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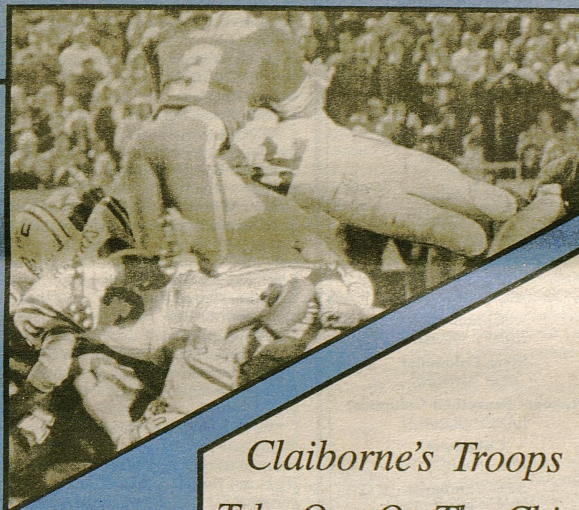
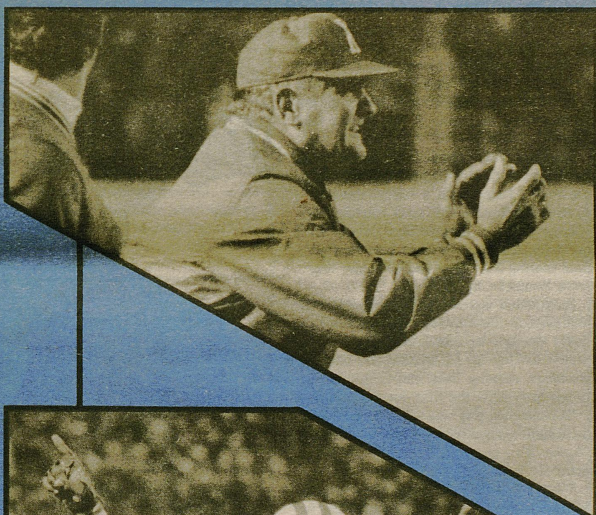
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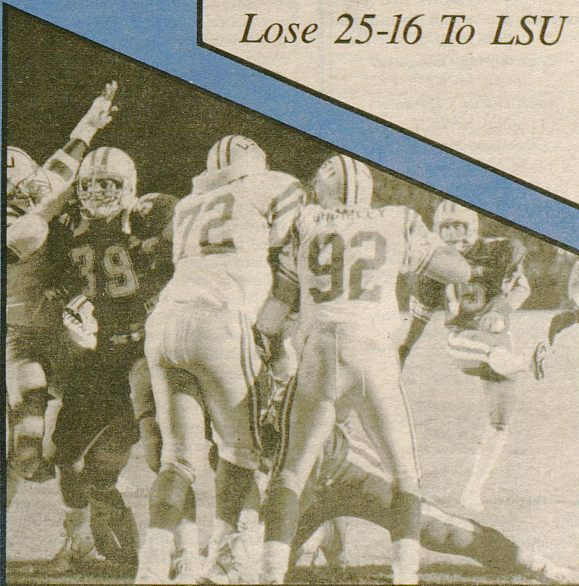
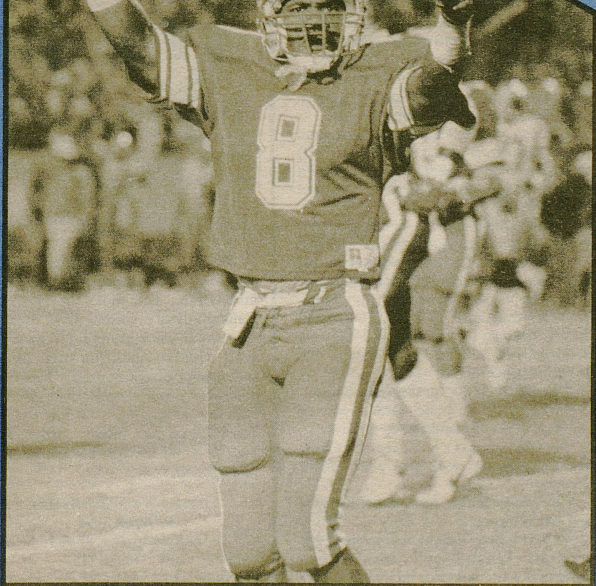
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Must Regroup For Georgia

'Cats Lose To LSU, But Regain Respect

By Mike Estep

You had to wonder what kind of effort coach Jerry Claiborne's football team would give Saturday night against LSU.

After going down to Jackson and being totally embarrassed by a very beatable Ole Miss squad 33-13, it would have been easy for Kentucky to come home and just go through the motions against LSU. Especially with two of the top three members of UK's vaunted rushing attack hampered with injuries—Mark Higgs out for the game with a tender ankle, and Ivy Joe Hunter limited to only one rushing attempt because of a bad back. Kentucky players could have just showed up and put their time in, following the script which had been written in years past—rack up a few nonconference wins early in the season, and then limp through the SEC schedule.

But the Wildcats showed character, battling the 12th ranked Tigers tooth-and-nail before falling to the SEC co-leaders 25-16 in Commonwealth Stadium.

Although it was a loss, it was a far cry from the miserable performance at Ole Miss. Kentucky proved to themselves Saturday that they can play with the SEC's best. In a 180-degree turnaround from the disappointing Ole Miss game, Kentucky came out and gave the Bill Arnsparger's team all it wanted. In the first half, the 'Cats displayed an intensity level which has been lacking around Lexington since they took on Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl in 1984.

But emotion can only carry you so far, and late in the game LSU's superior talent took over and allowed the Bayou Bengals to improve their record to 4-1 overall, 3-0 in league play.

"We knew the game tonight was gonna be tough," said Marc Logan, who was forced to return to tailback because of the injuries to Higgs and Hunter. "We're definitely disappointed. LSU is a good team, a well-coached team. Everybody is kind of down right now, this game really hurt us a lot. But we proved to ourselves that we can play with these guys. We've just got to make things happen, make our own breaks."

Wide receiver Eric Pitts agreed.

"I think we needed one big play," Pitts said. "If we could have had one big play then I think the tables would be turned right now."

"But, it was hard for us to get that one big play. A lot of times when we got first downs, we just needed one big play. . . like the first play of the game or something that would really get us fired up."

But for the most part, most of the big plays favored LSU.

Kentucky's first offensive play from scrimmage set the tone for the entire evening for the Wildcats. After the defense forced LSU to punt, UK took over on its own 15-yard line.

Quarterback Bill Ransdell dropped back to pass and dumped the ball off to fullback Andy Murray, who had a wall of blockers set up in front of him. After slipping a few tackles Murray broke free and raced 85 yards for what appeared to be the game's opening score. But the officials ruled that Murray had stepped out of bounds at the UK 42. Kentucky did gain one more first down during the drive, but couldn't penetrate any deeper into LSU territory than the Tiger 42.

And right before the half, with Kentucky holding onto a slim one-point lead, perhaps the biggest play of the game unfolded. UK's Jeff Nelson prepared to punt the ball away to

the Tigers. The snap from Mark Wheeler was a bit high, and Nelson, fearing the LSU rush, tucked the ball under his arm and tried to run for the first down.

"I didn't look up to see if the rush was coming or not, I assumed that it was," said Nelson, who had turned two such situations against Southern Mississippi into first downs. "They had been coming pretty hard all evening. I didn't think I had time enough to get it off, they (UK players and coaches) say I did."

"I tried to tuck it under and just tried to run. I didn't have any alternative but to just try to get what I could get."

LSU took over with 28 seconds remaining in the half and needed just three plays to stick it into the end zone and claim a 12-7 lead at intermission.

"The real critical play, of course, was right before the half when we got the snap and (Nelson) should have brought the ball down and kicked it," UK coach Jerry Claiborne said. "He wasn't sure if the rush was on. But I thought we overcame it. We got the lead back."

But after LSU regained the lead at 18-16, the Tigers came up with the biggest break of the night. Faced with a fourth-and-inches from the Kentucky 36, LSU running back Harvey Williams jumped over the top for a questionable first down which kept the Tiger's final scoring drive alive and killed any hopes for a Kentucky upset.

It appeared that linebacker Guy Neal hit Williams in the backfield and slowed him down enough to allow cornerback Tony Mayes to clog up the middle and stop the freshman running back short. But the officials gave LSU the first down.

"Another big play was when they went for the first down and made it," Claiborne said. "Again, it's a question of the spot (by the official)."

When asked about the play, defensive guard Vic Adams said, "Oh, you mean when we stopped them and they gave it to them on the spot? The ref came up and spotted the ball a foot and a half further than he should have."

Five plays later another freshman, Eddie Fuller scored from 16 yards to seal Kentucky's fate.

At his postgame press conference, a dejected and drained Claiborne said he was proud of his team's effort despite the loss.

"I though our effort was good," Claiborne said. "The players played hard. They (LSU) are a good football team. When you play a good team like LSU, you can't make too many mistakes."

"At times, we moved the ball pretty good. We also played pretty good defense at times. They (LSU) are a talented group of kids and they came up with some big plays against us."

Now the big question remaining is whether Kentucky can shake off the LSU loss and muster enough to beat the 4-2 Georgia Bulldogs, a feat which UK has been unable to pull off since 1977.

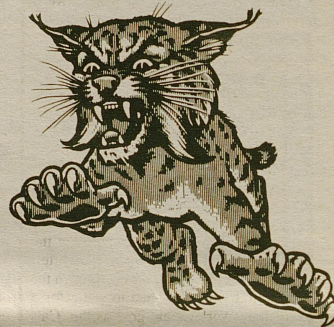
"We left it all out on the field tonight," Logan said. "That's the hardest part of athletics, to play so hard and come up short."

"But this team has a lot of character. I expect us to bounce back next week against Georgia."

A few lockers down, team-leader Ransdell said much the same.

"We laid it all on the line, and we just came up short," Ransdell said. "But I know I haven't lost any confidence (in the team). Not a lick. There's not any reason to."

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Lexington Was 'Heartbreak City' Last Saturday

What has become known as the "annual heartbreak" collared the Kentucky Wildcats with their second straight loss of the season and put Jerry Claiborne's Cats in a position of desperately needing a huge upset to get back in the post season bowl picture.

Unlike a week earlier, the Cats gave a supreme effort Saturday before 57,000-plus at Commonwealth Stadium although the effort went fruitless as the LSU Tigers held on for a 25-16 win.

It wasn't until the final four minutes of the contest that LSU had safely tucked the victory away as the Wildcats kept refusing to die.

In the end, it simply was a case of talent and execution overcoming desire and effort. As it has happened so many times in the long Kentucky-LSU football series, the Tigers' talent finally prevailed.

Kentucky led twice in the contest, in the second period and early in the third quarter, but a comeback fell short midway through the fourth period when UK had to settle for a 49-yard Joey Worley field goal as the 'Cats sliced the LSU lead to 18-16.

The Tigers then drove the length of the field for a touchdown which put the game out of reach.

Although a loss is a loss, the effort put forth by the Wildcats certainly was a welcomed change from the exhibition in Jackson a week earlier when the 'Cats were listless in a lopsided loss to Ole Miss.

With a 3-2-1 record, the Cats desperately need an upset over a big-name team to get back in the groove for (1) a winning season and (2) a shot at a post season bowl.

Just a winning mark, at say 6-4-1, won't do it this fall for the Wildcats. In fact, 6-4-1 may not get it done at all, but a win over a team like Georgia would go a long way toward convincing bowl scouts that the Cats are a worthy lot for a bowl invitation.

At the midway point of the 1986 season, the report card for Kentucky is less than sparkling.

Disappointments were a tie to Rutgers and the big loss to Ole Miss. Wins over Cincinnati and Kent State went about as expected. Most impressive was the 32-0 shutout of Southern Miss.

Where do the 'Cats go from here?

Kentucky's next three games will definitely tell the tale, or at least go a long way toward determining the season's outcome. For UK to go bowling, the Cats almost have to go 4-1 or at least 3-2 the rest of the way.

And that's going to be mighty tough in light of what's happened in the past six games. With Georgia, Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee on the horizon, UK is in a position of winning any of the five, all of the five, none of the five or any combination thereof.

The latter is more likely.

The 'Cats need to upset Georgia to restore some much-needed confidence. Another loss and the 'Cats could begin to second guess

themselves. Kentucky goes to Virginia Tech after the Georgia battle and there are no assurances that the Gobblers will be eaten this November.

Vanderbilt is suspect this season and Florida has returned to earth after a couple seasons in orbit. Tennessee has fallen on hard times, but Kentucky will still be outmanned.

Yes, all the marbles will be on the line this Saturday night.

The biggest news to come out of the game Saturday night was of non-play of running back Mark Higgs.

Higgs did not see action and expressed his displeasure of riding the pines to reporters after the game. Higgs said he felt fine and was ready to play.

In his postgame comments, coach Jerry Claiborne said Higgs missed part of practice on Thursday with an ankle injury and did not play because of the injury.

It's no secret that Higgs has been in the doghouse much of the season and that goes back to the summer. According to sources within the UK football circles, Higgs was one of the players who reported back to fall drills in less than "great shape."

On Thursday of the previous week, Higgs also reported suffering a slight ankle sprain and saw only limited action at Jackson against Ole Miss.

What appeared to be a stable full of horses at tailback has dwindled quickly in recent weeks. First Al Baker went down with a broken ankle. Ivy Joe Hunter has been nursing a back injury and then Higgs' problems. Marc Logan is left as the lone hero with Greg Baker also working out.

Higgs said he was particularly upset about missing the LSU game because he wanted to do so well because his brother (Kenny) went to school there.

The football recruiting wars are really heating up and Jefferson County promises to be the hottest hotbed of the Commonwealth when signing date arrives in February.

Jefferson County owns at least six major college prospects and we're talking about seniors who can just about name any school they want to attend.

Recruiting experts say this current crop of Louisvillians is as good as any in recent memory. And all the big boys are making their pitch, schools such as Ohio State, Michigan, Alabama, Nebraska, Illinois, UCLA and Oklahoma, not to mention Kentucky and other big-time schools in the region.

Biggest of the big names is 6-4 tight end Jeff Ellis, a three-sport all-star athlete who could start for Kentucky right now according to one UK assistant. Ellis, who is the son of former boxing champion Jimmy Ellis, is being wooed by over 60 schools. Those close to the scene in Louisville believe Ellis will

eventually choose from a final list which most likely will include Kentucky, Ohio State and Louisville because the youngster wants to remain near home.

Jerry Bell, a 6-3, 255-pound defensive lineman from Louisville DeSales is described to be another Oliver Barnett. Bell, according to one expert, is good enough to start for Kentucky today. Might be the best lineman in the state.

David Scott, a 6-1, 211-pound running back from Jeffersonton, is being recruited heavily by more than 20 schools. Those said to be high on his list are Texas A&M, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

Phil Logan, a 6-2, 185-pound wide receiver, is just as versatile as a defensive back from Louisville Holy Cross. He's so good that Alabama's Ray Perkins made a personal visit. One recruiting expert says he plays a lot like UK's Ron Robinson. Logan, says one college recruiter, is good enough to start for four years.

Two players who are considered real sleepers in the Jefferson County area are quarterback-defensive back Lee Tinsley and quarterback Jeff Houk of St. Xavier.

Tinsley, at 6-0, 185, is considered one of the state's top athletes and perhaps the No. 1 baseball prospect in the Commonwealth. An option quarterback, Kentucky coaches are high on this youngster.

Houk is one of those athletes who has the intangibles. At 6-2, 200, he has size and is considered an excellent sprint-out option threat.

Another prospect in Louisville is 6-1, 225-pound Darren Hayden of Fairdale who most likely will go the junior college route because of Proposition 48. A tight-end, lineman and tailback by trade, Hayden is capable of playing for most any major college if he could develop the grades.

Some of the top names out in the state to keep your eyes on are Newport Catholic tight end Frank Jacobs, Paducah Tilghman tailback-linebacker Billy Swanson, Bryan Station tailback William Dishman, Paducah Tilghman lineman Stacy Overline, Bryan Station linebacker Derrick Thomas and Corbin lineman Kent Carter.

In Knoxville, Tennessee, an estimated 1,500 basketball fans turned out for the Big Orange's version of Midnight Madness. At Nashville, some 150 souls paraded around in pajamas at Vanderbilt's basketball gym.

And then in Lexington, some 12,000 diehards turned out at Memorial Coliseum for the annual affair which had to turn away more than 800 fans after the local fire marshal locked the doors when the 11,500-seat arena was filled beyond capacity.

It was some kind of an event for the Big Blue fans who were treated to more than \$100,000 worth of free food, merchandise and gifts by the UK Athletics Association and local corporate sponsors.

Sponsoring the event with the UKAA were

Jack Kain Ford, Computer Color Corporation, Central Bank & Trust, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Southern States Bluegrass Region, Commonwealth Travel Agency, Blue Grass Coca-Cola, The Cats' Pause and Metro Piston.

Fans from as far as Florida in the South and Canada to the North made their way to Memorial Coliseum for the Cats' first practice of the year.

The event was billed as *A Fan Appreciation Event* by the UKAA.

UK athletics director Cliff Hagan said it was UK's way of saying thank you to the loyal Big Blue fans who have supported the Wildcats so faithfully over the years.

Tipping off the event that evening was an appearance of the 1953-54 Wildcats who compiled a perfect 25-0 mark before declining an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

That particular team won a playoff game against LSU in Nashville and then turned down the invitation because the NCAA ruled that three UK stars, including All-Americans Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey, could not play because they had already been in school eight semesters. They had played only three years because the Wildcats were denied a year's play the previous season by the NCAA because of probation.

It was the first reunion for that famous team.

FIRST AND TENS . . . If you've been making plans for the upcoming basketball season, don't make those plans too solid just yet. Southeastern Conference officials are expected to release a new, revised hoop card within the next week and at least two UK games are expected to be changed because of a new television agreement with the **USA Network** . . . Speaking of basketball, officials of the annual **Naismith Tip-Off Classic** in Springfield, Mass., might invite Kentucky back there to open the campaign next season. Although no schedule has been released (that won't come until next summer), the 'Cats are already scheduled to play in the **Great Alaskan Shootout**. Ironically, the only other time UK played in the Tip-Off Classic, the 'Cats also played in Alaska the same season, back in 1979 . . . Representing the SEC at the Kentucky-LSU game Saturday was assistant commissioner **Mark Womack** . . . LSU's win over UK Saturday insured the Tigers a decade of undefeated football at Commonwealth Stadium. The last time LSU lost in Lexington was during the 1976 season. The Tigers won't play again in Lexington until 1989. Although LSU should be back in 1988, the 'Cats will play two straight years in Baton Rouge as the SEC switches to a seven-game league card that year. Because UK wants to go with a 4-3, 3-4 home-and-away SEC card each season instead of a 2-5, 5-2, UK has agreed to play two straight seasons in Baton Rouge. UK officials say the 'Cats will be awarded a financial bonus by playing in Death Valley for two straight years.



