 21 and 34 points, Kentucky had come out on top. Louisville's only win in what many were calling a one-sided feud was a 71-64 win at Freedom Hall in 1984, the season Kentucky dropped four of its first five games and struggled to a 18-13 finish.

And although Kentucky's Cedric Jenkins shuffled the Cards once again last Saturday with a last-second tip-in to send U of L down to its fifth loss in six tries since the renewal of The Series, what unfolded in front of 23,489 at Rupp Arena, and countless others watching across the nation via CBS, was far from one sided.

Although at halftime, UK's 45-32 lead may have induced many to think otherwise.

UK's Winston Bennett, the Louisville native who loves nothing better than to beat his hometown club, and Rex Chapman, who came just a medium-range jumper away from signing with the Cards out of high school, saw to that.

Bennett came out of the gate like a man on a mission, looking for and sticking the 15-17 footer for the first time this season, scoring nine of Kentucky's first 12 points and almost single-handedly helping the Wildcats solve U of L's matchup zone. Chapman had a spectacular two-hand dunk following a steal and then seconds later came back with a driving, twisting, 10-foot jumper to put the finishing touches on a 28-10 UK run that ended just before the half.

In between it was Ed Davender, whose 15 first-half points had Kentucky on top 45-29 with just under a minute to go until intermission, and CBS scanning the house for a priest.

Dream Game, Schmeam Game. Give the last rites and let's get on with "Hee Haw."

But something funny happened on the way to blowout No. 3. Kenny Payne, who had led the Free World and parts of Russia in airbals and bricks for the last 12 months—a 3-14 field-goal performance a week earlier against Notre Dame, including 0-6 from three-point range, capped off a season-plus stretch where the once-deadly bomber made just 35 percent of his shots from the floor—provided a glimpse of things to come.

### UK-Louisville Play-By-Play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Louisville
19:04	Davender 17 ft.	2-0	
18:49		2-2	Crook layup
18:34	Bennett 10 ft.	4-2	
18:17		4-4	Williams 18 ft.
17:17	Bennett 17 ft.	6-4	
17:00		6-7	Smith 22 ft.
15:48	Bennett 15 ft.	8-7	
15:02		8-9	Ellison 12 ft.
14:14	Chapman 18 ft.	10-9	
13:39	Bennett 8 ft.	12-9	
12:31		12-11	Abram layup follow
12:14	Bennett FTA, FT	13-11	
11:04		13-13	Crook layup
10:37		13-15	Abram FT, FT
10:30	Davender layup	15-15	
10:10		15-17	Ellison FT, FT
10:04	Davender layup	17-17	
9:50		17-19	Crook 10 ft.
8:58	Miller 15 ft. follow	19-19	
8:15	Manuel 16 ft.	21-19	
7:40	Manuel 17 ft.	23-19	
7:32	Davender FT	24-19	Technical—Ill. sub.
7:28	Davender 22 ft.	27-19	
6:43	Lock tip-in	29-19	
5:59		29-21	Crook 15 ft.
4:54	Bennett FTA, FT	30-21	
4:33	Davender layup, FT	33-21	
4:25		33-23	Williams 10 ft.
4:13	Lock FT, FT	35-23	
3:30	Davender layup	37-23	
3:10		37-25	Ellison 10 ft.
2:50	Manuel FT, FT	39-25	
2:36		39-29	Crook 10 ft., FT, FT
2:11	Manuel FT, FT	41-29	
1:19	Chapman dunk	43-29	
0:55	Chapman 10 ft.	45-29	
0:31		45-32	Payne 24 ft.
<b>HALF</b>		<b>45-32</b>	
19:42		45-34	Crook 15 ft.
18:41		45-36	Smith 10 ft.
18:38	Bennett layup	47-36	
18:06		47-38	Ellison 10 ft.
17:40		47-40	Crook 12 ft.
16:23		47-42	Crook FT, FT
15:28		47-44	Ellison FT, FT
15:04	Davender 21 ft.	50-44	
14:32		50-46	Crook 16 ft.
13:26	Chapman 8 ft.	52-46	
13:12	Ellis FT, FTA	53-46	
12:57		53-48	Williams 15 ft.
12:41	Chapman 20 ft.	56-48	
12:19		56-50	Ellison dunk
11:53	Chapman (goaltend)	58-50	
10:34		58-52	Payne 17 ft.
10:09	Ellis 8 ft. hook	60-52	
9:54		60-54	Smith 12 ft.
9:08		60-57	Ellison 10 ft., FT
8:53		60-59	Crook 10 ft.
8:15	Chapman 10 ft.	62-59	
6:49	Chapman 21 ft.	65-59	
6:22		65-61	Williams dunk
5:59		65-63	Ellison layup
5:03		65-65	Smith 8 ft.
4:23	Chapman FT, FT	67-65	
3:54	Lock FT, FTA	68-65	
3:20	Bennett 15 ft.	70-65	
2:56		70-67	Crook 15 ft.
2:41		70-69	Payne layup
2:21		70-72	Payne 20 ft.
2:11	Davender FT, FT	72-72	
1:51		72-73	Ellison FT, FTA
1:22	Lock FT, FTA	73-73	
1:21	Chapman FT, FTA	74-73	
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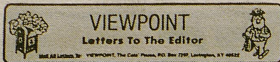
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If they had a healthy (Winston) Bennett, a quick mobile forward like (Reggie) Hanson, a big man who runs the floor *a la* (LeRon) Ellis, a more aggressive (Rob) Lock, a healthy (Cedric) Jenkins or a slim-downed, better-conditioned (Mike) Scott to go along with our terrific guards. . . and behold, we have all of those!

It will be great to see the 'Cats running again. (Eddie) Sutton has the horses (thoroughbreds), hope he unbridles them and lets them romp.

Go 'Cats!

R.M. Kidwell  
Waldorf, Maryland

### Mixed Opinions

Dear Sir:

Regarding the viewpoint that UK should withdraw from the SEC, I have mixed opinions. South Carolina's basketball program has never attained the heights it knew while a member of the ACC; and I remember the 10- to 12-year SEC unbeaten string the UK basketball team enjoyed in the 1940s and 1950s.

It is an interesting proposition, which would most probably cost UK bowl receipts that might be recouped by virtue of not sharing basketball revenues.

One thing is for sure—I would like to receive *The Cats' Pause* on Saturday rather than the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

Very truly yours,

George R. Herron  
Danville, Virginia

(Editors' note: George, there's no reason that we can come up with why you shouldn't be getting TCP by Saturday, if not earlier. If you haven't already, you need to drop a letter of complaint to the post office, in care of: Postmaster, Lexington, Ky. 40511. And we'd also appreciate it if you'd send us a carbon of the letter for our records.)

### Standing Tall

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription. Also, I'd just like to say that the 'Cats had 'em all down here in Big Orange Country crying the Blues. They had them scared to death and flat earned some respect. If these kids keep their nose to the grindstone and if they can just realize what football means down here (Tennessee hates our guts), we should kick a little tail next year.

The folks down here have no respect at all for the UK football program. You've got to beat 'em to shut them up. If any of the football players get to read this I want them to reflect on that word again—Respect.

You have to *earn* it. Well, I just want you all to know, that you have some loyal troops down here in east Tennessee. . . and I've had to stand up more than a few times to defend my team (being 6-3, 250).

Can someone please try to pressure WHAS to resume broadcasting UK ballgames? There has to be some way to convince someone to do something!

I don't care what the price, just get them back.

Thanks,

Steve Marples  
Delano, Tennessee

## Billy Packer—High As A Kite On Basketball

CBS Analyst Talks About His Favorite Pastime

When rivals Kentucky and Louisville met last Saturday, Billy Packer again had one of the best seats to watch the action.

The veteran television color analyst has worked each UK-



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Louisville battle since the two renewed their rivalry with a meeting in the 1983 NCAA Tournament.

Packer, who teamed with Brent Musburger to do Saturday's game in Rupp Arena when CBS-TV started in 1987-88 college coverage, thinks the Cardinals and Wildcats have one of the top regional rivalries in the country. But he doesn't think any one college game captures the imagination of the entire country.

"You find very few national rivalries," said Packer. "I know people in Kentucky will disagree but Kentucky-Louisville is not a national rivalry even though it is a special game to them and me."

Packer, though, knows Kentucky-Louisville is a special game and ranks it as one of the best regional rivalries in the country.

"For regional impact this game probably ranks with, if not at the top, of any regional rivalry today," said Packer. "The two teams are not in the same conference like North Carolina and North Carolina State or Michigan and Indiana."

"Kentucky and Louisville meet head on once a year and then you have to wait another year for the game. They don't play three or four times a year like some conference teams do."

"Both these programs have a high profile. This game is a happening, more like an Oklahoma-Nebraska football game. Both these teams have so much history and tradition that there is no reason to think this game will ever quit making such a big impact regionally."

Here are Packer's thoughts on other college basketball items:

- UK sophomore guard Rex Chapman.

"He has the potential to be as good as there has ever been," said Packer. "He's a great passer, can rebound, has great shooting range and can play spectacular defense at times."

"He's a great, great kid and has all the physical skills and athletic ability. The range he has on his jump shot is superior to most players and few players have his leaping or passing ability."

"Not many guys have ever done the things he can do but the thing I admire the most is the way he kept his head on straight last year despite being under tremendous pressure."

- Three-point shot.

"I think the shot made the game more exciting but 15 years from now it will be an even bigger boom," said Packer. "It will help develop part of the game that has gone down the drain."

