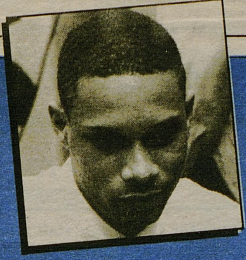


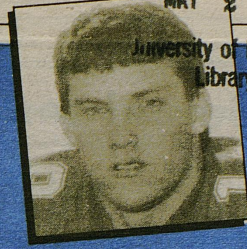
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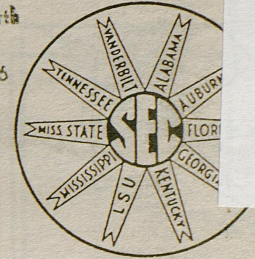
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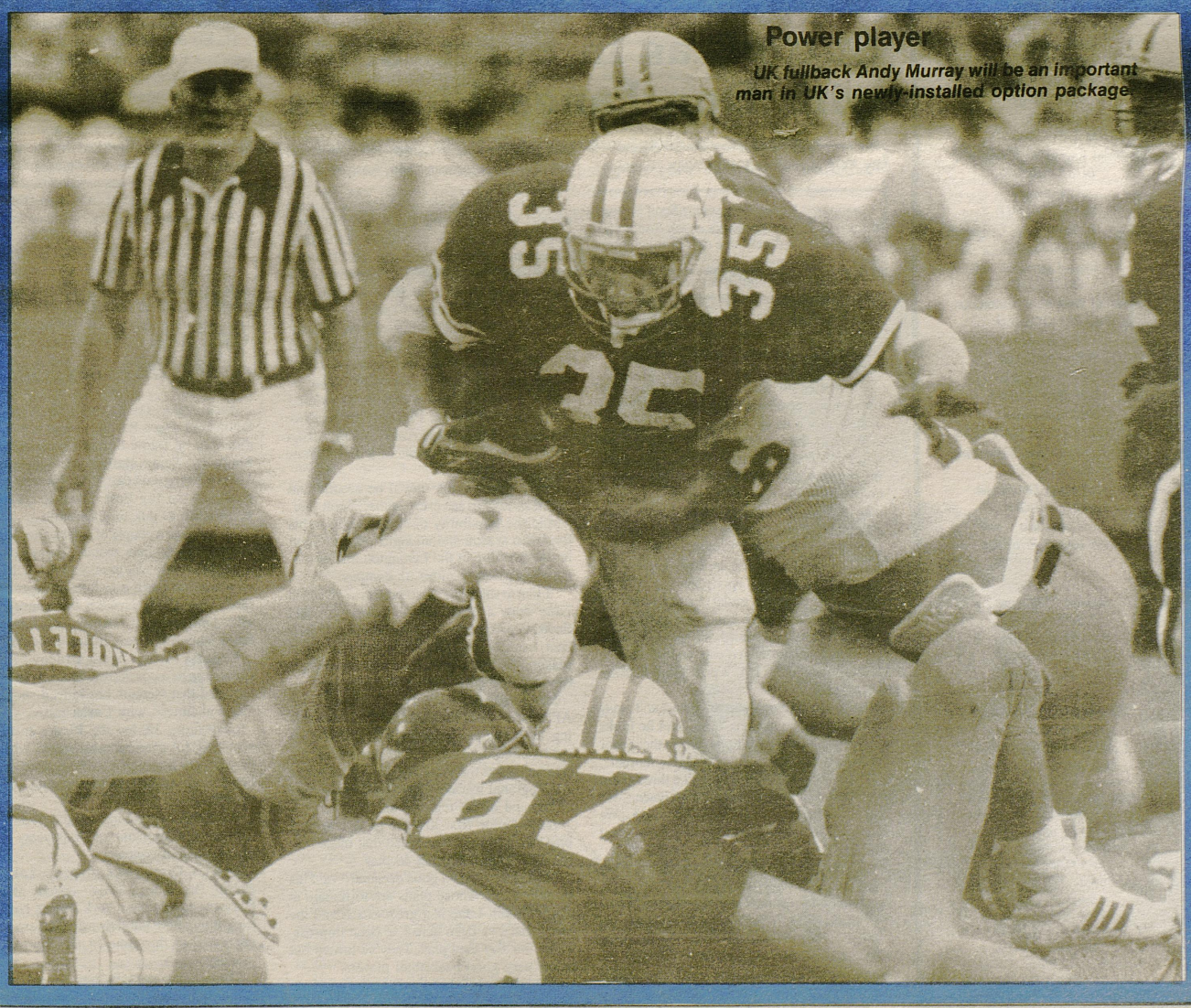
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## Bound for Transy



Scott Sutton, with his mother, Patsy, and father, Eddie, sitting alongside, is all smiles after signing a letter of intent to play basketball for Transylvania. Currently a student at Lexington Henry Clay, Scott plans to play swingman for the Pioneers. Standing left to right are: Transy head coach Don Lane, Steve Sutton and UK point guard Sean Sutton.

photo by Barbara J. Ownby

## Sutton, as in Scott, signs with Don Lane's Pioneers

By TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

Lexington Henry Clay senior Scott Sutton, the son of former Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, signed the dotted line earlier this month with Transylvania.

"I've thought about it all year and coach (Don) Lane's been in touch with me all year long," said Scott, a 6-foot-6 swingman who was an All-State Honorable Mention selection this past season. "It (decision) wasn't very hard.

"I wanted to go to a college that had outstanding academics and basketball, and Transy met both of these criteria for me."

With his mom on his right, his dad on his left, three television cameras peering in front, his high school coach as well as other onlookers at the press conference, Scott nervously signed the letter of intent. After a brief statement he then turned with a grin aimed at his father. "Good," said the elder Sutton with an ear-to-ear smile, acknowledging his son's moment in the spotlight.

Transy's program under Lane's guidance has excelled. A year ago Lane guided the Pioneers to a 26-4 record, an NAIA District 32 championship which was tied to a trip to Kansas City and a No. 7 position in the national poll.

In 14 years Lane's career record at Transy ranks second to no one. Scott said he looks forward to playing for Lane, who's the owner of a 247-128 mark. The feeling is mutual.

"He's an excellent passer and a three-point shooter," said Lane of his newest signee. "We watched his progress all the way through... We recruited Scott because he can be a good player for us.

"I never had a guy come from Henry Clay who was not ready to play."

Academics was another reason Transylvania and Scott Sutton took a liking to each other. "Our standards are higher than Proposition 48's," Lane noted. "He's interested in academics and you've got to be if you're going to Transylvania."

District 32 rival Georgetown was the only

other school Sutton visited. His trip to see the Tigers play, meanwhile, was not an official call.

At this writing Scott is the second Pioneer signee, the other being Brett Eades of Paris High School. Sutton and Eades, as well as four other players currently on Transy's roster, have something in common—their dad's coach or at one time worked the sidelines in the roundball sport.

Staying in Lexington played a significant factor for Eddie and Patsy Sutton's youngest son. Now the problem for mom and dad is which son do they watch play—Sean or Scott—if both UK and Transy are scheduled on the same evening. Probably both, since the drive between Rupp Arena and McAlister Auditorium can be made in a five-minute drive.

"Next year I think they'll be around and they'll be able to see every game," Scott said.

Add the possibility of contributing in his freshman season and all signs pointed Scott in the direction of the Lexington institution. He even plans to move on campus.

"I like to shoot the three-pointers and coach Lane does a great job of coaching," said Scott, who connected on better than 45 percent from beyond the three-point line last season. "If I just work hard and try to learn the system I think I'll be all right."

Scott compiled a steady senior season for Al Prewitt's 19-8 Blue Devils. While averaging 18 points per game he also contributed six rebounds and four assists per outing. He was named to the All-City, All-District and All-Regional squads. The Blue Devils were eliminated in the regional semifinals.

As a junior first-stringer he averaged 9 ppg., on a Henry Clay squad that made it to the final eight in Sweet 16 play.

"I think he made a good decision," said his brother Sean, whose plans are to remain at UK. "Coach Lane is a great coach and the years that I've been here I've been impressed by the way they play. They've turned out some very good basketball players.

"As long as he's happy, that's the most important thing."

## Dickey is third UK assistant to resign

From The Cats' Pause staff reports

James Dickey became the third assistant to officially resign from his UK assistant post late last month.

Earlier Dwane Casey and Jimmy Dykes turned in their notice, effective immediately, after head coach Eddie Sutton stepped down last March because of the NCAA investigation into the UK basketball program.

"I've enjoyed coaching and I enjoyed coaching at Kentucky," Dickey said. "Being at Kentucky was a good experience for me. I learned about the day-to-day operation of a program that is highly visible."

As to why he waited 11 days to resign, the 34-year-old Dickey figured Sutton's resignation meant that he was gone, too.

"It was not an immediate concern," quoted Dickey. "When coach Sutton resigned, I thought he resigned basically for the staff. The first thing on my mind was to take care of my family."

The former UK assistant said he resigned "because I understand that any new coach will want to have the prerogative of selecting his own staff."

Dickey was named in five of the 18 allegations against the basketball program.

He has indicated he still wants to be a head coach on the college level. "If that's possible," Dickey wondered. "I'm just not sure how the investigation will affect us. I will explore any option."

Before being named as an assistant at Kentucky, Dickey worked in the same capacity under Sutton at Arkansas. It was a week after Sutton was named UK's head coach back in April of '85 when Dickey officially accepted the offer to come to the Bluegrass.

## Is P.J. a candidate for UK job? New Jersey paper answers 'Yes!'

According to *The Record of Hackensack* Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo is a candidate to be Eddie Sutton's successor at Kentucky. Seton Hall athletics director Larry Keating said that C.M. Newton had contacted the Big East school to receive permission to talk to Carlesimo.

This comes a couple of weeks after Lute Olson, again, had second thoughts in regard to the Kentucky job. Olson reportedly planned a visit to Lexington to meet with C.M. Newton but cancelled after University of Arizona officials offered its coach a new financial package.

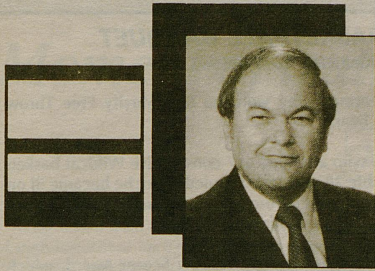
Reports from last Sunday link Carlesimo as a possibility. The newspaper reported that Newton has indeed spoken "several times" with Carlesimo.

Carlesimo, 39, led the Pirates to this year's NCAA championship game, where they lost to Michigan 80-79 in overtime. Seton Hall finished the season with a 31-7 record.

With the completion of the 1988-89 campaign, Carlesimo has four years left on his current contract.

Besides Olson, Los Angeles Lakers coach Pat Riley, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and New York Knicks coach Rick Pitino have publicly said they are not interested at this time in the Kentucky vacancy.

Those four reportedly were (and maybe still are) top candidates on Newton's list.



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Worst is over, now it's time to rebuild UK basketball

□As this issue of *TCP* goes to press, the University of Kentucky has just concluded its appearance before the NCAA Infractions Committee and NCAA officials say a final verdict of all charges should come anywhere from two to four weeks from now.

In other words, another two to four weeks of playing the waiting game.

But for UK, the worst is now over. Sure, the final results aren't in, but the trial is history and once penalties, if any (and there will be some), are handed down, then UK can start rebuilding.

From talking to various people who either were part of the hearing or around the hearing, it is almost impossible to determine what the infractions committee will ultimately decide.

There, however, can be some casual observations made. NCAA officials, as well as the infractions committee, obviously were pleased with the thoroughness of UK's in-house investigation and the way UK responded to the NCAA's instructions.

Some UK fans might feel betrayed by UK officials for being so forthright and honest, but they shouldn't. In the end, such honesty could play a major role in how the infractions committee ultimately sentences Kentucky.

UK president David Roselle, though, has repeatedly denied conducting an honest investigation for the sole purpose of obtaining a lighter penalty. Roselle says the reason for conducting a detailed and honest investigation is strictly because that's the way it (an in-house investigation) should be done.

For years, the NCAA has stressed self-policing and self-compliance for members of the NCAA. Quite honestly, many (perhaps most) have winked at the philosophy. Not Roselle. And he's come under increasing heat from some UK fans because they feel many other schools are doing just that, winking.

That segment of UK fans believe Roselle doesn't understand college athletics and how they *really* operate, that he is totally disinterested in athletics.

Not true.

The president may be guilty of not knowing how widespread cheating and winking at the rules are in college athletics, but he is not anti-athletics.

With the arrival of Roselle, we are going to see if the NCAA way of conducting business really works. Roselle has opened Kentucky's heart to the world. No doubt, some warts have been discovered, just like they would at many other schools.

But other schools are not the issue right now, just Kentucky. Whether you like it or not, Kentucky's athletics program (not just basketball) is being cleaned up, not just to the level of other schools, but far beyond it.