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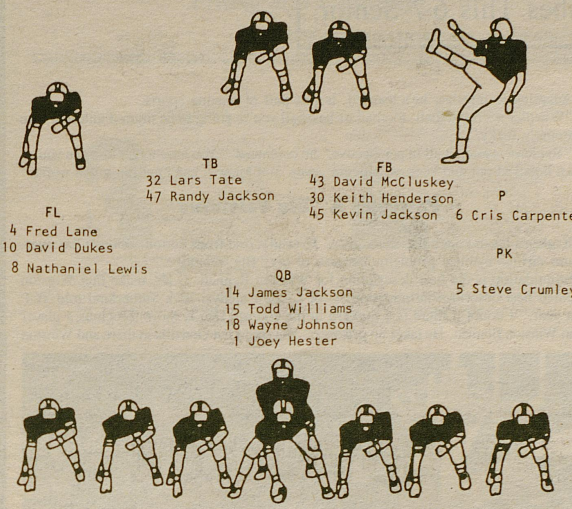
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Georgia Offense



FL
4 Fred Lane
10 David Dukes
8 Nathaniel Lewis

TB
32 Lars Tate
47 Randy Jackson

FB
43 David McCluskey
30 Keith Henderson
45 Kevin Jackson

P
6 Cris Carpenter

QB
14 James Jackson
15 Todd Williams
18 Wayne Johnson
1 Joey Hester

PK
5 Steve Crumley

TE
87 Troy Sadowski
83 Kirk Warner
90 Jim Hickey

RG
68 Kim Stephens
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66 Eric Johnson

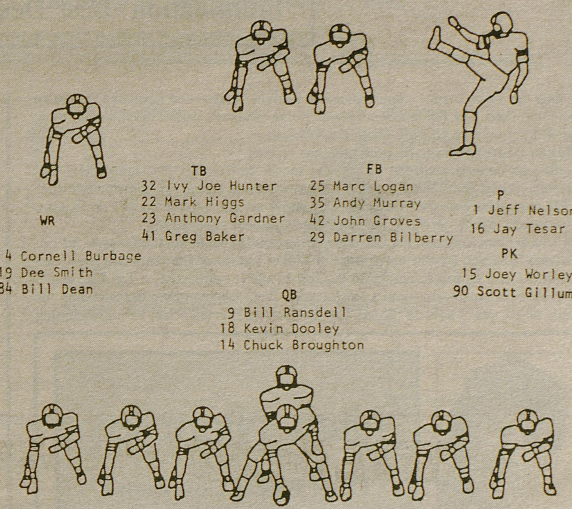
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50 Curt Mull

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61 Keith Johnson

LT
77 Victor Perry
76 Chris Warren

Kentucky Offense



WR
4 Cornell Burbage
19 Dee Smith
84 Bill Dean

TB
32 Ivy Joe Hunter
22 Mark Higgs
23 Anthony Gardner
41 Greg Baker

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

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1 Jeff Nelson
16 Jay Tesar

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90 Scott Gillum

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9 Bill Ransdell
18 Kevin Dooley
14 Chuck Broughton

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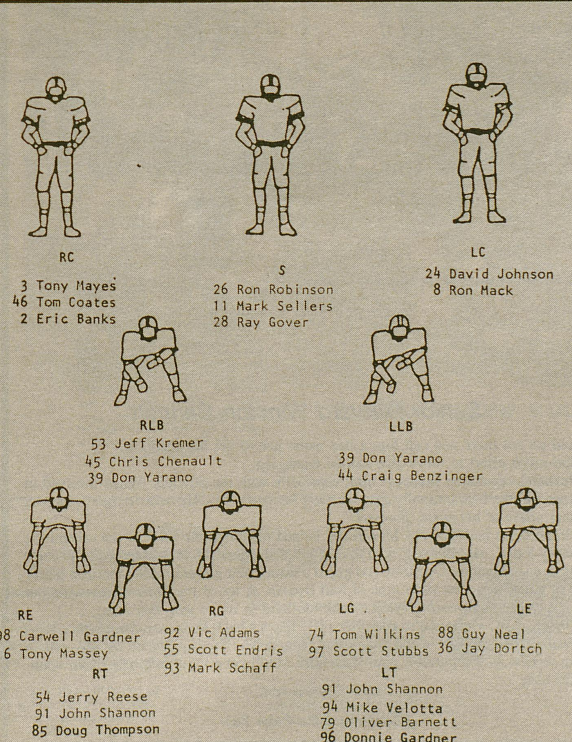
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LT
65 Joe Prince
75 Mike Pfeifer
69 Tom Crumrine

Kentucky Defense



RC
3 Tony Mayes
46 Tom Coates
2 Eric Banks

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26 Ron Robinson
11 Mark Sellers
28 Ray Gover

LC
24 David Johnson
8 Ron Mack

RLB
53 Jeff Kremer
45 Chris Chenault
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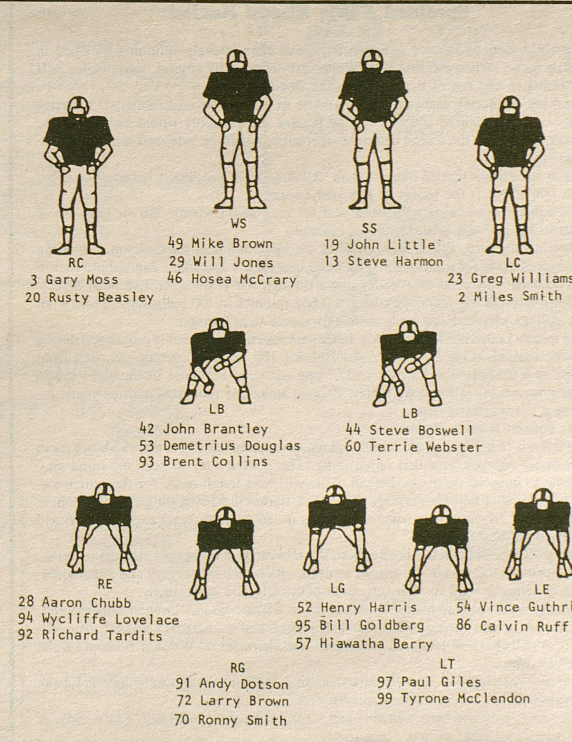
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LT
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94 Mike Velotta
79 Oliver Barnett
96 Donnie Gardner

Georgia Defense



RC
3 Gary Moss
20 Rusty Beasley

WS
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29 Will Jones
46 Hosea McCrary

SS
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13 Steve Harmon

LC
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2 Miles Smith

LB
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93 Brent Collins

LB
44 Steve Boswell
60 Terrie Webster

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92 Richard Tardits

LG
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95 Bill Goldberg
57 Hiawatha Berry

LE
54 Vince Guthrie
86 Calvin Ruff

RG
91 Andy Dotson
72 Larry Brown
70 Ronny Smith

LT
97 Paul Giles
99 Tyrone McClendon

'87 Should Be Bennett's Year To Take Over

'Intimidation' Best Describes This 6-7 Senior

In 1984 the Twin Towers—Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin—led Kentucky to a berth in the Final Four. For the last two seasons Kenny Walker's name was the main topic when striking up conversation about the Wildcats.

Winston George Bennett III your time has arrived.

In 1983 he became a special addition to Joe B. Hall's club. You knew there was something special about Bennett when he decided not to attend his hometown institution. He instead became the first Derby City native to sign with the hoop 'Cats in more than a decade, enemy territory for Louisville Cardinal supporters.

Three years have past and the UK senior is anxious to begin his final season for Eddie Sutton's Wildcats. Despite the absence of Walker and Roger Harden, many preseason publications have tabbed Kentucky in the Top 10 and in some cases a Top Five selection. Preseason expectations and a frosh named Rex Chapman have dragged atop the coattails of last year's success. Some 'Cat fans believe this team will be more exciting



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

than the 32-4 club.

More exciting? C'mon.

"It's possible," Bennett said in a recent interview. "There's always room for improvement. Coach Sutton is not going to allow it to be any other way. Hopefully, I'm not going to allow it to be any other way; I'm not going to allow us to lose. I don't think any of my teammates are going to do that."

Kentucky's 6-foot-7, 210-pound physical forward has witnessed many things during the past three seasons in a Wildcat uniform. From the good—playing in the Final Four, Academic All-SEC, being a part of UK's 32-4 season, and All-SEC as a player—to the bad—suffering both bitter defeats and various medical problems—have followed Winston Bennett throughout his college career.

Sprained Ankle Almost Healed

Currently, Bennett is once again on the mend after severely spraining an ankle in a pickup game. When the first Blue-White scrimmage rolls around, meanwhile, he'll be roaming in and out of the paint like the Bennett of old.

Speaking of injuries, last year Sutton said he would have taken a sabbatical if Kenny Walker was ever injured and lost for the season. He probably would have the same remarks if Bennett, the team's defensive specialist, would be sidelined with a season-ending injury.

Sutton already has labeled Bennett as an "All-American" candidate. No question about which UK player is the leader of this year's team.

"I see this year as being a different year for me," said Bennett. "In the past, we've always had a guy that would lead our ballclub.

"Now it's my turn. I'm suppose to be at the helm and lead the ballclub. I'm going to be looked upon for a lot of the leadership qualities. I feel like I can uphold that in that I've been somewhat of a leader down through the years since I've been here."

"Down through the years" he's logged 2,662 minutes in 100 ballgames. There's not many college players today with more experience than Bennett.

The former Louisville Male and Mr. Basketball selection has steadily progressed during his three seasons at the University of Kentucky. His offensive output has risen from 6.5 ppg as a freshman, to 7.2 ppg, to 12.7 ppg last year. It's those intangibles—hustle and determination—which have helped Bennett snare 541 rebounds in three years, including a 7.0 rpg last season.

Yet, Bennett is not satisfied.

"The levels of betterment are far beyond what we really think. So, there's always room to get better and you have that opportunity. That's what I try to keep my mind on."

Trying to improve on his basketball skills will be a tough order for the senior forward. Throughout Bennett's college career he's started in 63 straight games, hit double digits in 28 of 36 games last season, 46 steals in '86, and was team captain in '86 and co-captain in '85.

If it's possible, Bennett has been *slowed down* because of numerous medical setbacks. In 1985 prior to the start of the season he dealt with both knee surgery and pneumonia. It was a critical period for Bennett, both physically and emotionally.

"I really wasn't able to get in the swing of the whole season," Bennett remembered. "It threw my whole balance off; I didn't shoot well and my accuracy was off. My confidence was lacking. It just took away from the character of Winston Bennett on the basketball court."

In 1984-85 he played in 30 of 31 games, missing only the season opener against Toledo. Nevertheless, you could see he was suffering.

Other problems like back ailments and a sprained ankle have made him wonder at times why him? Why so many injuries?

Adapting to injuries, he's learned, is just part of playing sports.

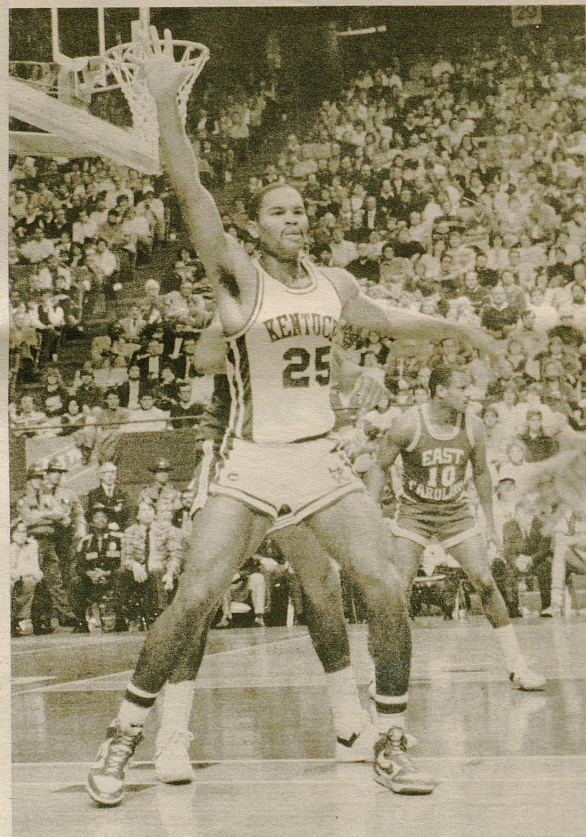
"Whether it's basketball, football or baseball you're going to be injured unless you're extremely lucky."

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

Possesses A "Big Valentine"

It takes a lot to knock this man down. To steal a line from Sutton, Bennett has overcome various medical problems because of his "Big Valentine."

Intimidation is the best description for Winston Bennett. . . ah, make that Winston Bennett best describes intimidation. U of L color analyst Jock Sutherland told TCP last year, "I doubt if there is a forward in the country that is more ferocious a player than Winston Bennett. He takes no prisoners. You could put Godzilla in there and Winston



Senior Forward Winston Bennett

would go out there and call him a bad name just to get his attention."

Too much effort at times also can be damaging.

Bennett's reputation precedes him, especially with the officials. When involved in a close call the blame usually gets whistled Bennett's way. He believes he's improved in that phase of his game, however.

"Experience and maturity have really helped me along the lines of not committing as many fouls," said Bennett, who fouled out of six games in '86 compared to 10 early exits as a sophomore. "Anytime you guard a team's best player or All-American player you're going to get in some type of foul trouble. A lot of my fouls were *maybe* out of desperation and *maybe* trying a little too hard to try to stop this man.

"In any case, where you're guarding a guy like a Chuck Person or, for instance Kenny Walker, you can't go in and totally shut them down. You just have to try and contain them as best as you possibly can. Hopefully, you'll get a lot of help from your teammates also."

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KENTUCKY



All Eddie Sutton did in his first year at Kentucky was take a team which was 18-13 in 1965 and was picked to finish no higher than third in the S.E.C. and led them to a phenomenal 32-4, 17-1 in the S.E.C. winning the regular season and tournament championship. Always known as a great defensive coach, Eddie was named national "Coach of the Year" by the N.A.B.C. and Associated Press and S.E.C. "Coach of the Year" by both AP and UPI. Before coming to Kentucky, Eddie coached at Arkansas 269/75 (178) and Creighton 92/50 (52) for an overall record of 374-129 (744) in 17 years. One of our all time best!

J.D. Barnett

TULSA



J.D.'s initial season at Tulsa was a huge success, his Golden Hurricanes won the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, finished with a 23-9 record and a N.C.A.A. Tournament bid. Before coming to Tulsa, J.D. coached at Virginia Commonwealth where his record was 132-48 (733) in six seasons. He won four regular season Sun Belt Conference titles, three tournament championships and went to the N.C.A.A. tournament five times.

Gary McKnight

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL
CALIFORNIA



In his four years as head coach at Mater Dei High School in California, Gary has compiled one of the great records of all time. His overall record is 116-6 and has never lost a league game (40-0). He has won 3 Southern California Championships and finished second in 1984. His 84 team was rated #1 in the nation by the prestigious Street and Smith magazine and his teams have all finished in the top ten of the USA Today national high school poll.

Dwane Casey

KENTUCKY ASSISTANT COACH



Dwane Casey has joined Eddie Sutton's staff at Kentucky after serving under Clem Haskins at Western Kentucky for six seasons. The 1979 U.K. graduate played on the Wildcats' 1976 N.I.T. championship team and the 1978 N.C.A.A. championship team. After graduation in 1979, Casey served as a graduate assistant at U.K. under Joe B. Hall before joining Haskins' staff. In addition to on-court duties, Casey has extensive recruiting duties at Kentucky.

Jerry Tarkanian

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS



For a quarter of a century, Jerry's home has been the basketball court and the last thirteen he has been at the helm of the Runnin' Rebels. Before U.N.L.V., Jerry coached 5 years at Long Beach State (122-20), 2 years at Pasadena City College (67-4), and 5 years at Riverside City College (145-22). His career record is mind boggling - major college 442-101 (812) and junior college 212-96 (891) - overall 654-127 (838). He is the winningest (by percentage) active collegiate coach in America.

Jim Boeheim

SYRACUSE



Jim has made a career out of producing successful basketball teams and last year was one of his best. In ten years as head man at his alma mater, his teams have been 230-77 (749). The Orangemen have gone to eight N.C.A.A. and two N.I.T. tournaments in that time. In 1981, Syracuse won the Big East Tournament and went to the finals of the N.I.T. before losing to Tulsa in overtime. Jim is one of the very few major college coaches to win 100 games in four consecutive seasons.

Dick Vitale

ESPN SPORTS



Before becoming one of America's top television basketball analysts, Dick Vitale was one of the best coaches at all levels of basketball. While a high school coach in New Jersey he won 2 consecutive state titles and in his last 4 years he had a 95-12 record. After a short stay as an assistant at Rutgers he won 78 games as head coach of the University of Detroit, followed by being named coach of the Detroit Pistons in 1976. Dynamic, Enthusiastic and Motivating - Dick Vitale.

Andy Landers

GEORGIA (women)



Having finished his seventh season as coach of the Georgia Lady Bulldogs, Andy is now considered among the elite names of his profession. Through 11 years - first at Roane State Community College, now at Georgia - he boasts a successful percentage of 792, a figure virtually unmatched by his peers. In seven seasons at Georgia, his ledger reads 180-48 (.789) and his overall mark is 262-69. Last year's squad finished 30-2 while being ranked #2 most of the year.

James Dickey

KENTUCKY ASSISTANT COACH



Considered one of the top young assistant coaches in the country, James Dickey has assisted Eddie Sutton for five years now - four at Arkansas and one at Kentucky. Razorback and Wildcat teams have compiled a remarkable 128-32 record and all have advanced to the N.C.A.A. Tournament under Sutton and Dickey's instruction. Considered an excellent on-court instructor and bench strategist, Dickey has also forged a reputation as an outstanding recruiter.