"NBA coaches today will tell you their biggest problem is finding shooters because colleges all push the ball inside. The three-point shot will develop shooters and also bring more kids into the picture that weren't as valuable before. In the long run more kids will play the game and that will help everyone."

- Popularity of college game.

"The college game is much more healthy now than when UCLA was supreme," said Packer. "Every region of the country thinks it has teams with a chance to win the NCAA. Teams like Wyoming, Florida and Pittsburgh have their fans excited."

"This year maybe 20 or 25 teams have a real chance to win it all depending on who puts the pieces together at the right time. That keeps a lot of people excited."

He also feels the return of some key players that missed last year with injuries, transfers, Proposition 48 and players not going to the NBA early have helped college basketball this year.

"Having guys like Winston Bennett of Kentucky and Steve

Kerr of Arizona back from injuries makes everybody on these teams better," said Packer. "It's like getting a sensational freshman recruit with experience."

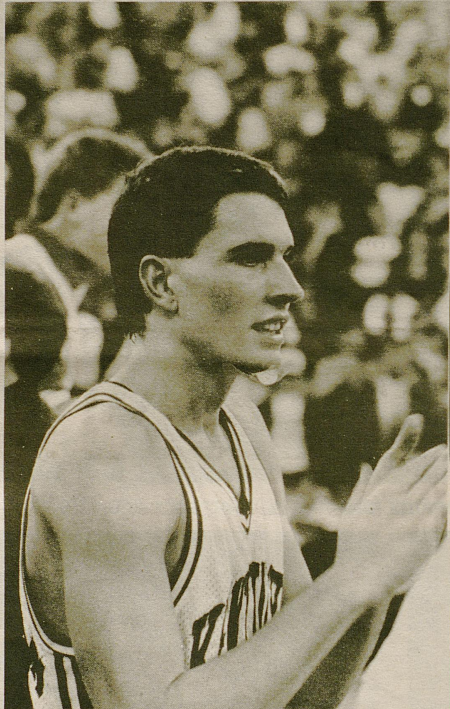
"We also have two freshmen classes because of Proposition 48. It hurt last year's quality but now those guys are playing plus this year's freshmen. Then you have key transfers like Ken Battle of Illinois and Barry Sumpter and Andre Harris at Austin Peay."

"Last year a lot of players went pro early. This year players like Dennis Fembo, Rex Chapman, Pervis Ellison and Danny Manning all stayed in school. That has to help."

- Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton.

"He loves his situation at Kentucky," said Packer. "It was tough on him leaving Arkansas but anybody in his right mind would go to Kentucky. It's one of the premier programs."

"He has proved he's one of the nation's top coaches but the real way to judge him at Kentucky will be when he has all his



Packer Admires Rex's Cool Attitude

own players. Then you can see where he has the program going. But I'm not surprised by his success and think he will have even more."

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THREE All-state players were among the first football recruits UK Coach Jerry Claiborne had in Lexington Dec. 4-5.

Anthony Carter, a 5-11, 197-pound running back from North Hardin, ran for over 1,200 yards this year. Chris Reedy of Elizabethtown, a 6-5, 220-pound lineman, was also an All-State selection as was versatile 6-0, 175-pound Marcus Wilson of Louisville Butler.

Also visiting last weekend were talented quarterback Ryan Hockman of Harrison, Ohio, and junior college defensive lineman Scott Booth, a 6-3, 256-pound Florida native.

Others making official visits were Todd Perry, North Hardin, 6-5, 240, offensive lineman; David Stallworth, Summedale, Ala., 6-3, 225, linebacker; and Shon Walker, College Park, Ga., 6-1, 205, linebacker.

One player who didn't visit, Rich McCune of Breathitt County, became the first player to publicly commit to UK. The 6-3, 250-pound All-State lineman picked Kentucky because of its location close to his home and academic record. He picked the Wildcats over Auburn, Alabama and Clemson.



# SEC Has Five Basketball Teams In Top 25

But It's Women's Basketball, Not Men's

Athletes, great athletes! Great Southeastern Conference athletes! Herschel Walker, Bo Jackson, Willie Gault, Will Clark, Greg Louganis, Tracy Caulkins, Sam Graddy, Calvin Smith, Charles Barkley, Dominique Wilkins—all world-class athletes who perform-



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

ed on SEC teams.

Now another group of SEC student/athletes emerges as best in the nation at their team sport—women's basketball.

Tennessee's Lady Vols are the defending national champions, winners of the 1987 NCAA tournament. And although they were upset last week 97-78 by No. 2 Texas, before 24,563 at the new Thompson-Boling Assembly Center in Knoxville (an NCAA record for a women's basketball game), Pat Head Summitt's club had been sitting atop the polls.

Four other SEC teams were listed in *USA Today's* final 1986-87 poll—Auburn sixth, Georgia ninth, Ole Miss 11th and LSU 19th.

In the last available *USA Today* poll, prior to the Tennessee-Texas game, the Lady Vols were No. 1, the Lady Longhorns No. 2, then five other SEC teams were rated in the Top 25. Auburn was third, Ole Miss was seventh, Georgia 12th, Vanderbilt 17th and LSU 24th.

**NO OTHER CONFERENCE HAD MORE** than three teams listed in that poll, just half the SEC total. The leagues with three

teams were the Big Ten with Iowa (No. 5), Ohio State (No. 10) and Illinois (No. 12); the Pac-10 with Stanford (No. 15), Washington (No. 16) and USC (No. 19) and the ACC with Virginia (No. 6), Duke (No. 13) and Maryland (No. 23). In the Southwest Conference, Texas, which will now probably move up to the top spot, was the only team listed.

Last year Auburn won the SEC tournament by defeating Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Then in the NCAAs in Austin, Texas, with the Lady Longhorns rated No. 1, Tennessee ripped through Tennessee Tech, Virginia, Auburn, Long Beach State and Louisiana Tech (the team that upset Texas) to take the championship.

At the SEC Women's Basketball Media Day, the writers and broadcasters picked this season's race to finish like this: 1) Auburn, 2) Tennessee, 3) Vanderbilt, 4) Ole Miss, 5) Georgia, 6) LSU, 7) Alabama, 8) Kentucky, 9) Mississippi State, 10) Florida.

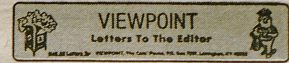
They also chose an All-SEC team: Mae Ola Bolton and Vicki Carr of Auburn, Tonya Edwards and Bridgette Gordon of Tennessee and Carolyn Peck of Vanderbilt.

**THESE TALENTED YOUNG FEMALE** student/athletes are only five of 31 returning starters to the SEC Basketball Scramble. One may prove to be the super athlete and rank with those all-time greats mentioned earlier.

They play every other SEC team in January and February, then in March the SEC tournament, and hopefully, the NCAA tournament. But in November and December, they meet teams from all over the world, coast to coast plus Hawaii, Mexico to Canada, Russia to Australia.

Women's basketball in the SEC is composed of neat, wholesome, young ladies, attractive and skilled. They are excellent ambassadors. Whether they acquire fame as super athletes or not, they are well on their way to acquiring a solid education and becoming highly-capable citizens.

Which is the main purpose of college athletic scholarships.



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sharing and being.

HIS servant in love,

Jim Hunter  
(A native of Princeton, Ky.)  
Huntsville, Alabama

*P.S.—This may or may not be worthy of publishing in The Cats' Pause.*

*One question: Didn't the University of Kentucky have a sports announcer by the name of J.B. Faulkner (I am not sure about the last name) but he was before Claude Sullivan? I was thinking he was the announcer in the '40s and early-'50s. If you could help me on this thought I would appreciate it.*

(Editor's note: Rev. Hill, thanks for your letter, we hope you enjoy the UKIT.)

First of all, we can't understand why you are receiving your paper so late. You should be getting it no later than Saturday of each week. If you haven't done so already, you need to contact the: Postmaster, Lexington, Ky., 40511. Tell him of your problem, and if you don't mind, send us a carbon of the letter. Hopefully, that will clear up your problem.

Secondly, our Wildcat history professor, Russell Rice, reports that at least two men did broadcast University of Kentucky basketball games before Claude Sullivan. The first was probably Ed Ashford, who was the sports editor of the Lexington Herald. And you were right, J.B. Faulconer, who was also the team manager in '39, was another.)

## Where's Milo?

Dear Sir:

I really enjoy *The Cats' Pause*. I would like to know more about how our former 'Cats are doing in the NBA. Also, what happened to Milo Hamilton? He did get into the games and I hate to see him go. I would much rather have him than Marty (Brenneman). You all do a great job.

Jeff Halcomb  
Spencer, West Virginia

(Editor's note: OK, Jeff, here goes. As you probably know, Sam Bowie is recovering from a broken leg once again, and it is doubtful whether he will ever be able to return to the Portland Trailblazers. Kenny Walker continues to start and play solid, though not spectacular, ball with the New York Knicks. Melvin Turpin is still with the Utah Jazz, although he is spending much more time on the end of the bench (and apparently the training table) than on the court. Dirk Minniefield was recently cut from the Golden State Warriors, although it has been rumored that he is close to signing with another club, perhaps the Boston Celtics.

In the meantime, Minniefield and five other former 'Cats—James Blackmon, LeRoy Byrd, Dicky Beal, Kyle Macy and Dwight Anderson—have been drafted by the fledgling International Basketball Association (for more details on that, see the separate story on page 18 of this issue.)

As for Milo "Holy Toledo" Hamilton, he is still doing his thing with the Houston Astros and other clubs. Apparently, many other listeners—including Jim Host, whose opinion carries the most weight—didn't share your opinion of Hamilton, which led to his being replaced by Brenneman. Hamilton was so busy with other projects that he had a hard time devoting himself fully to his UK duties. Brenneman, living just an hour away in Cincinnati, was a more logical choice.)