Before we go any farther, let me clarify what I mean by the overall Kentucky program. Basketball, and basketball only, is under the gun of the NCAA right now,

but in the process of evaluating the basketball program, every phase of the UK athletics program has undergone the microscope these past several months. As a result of the year-long study, look for other management philosophies to change, look for more newer and tougher controls on the day-to-day operation of the athletics department.

While Kentucky is cleaning up its act, it is not the first school to go before the NCAA jury. It certainly won't be the last, but at least some UK detractors will have to pick on another school as being untouchable.

To those Kentucky bashers, I often chuckle. They're so jealous of UK. On one hand they claim UK operates above the law of the NCAA and is never targeted by the NCAA, that UK is on that proverbial list of "untouchables." Yet, those same skeptics keep talking about how many times UK has been investigated and placed on probation by the NCAA over the years. Something doesn't fit.

Freight package from assistant Dwane Casey to Claude Mills, father of then UK signee Chris Mills, allegedly carried with it \$1,000 cash. The second was the alleged academic fraud involving Eric Manuel's ACT test.

Conviction on either count gives UK a real black eye. If UK is judged guilty (and from previous reports, it appears UK pretty much agreed with the NCAA allegations in these two matters), it gives the strong appearance that they didn't accidentally happen.

You don't accidentally put \$1,000 in an envelope and then deny you have no knowledge of it. If there was cheating on the ACT test (which was taken locally at Lafayette High School), it's very difficult to believe the cheating was accomplished alone by Manuel. UK, in its official response to the NCAA, reportedly didn't challenge the allegation of a \$1,000 being in the package when it left the UK basketball offices, but UK said it could not determine who put the money in the

package.

Both these situations give great credibility to theories that such wrongdoings had other designers behind the stage. And that's what has become so alarming to Roselle.

That's probably why Kentucky is searching for a new coaching staff right now.

What we're going to see over the next few years at Kentucky is a model program, a model program the NCAA can hold up for the rest of the sports world to examine.

Kentucky will be a clear alternative to schools such as the one in football at Oklahoma, which is now on two years of postseason bowl bans after OU officials decided it was better to fight the NCAA, than switch their tactics and personnel.

Kentucky, on the other hand, is doing it the way *other* college presidents have been advocating. Of course, some presidents are like the old-time preacher: "Do as I say, not as I do."

The big question is: Can a big-time college sports program operate within the rules and still field a championship-caliber team? I'm not sure one can answer that question without some reservations.

I will say this: If there is a college program which can operate within the rules and still be of championship caliber, it should be Kentucky.

We're about to find out.

Next issue of *TCP* to be available in mid-May

As a reminder, now that we are using our summer printing schedule, *The Cats' Pause* will be published once each month until Sept. 9. Our next issue will be dated May 27, 1989, and will be available in mid-May. Look for the recap of the spring football game and a closer look at UK's meeting with the NCAA Infractions Committee in that issue.

Quite the contrary, Kentucky, if anything, pays the price of being the New York Yankees of college basketball. Either you love 'em or you hate 'em. But then, that goes with the territory when everyone is envious of your success.

It never ceases to amaze me why so many people are so jealous of Kentucky. Well, maybe it shouldn't. Over the years, Kentucky has been known as one of the nation's top three or four basketball programs. And believe you me, no school gets investigated more thoroughly than UK, except perhaps UNLV.

So when all the washing is finally hung out to dry in the next few weeks, just consider how many people have been involved in the UK investigation, the number of reporters who have chronicled it every step of the way and how much time has been put into it.

It's not uncommon for some schools which have been put on probation to have dozens and dozens of violations. By the time UK's list is completed, you'll find less than a dozen.

Having said that, we must face up to what has happened to the UK program in the past few years, admit the guilt, pay the penalty and move forward.

While the number of violations is relatively small, the nature of the charges are about as serious as they can become. They cannot be taken lightly, winked at or dismissed as an accidental mistake.

Of the original 18 charges, there are only two which are so terrible that you want to wish your school had never heard of them.

The infamous Emery Worldwide Air



We'll soon know what the NCAA thinks of the way president David Roselle has handled UK's response to the allegations.



### WILDCAT BASKETBALL BANQUET

(Clockwise from below)

☐ Freshman guard Richie Farmer, who won the Best Varsity Free Throw Shooter Award, sports a new beard.

☐ "Super Fan" Steve Rardin, who attended 627 consecutive Wildcat basketball games before his remarkable 20-year streak ended when he became ill on the Syracuse trip, addresses the crowd before presenting sophomore forward Reggie Hanson with the Best Defensive Player Award.

☐ Sophomore center LeRon Ellis accepts the Leading Scorer Award, which was given by The Cats' Pause.

☐ Freshman forward-guard Chris Mills is all smiles as he accepts an award. Mills cleaned up at the ceremony, winning three awards—Most Valuable Player, Freshman Leadership and Most Rebounds.

Other award-winners were:

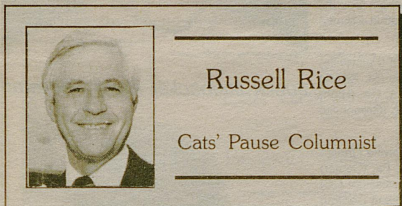
Leadership Award.....Sean Sutton	Sacrifice Award (Most charges taken) .....
Outstanding Senior.....Mike Scott	.....Sean Sutton, LeRon Ellis
Fewest Turnovers.....Derrick Miller	Fans of the Year.....Van Florence,
Scholastic Award.....Mike Scott	.....Doug Sizemore
Most Assists.....Sean Sutton	Committee of 101 Appreciation Awards
110-Percent Award....Deron Feldhaus	.....Mike Scott, Jeff Ginnan



# Moment of truth has arrived for UK administrators

## Must put basketball program on right track

Along with a fresh breath of springtime, the moment of truth has arrived for University of Kentucky administrators who have been talking of institutional control and management style during most of the 12 months



Russell Rice  
Cats' Pause Columnist

since that infamous Emery package "popped open" in a terminal in Los Angeles. With the proverbial broom having swept away what hopefully are the last remnants of a situation that has brought the basketball program to the height of embarrassment, the administration now must take steps to insure that its new administrative and coaching staff doesn't fall into the same trap that has kept the basketball program ensnared in a web created by big wins, big boosters, big exposure, big egos and big money, all of which have resulted in BIG TROUBLE.

The logical course would be to keep outside forces away from the new coach until he has time to settle in the job and chart his own course. It would seem that sessions between the old coach and the new coach could serve a purpose in discussions of personnel and team matters, but there is an inherent feeling that the old coach would introduce his successor to those same forces that have had so much influence on UK basketball for the past two decades.

Matters that should be addressed quickly by the administration include product endorsements, shoe contracts, radio and television shows, calendars, camps, clinics, courtesy cars, purchasing procedures, open bidding versus private negotiation, boosters and booster organizations, involvement by outside persons or organizations in tasks that could and should be performed by athletics department staff members, and private donations as salary supplements for assistant coaches, to name a few.

A deaf ear must be turned to arguments that exercise of "too much" institutional control would make the Wildcat basketball coaching job less attractive to the top coaches in the nation. The university should be looking for a coach whose main objective is to put the Wildcat program back on the winning track, both in victories and prestige, and not to become a millionaire during his first few years on the job.

□**FOR ALL OF** you out there who believe published reports that UK had a total attendance of 324,702 fans at 15 home games, an average of 21,647 per game, in Rupp Arena during the past season, and that a record crowd of 24,288 attended the UK-LSU game, which had a turnstile count of less than 20,000, then Loretta Lynn and I have some oceanside resort property that we'd like to sell you, cheap and unseen, in our old hometown of Van Lear in eastern Kentucky.

□**CANCELLATION OF THE** Committee of 101's annual postseason basketball banquet is reminiscent of a similar situation 16 years ago when the annual football banquet was cancelled by Cavan Barnette, Wildcat Club president and close personal friend of John Ray, after the athletics board refused to extend Ray's contract as head football coach. After cancelling the basketball banquet, the 101 group scheduled a private gathering for presentation of annual awards to the team. There was no such gathering for the football team after Ray's departure; instead, the sports information office contacted the sponsors, secured the awards and gave them individually to the players. There were no football banquets held during

the nine-year reign of Fran Curci, who succeeded Ray. Jerry Claiborne, through the K-Men's Association, resumed the banquets when he succeeded Curci in 1982. **PERSONAL OBSERVATION:** The annual awards banquets should be for the players, not the fans and coaches.

□**DURING A MEDIA** function at the Southeastern Regional in Rupp Arena, we told good friend Jerry Tipton of the *Herald-Leader* that if we had one dollar for every time he has written "Emery package" during the past 12 months, Doris and I could begin my retirement by taking an extended vacation to Hawaii. Throughout the last months of the ordeal, Jerry and other local media reps have expressed sentiments that they wish "this thing would hurry and end." However, we wish to remind these gentlemen of the written and spoken word that perhaps never before have they had such exposure. The "probe" has resulted in a seemingly endless string of bylines, special reports, editorials, leaks, rumors, speculation, and lots of regional and national exposure for the UK media. The question now: When everything on the UK roundball scene has run its course, and "our" guys have come off a natural "high," what are they going to do for an encore?

□**OUR SYMPATHIES TO** Fred Conger, former Wildcat linebacker who received a crushed leg in a farm-implement accident last summer at Charlotte, N.C., where he is co-head football coach and baseball coach at Charlotte Latin, a private high school, and who had his woes compounded three weeks later when notified that his 19-year-old son Rick had leukemia. Conger's plight was brought to the attention of central Kentuckians by Phil Greer, a local realtor who played with Conger at UK and is president of the K-Men's Association.

"As alumni we try to help former K-Men through the association," Greer said. "We want to help Fred with his medical expenses. Normally, we would ask for donations through our newsletter, but that doesn't come out for two or three months. So now we're asking for our members and anyone else willing to help to send now."

Conger came to UK in 1966 from Feasterville, Pa., where he was a star guard with the Neshaminy High School Redskins. He broke a wrist in preseason practice as a UK freshman and missed action in the Kittens' first three games that season, but was a standout lineman in the season finale against Vanderbilt. Then he missed spring practice because of a knee operation that hadn't healed sufficiently, but he played well against Indiana in the 1967 opening game. Conger then received an injury in the second game, against Ole Miss. He earned his only UK letter that season.

Conger was an assistant at Penn, then for five years head coach at Merychurst College in Erie. He and Nancy and their two sons, Rick and Jeffrey, moved to Charlotte three years ago. While making extra money doing groundskeeping for Latin High, Conger fell off the back of a tractor and underneath a "drag box" used to landscape the baseball field. Emergency surgery was performed for a double compound fracture of his leg. Further surgery saved a foot from amputation.

Meanwhile, his son Rick spent more than 120 days in chemotherapy. After Thanksgiving, he came to the UK Medical Center in hopes of a bone-marrow transplant but was found to have a yeast infection, making him ineligible. The cancer was gone for two months, but then returned. The doctors gave him six months to live.

Those wishing to make a donation should send it to:

The Rick Conger Fund  
c/o K-Men's Association Benevolent Fund  
P.O. Box 22255  
Lexington, Ky. 40522

□**WHERE THEY ARE NOW:**

—Mike Cassity (FB 1973, '74), former Wildcat assis-

tant under Fran Curci, has been selected as a defensive coach at Northeast Louisiana. He previously was defensive backfield coach at Western Kentucky, which means that former UK teammates Greg Nord, now a UK assistant, and John Nocht, teacher-coach at Bourbon County High, will have to travel several miles further to join Cassity in their never-ending quest for big bass.

—Larry Kirksey, who also was an assistant under Curci, has replaced Tommy Liggins as coach of running backs at Pitt, where Liggins remains on the staff as coach of tight ends. After leaving UK, Kirksey served several years as an assistant under Galen Hall at Florida.

□**MAIL CALL:** The following letter is from Turner Gregg, a three-sport star for the Wildcats in the mid-1920s:

Dear sir:

A friend of mine who knew a great deal about my past, and especially about my athletic achievements, gave me a copy of the March 18 edition of The Cats' Pause, in which you had a story about the tragic death of Curtis Sanders. According to your story Curtis was the last survivor of the 1922 football team that defeated Alabama. That would indicate that I may be the only living survivor of that team. I was the quarterback of the '22, '23 and '24 teams, and played as many quarters as did Sanders. There were few substitutes in those days because if you were taken out in the first half you were through playing for that game. We played Tennessee at Knoxville in 1924 and our only substitution was made in the last minute of the game. Our center was knocked cold. We won that game 27-6. Made only two substitutions during the game, both in the second half. In those days, we played both offense and defense. I also was a pitcher on the baseball team and Michigan and Notre Dame were two of my victims one season. I made letters in three sports—football, baseball and track. One of my teammates, "Turkey" Hughes, beat me by also playing basketball. On June 5, I will be 90 years old and I am still active. In 1987, I shot my age in golf on several outings. I did not make it in '88 and have not played so far this year. I do not use a cart. There is no exercise involved in hitting or putting even if you are playing in the hundreds. When Happy Chandler was governor, he was also the receiver of the defunct Southern Life Insurance Co., which brought him to Louisville frequently. When he was here he would get in touch with me and we would play golf together (I lost). We also attended football games when Notre Dame played Southern California at South Bend or Chicago. He used to come by with his bodyguard of "Red" Roberts, George Chinn and Joe Burman, the golf pro at Frankfort. They would pick me up and off we would go to South Bend or Chicago, wherever the game was played. I was certainly sorry to learn of Sanders' tragic death. He was a great athlete and a dear friend.