Ed Janka

NIKE CLINIC COORDINATOR
MANAGER-BASKETBALL PROMOTIONS



Ed is the manager of Basketball Promotions for Nike after coaching for seventeen years at all levels. He has directed basketball clinics for the past thirteen years which have been attended by almost 15,000 coaches. Ed has been an assistant at Fairfield University (CT), University of Detroit, and his alma mater Marquette, besides heading up programs at John Carroll University and Oberlin College. He also was the head coach in the Italian Professional League and coached 4 years in Chicago area high schools.

Clinic Schedule

Friday, October 31, 1986

- * 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration and Pick Up Your Game Ticket For The Kentucky Wildcat Blue-White Scrimmage in Rupp Arena
- * 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm "Individual and Team Fundamental Drills" - Gary McKnight, Mater Dei H.S. (California)
- * 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm "Attacking Man to Man Defenses" - J.D. Barnett, Tulsa
- * 8:45 pm - 10:00 pm "The Art of Motivation = The Winning Edge" - Dick Vitale, ESPN Sports
- * 10:00 pm - 11:30 pm [11] Coaches' Hospitality Hour

Saturday, November 1, 1986

- * 8:30 am - 10:30 am Registration Continues
- * 8:30 am - 10:30 am Coffee and Tea Sponsored by HEAVYROPE by Bodyflex, Inc.
- * 9:00 am - 10:15 am "Building Man to Man Defense With Drills" - Andy Landers, Georgia (women)
- * 10:15 am - 10:30 pm HEAVYROPE - The Dynamic Conditioning Instrument - HEAVYROPE by Bodyflex, Inc.
- * 10:45 am - 12:00 noon "Attacking Zone Defenses" - Jerry Tarkanian, Nevada-Las Vegas
- * 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Lunch On Your Own
- * 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm "The Syracuse Running Game" - Jim Boeheim, Syracuse
- * 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm "Winning With Pressure Defense and Good Shot Selection" - Eddie Sutton, Kentucky
- * 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner On Your Own
- * 7:30 pm - The Kentucky Wildcat Blue-White Scrimmage in Rupp Arena

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Welcome To College Basketball — Kentucky Style

Chapman, Miller Debut At Midnight Practice

Hope all you non-believers out there in Louisville, Bloomington and Chapel Hill were watching last week. Because if there was any doubt that Lexington is the college basketball capital of the world, that notion was laid to rest last Tuesday night in Memorial Coliseum.

More than 12,000 Big Blue supporters turned out to get their first glimpse of Eddie Sutton and his 1986-87 Wildcat basketball team. And more than 1,000 fans were turned away when fire marshal Gary Beach closed the doors after it was decided that the Coliseum had reached its capacity. All this after WKYT Channel 27 in Lexington and WHAS Channel 11 in Louisville had announced at 6 p.m. that they would be providing live coverage of the practice beginning at 11:45 p.m.



Mike Estep
Cats' Pause Columnist

If you wouldn't have known any better, you might have thought you had been sucked into a time warp and been mysteriously transported back through time, back to the early 1950s, the heyday of Memorial Coliseum. Former Governor A.B. "Happy" Chandler got the festivities off the ground with a stirring rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home," followed by the introduction of members of Adolph Rupp's undefeated 1953-54 team. All-American co-captains Cliff "The Cat" Hagan and Frank Ramsey, Lou "Plato" Tsiropoulos, Billy Evans, Gayle Rose & Company set the scene for what had to be the wildest display ever for a mid-October practice session.

Even Sutton got caught up in the spirit.

"Last year, the midnight practice gave me my first taste of what Kentucky basketball is all about," Sutton said. "I couldn't believe 10,000 people would come out on a cold, rainy night to watch a practice. Then this year, I thought the live television might hurt the crowd but instead we had to close the doors at 11:30.

"We had a busload of Kentucky fans come in from Detroit for the evening. A man came in from Toronto, we had a couple fly in from Atlanta and countless people drove in from surrounding states. It was wonderful. Unbelievable. Something like that could only happen in Kentucky. It just once again reinforces my belief that in all of sports, college or professional, there's nothing like Kentucky basketball."

The next day, at the annual basketball media day, Sutton told reporters he would like to play several games a year at the Coliseum.

"That's the way basketball is supposed to be played," Sutton said, referring to the overflow crowd. "Ray Meyer (the legendary coach who won more than 600 ballgames at DePaul) told me the other day that this was the toughest place he had to ever bring a ballclub to."

Chapman Makes His First Appearance For Wildcats

But more than anything else, at least to many of the spectators on hand, the Midnight Practice ushered in a new era at the University of Kentucky. "The Rex Chapman Era," as one banner proclaimed. When Chapman and fellow freshman Derrick Miller were introduced, they received a standing ovation, the largest of the night.

Chapman is no stranger to large crowds, having played in Owensboro's Sportcenter, the state tournament in Rupp Arena and in numerous high school all-star games. But Kentucky's Mr. Basketball for 1986 was impressed with his first reception as a Wildcat.

"I've never played in front of a crowd like that," Chapman said. "Never. Not (one) as loud as that crowd was last night. Kentucky has great fans, and they expressed that last night. But I didn't expect it to be that loud."

Sometimes, though, the crowd got a little carried away, forgetting that Chapman is just an 19-year-old freshman. Frequently, chants of "We want Rex. We want Rex," echoed around the Coliseum. And during the 15-minute scrimmage choruses of "shoot, shoot," erupted whenever Chapman touched the ball.

"I wasn't thinking anything when they said that," Chapman said. "A lot of times I was at half-court. It wasn't like I was going to launch one up from there."

Even though Sutton himself has been quoted as saying the Owensboro phenom could end up as one of the best players to ever play at Kentucky, the coach warned the fans not to expect Chapman to walk on water—at least not right away, anyway.

"The people of Kentucky might expect miracles and I don't want that to affect him," Sutton said. "I don't want people to think he's a savior. He's got a lot to learn, as all freshmen do. My responsibility is to protect him so the fans don't expect too much too soon."

"I think everyone wants to come out and see the freshmen for the first time," Chapman said. "It's only natural for the fans because we haven't played any games yet. After we get into the season, I think they will be more team orientated. But I feel like it kind of puts me in a bad position. (The veterans) have been here for so long and they deserve

all the credit. They've been here, I haven't even played any at all for UK.

"(Coach Sutton) has told me to go out and play my hardest and things will work out," Chapman said. "If I play hard, all the hype will disappear and everything will work out."

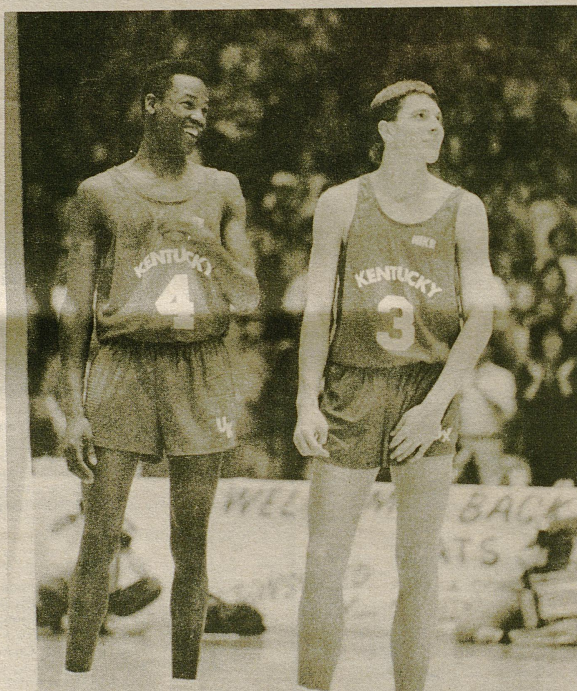
"I'm anxious to get started and get the season underway. I want to play as badly as the fans want me to."

UK's 'Other' Freshman Also A Hit With The Crowd

For Miller, Kentucky's other freshman from Savannah, Ga., the pressure hasn't been as great.

"People don't know much about me," Miller said. "I'm from Georgia and they've never seen me play before. They don't know what I can do."

But if his practice performance is any indication, it won't take long for them to find



Freshmen Derrick Miller (left) and Rex Chapman

out. Miller brought the crowd to its feet with a couple of spectacular dunks, and calmly canned several three-pointers during the 15-minute scrimmage.

The 6-6, 160-pound stringbean said the crowd was unlike anything he had ever witnessed.

"Being from Georgia, I hadn't played in front of a lot of people very often," Miller said. "The biggest crowds I had ever played in front of were at the Dapper Dan and at the Derby Classic—about 11,000. But those crowds weren't like the one last night. They were so enthusiastic and wild. I kind of expected it would be like this. Kentucky fans know the game, they appreciate basketball here."

"I was a little nervous at first, but after I ran around the court a few times it was OK," Miller said. "I just looked at my shoes when I came out on the floor. If I would've looked around in the stands and saw all the crowd I might have gotten caught up in all that."

Miller, who had trouble adjusting to Kentucky this summer, said the big turnout made him feel right at home.

"It made me feel more confident in myself. I had my ups and downs this summer, I had trouble with being homesick. But when I came out and saw all those people, it made me feel like I made the right decision by coming to Kentucky."

"I went through homesickness at the beginning of the summer," Miller said. "I was homesick, very homesick. But now I feel comfortable. I really like Kentucky, it's so nice and quiet."

"I talked to my mom in New York recently, and I told her she might not see me up there for a while because I like it so well down here."

1986-87 Southeastern Conference Basketball Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 9	10 USSR at Vanderbilt (ex)	11 Yugoslavia at Tennessee (ex)	12	13	14	15 Athletes in Action at Alabama (ex)
16	17	18 Marathon Oil at Georgia (ex) Yugoslavia at Kentucky (ex)	19	20	21 LSU in NIT at Baton Rouge	22 Marathon Oil at Auburn (ex)
23 LSU in NIT at TBA	24 Spirit Express at Ole Miss (ex)	25	26	27	28 Alabama at NE Louisiana Auburn at UAB Florida at Florida State Spartan at Georgia Appalachian State at Tennessee Vanderbilt in Silversword Tournament at Maui, HI	29 Austin Peay at Kentucky LSU in NIT at TBA Washington of St. Louis at Ole Miss Illinois Wesleyan at Miss. State Vanderbilt in Silversword Tournament at Maui, HI
30 Armstrong State Georgia at TBA Vanderbilt at Silversword Tournament at Maui, HI	1 Furman at Alabama Armstrong State at Auburn Florida-Stetson at Daytona Beach	2 Western Carolina at Florida Texas Tech at Kentucky Christian Brothers at Miss. State	3 Georgia at Georgia Tech Louisiana Tech at Tennessee UT-Chattanooga at Vandy	4 Florida-SMU at Pensacola Ole Miss-Arkansas at Memphis	5	6 Alabama at Florida State Central Florida at Georgia Kentucky at Indiana LSU at McNeese State Ole Miss at North Texas State Miss. College at Miss. State Vanderbilt at Duke
December 7	8	9 Jackson State at Ole Miss Indiana at Vanderbilt	10 Alabama-Arkansas at Birmingham Central Florida at Florida Wichita State at Miss. State	11 Austin Peay State at Auburn	12	13 Alabama-Duke at Misowwinds, NJ SW Louisiana at Auburn Florida at South Florida Vanderbilt at Pennsylvania Lamar at Kentucky SE Louisiana at Ole Miss Delta State at Miss. State Tennessee at Marquette Georgia at Cotton States Classic at Atlanta
14 Georgia in Cotton States Classic at Atlanta	15 Auburn at Eastern Kentucky Georgia State at LSU	16 LSU at Florida Miss. State at UT-Chattanooga	17	18 Augusta College at Auburn Miss. College at Ole Miss	19	20 Appalachian State at Alabama Ole Miss at Tulsa Florida in Gator Bowl Tournament at Jacksonville Georgia in Hawaiian Tropic Classic at Daytona Beach Kentucky hosts UK Invitational LSU hosts LSU Invitational Tennessee hosts Volunteer Classic Vanderbilt hosts Music City Invitational
21	22 Alabama at Georgia Vanderbilt at LSU VMI at Tennessee	23	24	25	26 Florida in Rainbow Classic at Honolulu Miss. State in Far West Classic at Portland	27 Columbus at Georgia Kentucky at Louisville Ole Miss in Holiday Classic at San Diego Southern Cal at Tennessee
28 Auburn in Sun Bowl Ole Miss in Holiday Bowl at San Diego Vanderbilt in Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans	29 Tournament at El Paso Alabama at BMA Holiday Tournament in Kansas City Tennessee in Florida Citrus Bowl Classic at Orlando Vanderbilt in Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans	30 Georgia-Kentucky at Louisville	31	January		
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Pickins' Aplenty In State's Prep Football Crop

Recruiters May Harvest 20 Division I Prospects

Kentucky high school football doesn't have a dominant running back or blue-chip quarterback prospect this year.

However, college recruiters are not worried about the quality of talent in the state's prep ranks this season. Twenty or more Kentucky high school players could be on Division I rosters next year.

"I think this is very similar to the crop of players in 1984," said Bob White, who covers high school football for The Courier-Journal. "Kentucky may not have a great team but it has more good players than normal."

College coaches agree, too.

"This is going to be a good year for players in the state," said Dick Redding, UK's recruiting coordinator. "The state didn't have a lot of blue-chip players in 1985 but even then we knew this would be a big year."



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

So who are the state's best high school seniors? Here's a look at who college coaches rate as the best:

● **Frank Jacobs** — The 6-5, 220-pound Jacobs is probably the state's best prospect. The Newport Central Catholic tight end was rated one of the top 25 players in the country by *USA Today*.

He has the size, speed, power and hands big-time schools want in a tight end but rarely find. And to make him even more attractive, he is an honor student.

Jacobs, who has been timed in 4.7 seconds for the 40-yard dash, has played a variety of positions at Newport and is a three-year defensive starter.

● **Jeff Ellis** — Seldom has Kentucky produced one quality tight end prospect in a season. The 6-5, 223-pound Ellis, though, combines with Jacobs to give the state two of the best in the nation this year.

Ellis, who has recently heard from Notre Dame, has the speed to go deep or the muscle to catch short passes. Ellis, the son of former heavyweight boxing champion Jimmy Ellis, also starts at linebacker for Louisville Male.

"Jacobs is probably a little ahead of him right now but I guarantee you any school would take both of them," said one college coach.

College Recruiters Won't Let George Go Unnoticed

● **Todd George** — Most fans haven't heard about the 6-5, 265-pound Covington Catholic tackle. College coaches, though, know about him.

"He's been overshadowed in northern Kentucky because of Jacobs," said one coach. "But, believe me, he's a player."

Over 50 colleges have contacted George, who can run the 40 in 5.1 seconds. UK has been in contact for three years but George plans to visit several big-name schools.

● **Jimmy Baughman** — The 5-9, 175-pound Danville standout is considered the state's top running back prospect by most coaches. Baughman, who can bench press 350 pounds, is a great open field runner and is extremely quick (4.5 in the 40).

"He can run inside or outside and he has great acceleration," said Coach Tom Duffy. "His balance is probably his biggest asset. He's a big-time running back."

Baughman has rushed for 12 touchdowns this year and has also thrown a TD pass.

● **Kent Carter** — The 6-5, 260-pound Carter has all the tools to play Division I football. He's strong, aggressive and is an excellent pass blocker.

"The best thing about him is that he loves to play football," said Corbin Coach Cotton Adams. "He's aggressive and makes things happen."

● **Eddie Thomas** — The Ft. Knox speedster has been timed in 4.45 seconds in the 40 and has run the 100-meter dash in 10.7 seconds. That's why Thomas, a wide receiver, could be the long ball threat every team wants.

"He's not catching as many passes this year because we have a sophomore quarterback," said Ft. Knox Coach Joe Jagers. "Plus every team is double covering him."

The 6-0, 155-pound Thomas is an exceptional open-field runner and returns both punts and kickoffs. He has returned kicks 99 and 97 yards for scores this season.

"He needs to get stronger," said Jagers. "He has never had time to really get on a weight program and it wouldn't surprise me to see him red-shirted his first year to build his strength."

"He could be the best wide receiver to come out of Kentucky since Cornell Burbage four years ago," said one college scout.

● **Jerry Bell** — The 6-3, 255-pound defensive tackle from DeSales is extremely strong but also has above average quickness.

"He's an outstanding prospect," said one of the state's college coaches.

● **Walter Underwood** — Many big name schools have looked at the 6-3, 275-pound Fairdale lineman, who can run the 40 in 5.1 seconds.

● **William Dishman** — The 6-1, 195-pound tailback has rushed for over 2,000 yards in three years at Bryan Station. He's a powerful runner but also has the speed to make the big play.

"It would help if he was a little faster but any school would take him," said one college coach.

● **Phil Logan** — The 6-2, 180-pound Holy Cross standout has the ability to catch the ball in traffic that college coaches like. He also has 4.6 speed in the 40.

He has caught almost 100 passes in his three-year career and is a threat to turn any pass into a big gainer.

Logan, who recently has attracted attention from Alabama, already has the test scores to qualify for a Division I scholarship.

● **Bobby Craycraft** — The 6-4, 250-pound Boyd County tackle shed 40 pounds from his 1985 playing weight to help his mobility. Over 75 colleges have contacted him.

● **Derek Thomas** — The 6-2, 215-pound Bryan Station linebacker is a terrific hitter and has the size and quickness college coaches like.

● **Stacey Overline** — The 6-4, 255-pound tackle helped Paducah Tilghman win the Class AAA title last year. Overline is almost a straight A student, too.

● **Jamie Jagers** — The 6-3, 245-pound Jagers has been a three-year starter for Pleasure Ridge Park and is another of the state's top defensive players.

Cumberland's Freddie Maggard One Of State's Top QBs

● **Dale Fox** — The 6-0, 200-pound Corbin halfback gained over 1,200 yards in just seven games in 1985 and is having another productive year.

"Dale is a quality back," said Adams.

● **Billy Swanson** — The 6-0, 220-pound Paducah Tilghman standout earned All-State honors at defensive end in 1985 but was moved to linebacker this year. He's the best athlete on Paducah's talented team and averages 12 yards per carry when used at fullback.

● **Joey Couch** — The 6-2, 230-pound Couch is used at fullback and linebacker at Paintsville.

"He's also a little bit slow but he could be a quality down lineman in college," said one coach.