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### Six Former 'Cats Taken In Inaugural IBA Draft

Six players with ties to the University of Kentucky were selected in the first annual International Basketball Association draft held in New York Dec. 9. The fledgling league is made up of 10 teams from the United States and Canada. Players taller than 6-foot-4 were excluded from the draft. Each team selected 30 players.

Ex-UK guard Dirk Minniefield, recently released from the NBA's Golden State Warriors after stints with the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Houston Rockets, was the 13th pick of Calgary.

Kyle Macy, another former UK player with NBA experience, having played for the Phoenix Suns and the Indiana Pacers, was the 21st player taken by Las Vegas. Las Vegas also selected Dwight Anderson, who played two years at Kentucky before transferring to Southern California, as its No. 6 pick.

The Vancouver entry in the IBA took three Kentucky players—James Blackmon (No.7), LeRoy Byrd (No. 16) and Dicky Beal (No. 19).

Non-UK players with ties to the state included Western's Brian Asbury (Calgary), Louisville's Milt Wagner (Chicago) and Lancaster Gordon (Las Vegas), Kentucky State's Billy Ray Bates (New York) and Kentucky Wesleyan's Sam Smith (Ohio).

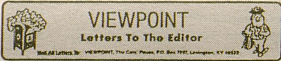
And how about these three eye-catching selections:

Cheryl Miller, the former USC All-American currently working for ABC-TV, was the only woman picked, taken 22nd by New York. Incidentally, Miller was drafted higher than Gerald Henderson, the 6-2 guard who helped the Boston Celtics win the NBA championship two years ago.

Bo Jackson of Auburn, who is already playing professionally with Kansas City in baseball and Los Angeles in football, will get the chance to add a second "hobby." Jackson was the 13th selection of Southern California.

"I don't know how to play, but if they want to talk money, I'll listen," Jackson said. "That's why I got these new sneakers."

And if the Chicago team isn't a success on the court, maybe it hopes to win all the "basketbrawls." Chicago used its final pick on boxer Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns.



### Too Old Fashioned

Dear Sir:

Well, Jerry Claiborne doesn't read the papers and I don't blame him, for good comments are rare, that is. About his style of coaching, his offensive line was, that's right, offensive. They stunk.

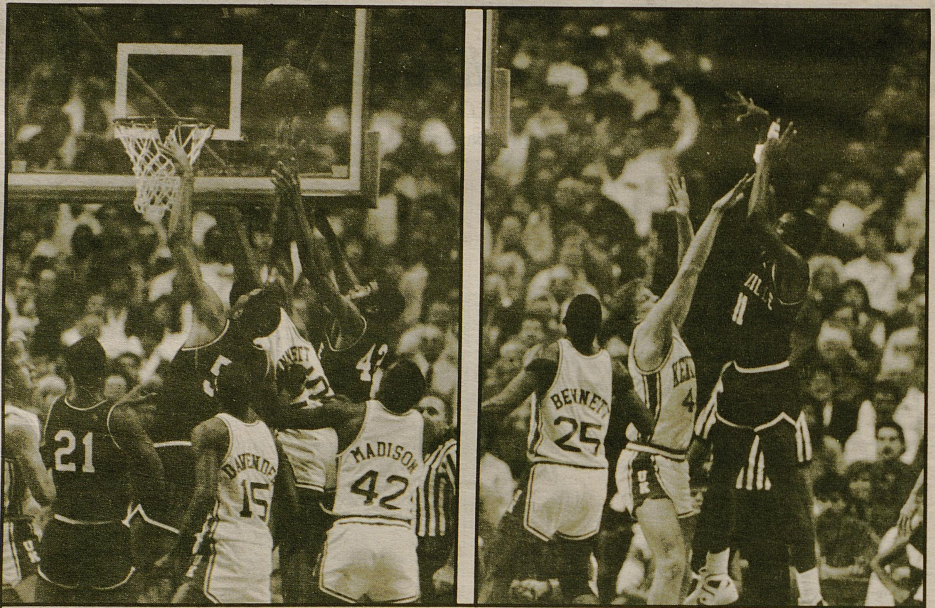
In about five games they just laid down and quit. It is good that most of them are graduating this year but they should apologize to the fans before they go. But Jerry Claiborne and Co., are the leaders and coaches and they deserve all the credit, for such a poor season.

Somebody should tell Jerry about those other running backs that are on the bench. Mark Higgs ran the ball 30 out of 31 running plays in the Tennessee game. That was playing the game just like Tennessee wanted him to. They knew what every play was going to be. As bad as I hate to say it, Jerry Claiborne deserved to lose.

Until Jerry Claiborne quits being so stubborn and changes his whole style of coaching and recruiting, we the fans are going to see losing seasons at UK. Next year—4-7.

Sam Shepherd

Pineville, Kentucky



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### CENTER ATTRACTIONS

Top Left: Everybody Gets Into The Act For Elusive Rebound.

Top Right: Here, Herb Crook Lets One Fly Over Rob Lock; Crook Led All Scorers With 24 Points.

Bottom: U of L's Kenny Payne Prepares To Cover UK's Lock.



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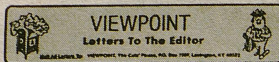
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wish he would take a look at his staff, especially his offensive coordinators, before next year.

But happily there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and of course it is the basketball boys from the Bluegrass! I am looking forward to another great season and believe they have an excellent chance of taking it all in Kansas City in March. You know, those same boisterous native fans that are so loud during the football season get surprisingly quiet from December to March, and of course, that's when I do my crowing!

I have really enjoyed *The Cats' Pause* over the years and can't wait to get my subscription started again.

Sincerely,

Ken Coppage  
Jasper, Tennessee

## Loyal And Realistic

Dear Sir:

Being a 'Cat fan for 40 years—enduring the blizzard of Knoxville, seeing us lose 7-0 and go on to win the Sugar Bowl 13-7, and agonizing most of the time since, seeing many games and at least a dozen road games all the way from Baylor to Penn State to Auburn and many in between—I believe my dues have been paid as a fan. Someone asked, Why so much agony to follow a team? I guess you have to be loyal and a little stubborn.

When a city has an epidemic they don't annex more land to bury the people, they try to work on the causes and stop the carnage. What is Kentucky's No. 1 problem?

How do Kentucky high schools rate with states to our south, both in quantity and quality of high school talent? A little study would probably show we are last or near last. But a high school's purpose is not to produce football players but to prepare our young people for higher learning which will give them an edge in their chosen vocation or profession. We can not expect to recruit top talent from Ohio, Pennsylvania or Florida.

The writer from the Chattanooga paper (Mark Wiedmer of the *Chattanooga Free-Press*) paid Jerry's program the greatest compliment when he wrote we had passed Vandy in the academic field the last two years. To me that is better news than beating anyone in football or anything else. I think we should maybe re-examine our priorities and there is no one, repeat, no one that likes to win and hates to lose more than me. Let's remember these young people will be producing for themselves and others long after an athletic event has been forgotten.

What is the answer considering these things? I don't know but I don't think it is firing the coach. How many times have we went down the path? Some have suggested dropping from the SEC and bringing the schedule more on a par with our level of talent. That is certainly an option but not a very attractive one.

We find ourselves too far north to attract recruits in the South and too far south to be attractive to prospects in the Midwest, North and East. If Howard's (Schnellenber of Louisville) program turns the corner and gets the local talent in our only city, we will be in even deeper the dilemma than at present.

Keep up your good work and let's enjoy the roundball for a season.

Sincerely,

Earl Fields  
Hamilton, Ohio

# Fear Of Scandals Spawned First UKIT In '53

Tourney Still Going Strong 34 Years Later

The University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament, inaugurated in 1953, was an indirect result of the basketball scandals of that era as colleges throughout the nation were leaning toward campus-controlled tournaments and round-robin meets as opposed to the



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

big-city arenas where gambling and the point spread were a way of life.

Groundwork for that first tournament of national scope ever held in Lexington was laid two years earlier when discussions of long standing culminated in a proposal for a Christmas-holidays cage meet in Lexington to replace the season-ending Southeastern Con-

Pairings for the double-headers to be played each night of that first two-night tournament slated Kentucky to meet Duke and LaSalle to meet UCLA. The two losers would play for the consolation title on the second night while the duo of first-round winners would clash for the tournament championship.

The Blue Devils of coach Hal Bradley had closed strong the preceding season and finished with a 19-7 record. Lacking only the good big man in their lineup—a "weakness" also plaguing the Wildcats—Duke was expected to be one of the classiest outfits on the national scene.

LASALLE WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE of the East's major independent cage powers and had captured the fancy of the nation the preceding season by climbing to No. 1 in national polls at one stage of the campaign. As defending NIT champions, the Philadelphia crew was favored to repeat in 1953, but lost a heart-breaker to St. John's—the team that a year previously had upended UK in the NCAA tourney. The Explorers of coach Ken Loeffler were powered by hometown All-American Tom Gola and a near-veteran lineup.

The Pacific Coast Bruins of UCLA ranked as one of the fast-rising basketball powers in the country. Coach Johnny Wooden had



LaSalle's Loeffler, UCLA's Wooden, Duke's Bradley & UK's Rupp Before '53 UKIT

ference tournament in Louisville.

Although league officials turned down the original suggestion for an SEC tourney in UK's spacious (12,500) Memorial Coliseum, which was dedicated in December 1950, new impetus was given plans for a holiday meet by abandonment of the SEC tourney after the 1952 meet and UK's public statement a few months later of an athletic policy prohibiting cage play by Wildcat teams in privately controlled, off-campus arenas.