Sincerely Yours,

Turner Gregg  
Louisville

After leaving UK, Gregg coached "everything—you did that in those days"—for three years at Greenville High School, where his only two losses were to a Morganfield team coached by another former Wildcat, Earle Clements (1916), who went on to become governor of Kentucky and a long-time U.S. Senator. Gregg coached two years at Maysville, giving them a district basketball championship in 1929, losing in the regional to eventual state champion Ashland. Then he spent four years with the Sutcliffe Co., opening up territory in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee and later was involved in the oil and gas business before retiring in 1965.

# University of Kentucky spring football roster, depth chart

□ First two spots at each position are according to final spring depth chart.

## OFFENSE

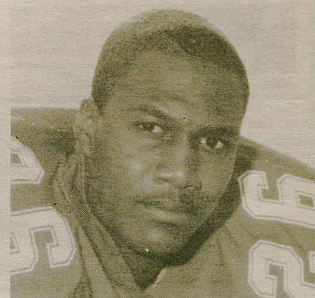
<b>Split end</b>	
John Bolden — 6-0, 170, Jr-2L	Louisville (Male)
Alfred Jones — 6-4, 188, Sr-1L	Oak Ridge, Tenn. (NE Oklahoma A&M)
Joe Pagano — 5-10, 177, Fr-RS	Broadview Heights, Ohio (Brecksville)
Russ Tracewell — 5-8, 181, Fr-RS	Parkersburg, W.Va. (High)
<b>Left tackle</b>	
Mike Nord — 6-7, 291, Jr-1L	Louisville (St. Xavier)
Todd Perry — 6-4, 261, Fr-RS	Elizabethtown (North Hardin)
Tom Crumrine — 6-4, 260, Sr-Sq.	Westerville, Ohio (North)
Scott Rayburn — 6-3, 255, Jr-Sq.	Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)
Jeff Weihe — 6-4, 246, Fr-RS	Louisville (Holy Cross)
<b>Left guard</b>	
Dean Wilks — 6-3, 300, Jr-2L	Proctorville, Ohio (Fairland)
Bill Huletta — 6-2, 262, Jr-1L	Morganfield (Union County)
<b>Center</b>	
Brian Cralle — 6-1, 285, Sr-1L	Elizabethtown (High)
David Crane — 6-2, 256, Sr-1L	Louisville (Trinity)
Courtney Longacre — 6-2, 244, So-Sq.	Louisville (Fairdale)
Matt Branum — 6-1, 247, Fr-RS	Florence (Boone County)
<b>Right guard</b>	
Joel Mazzella — 6-1, 285, Jr-1L	Parkersburg, W.Va. (High)
Travis Hahn — 6-2, 235, Fr-RS	Louisville (St. Xavier)
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Chris Reedy — 6-2, 237, Fr-RS	Elizabethtown (High)
<b>Right tackle</b>	
Mike Pfeifer — 6-7, 300, Sr-3L	Louisville (Trinity)
Greg Lahr — 6-4, 271, So-1L	Pinkerington, Ohio (High)
Chuck Bradley — 6-5, 265, Fr-RS	Louisville (Fern Creek)
T.J. Maynard — 6-4, 259, Fr-RS	Fiatwoods (Russell)
<b>Tight end</b>	
Mike Meece — 6-6, 230, Jr-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Madeira)
Jim Graves — 6-6, 235, So-Sq.	Lexington (Henry Clay/Tennessee Military)
Patrick Porter — 6-3, 220, Jr-Sq.	Flemingsburg (Fleming County)
Mickey Dean — 6-3, 225, Fr-RS	Sarasota, Fla. (High)
<b>Quarterback</b>	
Chuck Broughton — 6-4, 230, Sr-1L	Ashland (Blazer)
Freddie Maggard — 6-2, 227, So-Sq.	Cumberland (High)
Brad Smith — 6-2, 190, Fr-RS	Lakeland, Fla. (High)
Ryan Hockman — 6-2, 190, Fr-RS	Harrison, Ohio (High)
Travis Powers — 5-11, 187, Fr-RS	Middlesboro (High)
<b>Fullback</b>	
Andy Murray — 6-1, 242, Sr-3L	Louisville (Trinity)
Darren Bilberry — 6-2, 205, Sr-2L	Ft. Knox (High)
Mike Knox — 5-10, 216, Sr-Sq.	Louisville (Germantown)
Rodney Shepard — 5-11, 250, Fr-RS	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Nassau CC)
<b>Tailback</b>	
Al Baker — 5-11, 225, Jr-1L	Cadiz (Trigg County)
Alfred Rawls — 5-11, 200, Sr-1L	Pitts, Ga. (NE Oklahoma A&M)
Tim Harris — 5-10, 185, Fr-RS	New Castle (Henry County)
Troy Wilt — 6-0, 195, Fr-RS	Charles Town, W.Va. (Jefferson)
<b>Flanker</b>	
Phil Logan — 6-2, 200, Jr-2L	Louisville (Holy Cross)
Steve Phillips — 6-2, 201, Jr-Sq.	Fairfield, Ohio (High)
Greg Hunt — 6-0, 184, So-Sq.	Richmond, Va. (Fork Union)
Bob Shehan — 5-11, 168, Fr-RS	Florence (Boone County)
Terry Langford — 5-11, 163, Fr-RS	Chatsworth, Ga. (Murray County)
<b>Placekicker</b>	
Ken Willis — 5-11, 196, Sr-2L	Owensboro (Senior High/Centre College)
Doug Pellfrey — 5-11, 175, Fr-RS	Edgewood (Scott)
Tommy Fitzpatrick — 6-1, 188, Fr-RS	Lexington (Tates Creek)

## DEFENSE

<b>Left end</b>	
Tony Massey — 6-2, 221, Sr-3L	Somerset (High)
Jeff Brady — 6-1, 230, Jr-1L	Melbourne (Newport Catholic)
Billy Swanson — 6-0, 226, So-Sq.	Paducah (Tilghman)
Dean Wells — 6-2, 232, Fr-RS	Louisville (Holy Cross)
Clint Thompson — 5-10, 205, Fr-RS	Louisville (Seneca)
<b>Left tackle</b>	
Oliver Barnett — 6-3, 285, Sr-3L	Louisville (Jeffersonstown)
Daniel Lee — 6-5, 254, So-Sq.	Marianna, Fla. (Cottondale)
Chuck Latimer — 6-5, 241, Fr-RS	Lorain, Ohio (Admiral King)
<b>Left guard</b>	
Jerry Bell — 6-3, 284, So-1L	Louisville (DeSales)
Mike Chism — 6-0, 264, Sr-1L	LaGrange (Oldham County)
Rich McCune — 6-2, 230, Fr-RS	Jackson (Breathitt County)
<b>Right guard</b>	
Joey Couch — 6-1, 248, So-1L	Hagerhill (Paintsville)
Mike Meiners — 6-2, 265, Sr-1L	Louisville (St. Xavier)
Jody Matthews — 6-0, 251, Fr-RS	Villa Rica, Ga. (High)
Brad Shuford — 6-3, 292, Fr-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Greenhills)
<b>Right tackle</b>	
Donnie Gardner — 6-4, 235, Sr-3L	Louisville (Trinity)
Doug Houser — 6-4, 264, Sr-3L	Aliquippa, Pa. (Center)
Scott Booth — 6-3, 266, Sr-Sq.	Bradenton, Fla. (NE Mississippi CC)
Shawn Evans — 6-6, 243, So-Sq.	Richmond (Madison Central)
Eugene McClellan — 6-3, 266, Fr-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Country Day)
<b>Right end</b>	
Tony Zigman — 6-2, 212, Sr-2L	Lewes, Del. (Cape Henlopen/FUMA)
Dean Wells — 6-2, 232, Fr-RS	Louisville (Holy Cross)
Carlos Phillips — 6-1, 223, Jr-Sq.	Owensboro (Senior High)
Russ Daniel — 6-0, 198, Fr-RS	Williamsburg (High)
Jeff Busing — 6-1, 201, Fr-RS	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
<b>Left linebacker</b>	
Craig Benzinger — 6-1, 215, Sr-2L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Clarkson)
Reggie Smith — 6-2, 199, Fr-RS	Cleveland, Ohio (Benedictine)
John Buchanan — 5-11, 203, Fr-RS	Bowling Green (High)
<b>Right linebacker</b>	
Randy Holleran — 6-1, 240, Jr-2L	McKeesport, Pa. (High)
Derrick Thomas — 6-2, 228, So-Sq.	Lexington (Bryan Station)
Steve Kelley — 6-2, 232, So-Sq.	Hopkinsville (High)
Billy Swanson — 6-0, 226, Jr-Sq.	Paducah (Tilghman)
<b>Left cornerback</b>	
Chris Tolbert — 5-11, 178, Jr-2L	Pensacola, Fla. (B.T. Washington)
Tony Missick — 6-0, 196, Sr-1L	Miami, Fla. (Marion Institute)
Phillip West — 5-9, 168, Fr-RS	Russellville (High)
<b>Free safety</b>	
Ron Robinson — 6-1, 185, Sr-3L	Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford)
Gary Willis — 6-1, 173, So-Sq.	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)
Brad Armstead — 6-0, 172, Fr-RS	Henderson (Henderson County)
<b>Right cornerback</b>	
Albert Burks — 5-11, 182, Sr-1L	Monroe, La. (Hinds CC)
Sterling Ward — 5-11, 166, Fr-RS	Lexington (Bryan Station)
Larry Jackson — 5-11, 200, So-Sq.	Mayfield (High)
<b>Punter</b>	
Bryant Smith — 5-10, 149, Fr-RS	Camden, Tenn. (Waverly)
Bill Hawk — 6-0, 209, So-TR	Santa Ynez, Calif. (California Lutheran)
Brian Scott — 5-11, 184, Fr-RS	Hardy (Belfry)
James Parker — 5-10, 172, Fr-RS	Louisville (St. Xavier)



Junior linebacker Randy Holleran



Senior safety Ron Robinson



Senior defensive end Tony Massey



Senior defensive tackle Oliver Barnett (left) and senior offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer are Kentucky's two leading candidates for All-America honors.

# Claiborne: Take that major, Vic, and use it!

Lesson can be learned from latest champs

Vic Adams is an unusual young man, a smart one at that. Combine his attributes with the character of Jerry Claiborne and we have an interesting story.

Adams is a defensive lineman from Middlesboro who



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

started for the University of Kentucky football team last fall. When it came time for spring practice to start recently, he went to see trainer Al Green.

"What does it mean," Adams asked Green, "when I turn my head like this my left arm goes dead, and when I turn my head like this my right arm goes dead?"

Green's worst fears proved true. Adams had a serious neck injury and will never be able to play football again. But, as Claiborne points out, the real tragedy would have been if the injury hadn't been diagnosed.

This is Adam's fourth year at UK, but he was a red-shirt freshman who had another year of football eligibility. But he hasn't been able to waste his time in the classroom. He and his wife have a child, and he has gone to class and applied himself so much that he will receive a degree at the end of this semester.

Claiborne's advice to Adams is to take his degree and get a job. The forestry major worked this past summer with the Tennessee Forestry Division and may be able to work there again.

"I told him he needs to think about his family," said Claiborne, "and that we would give him his senior ring and senior plaque."

But if Adams wants to coach, he'll be welcome, said Claiborne. Adams served as a student coach this spring.

**RECRUITER'S GAME.** McDonald's Kentucky Derby Festival All-Star game, held earlier this month, had to be the strangest I've ever watched. It was dominated by a player, Travis Ford of Madisonville, who spent most of his time during the game as a recruiter! That's right, he recruited.

Each time down the floor, the talented little guard had eyes only for his buddy, Lawrence Funderburke. Ford, you see, has signed with Missouri and he dearly would like to see the troubled Funderburke do the same.

Funderburke is a marvelous athlete; hey, the 6-foot-9 forward might be worth a year of probation! (he's mentioned in the NCAA allegations against UK)

Ford took just eight shots; he usually has that many in the first eight minutes. Heck, he had as many assists as he had shots! Ford hit four of six three-pointers and finished with 18 points during his 19 minutes of play and was voted Most Valuable Player honors on the North, which beat the South 128-103.

Pat Graham, Indiana's Mr. Basketball, scored 21 points for the South and was MVP. He played well, but I thought that UCLA-bound Tracy Murray, who scored 27 and had a whopping 16 rebounds, should have been given the honor.