● **Fred Maggard** — The 6-3, 200-pound Cumberland star is considered the state's top quarterback by most college coaches. He's also a standout baseball and basketball player.

"He's probably the best quarterback in the state and could play for most teams," said one coach.

● **Greg Armstrong** — The 6-4, 290-pound Heath lineman could be the "sleeper" in this year's high school class. He can run the 40 in 5.0 seconds and dominates the line of scrimmage.

● **Scott Terry** — Another possible sleeper is this Henderson County running back. He was hurt as a junior but is having an impressive senior campaign. And he could be the fastest running back in the state.

"A lot of schools are going to be recruiting these kids," said one of the state's college coaches. "More recruiters are going to be in this state the next few months than ever before."

"The state also has some quality underclassmen but nothing to compare to this year's senior. Kentucky just doesn't produce this many good football players in one year very often. Usually the state is lucky to have 12-15 Division I players."

It's That Time Of Year Again

NOTHING EXPLAINS the mystique of Kentucky basketball better than the season-opening midnight practice.

Where else would a standing-room-only crowd of over 12,000 show up to watch a team go through a 30-minute workout at midnight?

Where else would two television stations televise live a midnight practice? And where else would \$100,000 worth of food and merchandise be given out to fans at a midnight practice?

"It's just an unreal situation," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "I can't explain it and really wouldn't have believed it until I got here last year. One of the first things I tell recruits about is the midnight practice because that proves just what basketball means here."

Sports Now A Science? You Gotta Be Kidding

Biomechanics, Physiology Help UK Athletes

Sports is really getting complex these days, folks. No, not the games themselves, so much, although some people can't make heads or tails out of football. But it's the study of the activities involving the human beings participating in those actual contests that is really taking off.

For example, would you believe that sports is now a science? That may be hard to imagine for some spectators sitting in the upper deck at Commonwealth Stadium. Especially when they realize that the athletes running around down there on the field are improving their performances through a variety of techniques.

Sports Science Studies How Athletes Perform

The study of how and why an athlete performs on a certain level is termed a sports science. At the University of Kentucky, sports science teaching and



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

research centers around the interrelated studies of biomechanics and exercise physiology.

Biomechanics is the application of the area of mechanics to living organisms. It investigates how the body accomplishes particular actions and how it withstands physical stress. Exercise physiology is concerned with the body's efficient use of its fuel system.

"Application of science to human movement isn't new," says Dr. Rob Shapiro, a professor of biomechanics in UK's College of Education. "Leonardo da Vinci was making biomechanical analyses of walking, sitting and standing in the late 15th century. But the new capabilities of our technology mean we can make very exact studies of individual athletes and produce data almost immediately."

Shapiro, a pitching consultant with the Chicago White Sox, uses this data to help athletes perform better.

"From our films we can tell which muscles are producing how much, how much acceleration they have, what techniques are used," said Shapiro. "We can break it down into the most minute detail."

Such a technique wasn't possible until advancements were made in the film industry, according to Shapiro, a native of New York City.

"The standard videotape takes 30 pictures per second," he explained. "An athlete can't see what he's doing wrong from a videotape replay. But with the new technology we now use an athlete can get a better understanding of what's going on. We can go into 500 pictures per second."

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— Dr. Robert Shapiro

But Shapiro doesn't just spend his hours sitting around looking at films. That's not what a biomechanical professor does. Most of Shapiro's time is spent in research and working with UK students and athletes. And, along with his teaching, Shapiro is involved in an ongoing study of the biomechanical aspects of various pitching techniques in major league and collegiate baseball.

"You do better in the field if you have an appreciation for the athlete," Shapiro said. "Plus, a background in mechanical engineering wouldn't hurt. I was a physical education major, but I wouldn't be able to get into the programs now that I graduated from."

Safer sports equipment is one result of biomechanical research. Examining the mechanics of injuries can prevent them. And results of this research filter down to consumers of related recreational sports products. For example, running shoe manufacturers have invested in extensive biomechanical laboratories to improve their products.

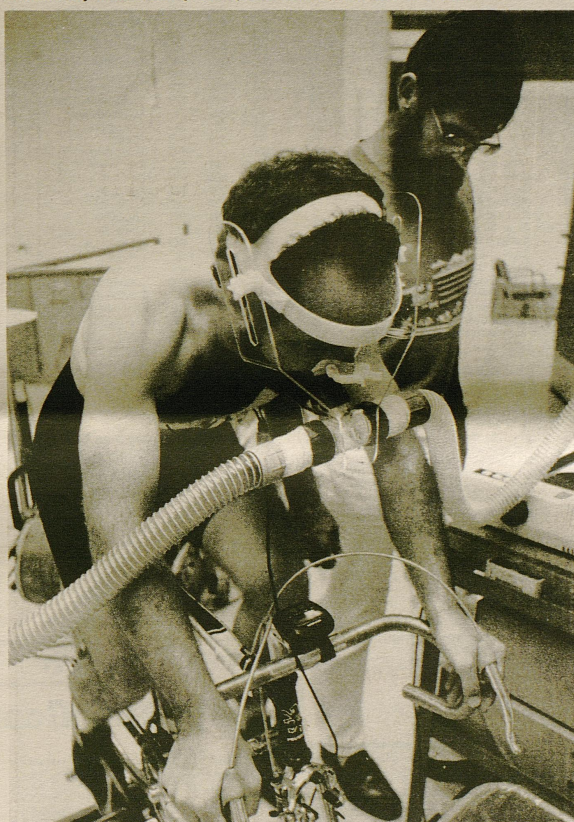
Sports Science Has Grown Since Montreal Olympics

"We try to communicate to the athlete in simple terms what he or she may be doing wrong," said Shapiro. "With an injury, we make it more complex for the orthopedic surgeon. They need to understand in more detail how it occurs. With athletes, we try to understand how they perform and teach them how to do it better."

Since the Montreal Olympics in 1976, the field of sports science has really taken off, says Shapiro.

"The Eastern European nations really dominated," said Shapiro. "Eastern bloc countries have shown the most comprehensive use of sports sciences in their Olympic programs. They use sports science to develop their athletes' full potential."

In America, that's not the case, although it's picked up in the past 10 years. "Over there, it's pretty much mandatory for the athletes," said Shapiro. "It's not that way in this country. Our system allows you to make a choice."



Shapiro Rides Stationary Bicycle As Kearney Supervises

Those who choose to make themselves better performers will report into Shapiro and his colleagues at the Seaton Center on the Lexington campus. Those test results can be used to assess fitness for a particular sport, to alter training or evaluate injury recovery.

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In fact, one of Shapiro's colleagues, Jay T. Kearney, the director of UK's human performance lab, is on a year's leave of absence to coordinate the exercise physiology segment of the U.S. Olympic Committee Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Shapiro's department was helped by a grant from the Kentucky Sports Medicine Clinic. He will conduct a seminar on recent developments in the sports sciences field and a display of biomechanics instrumentation on Saturday, Oct. 25, before UK's home contest that evening against the University of Georgia. The seminar is free of charge and will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited.

"All this research is good," said Shapiro. "I study biomechanics. But there's a puzzle that's difficult to solve. Why do athletes with good mechanics sometimes lose to people with poor mechanics? You see it happen all the time. The highly-skilled athlete falls by the wayside to someone who's more determined and has more heart. It's interesting how that happens."

SEC Preseason Guesses Failing To Pan Out

Rumors Still Have Arnsparger Heading To UF

It's a good thing people have short memories.

Otherwise, no one would ever buy those preseason magazines which purport to tell you who will be the winners and who will be the losers in the season ahead.

Preseason forecasting is guessing developed to its highest science.

Let's ignore the magazines for a moment and turn to the writers and broadcasters who cover the league and its teams. Surely they should know. No one is closer to the scene.

Before the season started the SEC held its annual press day in Birmingham. Virtually every major paper in Conference territory sent at least one writer. The TV and radio guys also showed up.

They all met with the coaches over a three-day period, listening to each one report on his team.



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There were players there, too. Every coach brought several of his stars. These young men were interviewed as well.

When it was nearly over, the writers and broadcasters, armed with their personal knowledge and the fresh access to coaches and players, sat down and voted the order of finish for the 1986 SEC football campaign.

Alabama received 47 of 72 possible first-place votes. The Tide is making the writers look very good.

But after number one, the crystal ball obviously had cracks in it.

Florida and Tennessee tied for second in the vote. Florida started the season with a win over a small Division I-AA school and then lost the next four in a row.

Tennessee has had trouble beating anybody. They staggered around and got whipped by Mississippi State in their own back yard, got walloped by Auburn and then presented a Christmas package gift to Army. That made the Volunteers a surprising 2-3 for the year and they hadn't even played Alabama yet.

The writers then selected LSU for fourth and the Tigers are making the experts look good. Georgia was named fifth and that may be about right.

But Auburn was picked to finish sixth and the Tigers are certainly better than that.

Kentucky won the seventh spot and the debacle at Ole Miss casts some heavy doubt as to the Wildcats' real ability. Ole Miss was named eighth and the Rebels will probably finish higher than that.

Mississippi State Has Been Surprise Team

Next, the press completely overlooked the league's best offensive player, quarterback Don Smith, and said that Mississippi State would be the ninth-place team.

The last time we looked the Bulldogs were 2-0 in the Conference and tied for first-place with Alabama.

It gets to be a habit, picking Alabama first and Mississippi State ninth or 10th. This year, the writers are only half right.

Vanderbilt was a shoo-in for 10th place and it was hard to miss that one.

There are two factors which are rarely taken into consideration which make those who supposedly know what they are talking about look like they haven't got the slightest idea.

Number one is injuries. No factor influences a team's record more than losing key personnel through injuries. When a school is one deep at a certain position and that key man gets hurt, everything changes—always for the worst.

Second is the influence of freshmen. Is the kid a player? As the hair coloring ad says, only the coach knows for sure because the practice field is the only place he's played.

There is one good thing about the writers' preseason choices, however. Instead of laying out \$2.50 or more as you do for a slick magazine, you can read their selections for the cost of your daily newspaper, about 25 cents.

Come to think about it, that's about what they're worth.

Not For Broadcast

A short time back Auburn played the **Western Carolina Catamounts**. What the heck is a catamount? Webster's Dictionary defines *catamount* as "any of various wild cats such as a cougar or lynx." Cats of the catamount variety have for years roamed the Southern Appalachian Mountains where Western Carolina is located. . . . **Vanderbilt's David Wurm** describes what it's like playing noseguard in the Southeastern Conference: "My job is to prevent being annihilated." . . . Man, was it hot for the **Florida-LSU** game in Gainesville. In your best **Johnny Carson** manner, all together now, "How hot was it?" It was so hot that the Tigers' athletic trainer reports his team consumed 2,200 pounds of ice, drank 375 gallons of fluids, went through 3,500 paper

cupps and utilized 11 intravenous injections. . . . *Sports Illustrated* implies that after this season is over **LSU's Bill Arnsparger** will go to **Florida** as athletic director. If so, it would be a disgrace to the integrity of both Arnsparger and the University of Florida. The LSU coach said flatly that he was no longer a candidate for the Florida job and the Gators have gone through the process of interviewing other people. Yet, you have to ask yourself why no one permanent has been named and if Florida is holding the position open for someone? . . . We're truly sorry to see **Michael Brooks** go down with an injury. It was a joy watching him play linebacker. . . . **Georgia's Sports Information Department** reports **kicker Chirs Carpenter** had a punt against **South Carolina** that had a hang time of 5.6 seconds. Dawg **kicking coach Bill Hartman** said that's the longest hang time he's ever seen on a punt, college or pro. Carpenter is also one of the country's best baseball pitchers. He throws better than 90 mph. . . . One of the reasons we like **John Ward's Tennessee football broadcasts** is because he tells it like it is. We listened to his broadcast of the **Army** game, and when he said "there's a man *injured* on the play," we felt like standing up and applauding.



Ole Miss Punter Bill Smith

The average "Voice" says "there's a man *shaken up* on the play." The kid could be lying out there with a broken leg and he still would be "*shaken up* on the play." C'mon guys. We know that injuries are a part of football. . . . **Tennessee defensive tackle Anthony Howard** served three years in the U.S. Army and was the All-Service weightlifting champion in 1980. . . . Did you know that **former Tennessee Athletic Director Bob Woodruff** helped coach the great **Army** tandem of **Doc Blanchard** and **Glen Davis** in 1944-45? The Cadets were national champions both years going 18-0.

. . . **Bill Smith of Ole Miss** has become only the fourth person in the history of the SEC to have 10,000 punting yards in his career. The others are **Jim Arnold, Vanderbilt** (12,171); **Jim Miller, Ole Miss** (11,549) and **Lewis Colbert of Auburn** (10,179).

. . . Speaking of **Smith**, he's breathing down the neck of **Ray Guy's** NCAA career punting record. The **Southern Mississippi** star and longtime ace with the **Los Angeles Raiders** averaged 44.7 yards per kick. Smith is averaging 44.6. . . . Seven of 31 games between **Kentucky** and **Ole Miss** have been decided by seven points or less. . . . Is there any school doing promotion at the same level as **Vanderbilt**?

For the **Auburn** game, the Commodores declared it Shoney's and Captain D's Day. The sponsors gave away 3,000 pairs of gold sunglasses, a seven-day, five island cruise for two to the Bahamas, and set up a Shoney's breakfast bar in the press box for the writers and broadcasters before the game. . . . **Mississippi State quarterback Don Smith** has a chance to become the SEC's all-time offense leader. He needs to average just under 200 yards per game for the remainder of the season to beat the record of former **Florida** quarterback **John Reaves**. Smith is currently averaging about 260 yards per game. . . . When **Florida** lost to **LSU** for the Gators' fourth straight defeat, the teams that had beaten them—**Miami, Alabama, Mississippi State** and **LSU**—had a combined record of 16-2. . . . Among my favorite nicknames, the **Southwestern Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns**. . . . **The Last Word**: If I have ever seen a bulletin board quotation for the '87 season, this is it. **Auburn coach Pat Dye**: "I hope we are smart enough to understand that we haven't played a really outstanding football team yet. I knew when we played Tennessee, who was supposed to have a good team, that they were not where they were a year ago. It was certainly a big win but it was not like we had beaten a Top 10 team." Make a file, **Johnny Majors**.

Two Big Plays Haunt 'Cats

UK Throws Scare Into LSU

By Nick Nicholas

Last Saturday evening was a perfect night for college football. A near-packed house gathered underneath their blankets as No. 12 LSU faced underdog Kentucky. Though it was 13 days before Halloween, it was a night for the unpredictable as a Harvest moon cast its eyes upon Commonwealth Stadium.

Jerry Claiborne's team pulled a Jekyll-Hyde routine as UK was a far, far different club than the one which lost 33-13 to Mississippi.

UK came out of the gates with 'Cat bait in their eyes. The Wildcats were playing like a team possessed until punter Jeff Nelson tried to make something out of nothing. The 'Cats lost on this night to LSU 25-16 but were very impressive, nevertheless.

To say the least it was a night of weird happenings.

*LSU's quarterback Todd Hodson was helped off the field on the Tigers' third play from scrimmage. UK's Carwell Gardner delivered the knock down blow following the QB's pass. Hodson, who later returned to action, suffered a mild concussion and cut tongue. Overall, a handful of LSU players were helped off the field during the first half.

*UK quarterback Bill Ransdell "blacked out" during intermission. Backup Kevin Dooley took over in the second half and marched UK back in front (13-12). Ransdell checked back in with 12:57 left in the contest.

*Marc Logan was switched from fullback to tailback. Ivy Joe Hunter was reported to be "sore" and Mark Higgs apparently missed a week's practice because of a sprained ankle. Hunter carried the ball once, but it was one more carry than the Owensboro product had. "I felt 100 percent before the game," said Higgs, who never entered the game. "I warmed up good and I felt good in the drills. It hurt my pride a lot. I really wanted to play in this game because both my brother and sister went to LSU. It was the biggest game of my career and I didn't get to play. I sat out after I got hurt Thursday so I could play Saturday."

Kentucky Still Winless In SEC Play

It was a tough loss, however, for the Wildcat players to absorb. Kentucky, now 3-2-1 and 0-2 in SEC play, still finds itself as a pretender in the conference instead of a contender.

"The real critical play, of course, was right before the half when we got the snap and the punter (Nelson) should have brought the ball down and kicked it," said Claiborne during his postgame interview with the media. "He wasn't sure if the rush was on. But I thought we overcame it; we got the lead back."

Kentucky led 7-6 with 42 seconds remaining in the second quarter when Nelson was awaiting to punt the ball. From UK's 42, the snap appeared to be too high for the sophomore to pull down. However, he grabbed it. But, instead of kicking the ball, Nelson made the mistake of heading up field.

Safety Mike DeWitt caught up with Nelson. The end result—minus two yards and the visitor's ball on the Wildcat 40.

Like a snap of the fingers, the momentum had shifted LSU's way.

"I didn't look up to see if the rush was coming or not," Nelson said. "I assumed that it was. They had been coming pretty hard all evening. I didn't think I had time enough to get it off."

Two completions thrown by redshirt freshman Tom Hodson and the Tigers were at the one-yard line with 14 ticks left until halftime.

It was another freshman, Harvey Williams, who guided LSU to the promise land. His one-yard venture over center ended across the goal line as LSU led for the initial time 12-7 with only 11 seconds left.

"If we would have come into the locker room ahead 7-6, I think a lot of things would have been different," said senior receiver Eric Pitts. "Really, that hurt us a lot."

Pitts and Company did not give up the ship. And it would have been easy to quit, especially with Ransdell on the sidelines.

Dooley came in and did a masterful job. During the 13-play, 81-yard drive he completed 5 of 8 passes, including a 19-yard bullet to Eric Pitts which gave UK a first down on LSU 14.

On fourth-and-goal from the one, Marc Logan, who rushed for a game-high 62 yards, raced around left corner untouched for the score. UK was unsuccessful on its two-point conversion attempt.