That statement came after the Wildcats were barred from SEC and NCAA competition during the 1952-53 season because of rules violations that were uncovered after some UK players were involved in the scandals.

After surveying other holiday tournaments to which the Wildcats had been invited, UK athletic director Bernie Shively and coach Adolph Rupp decided to have a tournament of their own.

"I GOT TIRED OF TRAVELING to other arenas during the holidays," Rupp said later. "I saw no reason to go to the West Coast and get beat when you could get beat at home, and for more money."

That was a typical Rupp overstatement; since the Wildcats had not traveled to the West Coast up to that time, and had won 110 straight games on their home floor.

The two UK officials decided to schedule the tournament on Friday and Saturday before Christmas, when seats of students-on-holiday could be sold to the general public. They also agreed to invite the nation's best teams, beginning with NCAA and NIT champions of the previous season. The selection was based on considerations of national reputation in cage circles, potential caliber of play expected that season and a desire to give the tournament an inter-sectional flavor with a top team representing various parts of the country.

In the beginning, each of the four participating teams shared equally in the net proceeds; UK later set a fixed guarantee of \$10,000 for each visiting team. The guarantee now is \$15,000.

the services of all five of the preceding season's starters, who had failed to finish atop the Southern Division of the PCC for the first time in five years.

Kentucky's own return to the cage wars after a year's enforced layoff was looked forward to with increasingly serious concern by the basketball world that recalled the pre-suspension dominance of Rupp's Wildcats. The Baron re-entered the cage wars with a veteran aggregation, headed by All-American co-captains Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey, polished to an unknown degree of perfection by continual practice during the layoff.

Led by Hagan's record-setting 51 points, the Wildcats had opened with an 86-59 win over Temple at home and were 4-0 after defeating Xavier 81-66 at Cincinnati, Wake Forest 101-69 in the Coliseum and St. Louis 71-59 on the road.

LaSalle came from behind to hand UCLA its first loss (62-53) of the season in the opening round. The Wildcats defeated Duke 85-69 behind 27 points by Hagan, who sat out the last 12 minutes.

The Wildcats trailed LaSalle by nine points in the first half, but broke the championship game open at the start of the final quarter, handing the Explorers their second loss in eight starts. Phil Grawemeyer had entered the game with UK trailing 13-4, and scored 13 valuable points. Hagan led all scorers with 28 points and was high for the tournament with 55.

Guarded by Lou Tsioropoulos, Gola was held scoreless during the second and third quarters. He was six of 19 from the field and hit a free throw for 13 points. Tsioropoulos scored 16 points.

Each team's share for that tournament was \$8,200. LaSalle went on to the NCAA championship; UK had declined an invitation after Hagan, Tsioropoulos and Ramsey were declared graduate students and therefore ineligible to compete.

Here's what happened to some of that tournament's visiting

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# UK Athletics Association Retires Issel's Jersey

The University of Kentucky retired the jersey of former Wildcat All-American Dan Issel in a special pregame ceremony before the Louisville-Kentucky game at Rupp Arena last Saturday.

In making the presentation, UK athletics director Cliff Hagan noted that it marked the first time since 1954 that the University has bestowed such an honor upon a former basketball player.

"It's very, very nice," said Issel, "and a complete surprise. My wife (Cheri) isn't here and I wish she could have seen it."

Issel is Kentucky's all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 2,138 points and 1,078 rebounds. The Batavia, Ill., native played at Kentucky from 1968-70, earning All-America honors in 1969 and 1970. He then went on to an illustrious professional basketball career, beginning with the American Basketball Association Kentucky Colonels and retiring just two years ago from the Denver Nuggets. When he hung his sneakers up in 1985 after 15 years in the professional ranks, he had scored more than 30,000 points, finishing as the fourth-highest scorer in pro basketball history.

It was with the Colonels where he captured an ABA championship. But when it comes to strolling down memory lane, the 6-foot-9 former center will remember his collegiate days, alongside legendary coach Adolph

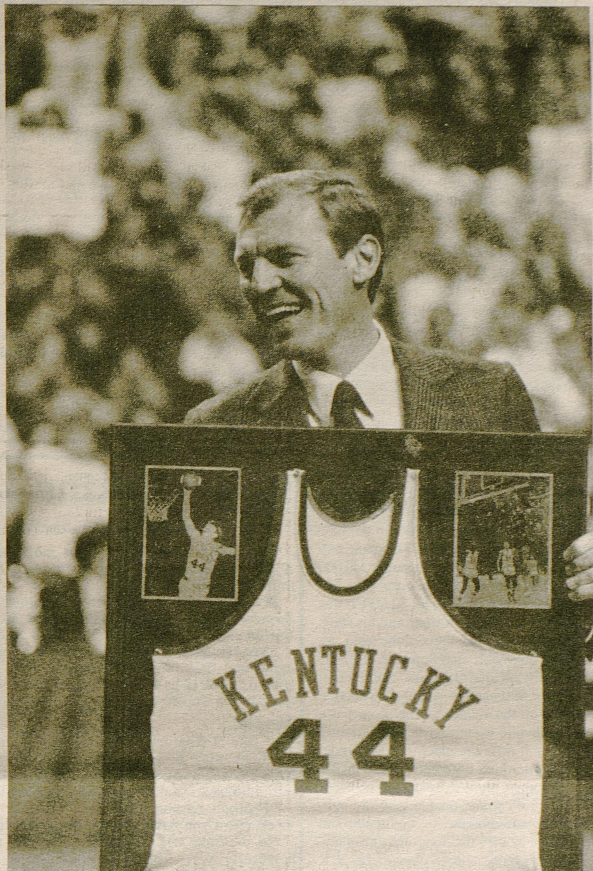
Rupp, the most.

"I had a great 15 years in the pros," said Issel, "but my favorite years were at Kentucky. Because of the enthusiasm and the support of the fans."

Issel has returned to central Kentucky, where he owns a thoroughbred horse farm in Versailles. He is active in various charity and civic activities.

Hagan said the UK Athletics Association has adopted a formal policy for retiring jerseys and has formed a committee to consider those to be so honored. Joining Hagan on that committee are Chuck Ellinger, a UK faculty member and a member of the Athletics Association Board of Directors; former UK sports information director and current Assistant to the Athletics Director Russell Rice; and current sports information director Brad Davis.

To be eligible for such an honor an athlete must have: excelled in area of competition in his/her sport; completed work toward a degree; excelled in particular field(s) of endeavor (not necessarily athletic) after leaving the university; contributed significantly to his/her community (church, family, social, charity, etc.); and must have completed eligibility at UK at least 10 years before being eligible to have a jersey retired. The honor means the jersey shall be retired, not the number.



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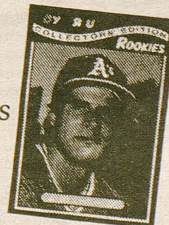
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## Oscar Combs

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Cox and yours truly will host a holiday special about two of Kentucky's most famous sports families—the **Wayne Chapmans** and the **Eddie Suttons**. The parents of two Wildcats reveal some very private feelings and observations of being basketball coaching families as well as having sons as outstanding players . . . Congratulations to **Dan Issel**. He's finally been honored by the University of Kentucky and the ceremonies were truly fitting for one of the most popular Wildcats to ever wear the Blue and White. And we're just as proud of him as we were 20 years ago. Dan is a credit to every organization he has been associated with, but most of all, Dan is one outstanding person, even if he had never dribbled a basketball. I'm glad to know him as a friend . . . One of the first people to call UK assistant **Dwane Casey** after the victory over **Indiana** was prep blue-chipper **Don MacLean**. He called to congratulate Casey on the big victory. His enthusiasm has not subsided at all with the **Big Blue** and **All-Star Sports Publications'** **Bob Gibbons** says he still believes MacLean will wind up signing with UK. If he does, the Wildcats are gonna be Final Four material for a long, long time . . . The game ball from the Kentucky-Louisville game brought \$12,000 for the Lexington Child Abuse Council. The game ball first was auctioned off and brought \$10,000 from a group of fans and then given back and auctioned off a second time for \$2,000. It was signed by coach **Eddie Sutton** and his staff. Sutton, along with members of the team, attended the charitable function held at a Lexington nightclub after the game. Some 1,000 people paid \$20 each to attend the function and mix with the Wildcats. The project is a very worthwhile event and it was certainly great to see it raise the much-needed funds, but one would think organizers could pick a more appropriate place to hold such an event which involves young people who are supposed to be role-models . . . Nightclubs and taverns must be the "in" things for university-sponsored events these days. The UK athletics department hosted a media party the night prior to the Kentucky-Louisville clash, but it wasn't held at any of the normally-accepted sites like convention centers, hotel suites or ballrooms. No, this one went straight to a local tavern. Invited guests were told by a UK spokesperson to enter from the back. What was that old sixties' record, "What's Going On Behind The Green Door?" . . . Speaking of changing times, UK athletics director **Cliff Hagan** recently told the UK Dance Cats to tone down their acts at Wildcat basketball games after UK apparently received several complaints that their dress apparel and acts were becoming offensive to some fans. They now wear different costumes . . . Former Wildcat All-American **Kevin Grevey** had his own version of a Kentucky Derby party at his popular restaurant in Virginia near Washington D.C. last Saturday. Over 100 Kentucky and Louisville fans showed up and partied while watching the game on national television. Grevey hasn't lost any of his love for the Blue and White . . . A couple people close to former pro great **Jerry West** said he became more than a little irritated with two Kentucky sportswriters in Indianapolis who kept trying to get West to compare **Rex Chapman** with himself. One of West's colleagues on the pro circuit said West couldn't believe how "stupid" anyone could be to compare a college sophomore with any pro player who had already proven himself over the long haul . . . Both UK games in the UKIT this weekend will be televised live over the UK Television Network. In Lexington, **WKYT-TV, Channel 27** will be the station and in Louisville, it will be **WAVE-TV, Channel 3**. Should UK get upset on Friday, the network would televise the consolation game at 6:30 p.m. Otherwise, only the championship game will be televised.