What about Kentucky's only signee? After a scoreless first half, Jeff Brassow got untracked and looked like a player. He finished with 16 points, hitting six of 10. The kid can leap, but he's no Rex Chapman in this department.

Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, Allan Houston of Ballard, never had his head in the game. Perhaps everyone should back off and let this young man decide for himself whether he wants to honor his signing with Louisville or accompany his father to Tennessee, where former U of L assistant Wade Houston, his father, is now the head man.

**PACKER BLASTS HERALD-LEADER.** I'll give the *Lexington Herald-Leader* credit: CBS analyst Billy Packer blasted the Lexington paper recently and the paper didn't try to hide it. Quite the contrary. The six-column head on Jerry Tipton's column read, "Packer rips Herald-Leader for negative Cat coverage."

Said Packer: "I think the people of the state of Kentucky ought to boycott your newspaper. The newspaper's been a major part of the problem, if not THE problem. It serves no purpose to the university."

"If you guys printed as many things positive as you did about the negative allegations, the whole process would have been resolved sooner and it would have left the university in a healthier situation."

The *Herald-Leader's* reporting "was a major disservice to the university, to the kids who play there and to Eddie Sutton...The constant repetitive articles...It seems I've been reading that crap for a whole year."

**IN CLASSY COMPANY.** Your reporter was in pretty classy company. I was doing my TV show at Bellarmine's Knights Hall, standing between the nation's two finest guards. Rumeal Robinson of Cambridge, Mass., was on my left and Rex Chapman of Owensboro was on my right.

I asked Robinson if he was looking forward to playing with one of the nation's best big men, Terry Mills, the following season at the University of Michigan.

Robinson is soft-spoken and has a bit of what I would call a Caribbean accent. He answered my question so softly that I didn't understand what a word he said.

Later, off camera, I asked Rex what his buddy had said. Said Rex: "He said that it would be nice to play with Terry, but neither of them would be eligible next season."

That happened three years ago almost to the day when Chapman and Robinson were in Louisville to play in the McDonald's Derby Festival Classic.

So, Robinson and Mills sat out a year, academic casualties. So did Sean Higgins last season. You know how important all three were to Michigan's drive to the national championship.

If you have been a consistent reader, you know how I feel about David Roselle. He deserves the gratitude of every University of Kentucky alumnus and supporter for his quest for greatness both for the university and the Wildcat basketball team.

C.M. Newton, who has returned home as UK's new director of athletics, has the assignment to make sure the university's entire athletic program is run properly both on the athletic and academic side.

It would be nice if UK could recruit the caliber of student-athletes that Roselle's alma mater, Duke, does and that Newton's last employer, Vanderbilt, does. But there aren't enough of that caliber players around.

Roselle instructed Eddie Sutton not to recruit additional players who were academically deficient. But Sutton, for the third straight year, did just that. And that is one of many reasons that Sutton is a former head coach at Kentucky.

I agree with President Roselle's ideals. But all of us must face facts. Michigan, for instance, probably would be ranked among the world's top 10 institutions of higher learning. Yet Michigan accepted not one, not two, but three players who did not qualify academically. And who is counting now that they have helped Michigan capture the national championship?

**BEST OF THE NCAA.** Unless you read the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, you missed the best story that came out of the NCAA. The day of the Final Four semifinals, *The Boston Globe* informed its readers that Robinson's adopted mother had flown to Seattle for the NCAA, but that her husband, a Postal Service worker, did not have the funds.



Jerry Claiborne has advised Vic Adams, No. 92, to take his major in forestry and get a job. But if he wants to work as an assistant, Claiborne said that would be fine, too.

did not have the funds.

*Globe* readers started a quick campaign to get Mr. Robinson to Seattle. They convinced a Postal Service supervisor to find Rumeal's father, whisked him to Logan Airport, provided money and a limo to meet him at Seattle and get him to the Kingdome in time for the game. He had only his Postal Service uniform and no tickets, but Michigan people provided tickets and both parents got to see their son and his heroics.

**THOSE PEP BANDS.** UK's band is great. UK's band is great. UK's band is great. Got that? I don't want anyone to think that I am bad-mouthing the UK band.

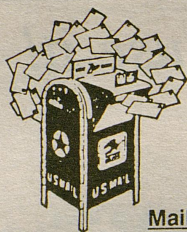
But: Did you get to see any of the pep bands at the NCAA? Great, weren't they? At the Southeast Regional at Lexington, all four were particularly outstanding. The kids from Michigan, North Carolina, Virginia and Oklahoma really put on a show and kept their pep sections alive. And Michigan's "Hail to the Victors" has to be the best college pep song of all.

I wish UK would go to an honest-to-goodness pep band and put the musicians on the floor as is done during the NCAA. Joe Hall got the UK kids out of the upper reaches of Rupp Arena. Now maybe the new coach and Newton can make room for a pep band on the floor.

**WILL UCLA BENEFIT?** If Chris Mills and LeRon Ellis leave UK, don't be surprised if they land at UCLA. Just remember that you read it here first.

**NIT QUIZ.** Two Kentuckians, both Louisvillians, have won National Invitational Tournament Most Valuable Player awards. Can you name them? Nope, no UK players are involved.

The honored Kentuckians are Charlie Tyra of U of L in 1956 and Hank Stein of Xavier in 1958.



# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor

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### Hiring C.M. good move

Dear sir:

Oh, how the mighty have fallen! When was the last time a Kentucky team was not invited to the NCAA or NIT tournaments?

Kentucky's once mighty, prestigious program is in shambles.

Coach (Eddie) Sutton may not be personally responsible for this demise but he is certainly guilty by association since he was in charge of the program.

Hiring C.M. Newton as athletics director is a step in the right direction. Now we must get a new head coach with the same type of credentials as C.M. Newton.

I agonized through this basketball season. I've been a Wildcat fan since I first learned of Kentucky basketball back in my childhood in eastern Kentucky. To me, the state of Kentucky and Kentucky basketball are synonymous. I want to be proud once again to be called a Wildcat fan. I'll always be proud of being a Kentucky boy.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Rickard  
Union Lake, Mich.

*P.S. I thoroughly enjoy both The Cats' Pause and Big Blue Basketball. It seems they're my only contact with the outside world.*

**Editor's note:** Charles, in answer to your rhetorical question, the last time UK was left out of postseason play before this season was 1973-74, when Joe B. Hall's second club went 13-13.

### C'mon Stan

Dear sir:

Stan Torgerson, you had the opportunity to criticize Joe B. Hall for 13 years when he was UK basketball coach and, in spite of you and his other critics, he succeeded. The man is intelligent enough and well-thought-of enough by the broadcasting world to be accepted, even by the University of Louisville fans! He is showing that his knowledge of basketball and expertise is indeed proving his capabilities as a coach and an analyst.

So, your criticism of Joe B. Hall's analysis is without foundation. In the Feb. 25 issue of *The Cats' Pause*, you presumed to know how to tell this man the best method of analyzing the game of basketball.

It is my opinion that is the reason you write a sick column, while Joe B. Hall analyzes basketball games. Thank goodness, he is no Dick Vitale!

Mrs. Sarah Floore  
Louisville

### Consider Haskins

Dear sir:

All season long, I have read about possi-

ble replacements for Eddie Sutton. All of them are white. Now that Eddie Sutton is no longer UK's coach, I urge UK to also consider black coaches. Specifically, I urge UK to consider Clem Haskins.

Aside from the immorality of racial discrimination, it is in UK's best interest to consider black coaches. History should have already taught UK this lesson. UK was undisputedly the preeminent basketball school in the country through the 1950s. It won four national championships within 11 years. Then came integration. UK resisted until 1971, which to my knowledge made it the last team in the country to integrate.

As a consequence, UK has won only one national championship in the last 30 years. It spurned players such as Wes Unseld, Butch Beard, Haskins and Jim McDaniels, to name a few. Imagine Unseld rebounding and throwing outlets to the Runts. That was at least one national championship ignorantly tossed away. Instead, Unseld elevated U of L to national-power status. That status caused the stream of good black players from the city of Louisville to go to U of L instead of UK. That may have also helped lure Denny Crum from California. Now, U of L not only wins more national championships than UK, it is a serious contender for it more often. Imagine Darrell Griffith in the same backcourt with Kyle Macy at UK. UK might have repeated as national champion in 1979 and again in 1980.

The past cannot be relived, but UK can learn from its mistakes. Many of the white coaches I have seen mentioned would be very capable, but none would be more capable than Haskins. Nobody has done a more remarkable job in building a team from nothing.

When Haskins took over at Minnesota, the team not only faced NCAA charges, it had lost three players who were charged (though later acquitted) with rape. He had no talent at all, not even a LeRon Ellis or a Chris Mills to build around. He took a patchwork of substitutes, freshmen and junior college transfers and molded them into a team. They struggled the first two years, but they played together and they played hard. Despite their losses, the fans and the state were proud of them. Now the hard work is paying off. With less talent than most teams in the NCAA tournament, Minnesota made the final 16. In addition to winning, Haskins has conducted himself with class and dignity. I believe he could bring respectability and winning back to UK.

Whether UK hires Clem Haskins or someone else, I hope it does the right thing by considering coaches on their merits, not their race. I believe UK can dominate college basketball once more. I would love nothing more than to see that happen. However, it will not happen again if UK lets itself be guided by the ignorance of racial discrimination.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Ross  
Bloomington, Minn.

### Roselle should be next

Dear sir:

The ongoing NCAA (Not Concerned About Athletes) investigation and rumor mill has thus far resulted in the resignations (firings?) of two gentlemen who were not named in the list of allegations against the Wildcats' basketball program—Cliff Hagan and Eddie Sutton. Like all UK fans, I have agonized over the events of the past 12 months and look forward to the end of the ordeal so that the new coach and his staff can get on with the business of returning Kentucky basketball to its rightful position at the top of the heap. If coach Sutton had been found guilty of any serious violation of NCAA regulations, then I would have welcomed his resignation, much as I have come to like him as a coach and as a person. I have enjoyed watching his teams perform over the years and I wish him the best in the future.

If we are in the process of pushing for the resignation of those at the top, regardless of guilt or innocence, then I feel strongly that president (David) Roselle should follow Hagan's and Sutton's example and tender his resignation. At a time when strong leadership is needed, president Roselle has been conspicuous by taking no visible action or by mouthing platitudes about waiting for the process to take its course. I realize that a university president has many more things on his mind than the athletic program, but if Mr. Roselle has not yet grasped the importance of the basketball program to the university and to the commonwealth, then the sooner that someone else is in the president's chair, the better. I cannot imagine either John Oswald or Otis Singletary being as seemingly inactive as Roselle has appeared.

Better days in '89-90

Dave Harris '68  
Eatontown, N.J.

### Wildcat Mania

Dear sir:

After serious thought, I suppose they were right. "They" being the folks who used to tell me: "Williams, you ain't got the brains God gave a goose!"

Those folks were moved to such sagacious comments upon observing "Williams," mainly me, trudging eight and one half miles through cold, blizzard, sleet and rain.

You see, I lived this distance from the only school I ever graduated from, good ole Frenchburg High School, nestled at the foot of some beautiful hills that are abundant in Menifee County.

I played basketball for the Frenchburg Wildcats. My family had no vehicle. Not many folks had vehicles in my area. Those that did were not often moved to drive eight and one half miles to see FHS get clobbered by Morgan County or Oil Springs 91-36 or some similar score. So after every game I would emerge from the old wooden gym, watch all the fans pile into their cars and drive east. I had to go west, not because Horace Greeley said to, but because my momma's love and biscuits and gravy awaited at home, to the west.

Many a night the weather would be so bad

I slept in parked cars or trucks. People didn't lock up in those days, in that county. More than once I snuggled down in the sweet alfalfa in some cozy hayloft, lulled to sleep by the lowing of cows and the whickering of plow horses. More than once a farmer would admonish me for not coming to his door to seek shelter. But even then, in my youthful innocence, I didn't know if what I had was catching, so I wanted to spare him and his good family from this malady!

"Wildcat Mania" was what it was, but I didn't get the proper diagnosis till moving to Lexington years later. The odds are all those families had been "eat up" with it for many years!

Late January and all of February, when the weather is at its wintery best, or worst in Kentucky, I would leave home Monday and not return until Saturday. We'd practice Monday eve, couldn't get home. Have a game Tuesday night, couldn't get home. Practice Wednesday and Thursday, couldn't get home. Have a game Friday night, get home at 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

I would buy a \$1 meal ticket, good for lunch Monday through Friday. This lunch in the school cafeteria was often the only meal I would have all day. We had a beautiful farm, a successful farm, we just never seemed to have money. Of all my problems, obesity was not one of them.

I had to walk three miles to get to the school bus, as it could not get up the holler I lived on. All this so I could flunk algebra and set English back considerably!

All because I wanted to play basketball for Adolph Rupp, to be a Wildcat, to wear the revered Blue and White that was cursed and discussed but definitely held in high respect and awe among the sports-minded people around the country.