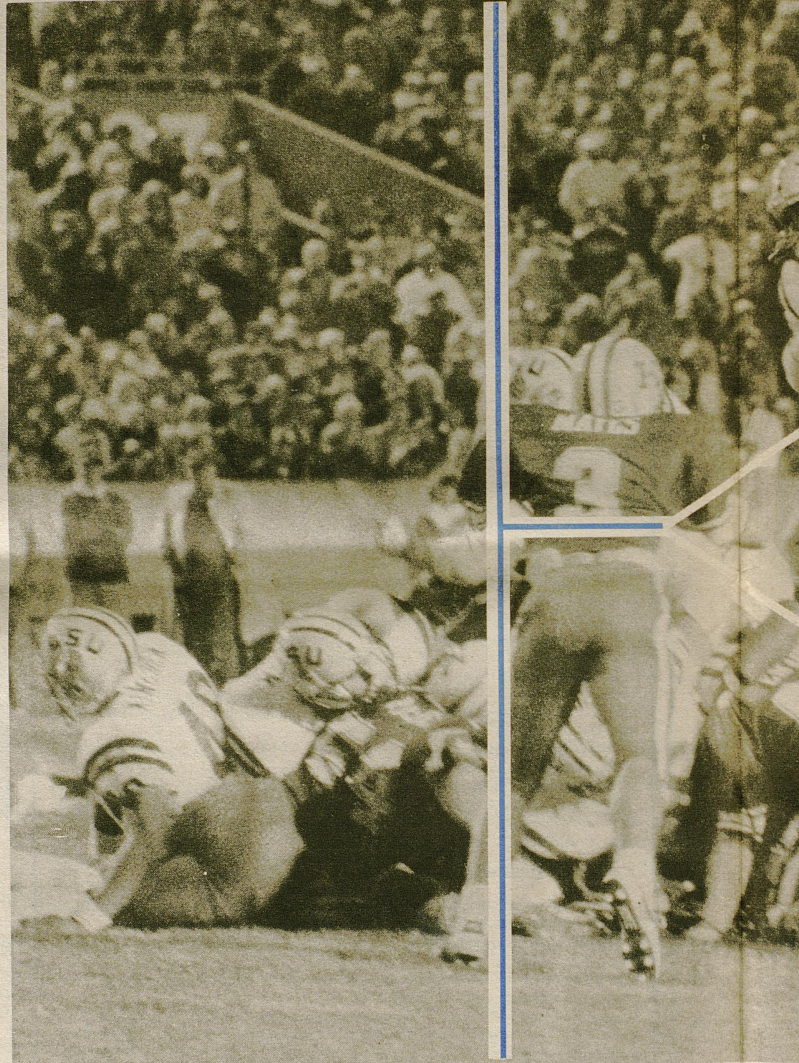
Score it—Kentucky 13, LSU 12 with 9:11 remaining in the third stanza.

Fourth Down Gamble Pays Off For Tigers

Following Kentucky's score to open the quarter, Bill Arnsparger's team (4-1, 3-0 SEC) immediately went to war. Sammy Martin, LSU's 5-foot-11, 165-pound breakaway threat, took the kickoff at the three and raced down the right sidelines. If not for Joe Worley's head-on tackle at the visitor's 36 LSU fans in attendance would have been treated to a 97-yard return.

Their time, however, was soon to come.

It would be LSU's passing game which would eventually haunt the Wildcats. On third-



Williams Leaps Over The Top

and-10 from UK's 47, Hodson and Rogie Magee hooked up for a 36-yard gain. Two plays later Hodson found tight end Brian Kinchen deep in the end zone for the score.

UK's David Johnson's interception nullified the Tigers' two-point try as the count read: LSU 18, UK 13.

Two drives by the Wildcats sandwiched between a noneffective LSU series ended in punts. The visitors proceeded to drive eight plays to UK's 16. However, LSU was stopped when junior Ron Lewis, who earlier missed his first PAT of his collegiate career, sailed a 32-yard attempt wide right.

Enter Bill Ransdell.

"They (UK doctors) said he was all right," Claiborne noted. "We held him out until they said he was OK."

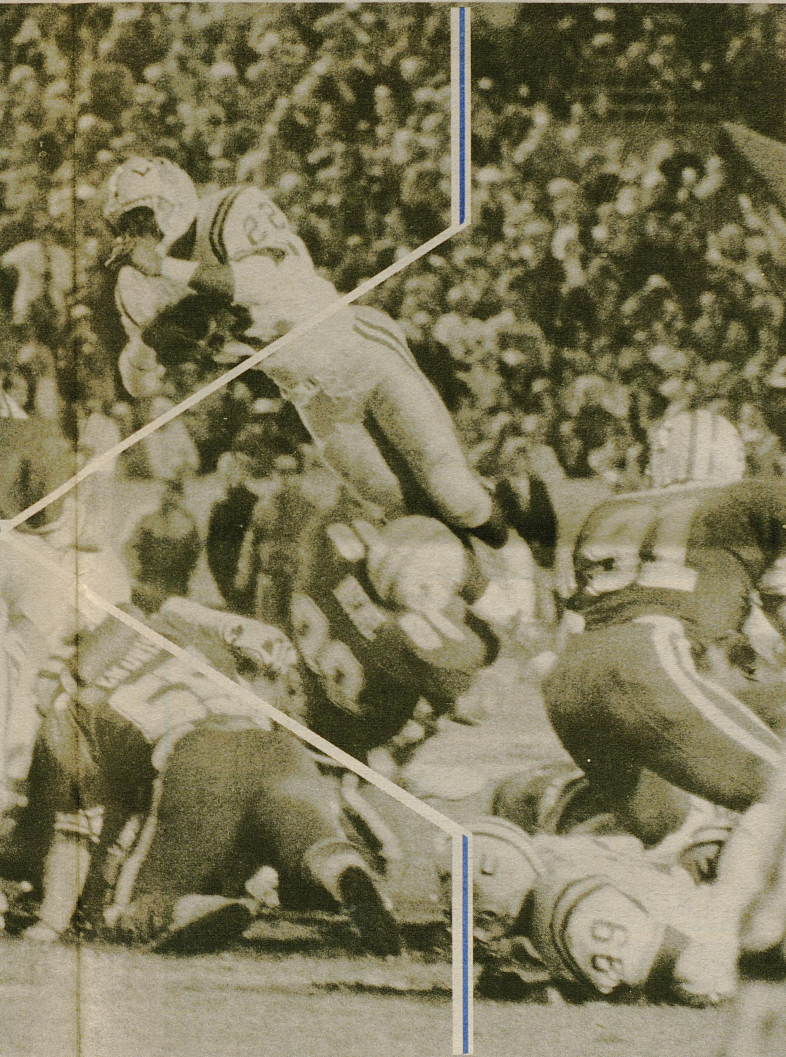
Following two incompletions, Ransdell found Pitts over the middle for 17 yards and a first down at the UK 37. Four plays later Ransdell took things into his own hands as he scrambled 14 yards into enemy territory (LSU 40).

The Wildcat drive, meanwhile, stalled at the 32. UK took the conservative route as it faced a fourth-and-two at the LSU 32 with more than nine minutes remaining. Worley booted a 49-yarder, cutting the Tigers' advantage to two.

The boys from Baton Rouge secured their third straight win with a successful fourth down conversion from the Wildcat 38.

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LSU Before Losing 25-16



Rehage tried to attempt a shoe-string catch of a Nelson boot. He bobbled and lost the ball as snapper Mark Wheeler recovered the pigskin on LSU's 33.

Logan, on the second play, caught a Ransdell screen and broke a couple of tackles before being stopped after a 21-yard gain. On third-and-two from LSU's 4, Ransdell sprinted to the right and dashed for six points. Worley's point-after-attempt gave UK a 7-0 lead with 13:02 left in the quarter.

LSU didn't get on the board until 1:11 remaining in the second period when Hodson connected with Jean Batiste on a 10-yard touchdown. The score was set up with the help of a Hodson 27-yard strike to Wendell Davis from the UK 37.

Tiger-Wildcat Tidbits

Afterwards **Jerry Claiborne** had these comments on the absence of running backs **Ivy Joe Hunter** and **Mark Higgs**. "They didn't practice all week. It's hard to play if you don't practice. The other kids had practiced. You never know, you might fumble the football if you're not used to carrying the ball and getting hit. They didn't get hit all week." . . . The LSU game ball was awarded to **Bill Arnsparger's** mother, who lives in **Paris, Ky.** . . . Shut out for the first 28:49, LSU scored 12 points in 71 seconds. It was not a night for a clinic on two point conversions—LSU was 0 for 2 while UK was 0 for 1. . . Unofficially, **Tony Mayes** and **Larry Smith** led the Wildcat defense with nine and eight tackles, respectively. . . Linebacker **Toby Caston** paced LSU with a game-high 12 tackles, including seven solo hits. . . Tight end **Joe Curry** suffered a knee injury in the first half. After the contest trainer **Al Green** said Curry's knee, which has given him problems before, "might have to be scoped." Green said it was the only serious injury of the evening for UK. Curry was in street clothes on the sideline during second half action. . . Kentucky outgained its opponents on the ground (138 to 128) but were outdistanced in the air (312 to 226). . . LSU's **Ron Davis** had kicked 46 consecutive PATs before missing his first ever in the second period. . . UK's **Jay Tesar** booted his first punt of the '86 campaign. It sailed only 26 yards. . . Kentucky's next game is against **Georgia**, which will bring a 4-2 record (2-1 in the SEC) to Lexington. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. this Saturday. LSU will host **North Carolina** (Oct. 25th).

SEC standings

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

Over The Top For A First Down

Kentucky supporters thought UK's defense had stopped Williams when he was met hard by a group of 'Cats led by Tony Mayes. The officials, though, marked the ball on the 37 which was inches past the down marker. Five plays later, back Eddie Fuller scored from 16 yards, clinching the win.

"We needed one big play," Pitts said. "If we would have had one big play I think the tables would be turned right now."

Pitts might have been celebrating had LSU's fourth down gamble resulted in favor of Kentucky. Thing also might have been different if Andy Murray hadn't stepped out of bounds on UK's first play from scrimmage. His 85-yard touchdown scamper after catching a Ransdell screen was sliced into a 27-yard gain when the officials ruled he had stepped on the out of bounds chalk. That was a big play. . . for LSU that is.

UK Emotions High In First Half

Kentucky and LSU placed a pair of goose eggs upon the stadium's scoreboard after one period of play.

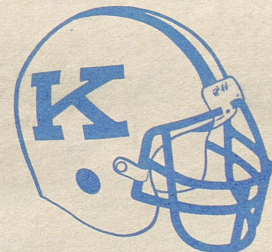
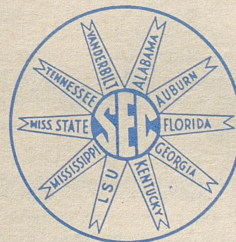
Penalty flags hampered the Tigers in the first quarter. The visitors were whistled for 55 yards worth of infractions, including three illegal procedure calls.

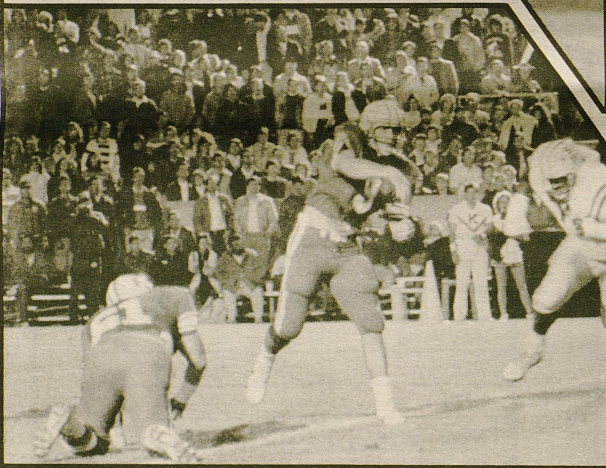
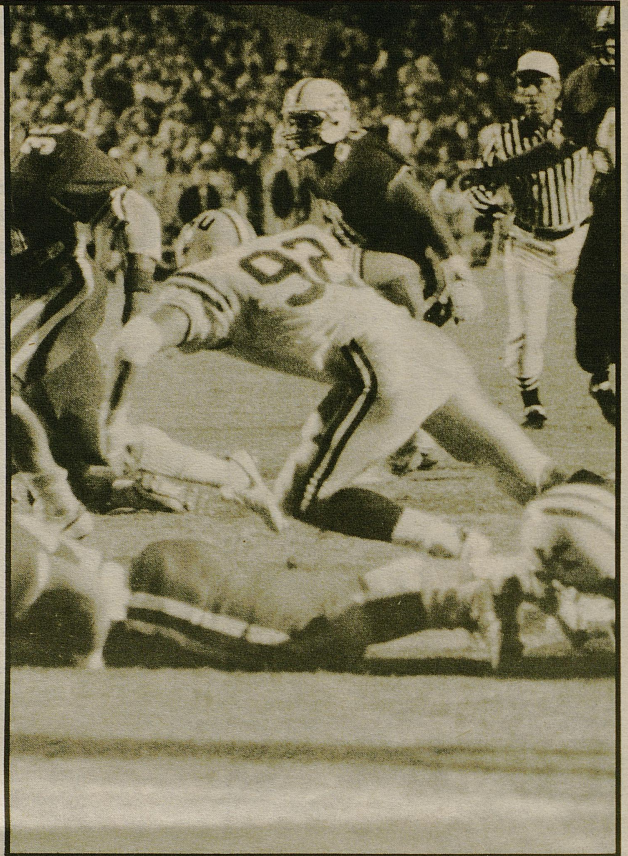
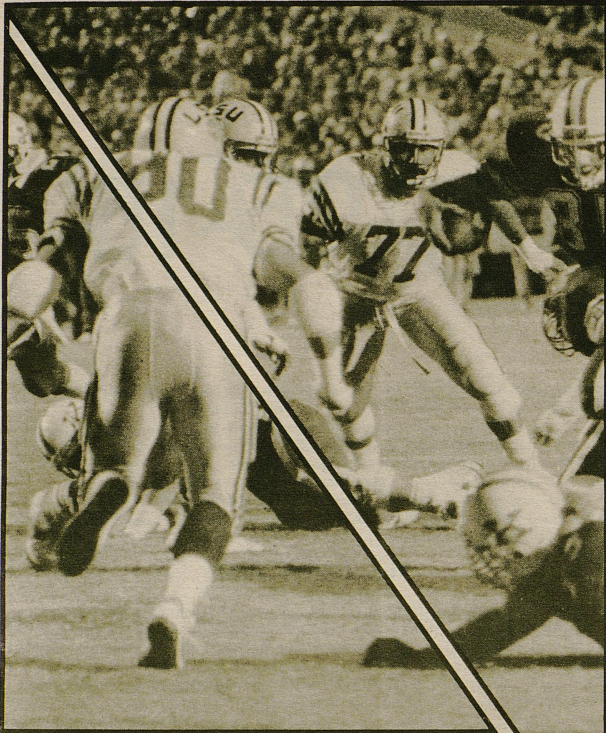
Starting the second quarter, Claiborne's bunch got the break it needed. Returner Steve

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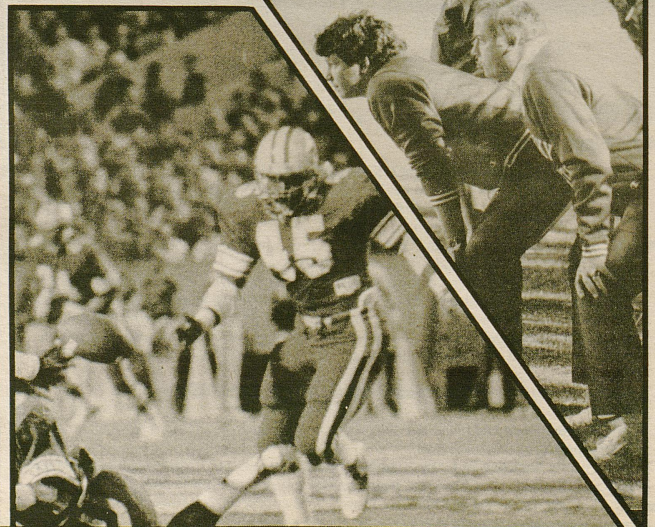
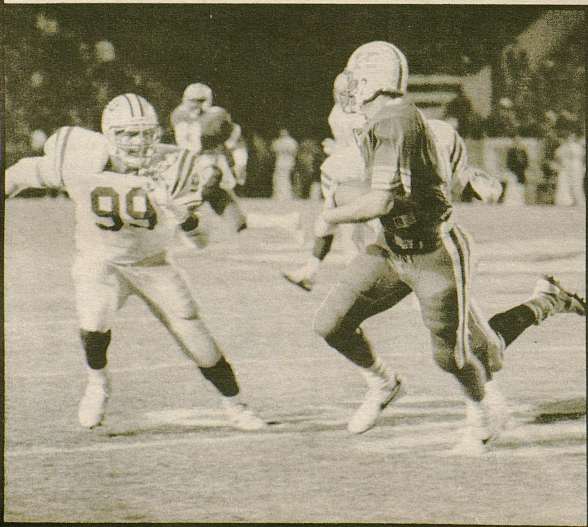
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Last Saturday evening Kentucky gave LSU all it wanted before eventually losing a heart-breaker to the Baton Rouge Bengals, 25-16. Here are some memorable shots from the close encounter captured by TCP chief photographer Gary Cromwell.



Why Wasn't UK Ready?

Loss To Ole Miss Might Have Season-Lasting Effect

By Nick Nicholas

Expectations and emotions were high. For the University of Kentucky football team those once proud dreams were splattered into nightmares after the Wildcats were taken to the woodshed by Mississippi.

While walking away from Butch Lambert Field two weeks ago, Kentucky's football program took a step backwards. Backwards is nowhere to go when LSU and Georgia come to town. Prior to the LSU-UK meeting, it seemed that Kentucky's fortunes, like many times before, had again reached valley level.

One loss usually doesn't have an adverse effect. Unless Kentucky can turn around the momentum against either LSU or Georgia, it may be in for a long, long climb up the ladder of SEC respectability. Not to believe the ole saying—you're only as good as your last ballgame—but things aren't too peachy when you get trounced by the league's eighth place team.

Besides a notch in the conference loss column, UK's 33-13 loss was damaging in other ways.

To wit:

1) It was UK's first Southeastern Conference encounter. The week before, Kentucky swamped Southern Mississippi, 32-0. Many people believed the Golden Eagles were the best team in Mississippi. Jerry Claiborne's 'Cats found out, at least on Oct. 11, the Johnny Rebs (3-2-1) were much better than their in-state neighbors from Southern Miss. Or was Kentucky just that bad?

2) With LSU coming to town (last Saturday) followed by Vince Dooley's Georgia Bulldogs, UK would have been in great shape if it had won in Jackson. Tuesday prior to their encounter with LSU, the faces on Jerry Claiborne and a couple of Kentucky players, however, still reflected the loss to Ole Miss.