## Russell Rice

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participants:

**John Wooden**, a three-time Purdue All-American who once made 138 straight free throws for a pro team in Indianapolis, compiled a 566-140 record after 25 seasons (1949-73) at UCLA, where his teams won 10 NCAA titles, including seven straight, during a 12-year period. Before going to UCLA, Wooden had a 218-42 high school record at Dayton, Ky., and South Bend, Ind., and was 47-14 at Indiana State.

**Ken Loeffler** played five years as a pro after graduation from Penn State; coached Geneva (1929-35), Yale (1936-42), Denver (1946), LaSalle (1950-55) and Texas A&M (1956-57). He had a 319-213 college record; in addition to NCAA and NIT championships, he had a second in each at LaSalle. He also coached the NBA Bombers (1947-49). He was a professor of business law at the University of Nebraska.

**Hal Bradley** coached basketball 32 years without a losing season, with stops at high schools in Georgetown and Norwich, N.Y., plus Hartwich College, Duke and Texas, compiling a 337-169 overall collegiate record.

**Willie Naulls**, destined to become the first UCLA All-American for Wooden, played pro ball for the New York Knicks and the Boston Celtics. He became the first black in the NBA to be named captain

## Bob Watkins

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■ If **Keith Williams** becomes more assertive as a leader, allowing **LaBradford Smith** to mature and use some of his immense skills . . .

■ If Coach **Denny Crum** can find other ways to blend **Felton Spencer** into the team, perhaps not as a starter, then the Cardinals can become a Top 20 team again.

Even though the team Crum has this season is, save one, the same one that finished 18-14 last year, given Crum's track record, most of us expect UofL will mature, and earn its way back to the Top 20 and the NCAA Tournament.

People . . .

✓ One of Kentucky's premier high school football coaching positions may be vacant before next spring. North Hardin High's coach of eight seasons **Charlie Lynch** is ready to move into administration if a job becomes available.

"Football has been my life," Lynch, who is 40, said last week. "But you have to think about the future."

No decision will be made until the spring hiring period however.

In terms of population, North Hardin, a Class 4-A school, is in one of Kentucky's fastest growing areas.

✓ **Rich McCune**, a 6-3½, 250-pound tackle from Breathitt County High became the first in-state prospect to commit to the University of Kentucky last week. But McCune, who has a 3.6 grade point average, didn't just commit, he made a commercial through his coach **Mike Holcomb**.

"Rich hopes some of the other top prospects in the state will make the decision to go with him to UK," Holcomb said. "Whatever, I think UK got an outstand football player and a good citizen in Rich McCune."

If McCune is anything like the last southeastern Kentucky youngster to sign with UK, then coach **Jerry Claiborne** has done well. Junior to be **Vic Adams** from Middlesboro should project as an All-SEC player next year.

Parting shot

⊙ Business reporter **Jane Bryant Quinn**: "The rule of staying alive as a forecaster (sports predictor?) is to give 'em a number or give 'em a date, but never give 'em both at once."

⊙ Unfortunately, **Notre Dame's Tim Brown** (for whom I voted) was negative in his initial remarks after winning won the 53rd Heisman Trophy. Brown said he took it personally when some media types suggested he might not be the most deserving winner "because I didn't think I'm a bad person," he said.

Did anyone hear or read that **Brown** was a "bad person?" Anyway, **Brown** finished far ahead of Syracuse quarterback **Don McPherson** in the nationwide balloting of sports writers and broadcasters. He had 1,442 points (320 first place votes) to 831 for McPherson.

"I just wanted to cry because I was so relieved," he said when his name was announced. "Everything was behind me and I didn't have to worry anymore."

Worry? What happened to "thrilled, honored, humbled?" McPherson: "I felt mostly relief for **Tim Brown**. He went through the whole season as the 'Heisman Trophy candidate' and by mid-season he was the 'Heisman Trophy winner.' That's a great deal of pressure."

Did I miss something here? What higher honor in college football is there than being mentioned as the leading candidate for a Heisman Trophy?

One had to relish **Gordon Lockbaum's** reaction to the balloting. The Holy Cross wide receiver and defensive back finished third in the voting with 657 points.

"I'm happy with the finish," Lockbaum said. "To finish third is a great experience."

And so it goes. ■

of his team (New York). He averaged 15.8 points in 716 pro games.

**Tom Gola**, who scored 2,222 points in his high school career, was named MVP in the NCAA championships in 1954. A three-time All-American, he played on Explorer teams that won 101 of 118 games, averaging 20.9 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. A 6-6 guard-forward, he played professionally with Philadelphia-St. Louis and New York from 1956-66, averaging 11.3 points in 698 games. He compiled a 37-13 coaching record at LaSalle (1968-69).

## Stan Torgerson

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mellow pink . . . Ole Miss basketball coach **Ed Murphy** is writing a novel in his spare time. And no, it has nothing to do with basketball. "The main character has a choice between a career as an undertaker or a politician," Murphy says. "His older brother has already beaten him out of being the priest in the family." How's that again, Ed?

The Last Word: Tennessee football coach **Johnny Majors** talking about Vanderbilt quarterback **Eric Jones**:

"After the game (won by Tennessee 38-36), I told him he is a great football player and that I hoped he would take early graduation."

## Todd Hallum

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to the opponent's top scoring guard.

The keys for DeVoe rest with the improved play from Roth and consistent contributions from role players such as **Elvin Brown**, **Anthony Richardson**, **Mark Griffin** and **Ian Lockhart**. Last year the Vols were snake bit, losing four contests in overtime and also six defeats by three points or less. DeVoe hopes to reverse those close calls this season.

**OLE MISS**: Another puzzling team to figure this season is Ole Miss. Coming off an NIT appearance in his initial campaign at Ole Miss, coach **Ed Murphy** has to replace six regulars from last year's 15-14 squad.

**Roderick Barnes** and **Charles Prater** are his only proven players returning. However, he will rely heavily on his son **Sean** this season in the pivot. JC transfers **Johnny Payton** and **Mike Paul** are two players **Murphy** hopes will progress as the team prepares for non-conference games against **Tulsa** and **New Orleans** and **Temple** in the Sugar Bowl Classic. Because **Murphy's** teams play with so much intensity every game, the Rebels can't be taken lightly by any conference foe, especially in **Oxford**.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE**: You have to shed a tear for coach **Richard Williams**, who began the season without his two top scorers and rebounders from last year's team.

Both **Hubert Henderson**, the Rebels' leader in rebounds and **Anthony Blakley**, who averaged 11.7 points per game in 1986-87 have left the team. This year **Williams** hopes guards **Reginald Boykin** and **Robert Woodard** can take up some of the missing slack. Already **MSU** has a feather in its cap, doing something it hasn't accomplished for the last 20 road outings—win! A recent 72-68 road win at **Rice** broke a 20-game losing streak on the road. However, the Bulldogs once again appear to be cellar-bound this season.

**AUBURN**: SEC funny man **Sonny Smith** arguably has the best front line in the conference. Seriously.

The front line of **Jeff Moore**, **Chris Morris** and **Mike Jones** is one of the best rebounding tandems in the country. In addition, 6-11 freshman center **Matt Greiger** has been a pleasant surprise and will add more beef underneath. Meanwhile, **Auburn's** guard play is **Smith's** main concern.

Can **Terrance Howard**, **Johnny Lynn** and **Derrick Dennison** get the job done on a consistent basis? **Auburn's** early exams will occur during the **Illini Classic** (Illinois) and the **Cotton States Tournament** (Villanova and Georgia Tech) in late December.

**ALABAMA**: Besides putting his foot in his mouth during a Birmingham radio call-in show earlier this year, **Wimp Sanderson** may have to calm down on the sidelines and slowly bringing his unit along.

Heaven forbid such a thing. Recently, **Sanderson** unknowingly cursed rival **UAB** when asked why **Bama** had to play a game in the Birmingham Civic Center during the day instead of at night.

The early-season sensation for the **Crimson Tide** so far has been the exciting play of freshman guard **Alvin Lee**. During the Tide's 78-69 victory over **USC** in Birmingham, **Lee** tied a school record with eight three-pointers while scoring a game-high 33 points.

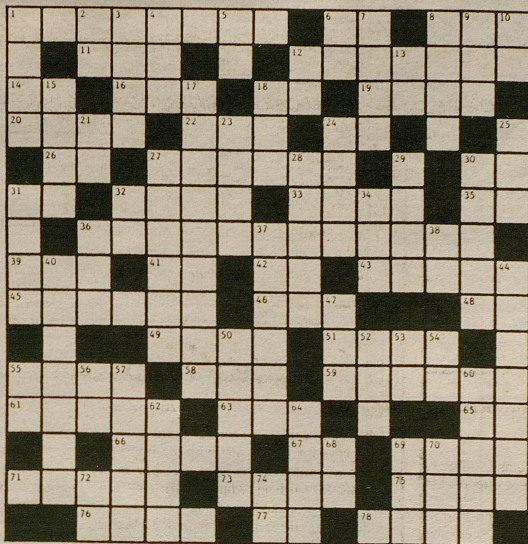
Forward **Michael Ansley** is one of the most underrated forwards in the league, but . . . he has to contribute underneath if the Tide expects to roll on. Also, center **William DeVaughn** has added to Alabama's attack with his overall improvement from a year ago.