I never became a Wildcat. Wasn't good enough, naturally, to wear the Blue and White.

I settled for being a fan. My life was controlled by Kentucky basketball. I turned down promotions that meant night shift at IBM, the other big blue in my life, so I could follow the 'Cats. That was when games were played when God intended them to be played, at night.

In 1967 I joined the Committee of 101, a fine organization dedicated to supporting UK basketball. I retained my membership on coming to Texas. I salute the 101!

Bronchitis drove me from the Kentucky winters to a warmer Texas climate. But we follow the 'Cats. I receive *The Cats' Pause*, pick up the games somewhat on the radio and catch the 'Cats on the telly.

I am awaiting a heart transplant as the old one is worn out. I assure all you folks back in Kentucky that whenever and from whomever a heart appears, it will be promptly transfused and programmed with the love and respect I have for all the boys—come and gone, yet to come—that run out of the tunnel to the strains of "On, On, U of K," to all the coaches and, most of all, you fans who make the program what it is.

Thanks, God bless and "Give 'em hell, Wildcats!"


Fred Williams  
Dale, Texas



# Claiborne giving QB Maggard 'option' to succeed

Sophomore-to-be battling for starting job

No one questioned Freddie Maggard's athletic ability when he left Cumberland High School. He was a terrific option quarterback and threw the baseball well enough that the Kansas City Royals drafted



Larry Vaught  
Cats' Pause Columnist



After suffering through two injuries and being switched from offense to defense and back to offense, sophomore-to-be Freddie Maggard is challenging senior quarterback Chuck Broughton for the signal-calling job.

him. Maggard turned down the Royals' offer to sign a football pact with the University of Kentucky. However, he spent 1987 as a redshirt defensive back and heard the many whispers that he wasn't good enough to be a major college quarterback.

"I was not a true drop-back passer and I had played a lot of defense in high school," said Maggard, who earned all-state honors as a defensive safety. "I was just a different style quarterback than what people were used to at Kentucky. But I never doubted I could play quarterback."

His patience, and ability, have been rewarded. The 6-2, 227-pound Maggard, who will be a sophomore in the fall, is now challenging senior-to-be Chuck Broughton for the starting quarterback job.

"Chuck is a senior and deserves the first shot at the job," said Maggard. "But I do want to start, too." UK coaches moved Maggard back to quarterback after the 1987 season. Last year an injury slowed him and he ran the ball only three times.

Still, coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff like Maggard's aggressive play and running so well that the option, Maggard's high school speciality, is being put into the Kentucky offense for the first time under Claiborne.

Maggard insists the offense isn't being changed to suit his game.

"The offense is not being designed for me," said Maggard. "We have other quarterbacks that run the option, too. It is just a coincidence the option is being put in now."

It's no coincidence, though, that Maggard loves the option. He's put on almost 25 pounds since coming to UK and is not afraid to hit or be hit by defenders.

When he found out during the winter UK was going to install the option it made him work even harder in the weight room. The result—he's stronger than ever.

"I was really excited when I found out we were going to use the option," said Maggard. "I enjoy running the football. That's really the best part of my game. I don't mind tucking the ball up and running."

"The option has always been my speciality. I've run that since my junior high days. It's real comfortable for me."

"I can't just drop back and throw the ball 60 yards. I like to run and scramble. That's how I best use the ability I do have. The option lets me do what I do best."

Still, Maggard has never run the option against defenses like the ones Auburn, LSU, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and other UK foes will present.

"He's going to be on a level this fall he's never seen before," said UK defense end Tony Massey, a former standout prep quarterback at Somerset.

"Freddie has ability. I played against him in high school and he was a terrific player. But when he cuts the ball up here he won't be the biggest, fastest guy on the field. The defenses will be bigger and faster."

"He's going to have to think more. He won't run over or around guys in the SEC."

Don't think Massey doubts Maggard's ability or in-

terferable leadership qualities.

"Freddie's running will give us a new dimension we need on offense," said Massey. "He's always been a winner and he's the kind of guy that finds a way to make big plays."

The option does provide big plays. If Maggard or another UK quarterback can get the ball to speedy tailbacks Alfred Rawls or Al Baker outside, the Wildcats could have more big-play potential.

However, the option can also be dangerous. The quarterback has to make a split-second decision whether to hand off to the fullback, keep the pigskin or pitch it to the tailback. A mistake results in a loss of yardage or a fumble.

Claiborne normally prefers a low-risk offense that doesn't turn the ball over. Going to the option is a change in philosophy Maggard thinks will pay off.

"We probably will have some turnovers but we will also get some big plays we didn't get last year," said the former Cumberland standout. "We have people to make big plays."

"We ran drills all spring to get used to running the option. It gets monotonous but we had to make sure we could handle the football."

Maggard used his redshirt year to make sure he could handle football and school. He watched, waited and learned on the gridiron and made sure his schoolwork was in order.

Not playing, however, did bother him. He wasn't used to practicing and not playing.

"If anything it made me hungrier," said Maggard, who figured to play more in 1988 until he was injured.

It might have helped if he could have played baseball. However, that's an "option" Claiborne doesn't give his signees.

But the UK coach is giving Maggard the "option" he needs to succeed on the football field and right now that's all that matters to the sophomore quarterback.

**FOOTBALL SHOULD BE fun.**

That's the message coach Claiborne tried to get across to his Wildcats during spring drills.

"Our team has to play with enthusiasm, intensity and excitement for us to win," said Claiborne. "We have got to have more fun playing."

"Football is supposed to be fun. We've got to have fun in practice and learn to give an all-out effort every play. When we get in the habit of doing that then we will win the close ones."

If they do that, the Wildcats will have more fun during the 1989 season.

Of course, a schedule featuring Auburn, Indiana, North Carolina, Alabama, LSU, Georgia, Rutgers, Florida and Tennessee won't produce a lot of laughs.

"Last year our schedule was rated toughest in the nation but next year's is even tougher," said Massey. "Not many teams will play a more difficult schedule than us."

Still, even Claiborne is optimistic about the 1989 campaign. That's what returning seven offensive and seven defensive starters off last year's 5-6 team does for any coach.

"We can line up with the group we have back and a few that are coming along and have a very good first unit," said Claiborne, who is 35-41 in seven years at Kentucky.

"Our problem again is that we are thin everywhere. Depth again is going to be our biggest problem."

More speed would help, too. Tailbacks Rawls and Baker have the speed to make big plays but the Wildcats lacked a receiver last year who could stretch defenses.

Claiborne hopes several incoming freshmen can provide the needed speed at wide receiver.

"The big thing we were missing last year was outside speed," said the UK coach. "It's easier for a wide receiver with great speed to participate as a freshman than it is for a lineman or other position players. That's why any freshman that can run and catch will get a good look in the fall. We need speed."

Some things just never seem to change at Kentucky.

SINCE LUTE OLSON took the "loot" and stayed at Arizona, UK put its search for a new basketball coach on hold. This week, though, the effort starts again now that Kentucky has met with the NCAA Infractions Committee.

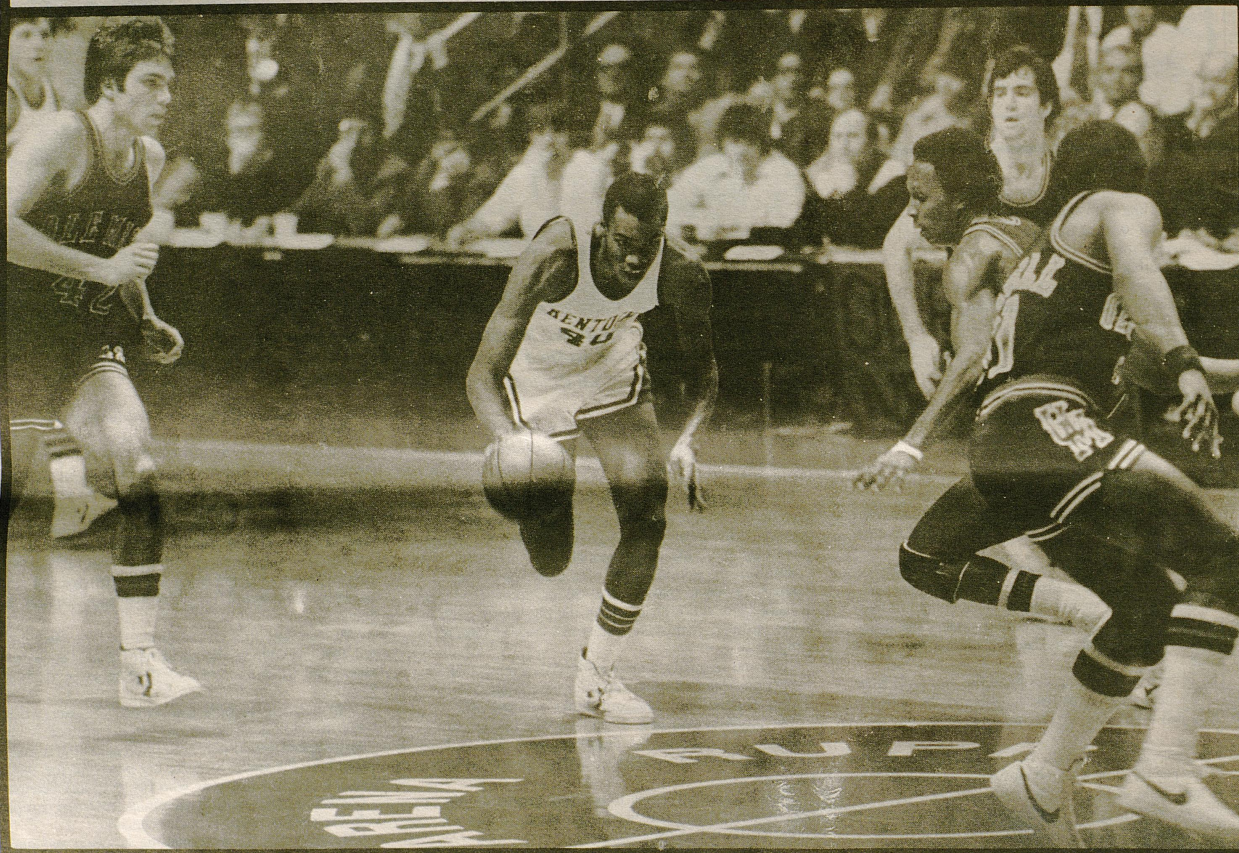
The results of the NCAA investigation still are not known but last week two UK officials had surprising predictions about the probe.

One speculates that UK may not be hit with a ban on television games.

"The NCAA has to give UK something for cooperating," said the official. "After all, the athletic director and the entire basketball staff is gone. If you aren't rewarded for cooperating, why cooperate?"

Another official speculated Chris Mills would be back next year despite the infamous \$1,000 Emery package. The same source predicted the only Wildcat who would transfer would be Sean Sutton.

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# Olson gets loose; search for UK coach marches on

Newton keeps patience throughout process

And the search continues... Eddie Sutton and Company are now unemployed and their former offices at the University of Kentucky are still vacant.



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist

By my count at the time of this writing, three coaches on new athletics director C.M. Newton's short-list have turned down the job or simply said they weren't interested in talking about it.

Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers and Lute Olson of Arizona have all decided to sit pat, thank you just the same.

Krzyzewski and Riley apparently never were interested, while Olson was just hours away from hopping a plane to Lexington to check out the campus and have another round of talks with Newton.

But then the head honchos from UA decided that Lute (did someone say "Loot") needed a big raise and a contract extension because he's done such an exemplary job with the desert Wildcats.

All of a sudden, just when Olson seemed to be in the bag, it was "Cancel my reservations."

Looking back, I think Lute may have just wanted to see how well liked he was in Arizona, along with checking into the UK job.

Because of his recent success, Olson was probably in line for a raise anyway. But his chances increased drastically when he made it no secret that he was talking with UK. He had nothing to lose, so why not?

Now, who's next?

Rick Pitino of the New Yorks Knicks is one of four coaches who have made the most headlines concerning the UK vacancy and the other three (see above) have dropped out.

But I'm not sure that he or anyone else knows what Pitino is going to do? Is he interested or not?

At first, he said he wasn't interested. Then he said that he would like to go back to college coaching, but not at this time. Now, he seems to be wavering even more.

One thing is for certain, though: Pitino's Knicks, although they still lead their division and are playoff-bound, have taken a nosedive since Pitino started talking about UK. Before then, the Knicks were playing as well as anyone in the NBA.

Someone said, "Who in their right mind would leave Patrick Ewing and Mark Jackson for Derrick Miller and LeRon Ellis?"

Also, don't forget that Pitino said he wasn't going to leave Providence after taking the Friars to the Final Four in 1987.

One name that I've been pushing which has come up is Seton Hall's P.J. Carlesimo.

No one even knew what state (New Jersey) the Pirates were from when they nipped Kentucky in the Great Alaska Shootout, but they somehow ended up in the NCAA finals.