That doesn't help matters when your next duty is to take on the country's 12th best team.

3) This was suppose to be Kentucky's year. It still could be with an upset or two. The season, though, will be tarnished always with the 33-13 loss in Jackson.

Three days after UK's initial defeat, one of the Wildcats' most enthusiastic players even reached the description of sad eyes and a somber voice.

"We have to learn that our team has to play with a whole lot of emotion and enthusiasm, which we didn't do last week," senior receiver Cornell Burbage told TCP last Tuesday. "I think that's the main thing. We have to cut down on all of the mental errors. . . I think that's the key."

After a big play, Burbage is usually seen doing plenty of high-fives. He's the Billy "White Shoes" Johnson of the SEC.

His emotions were silenced following the loss to Mississippi. It was a lack of emotion, according to Burbage, which deflated the 'Cats. The lack of enthusiasm, meanwhile, didn't occur when UK trotted off to the dressing room trailing at intermission 23-7. No, not then.

Before the opening kickoff, it was Kentucky which was not emotionally ready to face Mississippi.

"We seemed kind of down," he said, "and we weren't really pepped up. You could see it in their eyes. The team really wasn't pepped up like we had been in the past weeks. That was one of the biggest problems in the Ole Miss game.

"After they scored a touchdown (putting Ole Miss in front, 10-7) they got fired up. Our team just really put their heads down."

Why down? It was the team's first SEC game. Being too

hyped should have been their concern.

Why down? The Wildcats owned a 3-0-1 slate and were just coming off an impressive victory against Southern Mississippi.

Why down? LSU and Georgia were coming to town the following week somewhat bruised and battered. The Tigers had lost All-America linebacker Michael Brooks while Georgia is without the services of running back Tim Worley for the rest of the 1986 season. Plus, only a handful of SEC teams remained undefeated in conference play.

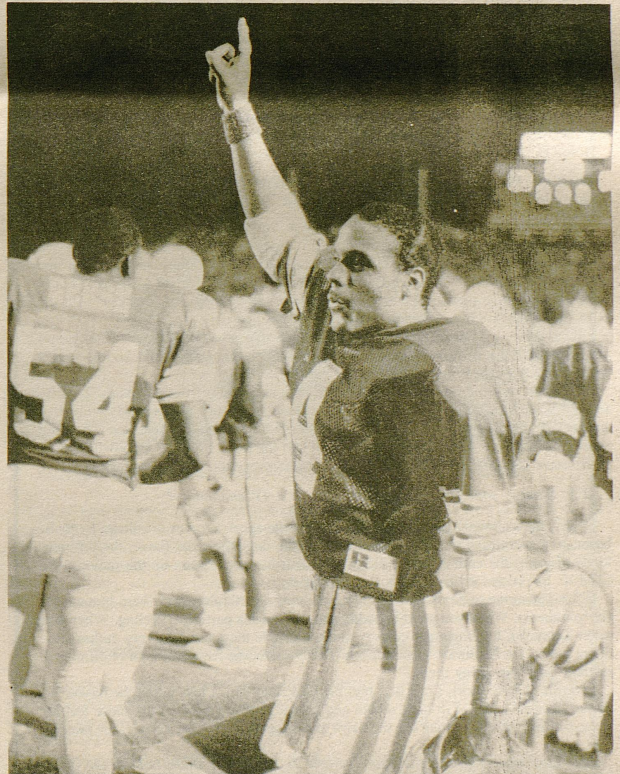
Why down? "I really can't answer that question, I really don't know," Burbage said.

Against Mississippi, Kentucky managed 203 yard total yards, only 72 by way of

ground. If UK is to click, its running game, not to mention Bill Ransdell's throwing arm, has to be more consistent. Lack of enthusiasm can derail a high-gear offense, a type of offense which the Wildcats potentially have.

"Our team has to play with a whole lot of emotion and enthusiasm," Burbage said at a whispers pitch. "Like I said before. . . when we were in the huddle you could just see it. We just weren't ready to play.

"Different people get up different ways. I'm up for every game, but I can't speak for everybody else. We could play a Division III school and I'd be up. That's just me because I love to play. But other people. . . I don't know. If I could answer that question I would be rich."



Burbage During A Happier Moment

Kentucky Roundball Changes



Three University of Kentucky basketball games will be seen nationally on USA Cable in 1986-87, according to Wildcat athletics director Cliff Hagan.

The three games are part of a nine-game package of Southeastern Conference games. The delay for the announcement of the games was due to litigation involving the SEC, Jefferson-Pilot Teleproductions (which holds the television rights to SEC games), USA Cable and ESPN.

The Kentucky games televised in the USA package include: UK vs. Georgia in Louisville (Dec. 30), UK at Ole Miss (Jan. 9), and Vanderbilt at UK (Feb. 9).

Two of the games involve date changes—Ole Miss (from Wednesday, Jan. 28 to Thursday, Jan. 29) and Vanderbilt (from Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Thursday, Feb. 19). The Georgia game does not involve a date change.

Tip-off time for all three games is 8:05 p.m. (EST).



The Cats' Pause

Bob Neal Having Fun Broadcasting Football

Chicago Native In 11th Year With WTBS

If you are one of those college football junkies who religiously watches the games on television all day Saturday on a lazy couch, you have seen the bespectacled sportscaster by the name of Bob Neal.

He's the likeable one who appears on the early-afternoon telecasts involving the Southeastern Conference and Southern independents with color commentator Tim Foley. Their games, seen on Atlanta Superstation WTBS and other stations syndicated by Turner Program Service (including Lexington's WTVQ, Channel 36), are aired throughout 90 percent of the nation.

The 43-year-old Neal—a former basketball starter and football reserve in high school—has been with WTBS for 11 years as a sports announcer, and this fall marks his fifth year of covering college football. A native of Chicago and a University of Michigan



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graduate with bachelor's degree in journalism, Neal now makes his home in Atlanta with his family.

He and his wife Melody have two sons in college. Rob is a senior at Vanderbilt, while Dave is a junior at Florida State.

Moments after broadcasting Mississippi State's recent 27-23 upset of Tennessee in Knoxville, Neal agreed to an interview with *The Cats' Pause*. He talked about a variety of subjects, ranging from low TV ratings of last summer's Goodwill Games in Moscow (televised by WTBS) to Kentucky's next television appearance this fall.

Here's the taped interview:

The Cats' Pause: What does your football weekend schedule look like? Does your family care about your being gone on weekends?

Neal: Well, I'll do it about 15 games this year. We do the daytime games, all in the South, in the package that Tim Foley and I broadcast. Mostly SEC games. We will be in places like Lexington, Knoxville, Tallahassee (Fla.) and Columbia (S.C.). We also do some Florida State and South Carolina games. The travel for me is always usually within four or five hours. I often drive to games and I enjoy that, because with the NBA and other kinds of sporting events I do I have to fly.

I like to drive, and I drove up from Atlanta to Knoxville today. I also drove to Tuscaloosa last week (for the Alabama-Vanderbilt game on Sept. 6). I enjoy the South—it is a beautiful part of the country—and I like the people.

I'll probably even drive as far as Kentucky, depending on my time schedule. It (driving) gives me a little time to myself, instead of rushing through airports. My wife often travels with me. I have two sons in college, so my wife has more free time. She's not with me today, but she travels with me about half the time. I did the Goodwill Games in Moscow this past summer and she even came over there for a week or so.

TCP: What is your favorite sport to cover as a TV announcer?

Neal: That's a tough question. I'd say my favorite sport to cover is college football, because of everything that is involved with it—the fans, the local flavor, the different kinds of team, the enthusiasm. I did pro football for seven years on the radio, and I liked it. But it was a kind of automatic thing every Sunday.

When you come to Knoxville, though, you have a particular flavor here in town for the Volunteers. When you go to Florida State, you have a particular feeling. When you go to Kentucky, it's Bluegrass country and the people there are now very enthusiastic about football in Kentucky. I think coach (Jerry) Claiborne has made a lot of difference in that. So I like going there.

In terms of pure sport, I'm a big, big, big basketball fan. I love doing the basketball games because I played in high school and I think maybe I have a little more feel for the game. But there is nothing like the flavor of college football. That's clearly my favorite.

TCP: Last summer you received good reviews as the network studio host for the Goodwill Games in Moscow. But were you disappointed with the low ratings for the Games (where WTBS lost a reported \$26 million)? Did you expect that?

Neal: Yes, I expected it. I was not disappointed with the ratings because I knew that would happen. We had pretty good ratings on the Superstation on cable. The low ratings that you read about in the paper were for the syndicated stations lineup.

What really hurt us there was the 11-month time frame we had. Remember, we didn't have four years to put together a network of stations. We really had less than 11 months to get the stations lined up. And in most of the major markets of the country, the television affiliates that carried our broadcasts were not strong. As you know, on a weak

TV station, the ratings will be down no matter what you carry. So, we knew we had a problem there going in.

I might point out that in the two largest markets, New York and Los Angeles, we had big powerful VHF stations with good promotion and news departments. And our ratings were substantially better there. I wasn't disappointed. We had hoped it would be larger. It was more of a hope than an expectation.

TCP: Tell us about your boss, Ted Turner, who has done many extraordinary things. Do you see and talk with him very often?

Neal: I see and talk with Ted at least on a weekly basis. My friendship with Ted goes back to the late 1960s, when I moved to Atlanta (from Detroit, where Neal worked for a radio station). That was before the Superstation, before he owned the Braves, before he owned the Hawks, before CNN, and so forth—back when he was simply the broke owner of a UHF TV station.

I have been personal friends with him over the years, so to me he is more than just my boss. I have kept in pretty close contact with him, but to be honest, I don't see



WTBS Announcer Bob Neal

him as much as I used to simply because he's now traveling around the world constantly. I'm in Knoxville today and he's in Miami. Both of us are gone (from Atlanta) a lot.

There's no question in my mind that he is a great pioneer in the TV industry. And, as to the TV career that I have today—doing college games on national TV, the NBA and sports of that nature—I have to give the credit to Ted Turner. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time, when he expanded his cable business.

TCP: How much money per game is each SEC team getting for being on WTBS this year?

Neal: This year is about the same as last year. Each team is getting right around \$200,000 for an appearance.

TCP: When are the Kentucky Wildcats going to be on WTBS this fall?

Neal: I don't know the exact date. But I believe that Kentucky will be on either the last weekend of October (the Georgia game) or the first (actually the second) weekend in November (the Vandy game). It is a home game for Kentucky.

Jerry Claiborne always has a team that is interesting, and they have good running backs this year. I especially can't wait to see Al Baker (the freshman sensation who has since injured his ankle and is out for the rest of the season). Kentucky's defense is fun to watch, too—that wide-tackle-six is fantastic. So, I'm looking forward to coming to Lexington.

Kunkel Finds A Home At Offensive Tackle

Senior Makes Switch After 3 Years On Defense

For three years Greg Kunkel toiled in the shadows as a backup defensive tackle in the UK football program. With his physical stature, 6-foot-5 and 275 pounds, he was capable of playing that position well. But it was a move to the opposite side of the ball last spring that proved to be more to his liking, after all, he had enjoyed a successful career at Erlanger Lloyd High School as an offensive player.

"It's the spot that I have been most suited for all along," said Kunkel of his offensive tackle position. "It's not really too much of a change for me. It hasn't been too bad."

Not too bad, indeed. Since taking over the starting slot during spring practice, Kunkel had graded out well according to UK offensive line coach Farrell Sheridan. In fact, he's accumulated better overall marks than any other offensive tackle during the early portion of UK's season. Thus, "Kunk" as he is known to his teammates, has adjusted well to the intricacies of his new position.



Todd Hallum

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"I really like it a lot," Kunkel said. "When you're pass blocking, you can't be over-aggressive and let your man come to you. But you have to mirror him (and go) whatever way he goes."

Kunkel also doesn't mind moving to tight end for the Wildcats in short yardage situations, a position he became familiar with during his high school days. Although he admits fond memories of his prep career will appear only if a pass is thrown his way.

"Well, not until I go out and catch a pass will those memories come back to me," Kunkel said. "I don't know what the coaches think (about me catching a pass), but I doubt it (will happen)."

Although he probably won't have to worry about running pass routes, Kunkel says that he does have problems when he has to make quick judgements, especially when they involve blocking defensive linemen.

"Redirecting at offensive tackle gives me trouble," Kunkel explained. "That's usually when you have to block down on a man that stunts inside. I just wish I was here (on offense) a little earlier because I'm still thinking a little too much out on the field."

After Three Years At DT, Kunkel Was Ready For A Change

The defensive jargon that includes words like "stunt" and "twist" was familiar terminology to Kunkel earlier in his Wildcat career. After spending three years at defensive tackle without much fanfare, or playing time, a return to that position was not a very enticing proposition.

"I got frustrated," Kunkel said of his time he spent on the defensive line. "In our defense it's mainly reading the offense. But I like to get down and get after it. On offense you get the play and you're zeroed in on who you are going to block."

Since making the adjustment to tackle, Kunkel has developed a kinship among his fellow offensive tackles. Mike Pfeifer and Joe Prince, two players who have received the brunt of the playing time, were also switched to offensive tackle. Pfeifer was moved from the defensive line while Prince was formerly an offensive guard. Because of this, all three have endured the learning process together, and a lasting friendship has been the result.

"We've gotten to be pretty good friends," Kunkel said. "Mike and I roomed together this summer and both of us would spend some time at Joe's house (Prince is married). We are really a close-knit group."

Because of the closeness on the UK offensive line, Kunkel said he feels like the Kentucky offensive wall is progressing at an even pace.

"We have come around pretty good," Kunkel said. "The only time we have problems is when a guy gets confused and misses an assignment every once in a while."

UK Faces Tough Schedule, But Kunkel Is Confident

One thing that's not confusing is that UK's schedule appears to be getting tougher as the weeks go by. The Wildcats can look forward to playing the likes of Georgia, Virginia Tech, Florida and Tennessee in the near future. But if Kentucky plays with intensity, Kunkel believes those teams are capable of being beaten.

"I think if we play with enthusiasm, we can beat anybody," Kunkel said. "Anybody can beat anybody at any given time."

Although Kentucky suffered from a surprising lack of readiness and intensity during the 33-13 loss to Ole Miss, Kunkel doesn't expect the team to have another letdown for the rest of the year.

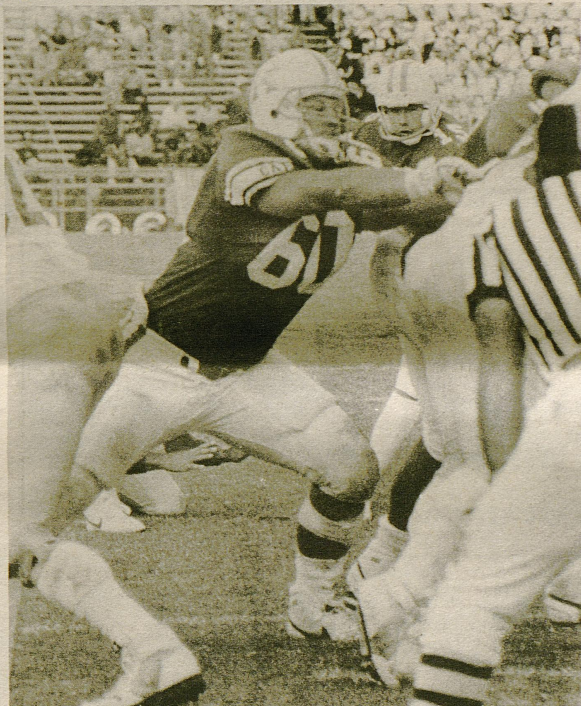
"I don't think the attitude has changed any," said Kunkel regarding the team morale. "We had won three in a row. It's just one loss, and eventually the losses are bound to happen if you're not ready to play. I don't think the team is going to remain down at all."

It wasn't until his junior year in high school that Kunkel realized that he was going to be a major college prospect. While earning accolades as all-district and all-state at Erlanger Lloyd, Kunkel didn't let the attention from college recruiters affect his high school performances.

"I started to hear from schools during my junior year," Kunkel remembers. "But I really didn't think about recruiters when I played. The recruiting didn't put much pressure on me."

With Big Ten powers Ohio State and Michigan calling, along with in-state schools Louisville and Eastern Kentucky, he was obviously a college prospect in their eyes. But once Kentucky got into the picture, the recruiting race was suddenly over.

"As soon as I found out that Kentucky wanted me I knew this was the place I wanted to go," Kunkel said. "And I think the other schools knew that."



Greg Kunkel Blocks A Joe Worley Field Goal

"I came here because I've always wanted to play for Kentucky. Plus I had a lot of respect for coach Claiborne because he's straight-forward with you. Also, the coaching staff has been real honest with me since I've been here."

In addition, Kunkel was impressed with Kentucky's Center for Academic & Tutorial Services (CATS), which helps student/athletes perform better in the classroom.

"I was impressed with the CATS center because of all the tutors that are available," Kunkel said. "They help you out with most of our classes."

Could Have Played Basketball In College

Not only was Kunkel recruited as a football player, but he caught the attention of some basketball coaches as well. Because of his surprising quickness which goes along with his powerful body structure, Kunkel might have been an excellent center on the hardwood, taking up space in the lane.

"I had a few NAA schools who had showed an interest in me," Kunkel said. "The coach at Northern Kentucky (Mike Beitzel) said he might have recruited me, but he knew I was committed to playing football."

By switching his major from physical education to social work, Kunkel is a little behind schedule to graduate on time. But by staying another year because of redshirting for one season, he feels five years is more than ample time for a player to obtain his degree.

"If you can't get your degree in five years there's no reason in you even being here," Kunkel remarked. "I just want to get my degree. In fact, I have to."

But once he earns his social work degree, he's still not completely sure of what he will do with it.

"I don't know right now," he said. "But I think I would like to do something like helping juveniles at detention centers."

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College Hoops And World Series To Boot

Mets Will Prevail In Six

Basketball season is here!!! October 15th is the official day when college teams are allowed to begin practice. Each collegiate player across the country is starting to get that basketball fever.

What better way to start the season than at one minute past midnight in front of 12,000 screaming hoop fans packed into a gym. Only at Kentucky can you get that kind of fan support.