Though the Tide will be competitive, **Sanderson** will be watching as well as hoping that his youthful squad will develop the needed chemistry to compete this season in the SEC.



TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



LEADING WILDCAT SCORERS THROUGH THE YEARS

- ACROSS**
- 537 points led over teammates T.J. and P.R.
  - Initials of leading Cat scorer in last year in Alumni Gym
  - Miner's quest
  - pole; larval frog
  - scoring led Cats in years before and after NCAA titles
  - See 13 Down
  - Spivey was Cats \_\_\_\_\_ scorer in first season in Memorial Coliseum
  - Symbol for radium
  - \_\_\_\_\_ upon a time
  - Namesakes of 61 Across
  - Had dinner
  - Initials of leading scorer of Joe's last Wildcat team
  - John's Redson
  - Conner and Flynn were also seniors when he led Cats in scoring
  - led Cats in scoring in Baesler's senior year
  - NE state abbr.
  - First name of 30 Down
  - A 3-time Cat scoring leader
  - Precedes I, O, U
  - \_\_\_\_\_ scoring led Cats in Joe's worst season (13-13)
  - The lady
  - Verb suffix
  - Big Ten state abbr.
  - Sky \_\_\_\_\_ a tremendous Cat career with 2080 points
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 600 points came in Cats undefeated season
  - Animal doc
  - Biblical pronoun
  - Issel was the \_\_\_\_\_ 700+ point scorer of the '60s Cats
  - Lyric poems
  - Wound with weapon
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ shooting foul
  - Cats top scorer in Casey's senior year
  - His only year as top scorer was when he was a sophomore
  - This great land
  - Roman num. for uniform # of 45 Across
  - Sandwich shop
  - Initials of 2-year scoring leader Billy
  - Bric-a-
  - Scored 746 points as a junior
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and every one
  - Pig talk
  - \_\_\_\_\_ coach
  - Initials of leading scorer Bill
  - Declines
- DOWN**
- \_\_\_\_\_ awesome 948 points came in the '69-'70 season
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was leading scorer on Cats last Final Four team
  - \_\_\_\_\_ only season as top scorer came in year Cats were NCAA runner-up
  - Bachelor's last words
  - Initials of first to lead Cats in scoring as a freshman
  - Initials of '30s star Opper
  - Issel always put on a great scoring
  - It's doubtful whether Rex will only lead the Cats \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ham on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Initials of coach when senior Walker led Cats in scoring
  - Initials of Rupp's last leading scorer
  - Initials of actor Nolte
  - Leading Cat scorer as a sophomore
  - Cats top scorer in '45-'46 season
  - Abbr. for "reverend"
  - Jurior J.M. finished second in scoring to junior \_\_\_\_\_
  - Age group
  - Leading scoring guard for Joe B.
  - Seasons as top Cat scorer for 40 Down
  - Lead Cats in scoring in last year in Memorial Coliseum
  - Buckeye football coach Bruce
  - Cart animals
  - Leading scorer in Issel's soph. season
  - Deeken finished 2nd to him in scoring in their senior years
  - Pronoun
  - December 24 or 31
  - Beer container
  - Lead Cats in scoring in three seasons
  - Abbr. for a football length
  - \_\_\_\_\_ scoring paced Rupp's last National Champions
  - '81-'82 Cats top scorer
  - J. Andrews was the \_\_\_\_\_ scorer in '72-'73
  - Led '64-'65 Cats with 426 points
  - First name of 71 Across
  - Comparative suffix
  - Initials of '70s guard Stan
  - Initials of 20 Across
  - "We got a r\_\_\_\_\_ deal from the refs"
  - Waits
  - 2nd in scoring to Burrow in '54-'55
  - Deep sea shockers
  - You should have learned them by now
  - Initials of '40s star Huber
  - 2-time Cat scoring leader Burrow
  - Body part
  - Continent abbr.
  - "Happy" Chandler



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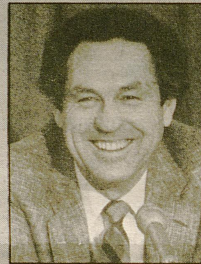


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 Nov. 6: Volleyball—UK def. Texas Arlington 15-6, 16-14, 15-9  
 Nov. 7: Football—Vanderbilt def. UK 38-29  
 Nov. 7: Volleyball—UK def. Western 15-0, 15-2, 15-4  
 Nov. 7: Volleyball—UK def. Indiana 15-9, 15-8, 15-2  
 Nov. 11: Volleyball—UK def. Tennessee 15-4, 15-3, 15-13  
 Nov. 14: Football—Florida def. UK 27-14  
 Nov. 14: Volleyball—UK def. LSU 15-11, 12-15, 12-15, 15-5, 15-12  
 Nov. 16: Volleyball—UK def. Louisville 15-6, 15-8, 15-9  
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 Dec. 1: Basketball—UK def. Cincinnati 101-77  
 Dec. 1: Women's Basketball—UK def. Eastern 96-79  
 Dec. 5: Basketball—UK def. Indiana 82-76 (OT)  
 Dec. 5: Volleyball—UK def. N.C. St. 15-13, 15-5, 15-8  
 Dec. 7: Women's Basketball—UK def. Tennessee Tech 78-69  
 Dec. 9: Women's Basketball—UK def. Indiana 75-68  
 Dec. 11: Women's Basketball—Western def. UK 80-56  
 Dec. 11: Volleyball—UK def. Texas-Arlington 13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 18-16  
 Dec. 12: Basketball—UK vs. Louisville 76-75  
 Dec. 12: Volleyball—Texas def. UK 9-15, 15-12, 15-9, 15-4



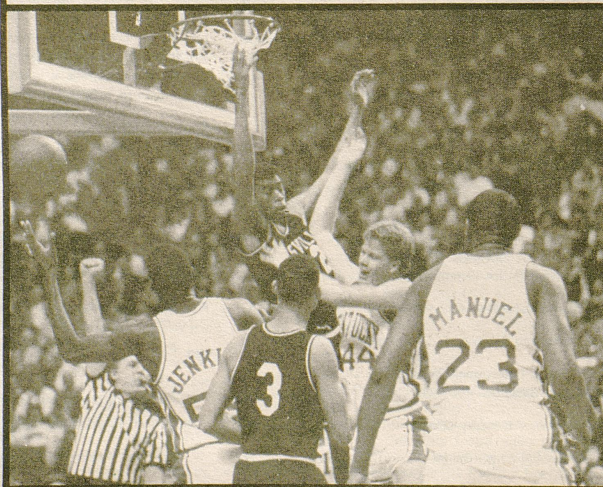
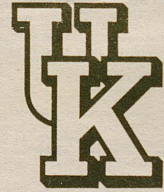
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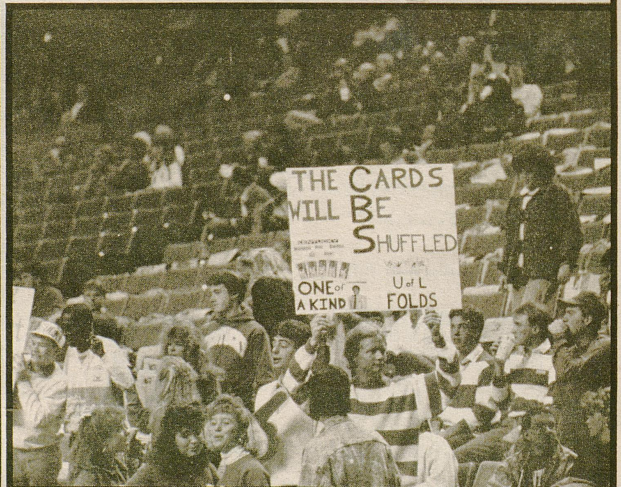
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# Is UK-U of L 'Dream Game' Really Special?

Big Four Classic, To Me, Is Better

Just a few short hours after this column was finished, the Wildcats and the Cardinals tipped off 'Dream Game V' in Rupp Arena amid weeks of hoopla and anticipation.

I use the term 'Dream Game' loosely because much of the



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist

glimmer has worn off since that first tremendously-heralded showdown on Nov. 26, 1983, that Kentucky won 65-44 to avenge an 80-68 overtime loss exactly eight months to the day earlier in the Mideast Regionals.

The Cats won in a rout last year 85-51, handing Coach Denny Crum his biggest defeat ever and the Cardinals their worst loss ever in Freedom Hall.

This season's match looked to be very similar, at least on paper, as UK brought a No. 1 national ranking into the game while U of L languished among the unranked following a drubbing by Notre Dame in its season opener the previous weekend.

Not having the luxury of knowing the game's outcome at the time of this writing, I figured Kentucky would win by about 20. I was a little more optimistic than Eddie Sutton who predicted a 14-point-or-less margin, but not quite as bold as Crum who said it may be 50 or 55 points in Kentucky's favor.

We all knew Crum was blowing a lot of hot air when he made that remark. But Sutton was, perhaps, more down to earth and closer to the mark. Sure, Louisville was mangled by David Rivers and Company. Sure, the Cards couldn't throw one in the ocean. But, this was not going to be the Cards' opener. And, chances are U of L's shooting percentage was going to increase to near normal.

But this was Kentucky-Louisville, a game where rankings and statistics could be tossed out the window. The battle lines were drawn weeks ago.