Now everyone knows what a great coach Carlesimo is and he should be ripe for the picking. No way can Seton Hall match what UK could offer.

But no one ever listens to what I think, anyway.

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By the time this hits the street, UK will be wait-

ing a decision after meeting with the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

My best guesses are that the committee's report will be out about the second week of May and that UK will have a new coach by the end of May.

Other guesses are that the Cats will get two years probation and that TV sanctions will not be too severe because of the financial drain it would have on the entire Southeastern Conference. Also, throw in some limits on off-campus recruiting and scholarships.

I don't think any prudent person would jump into a situation that could be totally taken apart by a harsh NCAA ruling just days down the road.

"Anybody that comes in here would want to know where we're at," Newton told a recent gathering of sports editors in Louisville.

Newton added that he was in no hurry to hire a coach, saying that he could sign one "tomorrow" if he wanted to. "The key thing is to get the right man," he said.

The day before speaking to the sports editors' group, Newton had met for the first time with the UK screening committee in charge of hiring a new coach.

"Basically what we did was eyeball each other and make sure we were on the same page on what we wanted in a coach," he said.

"I shared with them my thoughts on some people and presented those applications that have

all sincerity."

Newton has ruled out taking the coaching job himself on an interim basis, although he has been hitting the recruiting trail.

He said that three players — whom he declined to name — have been offered scholarships, in addition to lone signee Jeff Brassow of Texas.

One of three was apparently Troy Smith of Fort Knox (Ky.) High School, who verbally committed to Kentucky before changing his mind a few days later and inking with Louisville.

Newton also said that he would recommend a five-year contract for the new coach. "Five years gives you plenty of time to establish your program," he said.

Stayed tuned.

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From the It's-About-Time Department, the Southeastern Conference finally has its first black head coach in either football or basketball.

The Volunteers from just a few hours down I-75 in Tennessee snatched up Louisville associate coach Wade Houston to replace Don DeVoe, reportedly after Pat Kennedy of Florida State turned down the job.

However, the significance of this event has been muddied over by two other related incidents.

First, Houston's son Allan is an All-American in everybody's book and had already committed to Louisville when his dad headed south.

Now, it seems that Allan may want to follow.

"Either decision I make, I can't go wrong," said Allan, right after being named Kentucky's Mr. Basketball. "I want to stay home and I've always wanted to play under my father."

The younger Houston virtually locked up the award when he led Louisville Ballard to the state championship in 1988. He staked his first claim in 1987 as a sophomore when the Bruins were state runners-up.

"I couldn't put a time on when I'll decide," Allan said. "I don't know how it feels to play for my father. But through the last four years, I've felt he has been a coach as well as a father."

One of the sticking points in his decision is whether he will have to sit out a season. Apparently, Houston would have to miss one season just like any other transfer, but Sean Murphy apparently got around that rule when dad Ed Murphy was named coach at Ole Miss.

Louisville coach Denny Crum said he thought it would be a mistake for Houston to transfer, but did we really expect him to say any different?

"He didn't sign with Wade Houston; he signed with the University of Louisville," Crum said. "It's not in Allan's best interests to go play for his dad."

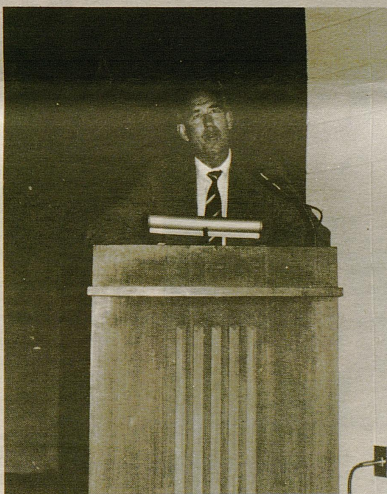
If Houston does decide to transfer, it would give Tennessee a sweep of Kentucky's top players. Miss Basketball Lisa Harrison of Louisville Southern has signed with the defending national champion Lady Vols.

The other story about the Tennessee job is that UT athletics director Doug Dickey and football coach Johnny Majors have given up their memberships — paid for by the school — to an exclusive all-white country club in the Knoxville area.

There appeared to be some question about whether Houston would be allowed to join and a huge public uproar sparked the changes amid cries of racism.

Houston said he didn't think it was a big deal, although he did admit that membership could have its advantages for the basketball program down the road.

Everybody has denied everything, but you know that old song and dance.



Newton won't rush into decision

came in and there have been a number of them."

Newton and the committee came up with a list of five criteria that the new coach should meet.

"We want someone who can recruit and coach," Newton said.

"We want someone with a track record of running a program the way it should be run.

"We want someone that can put the student-athlete in perspective.

"Because of the high visibility, we want someone who has had high visibility or someone we feel comfortable can adjust to that.

"We want someone that wants the job, not somebody that we've got to get interested in taking the job."

When someone mentioned that Newton himself seemed to meet all of the aforementioned criteria, Newton said, "I hope whoever we bring in is a whole lot better coach than me and I mean that in



Alfred Rawls averaged 4.7 yards per carry, tops among UK backs

## Versatility key to Wildcat offense in '89

By TCP Associate Editor Mike Estep

Statistically, Kentucky's 1988 offensive output was nothing to cheer about: scoring offense, 6th in the SEC; rushing offense, 7th; passing offense, 8th; total offense, 10th. All troubling numbers for UK football coach Jerry Claiborne. But this year the UK coach will have a few more options at his disposal. Literally.

One of which will actually be the option. For the first time since he took over at Kentucky in 1982, Claiborne will dust off an option attack—long a nemesis for the Wildcat defense—that was so successful for him when he was at Maryland.

"We think the option is a tough running play, a very tough running play. It gives (our defense) problems," Claiborne said. "We have a tough time defending against it."

Let us get the wrong idea, Claiborne, a staunch believer in basic, take-few-chances football if there ever was one, has no intentions of making dramatic changes on offense.

Kentucky won't become Oklahoma-Southeast, there will be no wishbone. Not even the old Wildcat veer made popular during Fran Curci's heyday at UK. Instead, the 'Cats will go primarily with their three bread-and-butter plays—the tailback isolation, the sprint draw and the power sweep—but they will also mix in the option, borrowed somewhat from Danny Ford's Clemson club, which will be run out of UK's familiar I-formation.

"It's a tough football play to defend against," Claiborne said. "We just felt like if we added the option it would give us a little more versatility in our offensive scheme."

"We felt like if we could get those three plays down, and put the option in there with it, it would make us a much stronger running football team. And also, if we can do a good job of throwing the pass off the option play, we think we can improve our passing game."

Claiborne tinkered with a two-quarterback system last season—often bringing on Chuck Broughton in relief of departed starter Glenn Fohr—and, with the emergence of sophomore Freddie Maggard, may do so again in 1989.

Broughton, now a senior, was adequate in his backup role a year ago, though he completed just 45.2 percent of his passes (38-84). The strong-armed Ashland native helped engineer Kentucky rallies in the 16-10 upset of Georgia and in near misses against Indiana and Tennessee.

Although Broughton's performance this spring wasn't earth-shattering—a painful hip pointer that kept him out of action during a couple of scrimmages was partially to blame—he still left spring drills the same way he came in...atop the depth chart at quarterback.

Maggard, who saw only limited duty last season because of injuries, doesn't possess the drop-back passing skills of Broughton, but his tenacity and versatility make him a candidate for the starting job.

The three-sport star from Cumberland is like a linebacker trapped in a quarterback's body. He likes to hit and be hit. And although his passing game still needs work, he possesses an arm capable of throwing a baseball 90 mph, a talent that caused the Kansas City Royals to draft him out of high school.

The 'Cats appear to be set at the running back positions, as five of the top six rushers from last season—only tailback Ivy Joe Hunter will be missing—return.

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# Kentucky Football

## 'O' is for Offense

Chuck Broughton

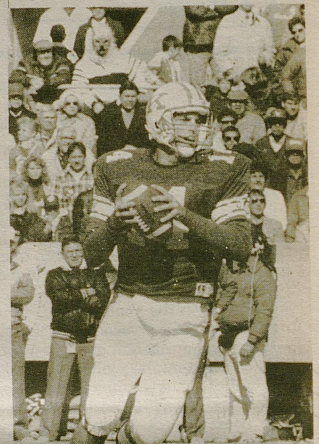
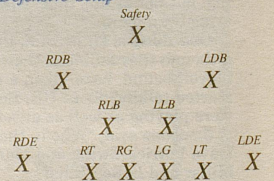


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## 'D' is for Defense

### Defensive Setup



### '88 Big Blue Review

- ✓ Points allowed: 208 (18.9 ppg)
- ✓ Total yards: 3,467 (315.2)
- ✓ Yards per play: 4.5
- ✓ Net rushing yards: 1,932 (175.6)
- ✓ Yards per rush: 3.7
- ✓ Net passing yards: 1,535 (139.6)
- ✓ Yards per completion: 11.5

"We want to intercept more passes, tackle better and we want to get a better four-man pass rush."

—assistant Bill Glaser

photo by Gary Croomell

# Kentucky football '89

## Offense

Offensive Setup									
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### '88 Big Blue Review

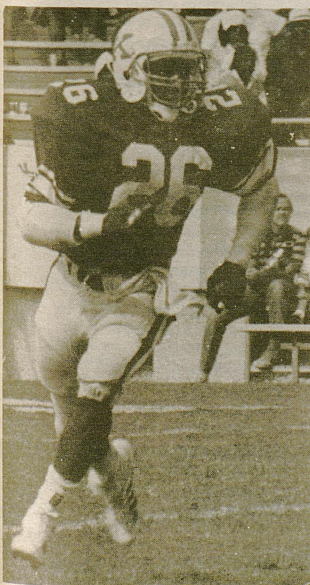
- ✓ Points scored: 217 (19.7 ppg)
- ✓ Total yards: 3,198 (290.7)
- ✓ Yards per play: 4.5
- ✓ Net rushing yards: 1,440 (130.9)
- ✓ Yards per rush: 3.4
- ✓ Net passing yards: 1,758 (159.8)
- ✓ Yards per completion: 13.4

*"With Chuck's throwing ability and his height, well, we don't have to change our offense when we put him in there."*

—assistant Jerry Eisaman

## Defense

Ron Robinson



## Veterans give 'D' reason to be optimistic

By TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

Losing the services of veteran defensive guard Vic Adams should give reason for major concern in the Kentucky football camp. Anxiety attacks, if one is Jerry Claiborne or an assistant associated with handling duties on the defensive side, would be expected and rightly so. Right?

Yes and no. Adams' early retirement from football (neck injuries forced the All-SEC candidate to the sidelines) has been the low point of this spring, no sense in arguing that. Despite his absence, Kentucky's defense remains heavily equipped to take the fight to any of its 1989 opponents.

Senior All-America candidate Oliver Barnett is an enormous reason why high expectations remain. UK's Defensive Lineman of the Year is stronger than ever, recording a school-record 850 lift (squat), and at 6-foot-3, 285 pounds displays better-than-average quickness for a DT—4.8 speed in the 40.

Barnett's quickness and strength enabled him to catch up and harness opposing quarterbacks nine times last season, the most ever by a Wildcat.

Included also in his 80-tackle season were 69 solos, eight other stops behind the line, eight fumbles caused and four deflected aerials, the latter two being team-high marks.

"When I first came here they had a guy a lot of people knew about and his name was Art Still," remembers assistant coach Bill Glaser, recalling the top defensive player he's worked with at UK. "Art was a great player and, in his own way, Oliver could be. But Art made more big plays than Oliver has at this point."

"Up to the LSU game last year Oliver Barnett was as good as any I've been around. Then after the LSU game, Georgia and other people started double-teaming him and he got a little frustrated.

"That will frustrate you at times. Now he has to learn how to deal with that because when you become good, the compliment of being good and being respected is that they're going to give you special attention—double-team you and run away from you when they can. So you have to learn how to live with that."

First-team All-SEC linebacker Randy Holleran has two more seasons devoted to Claiborne's Big Blue. Holleran, 6-1, 240, will have his eyes on surpassing his 101 solo tackle mark, which again would set a school record.

If any 'Cat can sniff out a ballcarrier, it's Holleran. In a five-week stretch he helped wrestle to the turf 82 ballcarriers, including 18-tackle performances against LSU, Georgia and Vanderbilt.

Tony Massey is another talented star on UK's defensive stage, preparing for his third season as a first-string performer. Although he slacked off in the interception department (only one in '88), Massey improved considerably last season, recording 90 total stops. He turned in 62 as a full-time starter in '87.

Massey's '88 review earned him selections to *The Sporting News* Honorable Mention All-America team and WTBS' All-SEC squad.

"Getting recognition on the All-SEC team helped Tony a lot," says Glaser. "I think he sees now he has a chance to be all-conference. If that's not motivation for him nothing would be."