I had the privilege of being able to participate in the Midnight Madness event. As a player, it makes you feel great to know that the fans are behind you so much. During this year's Midnight Madness you could feel the energy throughout Memorial Coliseum. Not only did the UK fans get to see the 1986-87 edition of the Kentucky Wildcats,



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but they got to witness the only undefeated Kentucky team (modern record). The 1953-54 got back together on this evening and went through a few workouts prior to midnight. Tradition and fan support, and all in one building, too! This is what Kentucky basketball is all about.

The month of October offers the sporting fan a wide variety of events to watch. The World Series started last Saturday with the Boston Red Sox taking on the New York Mets.

First of all, I was wrong when I picked the California Angels over the Red Sox. The Angels just blew a 3-1 series lead. The off-season will be a difficult one for the Angels, especially after being only one strike away from a World Series berth.

You have to give the Red Sox credit. They could have thrown in the towel, but they pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in baseball history.

Let's now turn to the Big Apple's team—the New York Mets.

Baseball Mets Are Team To Beat

As far as the Mets are concerned, they are very fortunate to have won a ticket to the Fall Classic. Going into Game 6, the Mets had a .185 team batting average. Davey Johnson's squad escaped elimination by erasing numerous Houston leads.

Each New York win seemed to derive from late-inning heroics.

You could feel that the Astros were playing with a lot of confidence. If the Mets would have faced Mike Scott (most valuable player in the series), I really believe the Astros would have been in the World Series.

I'm a New York fan, but I didn't think the Mets played like they did during the regular season.

Take a few hits away or add a mistake or two and the Mets probably would have won only Game 2. You know what they say, however, great teams find a way to win.

How about the professional sports in the New England area?

The Boston fans can be proud of the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots and the Boston Celtics.

The Celtics won the National Basketball Association title last year against the Houston Rockets. The New England Patriots, which featured former UK great Derrick Ramsey, made the 1986 Super Bowl. The Patriots, however, were knocked off by the powerful and mighty Chicago Bears.

Now, it's the Red Sox who are on top of the sporting world as they make their first World Series appearance since their duel with the Cincinnati Reds in 1975. I'm not sure if this sporting monopoly has ever happened before, but you can certainly call the New England area champions.

It's time for predictions. I'm a New York Mets fan, so who am I picking? New York, of course.

I think the Red Sox have good pitching but their staff isn't as strong as Houston's. I believe it's time for the Mets to pour it on, offensively. This will allow the New York pitchers to get the rest they must have in order to be effective.

New York's hitting should come from Gary Carter, Keith Hernandez, Darryl Strawberry, Wally Backman and Len Dykstra. Boston doesn't have the team speed that Houston has, which will make New York pitchers concentrate more on the batters.

New York should win the series. I'll take the Mets in six games.

Mississippi Didn't Bring Out The Best In The 'Cats

If you get tired of watching baseball there's always football to turn to. Jerry Claiborne's Kentucky Wildcats had a tough go at it in Jackson, Miss. I even went out on a limb and predicted that Kentucky would beat Ole Miss, which would have led to numerous other victories.

The contest with Mississippi was probably one of the most surprising upsets of the Wildcats' young season.

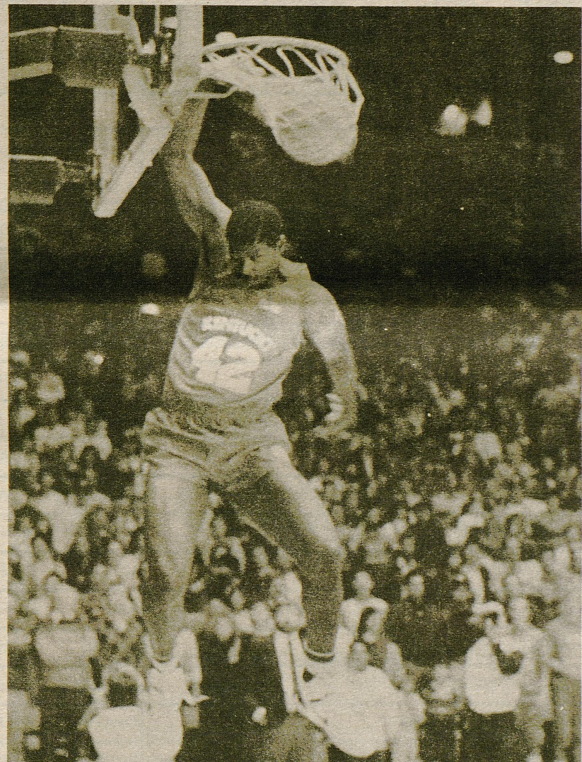
I've heard that people are questioning the 'Cats' character. Coach Claiborne doesn't believe his squad lacks character. Coach, I really don't feel that way, either.

Maybe the reason is that the athletes in the Southeastern Conference are better than any other league's talent. That could be true, but I don't think any team in the conference has that much more talent than the University of Kentucky.

What I do hear, meanwhile, is the lack of enthusiasm in the Wildcats' camp. I don't understand how a team can't be ready to play another conference team. The game against Ole Miss may have severely damaged the 1986 season. It was an important contest, but I hope the 'Cats can bounce back.

I still believe a victory against the Georgia Bulldogs could set the tone for the rest of UK's campaign.

Right now I'm in sports heaven. I love watching baseball, football and pro basket-



Richard Madison Was Jammin' At Midnight Practice

ball. I can watch all three even if they are being played during the same part of the year. Thank goodness for cable television and remote control.

Here Comes The Silver And Black—The L.A. Raiders

Do I hear anyone second-guessing my Los Angeles Raiders. Yes, they're on a roll and yes, they are meaner than ever.

The Denver Broncos are on top in the AFC Western Conference, but they still have to visit Seattle, Kansas City and Los Angeles. Granted, the Raiders must go to Seattle, but that's what those guys strive on—pressure situations.

In the past, pressure has made the Raiders only better. One thing that I have failed to mention... the Raiders' schedule.

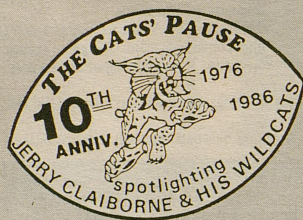
Al Davis' crew must travel to Denver, New York (Giants), Washington and while hosting traditional "toughies" Kansas City and Seattle.

It has to be one of the toughest early season schedules in the league. That doesn't matter, though, because I still believe the Raiders will regroup and make it to the Super Bowl.

Boy, do stick by my guns.

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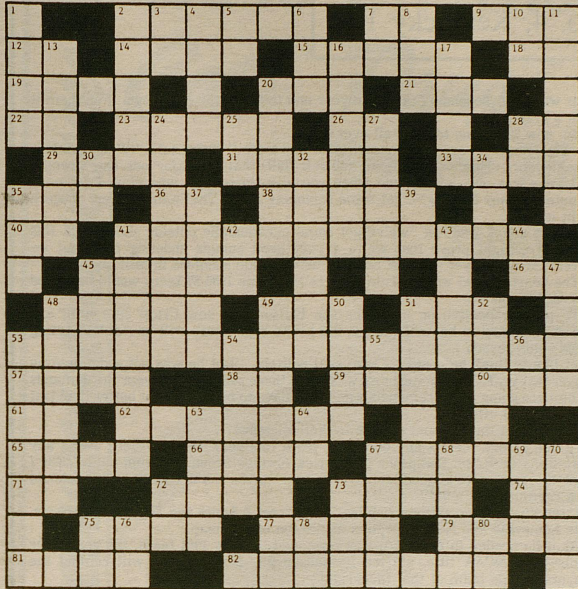
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GEORGIA AT KENTUCKY		GEORGIA 3	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 12	KENTUCKY 1	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 10
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T C P Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



SEC FOOTBALL '86 (No. 2)

ACROSS

- 2 Auburn's Wilson and 'Davg Boswell
- 7 Initials of Gator Duhart
- 9 Throws the flag
- 12 Initials of Gator FB Williams
- 14 Wrongful act
- 15 Auburn defender Rucker
- 16 Abbr. for school of Burger & Porter
- 19 Baseball announcer Hamilton
- 20 The kicking
- 21 Super Auburn center Tamburello
- 22 Abbr. for an SEC state
- 23 LSU's Albergano
- 26 Initials of big Auburn lineman Searels
- 28 Initials of Outland and Lombardi
- 29 Trophy candidate Jeff
- 31 LSU receiver Magee
- 33 Perkins' safety Turner
- 35 Wildcat kicker Worley
- 36 Initials of Tiger Brent
- 38 Wildcat ball-carrier Marc
- 40 A flag ___ the play
- 41 The Sugar Bowl ___ aim is to go to
- 45 Vandy ball-carrier
- 46 Initials of 'Bama Lber Rockwell
- 48 Mississippi St. Lber Cedric
- 49 Auburn Lber McCurdy
- 51 Boat mover
- 53 An All-American candidate in the SEC
- 57 Feminine name
- 58 Abbr. for league of 66 Across
- 59 Card type
- 60 "They were able to ___ out the victory"
- 61 Abbr. for "road"
- 62 ___ position is in the Georgia DB
- 65 "They let the punt ___ dead"
- 66 Baseball team
- 67 Hazard, Osdry and Thomas
- 71 ___ the trenches
- 72 "I Want To Be A Football ___"
- 73 'Davg Ft. Fred
- 74 Abbr. for a Bible part
- 75 Georgia CB Moss
- 77 Richardson of the Tide
- 79 Governing body
- 81 Dooley defender Calvin
- 82 "He ___ on the tackle"

DOWN

- 1 School of Robinson, Rose and Otten
- 2 Pebble
- 3 "They drove ___ midfield"
- 4 Young LSU Lber Hill
- 5 Initials of the Tide kicker
- 6 Abbr. for "sainte" (female)
- 7 Initials of Thanh of Vanderbilt
- 8 h, g, i, e, ___
- 10 Initials of LSU lineman Andolsek
- 11 Namesakes of Rebel Huddleston
- 13 Big LSU defender Karl
- 16 Quilt
- 17 Mississippi State could be a ___ away
- 20 Instruments
- 24 Receiver J.R. of Ole Miss
- 25 Abbr. for a "four-bagger"
- 27 "We had ___ on the 50-yard line
- 28 Abbr. for class of Kervin Bell
- 30 Double vowel
- 32 Will Kerry ___ season finally be injury-free?
- 34 Losses for LSU in '85 SEC race
- 35 Cat lineman Prince
- 37 Castro
- 39 Abbr. for an European country
- 41 Wildcat receiver Burbage
- 42 Abbr. for an SEC state
- 43 Dooley is the ___ of SEC coaches
- 44 Initials of Tiger safety Rehage
- 45 Fatigued
- 47 Many ___ Ole Miss punter Bill Smith as the best in the SEC
- 48 Standout Alabama lineman Bill Plummer, McKeelphin and Clark
- 50 The ___ players are pros
- 51 Vandy's ___ in SEC in '85 was over the Kentucky Wildcats
- 52 Big Wildcat Jerry
- 53 Defender Chris of LSU
- 54 ference
- 55 Initials of Commodore TB Crawford
- 56 Initials of Vol center Kirk
- 63 Fine SEC receiver Gainous
- 64 Initials of an SEC hoop coach
- 67 Labels
- 68 Jelks of the Crimson Tide
- 69 Gene material
- 70 Felker's lineman Sims
- 72 See 25 Down
- 73 Hawaiian garland
- 75 Initials of 290 lb. Bulldog Frank
- 76 Initials of Vandy Lber Fitz
- 78 Initials of Tiger Lber Sancho
- 80 Initials of Vandy's DeGroot

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Players Comment Following 25-16 Loss To Bengal Tigers

Jeff Nelson

(About the high snap)

Nelson: I didn't look up to see if the rush was coming or not, I assumed that it was. They had been coming pretty hard all evening. I didn't think I had time enough to get it off, they say I did. I tried to tuck it under and run. When I reversed field and I remember Coach (Jerry) Claiborne told me not to throw it. I kept looking for Ron Mack to be behind the line of scrimmage so I could dump it off to him. He was already downfield blocking, so I didn't have any alternatives but to just try to get what I could.

(About the loss)

Nelson: I wanted to win this game just as badly as anybody else did. I feel very badly about the loss personally, because I know I didn't perform to the best of my ability. I just hope this team and the coaching staff still has confidence in myself because that means a lot. I'm just gonna come out next week and get prepared for Georgia.

Kevin Dooley

(About when he knew he would be replacing Bill Ransdell)

Dooley: Right before (the second half). When I went out (on the field) they told me Bill was out of it. Coach Claiborne came to me and told me to get ready. So, I got ready but I guess I didn't get ready enough because we didn't win.

(About his play)

Dooley: The second and third drives came up empty. That's when it counted. If we would have went down there (and scored) it would have been a different story. But I didn't do my job and we lost. That's the bottom line.

Eric Pitts

(About Kentucky not passing the ball down field as much this season)

Pitts: I really can't understand it. At times I guess we have motives in our minds that we are going to run. I guess the coaches see that we can run certain plays in which it will work. Then there's times when they think we can throw it. . . I really don't know.

(About the game)

Pitts: I think we needed one big play. If we could have had one big play then I think the tables would be turned right now. But, it was hard for us to get that one big play. A lot of times when we got first downs, we just needed that one big play. . . like the first play of the game or something that would really get us fired up.

(About Kentucky's misfortunes in the first half)

Pitts: I thought we should of had a victory. That was a close game. I still feel like it was a 'flip of the coin.' We had some breaks go our way in the first half, also. I guess you could say we just didn't capitalize on some of them. That hurt us a lot. I realize our defense is playing outstanding. We had 'em down 7-0. If we could have came in the locker room ahead 7-6 I think a lot of things would have been different.

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Sutton Ranks Louisville No. 4, Kentucky 19th

Eddie and the 'Cats ... Denny and the Kings. Kentucky's Eddie Sutton and his players, Louisville's Denny Crum and his players met the media last week and they already agree on something. Two things.

First, there are no dominating teams in college basketball for 1986-87. And second, Sutton and Crum put North Carolina at the top of the heap. For now anyway.

This week, a visit to two of college basketball's bigtime camps.

Denny and 'the kings'

Denny Crum, coach of the national champion University of Louisville Cardinals toed the line with reporters last week too, and with a bit more than his characteristic half smile.

Until next April in New Orleans, Louisville is king of college basketball.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Graciously, Crum admits to having enjoyed immensely the flag waving, hoopla and attention he and his basketball program received during the offseason.

Basking in the glow of an NCAA title has been nice, demands on his time formidable, Crum said.



'Never Nervous' Pervis Ellison

"You could be gone four, five times a week doing things (charities, speaking engagements, etc.). I guess the hardest thing you have to learn in this business is learning to say 'no.' I've had to say 'no' this year because there are just so many days. But I'd rather have it this way than the other way."

To some of us (in the media) at least, it seems only a few weeks ago that we were standing there in Crawford Gym listening to Crum talk about the season ahead, how he was worried about Milt Wagner's foot, Kevin Walls' knee, Billy Thompson's inconsistent play, and how "the rookie" might react to his first year of college basketball.

We all know of course, that Wagner's foot was fine, so was his shooting touch in Dallas. Thompson, at the Final Four, metamorphosed into a wonderful player. And the rookie? By the time last season was over Pervis Ellison not only had a nickname (Never Nervous Pervis), he was also selected most valuable player at the Final Four, leading Louisville to the national championship.

Seems to have happened just a few weeks ago, right?

"Well, it seems like a long time ago to be honest with you," Crum said. "Seems like a lot of things have happened between then and now. It's been a real busy off season and, in a way, I kind of regret that's over because it was fun. But maybe that means it's time to go again. And that's nice too."

So, what's it like looking at a basketball season as defending national champions?

"Oh, everybody shoots at you. It's like a crusade every time you take the floor," Crum said. "I remember our second game in 1981 after we'd won the championship the year before, we played Oklahoma State and they beat us by one point on a shot from midcourt by a little guard who was oh-for-five at the time.

This was their second game of the year and they cut the nets down. For them it was a major thing."

So, now it is time to start all over again.

"I have several areas of concern with this team," Crum said. "When you lose three seniors (Thompson, Wagner and Jeff Hall) that's a major loss. Our strength last year was our defense and when you lose three guys who played as many minutes as they did you've got some replacing to do. That's my biggest concern right now."

UofL's coach went on "we've got some questionable outside shooting at this point. We might prove that we're a very good outside shooting club, but we haven't proven it yet. We lost our two best outside shooters in Milt and Jeff."

The heart around which Crum tries to shape his 1986-87 team would be called Pervis Ellison.

To put perspective on how fans see Ellison and how Crum sees him, one reporter wanted to know if the 6-9, 200-pound sophomore will be "a dominating force" this season.

"I like to think he could," Crum said politely. "But he was not a dominating player last year. What helped him was those three seniors. This year the demands on him are going to be tremendous and he'll have to be a whole lot better than last year to be as effective."

What about the national college basketball scene?

"I don't think there's any dominant team this year because there aren't any Olajuwons or Ralph Sampsons or Patrick Ewings around," Crum said. "But I think there are a lot of good teams. This year maybe North Carolina. They should be a really strong team."

Interestingly, two national publications, Street & Smith and The Sporting News, puts Louisville and North Carolina at the top of the heap.

As if he needed to be, Crum was reminded that his 1981 team, the year after Louisville's NCAA title, started its season 2-7. No doubt he will remind the players on this team of that fact, right?

"Yeah, I can point that out to 'em," he said. "But you can tell people that they shouldn't smoke because they'll get lung cancer too, but you know, there are still people who smoke."

"You don't drink and drive because you'll get in an accident, but people still drink and drive. Telling young people what happened a few years ago usually goes in one ear and out the other. I know it did with my kids."

But a new season of hoops is here. New hopes and dreams. And for now anyway, Denny and the kings are still just that. National champions.

Eddie and the 'Cats

Sutton: "I was talking to Dick Vitale the other day and I asked him, 'How they heck can you rate us fourth? That's way too high.' And he said, 'Because you've got good players and you're a good coach.'"

Sutton grinned. Surrounded by reporters, the Kentucky coach was relaxed, enjoying himself.

So, how does the UK coach see the college basketball pecking order?

"I think we belong in the top 20, somewhere 15 to 20," he said.

Since it is an up year for the state's Big Three schools, how does Sutton see it?

"Want me to pick 'em? I think Louisville would be in the top 10. Say, Louisville fourth, Western Kentucky 11th and Kentucky 19th. How's that?"

No. 1 in the country? Sutton puts the monkey on North Carolina.