Yes, Kentucky was a definite favorite going in and the Cats have the better team, I believe. UK is blessed with a better backcourt than the Cards, more balance across the front line, more experience and more depth. And, not to forget another important factor, the game was to be played in Rupp Arena where Kentucky has won more than 90 percent of its games. It's like, "Yeah, this is our homecourt and we don't lose here, so just come in, take your lumps and get out."

Kentucky led the renewed series 3-1, having won two of the games in a big way. In the two NCAA tournament games played since 1983, Kentucky is 1-1 with the lone loss coming in overtime.

Louisville was 0-3 in Rupp Arena and 1-8 in the all-time series against UK in Lexington. In addition, Crum was 1-6 against Sutton and 2-4 against Kentucky.

The Wildcats have dominated the series more so than the overall success rates of both teams when you compare the entire seasons and this year should offer nothing different as far as the series is concerned.

But by now, this may all be hot air, also, if Eddie's Boys fashioned another rout or Denny's Kids pulled off the upset of the season.

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Notes and stuff: The UK-U of L match also paired up a couple of former high school teammates — Reggie Hanson of Kentucky and Shannon Fraley of Louisville who combined to lead Pulaski County to the 1986 Sweet Sixteen championship.

Hanson, a redshirt freshman, was the Maroons' big gun all season, but it was Fraley, a walk-on true freshman, who hit the winning shot in the closing seconds of the title match.

—Through the Wildcats' first three games, UK has had a different leading scorer and rebounder each time. Ed Davender (the most underrated player in the nation), Rex Chapman and Rob Lock had each led in scoring, while Lock, Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins had each grabbed the rebounding honor.

You can call the Louisville match a 'Dream Game' if you want, but the real 'Dream Game' to me now is the Big Four Classic.

Kentucky's 82-76 overtime win over Indiana would have to rank as one of the best games in UK history. Neither team led by more than six points and there were 20 lead changes — how much closer can you get?

The event finally took place years after it should have and it was big enough to pack the 40,000 seats of the Hoosierdome and draw in a live national television broadcast. Sure, the Notre Dame-Louisville contest was a laughier, but I don't think anyone wanted a refund after the UK-IU match rounded out the day.

So why go and fix something that ain't broke. Says Indiana coach Bobby Knight: Let's change it into a two-day tournament just after Christmas and it will be the biggest college basketball event in the nation, short of the Final Four.

Says Sutton: No way.

I agree with Sutton. I think it is already the biggest event short of the Final Four. Plus, neither team really needs two losses that early in the season, which is guaranteed to happen to one of the teams under the tourney format.

But even more important, Kentucky does not need to lose its home games against Indiana, Louisville and Notre



Sutton: Keep Big Four The Way It Is

Dame, traditionally three of the most revered matches on the UK slate.

The Hoosierdome is practically a homecourt advantage for Knight and UK surely does not need that, either. Also, none of the teams need to play any of the other three twice during one regular season and that would more than likely happen if there are games between the teams scheduled outside of the Big Four.

Next season, Kentucky will play Notre Dame in the Big Four, Louisville in Freedom Hall and Indiana in Rupp. That gives Kentucky one home, one away and one semi-neutral game with the other three. It is a dream lineup and shouldn't be changed.

Stick to your guns, Eddie.

\* \* \*

Should the Cats have survived the Louisville game with their undefeated record intact, their No. 1 ranking should also have persevered. But is it deserved?

Kentucky is most assuredly in the nation's top five, but maybe not No. 1. Not yet, anyhow. The Cats took the backdoor into the top slot on the heels of the No. 1 Heels' loss to Vanderbilt.

Had North Carolina won that game, even by one point, I don't think the win over Indiana would have vaulted UK into No. 1. Right now, Pittsburgh and North Carolina are the top two teams in the country in my book, with UK a close third.

But the Cats should enjoy the ranking while they can because it is extremely unlikely that it will last all season. An 18-game Southeastern Conference schedule, plus defending national runnerup Syracuse, lie ahead and it will take a little more consistency, balance and leadership for the Cats to still carry the No. 1 banner come March.

## Dream Game

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Payne, who was two of five on bonus-baby attempts for the day, popped a 24 footer with :31 left in the half to trim the lead to 45-32. By the time he nailed his second three-pointer of the day—a 20 footer with 2:21 remaining to be played to give Louisville (huh?) a 72-70 lead—strange as it may have seemed, it was a ballgame.

The meat of this sandwich, and U of L's attack all day long, was a spectacular effort from Herb Crook and Pervis Ellison.

Crook, the Metro Conference Player of the Year last season, returned from the vacation he took the week before against Notre Dame and lived up to his "Superb Herb" billing. Crook was 10 of 16 from the field, most of them coming with a hand in his face, and four of six from the line for a game-high 24 points.

And Pervis, well he was Pervis. "Never Nervous" grabbed a game-high 13 boards and added 20 points, the last two coming on a 10-footer from the left baseline to give the Cards a 75-74 lead with only 40 ticks showing on the clock.

It was only fitting then that the dramatic, second-chance tip-in from Jenkins—who has earned the nickname "Television Man" from teammate Derrick Miller because of his newfound propensity to come up with the big play in national TV games—should have provided the climax for this, perhaps the best of the five regular-season matchups.

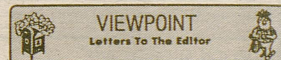
So, The Series, even if it only produces a Dream Game once every four and a half years or so, is worth keeping.

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I'm surprised it doesn't. That certainly got us off and running.

**Question: Would you describe the last play of the game?**

Sutton: We drew up a play we call "three-box." We let the shooter (Chapman) screen across away from the ball. Then you have a double screen coming down. Rex Chapman screens away and Eric Manuel broke to the block. Then we had Rob (Lock) and Cedric double-screen down for Rex. Ed (Davender) took the ball over to the one wing and we were hoping to hit Rex coming off the double screen at the top of the circle. He was open but Ed was under such heat on the baseline that he couldn't see him. He took a good shot, you couldn't ask for a better shot than he took. I'm like Ed—I thought it was going in the hole. But it didn't. I want to emphasize that when you watch basketball as much as coaches do, it isn't the initial shot that so often beats the other team, but it's the second and third shots that win it.



## Be Smart, Keep Jerry

Dear Sir:

I anxiously await the arrival of my *Cats' Pause* every week. It's the only way to keep up with the 'Cats up here in Buckeye (Fire The Coach) Country. My wife and I got to see the football 'Cats a couple of times this year and truly believe UK is very close to breaking through the upper echelon of the SEC.

I was very concerned to read that many fans (?) are calling for coach Claiborne's head. I hope the administration of UK is smarter than Ohio State.

Jerry Claiborne is a great asset to our University. He has made Kentucky respectable and very soon will make them a feared team.

Give him the time, give him the support. . . and give me another year of *The Cats' Pause*.

Wildcat fan in Buckeye Country,

Gary Blanton  
Worthington, Ohio



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Season Total		39-11 (.780)	40-10 (.800)	40-10 (.800)	39-11 (.780)	41-9 (.820)	39-11 (.780)
MIAMI (OHIO) AT KENTUCKY (UKIT)		KENTUCKY 23	KENTUCKY 19	KENTUCKY 16	KENTUCKY 24	KENTUCKY 22	KENTUCKY 21
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OHIO UNIVERSITY AT VANDERBILT		VANDERBILT 14	VANDERBILT 11	VANDERBILT 19	VANDERBILT 12	VANDERBILT 12	VANDERBILT 15
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT S.E. LOUISIANA		MISS. STATE 3	MISS. STATE 6	MISS. STATE 17	MISS. STATE 3	MISS. STATE 6	MISS. STATE 9
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MOREHEAD AT VANDERBILT		VANDERBILT 14	VANDERBILT 17	VANDERBILT 21	VANDERBILT 15	VANDERBILT 31	VANDERBILT 14
SOUTH FLORIDA AT FLORIDA		FLORIDA 18	FLORIDA 11	FLORIDA 32	FLORIDA 17	FLORIDA 14	FLORIDA 19
ARIZONA AT LSU		ARIZONA 4	LSU 3	ARIZONA 1	ARIZONA 4	ARIZONA 3	LSU 2
ILLINOIS AT MISSOURI		MISSOURI 4	MISSOURI 10	MISSOURI 6	ILLINOIS 1	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 3
PITTSBURGH AT AKRON		PITT 10	PITT 15	PITT 19	PITT 7	PITT 12	PITT 10
STANFORD AT UCLA		UCLA 7	UCLA 3	UCLA 2	UCLA 8	UCLA 6	UCLA 4
ALABAMA AT ARKANSAS		ARKANSAS 1	ALABAMA 1	ALABAMA 1	ARKANSAS 7	ALABAMA 4	ARKANSAS 2



# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Four Years Ago

\*Kentucky rolled to a convincing 72-50 win over Kansas in Lawrence, as Melvin Turpin and Jim Master combined for 48 points and Kenny Walker hauled down a game-high eight rebounds. Kentucky, with Master red hot on 10-of-13 shooting from the field, and Turpin scoring at will inside, raced out to a 35-20 intermission lead and never looked back.

\*Kentucky punter Paul Calhoun was selected second-team All-American by *The Sporting News*, thus becoming UK's first All-American since Art Still back in 1977.

\*Sophomore kicking specialist Chris Caudell was suspended from the UK football team for disciplinary reasons and was not permitted to play in the Hall of Fame Bowl game. Caudell later withdrew from school.

\*Kentucky placed three players on the Academic All-SEC football team. Selected for the honors were Ron Bojalad, Keith Mar-

tin and Scott Schroeder.