"I would hope that he stays motivated and

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Donnie Gardner turned in his best season in '88 with 64 tackles

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## UK football in '89 should bounce favorably

A few kinks need to be worked out, however

Football is a funny, unpredictable sport. It's the only athletic event I can think of where its essential object—a piece of leather compressed to an oblong form—has an equal share of good and bad bounces.



Nick Nicholas  
Cats' Pause Columnist

*Bounce, bounce, bounce!* Caroms as expected.

*Bounce, bounce, boing!* Flips to an unforeseen direction. Yes kick, strike, smack or wack the ball and watch it go. No one, not even Beano Cook, can predict where the lively pigskin will end up.

Funny, isn't it? The same thing can be said of UK's fortunes on the gridiron during the last four seasons.

On the heels of a Hall of Fame win the Wildcats were anticipating bigger and better things in 1985. Nope—5-6. Oh well, surely a winning campaign would be in the '86 picture. Wrong again—5-5-1.

1987? Uh...5-6.

And 1988? Well, when one saw Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Georgia, Indiana, Florida and Tennessee on UK's list, along with the team's recent accomplishments, '88 didn't appear promising.

Not only was it highly probable that the Wildcats would win just a couple, maybe three, but perhaps three or four blowouts were in the cards as well. Again, Kentucky's season didn't bounce the way a lot of people predicted.

The only thing consistent was the number five, as in victories. And in no way did it justify the effort turned in by Jerry Claiborne's seventh Wildcat unit. Until losing to Florida the exertion of the '88 team, like the looks of Bo Derek, merited a "10."

Five wins, including a victory over Georgia for the first time in 11 years, were compiled by a hearty bunch of 'Cats.

And the three or four blowouts?

Turn back a play here and the tide is turned against Alabama. Turn back a play there and the LSU Tigers are declawed in their backyard. Come to think, the Wildcats were taken to the woodshed only once, a 36-15 whipping at the hands of Indiana.

By the time the final play of this year's Bank One Blue-White game had been whistled complete, we, as in fearless media people turned into prognosticators, predict where the ball should (make that might) bounce.

It's that time.

*Bounce, bounce, bounce!*

That's a tough call.

First, let's gather all material necessary for such a guess (stats, sources, notes from spring practice, crystal ball, coin, etc). I take it you want the sources identified. OK. We've listened and read reports from Claiborne and had one-on-one discussions with assistants Bill Glaser, Terry Strock and Jerry Eisaman. Also, we've had chats with Tony Massey, Ron Robinson, Oliver Barnett and Chuck Broughton which, too, have helped in getting a better read on this team.

It's Massey, a firsthand witness of three dismal seasons, who says he's "really optimistic that we can win a lot of games."

**OFFENSIVE STATS!** From its 5-6 squad Kentucky returns seven starters on offense and the same figure on defense. Eight would have been the number of veteran first-stringers on defense but chronic neck problems sidelined senior All-SEC candidate Vic Adams.

Offensively, UK must improve in two areas: 1) third down efficiency; and 2) passing accuracy.



Terry Strock looks for improved pass rush

Behind signal caller Glenn Fohr the Wildcats converted 60 of 161 third down tries. That adds out on the machine to a meager 37.3 success rate. Eisaman foresees less penalties on first or second down so much that UK can possibly predict as high as 50-percent next season. When asked if 50 percent was in UK's reach, Eisaman said assuredly "I think it's a realistic goal, I do."

"Take a team like LSU and you have a third-and-17," Eisaman said, painting an offensive coordinator's worst nightmare. "They're going to sit back there with three deep and five under and say, 'Throw it up.'"

"I don't think there have been many times where we've had sacks...put ourselves through personnel into that third-and-17 or second-and-15. It's because of penalties—a mental mistake. That's what's killed us in the last three years more than anything."

Kentucky did make gains last season when it came to penalties. In 1987 UK was guilty of 752 yards in penalties (91). Last season, that figure was trimmed to 585 yards on 70 penalties.

The Wildcats should challenge for a winning campaign if progress continues in that area.

Picture Bill Ransdell, UK's most accurate passer ever with a 57.5 completion rate, with Glenn Fohr's mighty throwing arm and you have an ideal pro quarterback. Or, had former 'Cat rambler Derrick Ramsey been injected with the "Dollar Bill" touch and instantly you have a "Million Dollar" man.

Last season, UK's 45.5 completion rate soured its offensive punch. Fohr finished with a 45.3 percentage (91 of 201, 12 interceptions) while in limited action Chuck Broughton had a 45.2 mark in nine games (38 of 84, five interceptions).

This season, Eisaman may not have at his side a quarterback who can throw a bullet, yet with precision, along with outstanding running skills. But there are four Wildcat QB's with a variety of talent.

Broughton—a drop-back style signal caller with a strong arm. Game experience gives him an edge at this time. Played a big role in UK's second-half comeback win over Georgia.

Freddie Maggard—at 6-foot-2, 227 pounds he's probably the best athlete of the four. Scrambling ability is his forte.

Ryan Hockman and Brad Smith—their day in the spotlight is a season or two away. Both are redshirt freshmen. While Hockman likes to tuck the ball and run or throw on the move, Smith's talents rely strictly through the air.

With skillful running backs at hand anticipate more calls via the ground than air. Since UK's offensive attack features option maneuvers expect it to develop from the

ground up with a higher percentage in the passing department to follow.

"Chuck can do everything," said Eisaman. "Freddie and Hockman have an exceptional dimension in that they can run the football and that they can throw on the run."

"Right there, when you have got mobility at the quarterback position that gives you another dimension that people have to look at. When we had Ransdell he wasn't going to hurt you if couldn't throw the ball. Maggard, Hockman and even Smith can make a big play on a busted play. There's a dimension that hasn't been there in quite a while."

**DEFENSIVELY SPEAKING.** The staff is stressing pressure on the quarterback. And if pressure is retaliated on enemy aeriels then more INT's are bound to fall in the hands of Ron Robinson, Chris Tolbert and other members of UK's secondary.

In 1988 the Wildcat defense collected 25 sacks. Next to Oliver Barnett's nine, the most snagged by a 'Cat' were three each by Donnie Gardner and Jay Dortch.

Georgia started a trend last season by double-teaming Barnett. Take away Barnett and Kentucky's pass rush is in trouble.

"There's not much you can do when you're only bringing four," said Strock of Barnett's predicament. "We've got to try to work our games inside with our four-man rush. We do a lot of games, stunts with those four-man people."

"When you do that a lot of times you have a tendency to lose containment on the quarterback. Once the quarterback gets outside of containment it makes it real easy for him to either run the football or pick out his open receivers. We would like to try to keep him in that pocket as much as we could."

"We've just got to use those games and pick our spots when we can come with our man coverage and bring our outside linebackers (defensive ends) or our inside linebackers."

Did you get that?

Well, Robinson and his secondary bunch have plenty to gain if indeed Ollie and the boys can ruffle a few quarterbacks. They, too, realize interceptions have been lacking.

UK's secondary picked off only three passes last season. Robinson, who was shutout in that department, knows his problem.

"We're trying to work on my footwork—breaking to the ball instead of the man," said UK's hard-hitting free safety, whose last interception came against Georgia in '87. "I have a lot of problems breaking to the man...the coaches are always telling me to go to the ball instead of the man."

"I think that's helped me out a lot this year as far as breaking to the ball and getting a lot of interceptions."

**AND THE ENVELOPE, PLEASE.** Earlier, I included a crystal ball along with a coin toss in determining how this team will do in 1989. Well, my crystal ball is in the shop. Let's try the coin toss, using a penny. With TCP associate editor Mike Estep jotting down the results of heads (wins) and tails (losses), UK came up with a 7-4 mark.

On a more realistic observation.

Unless injuries continue to haunt Jerry Bell, Steve Kelley, Andy Murray and a few others the Wildcats appear all set for a successful run...that's if the problems mentioned beforehand are rectified.

Sure, sorting out a replacement for Dortch, as well as finding a capable punter along with a couple of tight ends to go with Mike Meece will be paramount during fall workouts. All programs face changes.

Meanwhile, high expectations are obvious. The players and coaches are avoiding the bragging route because of past setbacks. But you just get that feeling, you know?

My gut feeling? UK is well equipped and should produce a winner on the field for the first time in five years. Period.

*Bounce, bounce, (?)*

# KENTUCKY

# CALENDAR

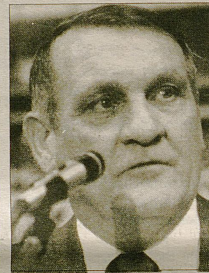


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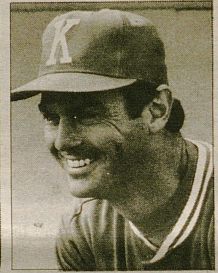
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 Apr. 6: Baseball—UK def. Miami (Ohio) 6-5  
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 Apr. 9: Baseball—Vanderbilt def. UK 5-1  
 Apr. 12: Baseball—UK def. Xavier 12-2  
 Apr. 13: Baseball—UK def. Western 8-6  
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 Apr. 16: Baseball—UK def. Auburn 9-4  
 Apr. 18: Baseball—Wright State def. UK 8-1  
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 Apr. 20: Baseball—UK def. Marshall 14-10  
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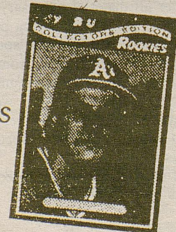
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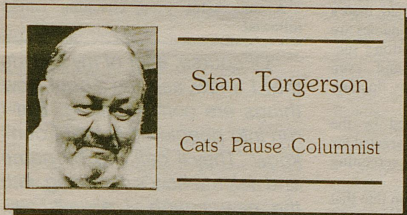
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# Want a definition for 'hypocrisy'? Ask Tennessee

Firing of basketball boss Don DeVoe fits the bill

**hypoc·ri·sy** *hip'ak-rē-se* *n.* 1: The act or practice of pretending to be what one is not or to have principles or beliefs that one does not have  
—from Webster's dictionary



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

I remember in my long-gone youth believing colleges and universities were primarily educational institutions and the players on their football and basketball teams actually were student-athletes with as much emphasis on "student" as "athletes."

I also, naively as it turned out, believed that coaches were, indeed, teachers and that turning out decent, educated young men who were morally and educationally prepared to make a good life for themselves was as important as winning the games in which they played.

And further, I believed the administrators of said colleges and universities were as concerned with the coach's personal standards, his conduct of the program and his influence on the kids in his "classroom" as they were with his won-loss record.

I said I was young when I thought these things. I didn't say I was foolish, but obviously I was.

Oh, most of our administrators, school presidents and athletic directors still publicly proclaim those standards, but what they say and what they do are two entirely different things.

Don DeVoe's firing at Tennessee is a blunt, to-the-point confirmation.

Here is a man acknowledged by his fellow SEC coaches to be one of the best teachers in the league.

His personal standards, which were the standards he established for his program and his school, kept him from recruiting academic cripples.

He did not cheat. Not one word of scandal has ever been heard about Tennessee basketball in the 11 years DeVoe headed the Vols.

His influence on his players was of the highest order. There are two full pages in this year's Tennessee basketball press guide devoted to a list of his former players, the degrees they have earned and the careers they have found after basketball.

He won 321 games, lost only 207. He won 19 of them this past season and went to the NCAA tournament for the sixth time.

So, shortly after the season was completed, Don DeVoe was fired.

Fired because, apparently, winning over 60 percent of his games and turning out two-page lists of successful young citizens wasn't enough.

The Vols built a 25,000-seat coliseum in order that they would have a basketball palace bigger than the one used by their most-hated enemy, Kentucky, and if their playing arena was better than the Wildcats', their program had to be better, as well.

There were 25,000 seats which had to be sold.

Somehow, that building had to be paid for.

Apparently, that meant possibly getting a coach who would rant and rave on the sidelines for the entertainment of the customers, sort of a Dick Vitale in an orange coat, recruit the best players even if they spelled "cat" with a "k" and who would win not 60 percent of his games, but 75 percent.

I have no great personal affection for Don DeVoe. He shot from the hip too many times such as a few years ago when he strongly criticized Hugh Durham for Georgia's non-conference schedule, a subject which was



The firing of Volunteer basketball coach Don DeVoe proves that Webster's definition of "hypocrisy" fits Tennessee to its capital "T."

none of DeVoe's business.

My relationship with DeVoe was like that of the old farmer describing his with an acquaintance: "We've howdy'd," the farmer said, "but we ain't shook."

Please don't tell me DeVoe resigned. You don't agree to pay the man for the remaining 27 months of his contract if he resigned.

What Tennessee did with its action was profess principles or beliefs it does not have in academic excellence, integrity in its program and high interest in the future of its athletes.

The firing of Don DeVoe points out that Webster's definition of hypocrisy fits Tennessee basketball to its capital "T."