The Southeastern Conference? With a pause between each, he likes "Alabama ... Auburn ... LSU ... Florida. Now, this is excluding us. Overall, I think the SEC this year won't have the individuals it had last year, but it'll be as good a league as it was last year."

About the Kentucky Wildcats after Kenny Walker?

"I think our backcourt is all right. Our guards are fine. But how well we do this season depends on how well four players come along—Rob Lock, Cedric Jenkins, Richard Madison and Irv Thomas. If two of those guys come through we'll be a good ball club."

UK's first blue-white scrimmage is Nov. 1 at Rupp Arena.

LOOKING BACK. Reflecting to last year's NCAA Tournament loss to LSU, a reporter reminded Sutton that had the Wildcats beaten the Bengals, "Louisville was waiting for you."

"We'd have loved to have played Louisville again," the coach shot back. "Loved to. Even though they were better in March than they were in December (when UK beat the Cardinals)."

REX CHAPMAN There was something perhaps symbolic in a letter I received last week. A gentleman from Radcliff, Ky. was answering a *Sports Fantasy* question, what he would like most to be in sports: "The thing I would like most to be is Rex Chapman's agent."

Exaggeration? Certainly, but compared to what? This kid's future is golden. And so it was little wonder that UK Coach Sutton talked about the freshman first.

"I've never had one like him. Rex is not just any college freshman. He has a tremendous advantage because he comes from a coach's family. He's like (Sutton's son) Sean in that he's grown up around the game of basketball. He understands it. His dad's an excellent coach. Rex knows the game."

"But right now he doesn't even know our system, can't even run the drills. He's got things to learn and I just hope the people of the Commonwealth don't expect too much too soon. It's just like Kenny Walker going to the Knicks, he's got some adjustments to make. Rex has too, coming from high school to college."

To drive the point home, the UK coach gave a little history lesson. "I always hear the words 'impact player.' Well, Sidney Moncrief was the best player I ever coached and he didn't start till his ninth game as a freshman. And Rex has got some people he's going to have to contend with for playing time and he understands that."

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Next Up For Wildcats, It's The Georgia 'Dawgs

Georgia (4-2-0) at Kentucky (3-2-1) defeated Duke, South Carolina, Mississippi and Vandy while dropping decisions to Clemson and LSU. The Bulldogs' offense is led by 5-foot-11 junior quarterback James

Jackson. The defense, meanwhile, is paced by All-America senior safety John Little (6-3, 197).

The **Wildcats** are coming of their second consecutive loss, a hard-fought 25-16 setback to Louisiana State last Saturday in Lexington. Kentucky is looking to snap a seven-game losing streak against Southeastern Conference opposition. UK's last conference win was against Mississippi State on October 12, 1985 in Lexington.

The Coaches: Georgia's **Vince Dooley** is the dean of SEC coaches. Now in his 23rd year as the Bulldogs' head coach, Dooley has compiled a record of 179-69-10. Dooley is third on the active list of coaches in number of victories. Dooley has also served the school as athletic director since 1979.

Kentucky's **Jerry Claiborne** is in his fifth season as the head man at his Alma Mater. Claiborne, a 1950 graduate, has a record of 23-26-3 since returning to Lexington. He guided the Wildcats to appearances in the 1983 and 1984 Hall of Fame Bowls. Claiborne is in his 25th season as a head coach, having guided successful programs at Virginia Tech and Maryland. His overall coaching mark is 161-102-8, making him fourth on the active list of coaches in number of victories.

The History: Georgia holds a 30-7-2 advantage in the series that began in 1939. The Bulldogs defeated Kentucky last season 26-6 "between the hedges" in Athens. Kentucky last defeated the Bulldogs in 1977 at Athens, by a 33-0 count.

The Ransdell Report: Bill Ransdell, Kentucky's senior quarterback, who has

established himself as the most prolific passer in the University of Kentucky football history, moved closer to establishing yet another record in the Wildcats' 25-16 loss to LSU. With 33 plays against the Tigers, Ransdell has 814 total offensive plays in his career, leaving him 24 shy of Randy Jenkins' standard of 838.

The 'Cats: Five players have been chosen as Players of the Week by the University of Kentucky coaching staff for their performances in Kentucky's 25-16 loss to LSU last Saturday. They are: offensive tackle Greg Kunkel (offensive line), defensive guard Vic Adams and defensive tackle Jerry Reese (defensive line), linebacker Chris Chenault (defensive back), and placekicker Joe Worley (kicking game). There is no offensive back of the week.

*Honorary captains for Saturday's contest with the Georgia Bulldogs are senior fullback-tailback Marc Logan of Lexington, Ky., and senior linebacker Larry Smith of Springfield, Ky.

*Speaking of Smith, the senior defensive specialist continues to lead the Wildcats in the tackling category. The 6-1, 226-pound linebacker was officially credited with 14 stops in the LSU game, bringing his season total to 78, well on the pace for a repeat performance of 1985, when he led the Southeastern Conference with 152 total tackles.

*Junior placekicker Joe Worley, the leading kicker in University of Kentucky football history after only two-plus seasons on the job, needs only 32 points to become the leading scorer in the school's history. The record is 180 tallies, held by Bob Davis (1935-37).

Nick Nicholas

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While toning down his actions, Bennett's shooting touch last year concluded with a sharp 50.6 percentage from the field. That's up from previous marks of 42.9 percent during his freshman and sophomore seasons, respectively.

Thus, Bennett has learned through maturity. Gone are the days when a certain freshman's repertoire featured a stop dribble-spin-shoot move. Many times officials disallowed Bennett's scores following his twirling antics because of charging or traveling violations.

No. 25 has refined and smoothed the rough edges since the days of UK leaders Bowie, Turpin and Walker. This season Sutton's troops will march to a different but familiar leader—Winston Bennett.

Kentucky faces an enormous task of taking nonconference foes Indiana and last year's NCAA champs Louisville on the road while entertaining powerful Navy and Oklahoma. Throw in an 18-game SEC round-robin schedule and you've got a very difficult and demanding slate. It's something, though, which isn't new to UK members.

"Kentucky has always had pretty tough schedules," Bennett said. "This year there is no exception; we have an excellent schedule."

In Bennett, UK players have a strong and intelligent guide to lead the way against tough competition. He's been through the rough and good times. He's also had the experience of being in command.

"It gives me a little bit of experience of being a leader of a ballclub," Bennett said in reference of past captain roles. "The coaches seem to depend upon you (captain) a lot to pass other things on to the players which might not be necessarily said by the coaches. Something that just is understood—which you know the coaches expect from a leader and its ball players."

Bob Watkins

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Chapman himself?

The kid projects himself much the way he did as a high schooler, soft-spoken, a bit bashful, a little uncomfortable with the ballahoo and attention he gets.

"It puts me in a bad position with my teammates," he says. "I'm a freshman and they've been here a long time and deserve it (attention) for what they've done for Kentucky basketball. I haven't even played yet. So, I just feel it could be resented by teammates. But they don't make me feel resented and I appreciate it. I've got work to do and they're helping me along."

It remains true however, that Chapman is a homestate kid (Mr. Basketball), a slick player with enviable ability on the court as well as off it. Too, there is no getting around the fact that Chapman is a perfect fit into the central Kentucky scene where sprightly young colts are cuddled, appreciated with awe, looked upon with special adoration.

He knows how to handle it and that makes him special too.

"They (the other players) know it makes me uncomfortable and they tell me not to worry about it. And I really appreciate that coming from them because I respect them so much and look up to them."

People and things

✓ Rex Chapman on his roommate Winston Bennett: "He's like a big brother to me. I've known him for five or six years now and if I ask for advice he gives it to me. Sometimes, even when I don't ask, he gives it to me."

And what was the last piece of advice Chapman got from Bennett?

"Make my bed," he replied. "We keep our room nice and neat. It's working out real well. We like the same TV shows too."

✓ Winston Bennett on his new roommate: "We're roommates. We just kind of hang around together. Nothing special. He likes my (albums) music, Whodini and Luther Vandross, but I wish he'd put the records back in their covers."

✓ Robert Lock, UK's 6-10 center is up to 240 pounds (from 225) and has improved his strength. But he did not get to workout with Dan Issel during the summer. "I played ball a lot against Rick Robey. We really went at it. He weighs 255 so he banged me around pretty good. My strength has improved a lot. I'm more confident too. I know I can play."

✓ UK freshman Derrick Miller on being in the Bluegrass: "My mother's lives in New York and I told her last week she wouldn't be seeing me for awhile because I appreciate Kentucky. It's a place you can live at your own pace. I love it here."

✓ University of Louisville redshirt freshman guard Keith Williams: "I think I have a real good chance to be a real fine player if I'm willing to work. I really believe that. I'm very confident. You have to be confident, believe in yourself or things won't happen for you."

✓ UofL sophomore Tony Kimbro, with whom Williams will compete for playing time at guard: "Everybody's gonna have to earn a spot, earn what you get. It's mandatory to work hard and I'm gonna work hard as I can. I don't want anybody to give me anything."

■ **FUMBLE!** In this space last week Cumberland High School senior quarterback Freddie Maggard was mistakenly referred to as being from Cawood High. My apologies.

Parting shot

University of Louisville student-assistant coach Robbie Valentine was flashing his NCAA championship ring around last week and bragging that a few weeks ago he chanced to run into Winston Bennett of Kentucky, "and I showed him my ring" the brash one said. "And I told him, 'hey man, look at this. You're never going to have one of these. Never. I enjoyed that.'"

And so it goes. ■

Wildcats



JAMES JACKSON, QB
GEORGIA

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*"We just didn't play well today," was coach Jerry Claiborne's comment after his team fell to Virginia Tech 29-3 at Blacksburg. After the defense stopped the Tech offense, Andy Molls elected to pick up a rolling punt. He fumbled, and one play later, Tech scored a touchdown. Then two plays after Tech scored, UK quarterback Doug Martin mishandled the snap and the Gobblers recovered at the Wildcat nine. Tech took it in from there and just 3:15 into the game, Kentucky was down 14-0. UK's only score was set up when tackle Cam Jacobs recovered a fumble at the Gobbler 25. George Adams then ran 16 yards up the middle to the Tech three. Once there, Kentucky did not finish the job and had to settle for a 25-yard Chris Caudell field goal. The rest of the game followed suit to previous Kentucky outings of missed opportunities and gifts to the op-

ponent. The only bright spot was the punting of Paul Calhoun, who averaged 47.2 yards per punt. However, he was not perfect as he allowed a snap to go through his hands and through the end zone for a safety.

Seven Years Ago

*In what is becoming a common occurrence for UK these days, the Kentucky football team won the battle but lost the war Saturday in Baton Rouge as the 'Cats dropped a 23-19 contest to LSU. UK outgained the Tigers all over the field, picking up seven more first downs and 116 more yards on the ground.

Behind the direction of freshman quarterback Terry Henry, who led UK to long drives in each of the first three quarters, UK led 19-3 midway through the third period. A pass interference call against UK and two fumbles set up the Tiger scores as they rallied behind the capacity crowd in Death Valley. Shawn

Donigan led the UK rushing attack with 138 yards while Henry gained 122. Donigan's total came in 28 carries and was his first collegiate start. Henry also passed for 126 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Eight Years Ago

*A high-powered Kentucky offense turned in a record-breaking performance as the 'Cats romped to a 52-3 homecoming victory over Vanderbilt. The Wildcats ran for 234 yards and passed for 210, as six different players scored touchdowns and three quarterbacks threw touchdown passes.

Reserve quarterback Mike Shutt was named as the game's Most Valuable Player after running for one score and throwing for another. Third-string quarterback Joe Young came in and also threw for a touchdown. UK is now 4-4-1 for the year.

Sixteen Years Ago

*The Georgia Bulldogs handed UK its 10th straight SEC loss, this one by a 19-3 score. A big play was when UK quarterback Bernie Scruggs ran 88 yards before tumbling at

the three-yard line. Scruggs fumbled the ball over on the next play. Bobby Jones' 37-yard field goal in the third quarter was UK's only score. Scruggs hit on 14 of 24 passes for 114 yards and ran for 104 yards. Lee Clymer had 59 yards on the ground, while Jim Reed and Jim Mitchell each caught five passes.

Thirty-One Years Ago

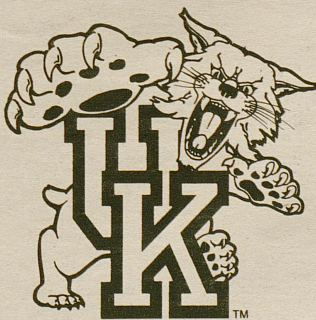
*A brilliant defensive effort and a 20-yard field goal by Delmar Hughes within the final half-minute gave UK a 10-7 victory over Florida before 35,000 fans at Stoll Field. UK never trailed in the game. The Wildcats scored in the second quarter on a 53-yard drive. The Gators scored late in the game when UK's Bob Hardy fumbled. UK's Bob Dougherty was the game's leading rusher with 61 yards on 17 carries.

Florida coach Bob Woodruff accused UK of breaking football ethics when he said UK faked an injury to get Hughes into the game to kick the winning field goal.

Coach Blanton Collier of Kentucky said he has at no time had a player fake an injury.

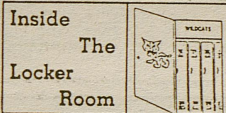
Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does UK own a series advantage over Georgia in football?
2. True or False? UK has never defeated Georgia in Commonwealth Stadium.
3. Who was Georgia's head football coach before the Vince Dooley era?
 - a) Erk Russell
 - b) Johnny Griffith
 - c) Leonard Postero
 - d) Wally Butts
4. What former Georgia star became an NFL Hall of Famer as a pro quarterback?
 - a) Randy Johnson
 - b) Pat Sullivan
 - c) Fran Tarkenton
 - d) Matt Robinson
5. What ex-Dawg kicker is the SEC's all-time leading scorer?
 - a) Rex Robinson
 - b) Al Del Greco
 - c) Bobby Raymond
 - d) Kevin Butler
6. Fill in the blank. Georgia has participated in _____ straight bowl games.
7. What former Georgia great holds the SEC record for the most career touchdowns?
 - a) Frank Sinkwich
 - b) Willie McClendon
 - c) Herschel Walker
 - d) Charles Whittemore
8. What former Georgia player caught the famous 95-yard touchdown pass against Florida during the waning seconds of their game in 1980?
 - a) Herschel Walker
 - b) Clarence Kay
 - c) Jimmy Rockaday
 - d) Lindsey Scott
9. What ex-Bulldog owns the Georgia school record for the most interceptions in one season?
 - a) Scott Woerner
 - b) Tim Foley
 - c) Jake Scott
 - d) Terry Hoage
10. The last time Kentucky defeated Georgia (1977, 33-0 in Athens), what famous celebrity was in attendance?
 - a) Hank Aaron
 - b) Billy Carter
 - c) Prince Charles
 - d) Sonny and Cher



Answers

1. No
2. True
3. Johnny Griffith
4. Fran Tarkenton
5. Rex Robinson
6. 10
7. Charles Whittemore
8. Herschel Walker (49 TDs)
9. Terry Hoage
10. Prince Charles



Following are Coach Jerry Claiborne's postgame comments after Kentucky was defeated by LSU 25-16 last Saturday evening at Commonwealth Stadium:

Your thoughts on the game?

Claiborne: The real critical play, of course, was right before the half when we got the snap and the punter (Jeff Nelson) should have brought the ball down and kicked it. He wasn't sure if the rush was on. But I thought we overcame it; we got the lead back. Another big play was when they went for the first down and made it. Again, it's the question of the spot. I thought our effort was good. The players played hard. They (LSU) are a good football team. I just wish we could have caught a couple of passes that we dropped. When you play a good team like LSU you can't make too many mistakes. We didn't punt the ball well. We gave them good field position practically every time we punted the ball. I thought our coverage was pretty good. We didn't boom the ball out and put them a little further away from the goal line when they started. At times we moved the ball pretty good. We also played pretty good defense at times. They (LSU) are a talented group of kids and they came up with some big plays against us. I wish we could have gone into halftime leading 7-6. We averaged 36 yards punting the football. That's not very good. We started a pretty good way from the goal line, most of the time. It seemed to me that most of the time we were backed up pretty good. The one time we got a break, we took it in and scored. We had one good drive in the second half. That was a real big drive for (Kevin) Dooley. Our kickoff returns almost broke a couple of times. There were some bright things but the score's still 25-16.

Question: Did you think about leaving Dooley in a little longer?

Claiborne: We left him in for a couple of series (after the score). We didn't move the ball in those two series. It wasn't his fault. We went one series and then one more series—we thought he might have a hot hand, but then we didn't move it the next time. Billy (Ransdell) came in and moved the ball pretty good; we went ahead and kicked a field goal. So, we thought we made the right choice at the time. We just came up short.

Question: What happened to

Ransdell at halftime.

Claiborne: I don't know if he got hyperventilated or what. He was getting ready to go out and he kinda fainted. He was all fired up. I guess he just fainted; tension I guess. They (UK doctors) said he was all right. We held him out until they said he was OK.

Question: Why didn't Mark Higgs play and why didn't Ivy Joe Hunter play more?

Claiborne: They didn't practice all week. It's hard to play if you don't practice. The other kids had practiced. You never know, you might fumble the football if you're not used to carrying the ball and getting hit. They didn't get hit all week. Hopefully, they'll be better when they go against Georgia. Higgs didn't practice at all during the week. Ivy Joe didn't practice much. We felt Ivy Joe at least was able to go in and play. But again he dropped a pass that might have helped us. That's lack of practice. Hopefully they'll practice this week and be ready for Georgia.

Question: Have you ever had a game where you stopped the run so well but gave up a lot of yardage on the pass plays?

Claiborne: They have got some class receivers and we stopped their passes several times. With the speed they had, we tried to mix up our coverages and they just beat our man. It was a question of them beating our man and that's what happened.

Question: What about LSU's two pass completions just before intermission?

Claiborne: They ran a kind of fade pattern. They were perfect passes. If the passes would have been six inches shorter our kids would have knocked it down, or six inches further and they wouldn't have caught it. They were to perfect passes. You've got to give credit where credit is due. They were great passes.

Question: Is there a reason why your team doesn't throw the ball more down field?

Claiborne: When you throw it down field you have to have somebody to get down there. They (LSU) were playing three-deep most of the time. We had a couple of people open down field, across the middle, but we didn't get the ball to them. It was a tough loss. I'll tell you that.