## Five Years Ago

\*The Kentucky Wildcats captured their 22nd University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament by defeating Duquesne 55-42, then coming back to beat Tulane 80-61 for the title. In the first game, UK played rather routinely, and the crowd of 23,964 never really got excited as Kentucky was not the sharp, crisp team it had been earlier. The Wildcats did shoot 59.5 percent from the field, but committed 11 turnovers to Duquesne's two. The 'Cats never trailed in the game and held a 29-17 lead at the half. UK scored the first six points of the second half, and the lead stayed in the 13-18 point range the rest of the game. Derrick Hord and Jim Master led the 'Cats with 14 points each. In the title game, UK looked much more like the team of old as the 'Cats crushed the Green Wave of Tulane. After the score was tied at 10, UK took over

and never trailed again, leading by 15 at the half. Guard Dicky Beal came off of the bench and ignited the crowd and the team with three incredible plays, including a windmill-type pass to freshman Kenny Walker for a stuff. The 'Cats continued their hot shooting with a 60.3 percentage from the field. Derrick Hord and Dirk Minniefield paced the attack with 17 points. Hord also was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

\*Results from testing have put All-America center Sam Bowie's leg back in a cast for another six weeks, and it looks as though he will have to sit out all year. "As far as determining whether or not I will be back this season, it looks doubtful now," said Bowie.

\*Kentucky freshman Todd May left the squad after citing unhappiness about the amount of playing time he was getting. He did not play in UK's victory over Notre Dame, the second game of the season and saw only limited action against Butler and Detroit. It had been said that May considered leaving earlier, but wanted to finish the fall semester exams before going. He is transferring to Wake Forest.

Charles Hurt seven, while Oliver Robinson led UAB with 12. Dicky Beal scored only two points but sparked UK off the bench with his electrifying play. Beal was named to the all-tournament team, along with Hurt and Bowie, who was named the MVP.

## Eight Years Ago

\*The good news continued for the Kentucky basketball program, at least in the recruiting wars. Seven-foot Melvin Turpin announced from his home in Lexington that he will attend Kentucky next week. Turpin attended Lexington Bryan Station and is presently playing basketball and attending Fork Union Military Academy. Turpin said one reason he chose UK was because his parents have been ill and he wished to stay close to home. Several weeks before Turpin's announcement, All-American Bret Bearup of New York announced he would attend UK.

\*What coach Joe Hall labeled the "Firehouse Five" sparked Kentucky as the homestanding 'Cats downed No. 1-ranked Indiana 69-58. The Hoosier had the 'Cats baffled in the first half and the UK offense couldn't get going. Hall then inserted a lineup of Dirk Minniefield, Dwight Anderson, Derrick Hord, Jay Shidler and Charles Hurt. UK trailed by 13 at one point in the first half but a midcourt steal and dunk by Hurt rallied the 'Cats and they were behind just 39-36 at halftime. Then trailing 53-51 with 9:05 left to play, UK reeled off 15 unanswered points and held on for the win. Kyle Macy led UK with 12 points. Fellow senior LaVon Williams had 11 points and eight rebounds, while the team's other senior, Shidler, hit some key long-range bombs among his 11 points. Ray Tolbert and Mike Woodson scored 16 each for Indiana.

\*A final-second steal by Jay Shidler helped UK preserve a 57-56 win before 15,800 screaming Jayhawk fans in Lawrence, Kan. UK's Dwight Anderson had missed a free throw with :04 left, but when Kansas got the rebound, Shidler made the steal and ran the ball down for UK's sixth straight win. The 'Cats did not play well, hitting only 41.8 percent from the field and committing 20 turnovers. UK led 57-52 with less than two minutes to go, but costly errors allowed Kansas back in the game. Freshman Sam Bowie led UK with 17 points and 14 rebounds while Kyle Macy was the only other Wildcat in double figures with 10 points. Darnell Valentine led Kansas with 17 points.

## Nine Years Ago

\*Freshman Dwight Anderson scored 17 points in the final 10 minutes in an unbelievable performance, leading the Kentucky Wildcats to a comeback win over previously unbeaten Notre Dame. The Wildcats defeated the Irish 81-76. "This may be the greatest win we've ever had at Kentucky," said coach Joe Hall after his team raised its record to 5-2. Trailing 61-49 with 11 minutes to go, Anderson then used his amazing quickness to get inside the Irish triangle zone. After he missed his first four shots, Anderson turned the corner, which earned him Most Valuable Player honors. Notre Dame's Kelly Tripucka led all scorers with 21 points.

## Six Years Ago

\*The University of Kentucky Athletics Board voted unanimously to appoint 53-year-old Jerry Claiborne head football coach beginning with the 1982 season.

\*In the first round of the annual UKIT, the 'Cats used a different lineup, inserting Charles Hurt for defensive purposes in place of Chuck Verderber. The move worked as UK defeated Jacksonville 107-91. Kentucky never trailed and broke open a close 8-8 tie to take a 23-14 lead. The Wildcats built that lead to 13 points by the half and led by 20 less than nine minutes into the second half. Kentucky's biggest lead was 25 points. The Wildcats showed a balanced scoring attack with seven players hitting double figures. Derrick Hord had 17 to lead the way.

\*Kentucky won its 21st UKIT title by playing a spectacular first half and jumping out to a 31-point advantage at halftime en route to a 98-74 victory over Seton Hall. Five players—Derrick Hord, Charles Hurt, Melvin Turpin, Dirk Minniefield and Jim Master—scored in double digits. Minniefield, Master and Hord were named to the all-tournament team.

\*UK head basketball coach Joe Hall was named to coach in the annual Pizza Hut All-Star Classic.

## Seven Years Ago

\*In a real laugh, UK jumped out to a 19-2 lead and went on to stomp Alaska-Anchorage 91-56 in the first round of the UKIT. Alaska made only three field goals in the entire first half, after being shut out from the field until 6:50 remained until intermission. UK led 35-12 at the break. Nine UK players logged between 14 and 27 minutes of action. Eight of those scored between seven and 16 points. Charles Hurt, starting for the first time in place of injured Fred Cowan, led UK with 16 points. Dirk Minniefield added 15. Freshmen Melvin Turpin and Bret Bearup were impressive off the bench, with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

\*Alabama-Birmingham earned everybody's respect as the Blazers took Kentucky down to the wire but lost 61-53 in the championship game of the UKIT. UAB led at the half and had UK on the hot seat for much of the game. Kentucky's final eight-point margin was its largest of the game. Sam Bowie led the 'Cats with 25 points and 12 rebounds, causing UAB coach Gen Bartow to label Bowie the best big man in the country. Bowie was the only Wildcat in double figures. Chuck Verderber added nine points and

# WILDCAT QUIZ

1. Which conference is *not* represented in this year's UKIT?  
a) Ohio Valley  
b) Sun Belt  
c) Mid-American  
d) Southwest

2. True or False? UK has never lost a UKIT game during the 1980s.

3. Which player holds the UKIT record for the most points scored during the two-game tourney?  
a) Freeman Williams (Portland State)  
b) Bill Bradley (Princeton)  
c) Dan Issel (Kentucky)  
d) Brian Taylor (Princeton)

4. Only four players have led the UKIT in scoring in two different years. Three of them did it in consecutive tourneys. Which of the following was the high scorer in non-consecutive seasons?  
a) Mike Casey  
b) Dan Issel  
c) Louie Dampier  
d) Jerry West

5. True or False? The UKIT is the oldest regular-season college basketball tournament in the country.

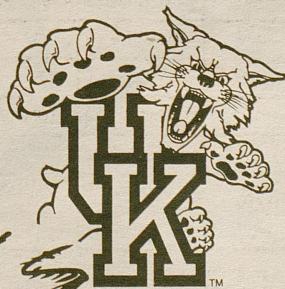
6. Kentucky's largest margin of victory in the UKIT came in 1965, against which of the following teams?  
a) North Carolina  
b) UCLA  
c) Louisville  
d) Indiana

7. What former UK player scored 60 points (two games) during the 1961 UKIT?  
a) Mike Casey  
b) Larry Pursiful  
c) Jim Krebs  
d) Cotton-Nash

8. Which of the following teams has won the most UKIT games?  
a) St. Louis  
b) West Virginia  
c) LaSalle  
d) Dayton

9. True or False? No SEC team, other than Kentucky of course, has ever appeared in the UKIT.

10. Against which team did Kentucky set a UKIT record for the most points scored in a single tourney game?



## ANSWERS

1. Southwest  
2. True  
3. Dan Issel  
4. Louie Dampier  
5. True  
6. North Carolina  
7. Larry Pursiful  
8. West Virginia  
9. True  
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2. True  
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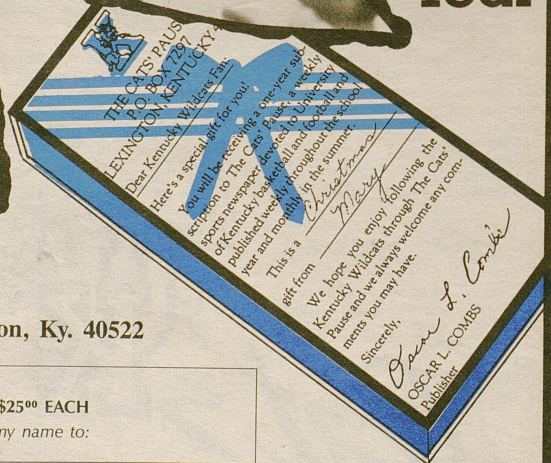
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