**NOT FOR BROADCAST:** Sonny Smith's resignation at Auburn carries its own message. Despite an income in excess of \$200,000 per year and constant success up to, but of course not including, this season, Sonny knew there was no way basketball would ever be a major sport at that school as long as Pat Dye was coach of the football team. Let me hasten to say it's not Pat's fault. As athletic director, I'm certain Dye welcomes Tiger success in any sport. It's just that Dye's teams have been too successful, so much that, as someone once said, basketball was just something to occupy the time between the bowl games and the start of spring practice. I have broadcast many games at Auburn when Sonny had outstanding teams, only to look around at 3,000, 4,000, at most 5,000, fans in a hall seating far more. The Tigers would sell out from time to time for a Kentucky or an Alabama, but game in and game out Auburn fans showed by their indifference that basketball simply had little base of support at what was primarily a football school. I'm glad Sonny got a job he wanted at an income level anyone would want, Virginia Commonwealth University, at approximately \$300,000 per year, but don't think for a minute I believe VCU compares in prestige with any Southeastern Conference job. Its main attraction to Sonny must have been something it didn't have, namely a highly-successful football team. At last, Sonny Smith is No. 1...

Ole Miss fans were surprised, some of them shocked, when the Rebels announced a substantial price increase for football tickets. Last year's \$15 ticket will cost \$18 this season. After all, Ole Miss averaged only 30,000 per home game in 1988, the lowest figure in the SEC. In addition, the Rebels were coming off a losing year, a situation that does not normally inspire ticket sales. This time



I must agree with the Rebels. If ever there was a right time to raise prices, this is the right time. Ole Miss has Arkansas, Alabama and LSU as home opponents this year. Arkansas and Alabama will be played in the 62,500-seat stadium at Jackson. LSU will come to Oxford, which has 42,000 seats. Arkansas fans buy more tickets to an Ole Miss game in Mississippi than any other team on the Rebel schedule. Alabama isn't far behind and you know LSU people will follow their team. In no case will the additional \$3 keep Razorback, Tide or Tiger fans from coming. While the Rebs may lose some home support by raising prices, out-of-town sales will more than make up for it. The other three Ole Miss home games—Vanderbilt, Georgia and Arkansas State—don't figure to draw capacity crowds anyway, so the revenue loss should be minor. By the 1990 season Rebel fans will take the \$18 price tag in stride, particularly if Billy Brewer's troops can have a winning year. The timing for a rate increase was perfect...

Despite a mediocre season, only three of Kentucky's 32 games were not televised on some type of TV network. UK appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, Jefferson Pilot/SEC and the UK TV network. Now you have an idea how much hurt the NCAA will put on Kentucky if the forthcoming sanctions include prohibiting the 'Cats from appearing on TV...

Alabama's Michael Ansley played in 128 games for the Tide, an all-time record. The previous career mark was 126 games, held by Bobby Lee Hurt...

I note that in the SEC Basketball Team of the '80s poll conducted by the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger with the 10 current conference coaches, former Ole Miss star John Stroud did not get a single vote. Ridiculous! Stroud, the third-leading scorer in SEC history, was a substantially better player than at least five of those who were named to the dream team...

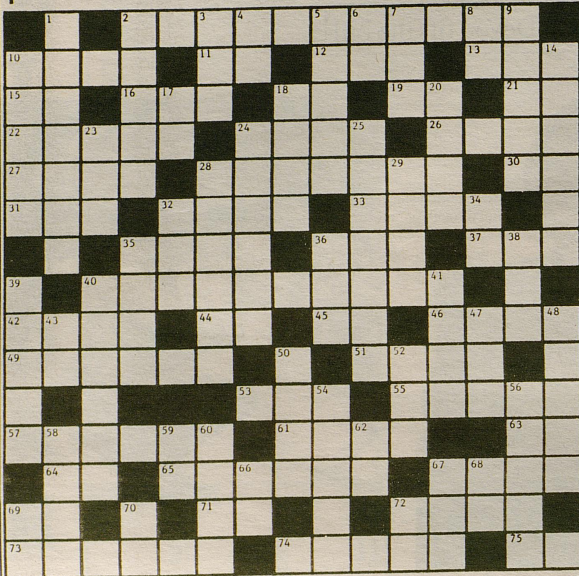
CBS sold all commercials for the telecast of the Final Four. Prices ranged between \$200,000 and \$300,000 per 30-second announcement. Has college basketball gone big-time or what?...

**THE LAST WORD:** Georgia star Alec Kessler, named a basketball Academic All-American with a near 4.0 grade-point average, when asked which accomplishment he prizes the most:

"It's hard to say. I've always thought the combination is important. That's fairly unusual, I suppose, because there aren't a whole lot of folks who try to excel in sports and in the classroom."

TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckerberg



CATS FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE

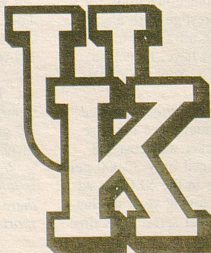
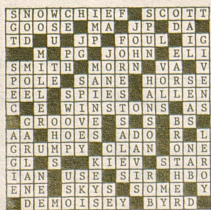
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Last issue's answers



# You can imagine what question Bobby Watson is asked the most

by TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

Each day THE question circles the commonwealth. Whether in a Paducah restaurant, Ft. Thomas barber shop, Pikeville church or popular Middlesboro street corner, inquiring minds want to be quenched with the answer to who will be Kentucky's next basketball coach.

So far a coach has yet to be uncovered. Not even a clear-cut favorite. Suffice to say, there's always a thirst for curiosity when names are rattled off in regard to Eddie Sutton's successor. Postmen, policemen and even milkmen want to know. So do doctors, lawyers and politicians.

For every one question asked by the average fan, how many more are targeted for C.M. Newton's nine-person screening committee?

"I have a number of people I run into that I don't even know and they'll ask me, 'How are we coming with the coach?'" said Bobby Watson, an Owensboro businessman and member of Newton's committee. "They want to know who we are going to get and when we are going to get somebody. It really is surprising.

"Of course, a lot of my friends that I know ask me about how things are coming along. But I run into people daily that I don't know. They'll call me by name and ask me how's it coming with the new coach. I always say, 'Fine.'

"A lot of times I'll ask them, 'Who do you like?' I like to see what they say."

Watson is one of four former 'Cat cagers on the committee. And as of last Friday the nine-member committee had met once.

No one has to introduce UK's athletics director to Watson. The two were teammates on Adolph Rupp's 1951 championship team. Now they're teaming up again, this time to try and restore the tradition of a program fallen on hard times.

"When I first talked to him about being on this committee he asked me if I had any suggestions—Who do I like or if I had any names," Watson said. "He is willing to listen.

"He has to find out who is available, and he has in his mind who he's looking for. He's talked to the screening committee about the needs of the university and its coaching position.

"He wants to find that perfect fit. If it takes a while it's going to have to take a while."

Once Newton finds a candidate to his liking, he then will introduce his recommendation to the screening committee. Said Watson: "That's really what was going to happen to Lute Olson."

Olson was supposed to make a visit to Lexington but disregarded previous thoughts of making the Bluegrass his permanent home when the University of Arizona, his employer, sweetened his salary.

"He (Newton) was going to have Olson in to meet the screening committee and show him around Lexington," Watson recalled. "And I'm sure he probably would have made a recommendation."

The committee's function is to give Newton's recommendation(s) either a thumbs up or thumbs down verdict. According to Watson, if one or more committee members happen to oppose a candidate Newton will more than listen and reevaluate the situation.

"Speaking for myself, C.M. knows these coaches a lot better than I do and I would more or less go along with his recommendations," said Watson. "He's very well thought of in the coaching profession, among his peers; I'm sure he will come up with some good recommendations."

The search committee, though, will have a role into putting the "amen" to UK's choice.

"I think it's good that there are some former players on that committee, as well as other parts of the university being part of it," mentioned Newton.

Forever, Watson will be linked to basketball in Kentucky.

In his UK career the Wildcats were consecutively ranked nationally No. 3, No. 1 and No. 1 at the end of the season by Associated Press. A 5-foot-10 guard, Watson captained the '52 team, averaging 13.1 points per game.

A successful prep coaching career followed.

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—Bobby Watson, member of screening committee

He learned basketball from two teaching legends, Rupp and Lawrence McGinnis (himself a former UK player and Watson's high school coach).

In 1972 and 1980 Watson coached his high school alma mater, Owensboro, to state championship titles. Now, this former coach has been asked to assist UK in finding a leader for its basketball program.

First and foremost Kentucky is searching for a coach who: A) abides by NCAA regulations; and B) is a stickler for academic success.

"Sometimes it (the program) gets too big that maybe the education is put second," Watson believed. "Definitely that should be first. You should follow the rules. I'm not saying anybody broke any but I'm just saying education should be first. I think you can follow the rules and still do very well and satisfy the people here in Kentucky.

"I don't think there's any question about that. It can be that way."

Next, Newton has pointed out that whoever fills the vacancy must have a chapter devoted to a fast pace brand of hoops in his playbook.

Watson grew up and played the Rupp style of X's and O's. His Owensboro teams were coached in the same manner, an uptempo offense to go along with a pressing man-to-man defense.

"The style of UK basketball," Watson said, pausing for a moment, "...Kentuckians would like to see it get back a little bit more to where it was as far as a faster game. I think they like the action, and I think that will be kept in mind.

"Basically, Kentuckians would like to see the style get back to more what it used to be, the fastbreak and more action."

Until the university hires a coach, Watson will be recipient of countless "Hi, Bobby. Oh, by the way, who's the next UK coach?" greetings. A former Wildcat, he understands basketball is vital to the average Kentuckian. He says it's rather "interesting."

UK fans in western Kentucky are no exception.

"Down in this area, the coach over at Evansville (Jim Crews) gets a lot of talk," he said of the local rumor mill. "A lot of people are talking him up.

"They (UK fans) feel a part of it. I see a guy at the YMCA shooting baskets. He'll ask me and he's very sure of who he wants. They are just very interested people."

# Willis gives UK boost in kicking game; Claiborne pleased with progress of punters

## From The Cats' Pause Staff Reports

Placekicker Ken Willis, whose 66-yard attempt last season barely missed against Florida, gives Kentucky one of the strongest legs in the country.

A transfer from Danville's Centre College, Willis made good on 12 of 19 field goals and 21 of 23 extra point attempts in his initial season at UK. He led the Wildcats in scoring with 57 points.

His six successful boots in nine tries between 41-48 yards and many kickoffs through the end zone verify the long range potential of this soccer-style kicker.

"He's going to be kicking the ball off the ground this year and not on the tee," said Jerry Claiborne, referring to the new rule put in by the NCAA. "But Kenny's going to be one of the better kickers in the country."

Willis booted his longest field goal of the season, a 48-yarder, against Florida. He also was selected to the SEC All-Conference academic team.

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Claiborne said punters Bill Hawk, James Parker and Bryant Smith "are the three guys that have improved."

Of the trio, Claiborne was extremely high on Hawk, a transfer from Cal-Lutheran.

According to the head coach, Hawk contacted Dick Redding, the 'Cats' administrative assistant, last fall about playing for UK. However, after signing up for classes Hawk waited a month before getting back to Redding.

Hawk was able to start working out with his new team during the winter session.

"Some of the players mentioned the fact that this guy every once in a while puts the ball in orbit," Claiborne said. "I'm anxious

to see what he's going to do under full pressure. Out there the other day (practice) he was hanging the ball up there. He's got the strongest leg of any of our punters.

"Bryant Smith and Jimmy Parker have improved as far as hang time. Consistency is still the biggest problem we've got with our punters—kicking it 35-40 yards and hanging it up there about four seconds or better."

UK lost the services of Jeff Nelson and Jay Tesar due to graduation.

Even with two experienced kickers Kentucky at times ran through punt formation as if it were the Keystone Cops. Against LSU the Tigers took advantage of three muffed attempts which cost UK an SEC win in Baton Rouge. Thus, Claiborne is hoping to weed out an SEC-caliber punter from this threesome.

"Right now, if you had to pick one that's the most consistent it's Bill Hawk," Claiborne accessed the current situation.



Senior placekicker Ken Willis

## UK defense

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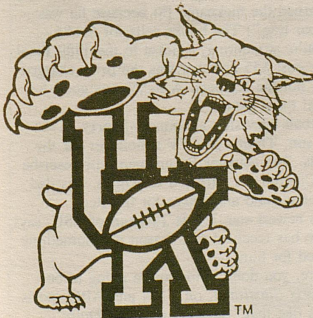
just keeps that momentum going and improving next year. If he does then he's got a chance to be an all-conference player."

The fourth master of defense is safety Ron Robinson. Hitting is his game, according to the Wildcat staff—76 tackles in '88. Robinson, a native of Nashville, has been a mainstay in UK's secondary for the past three campaigns.

Nothing would please Robinson or the coaching staff more if he could come up with a fair share of interceptions. Last year he was shutout in that department.

Along with Barnett, Holleran, Massey and Robinson other Wildcats are on the verge of bidding for star category. Guard Jerry Bell, out of the role of former Wildcat Cam Jacobs, linebacker Craig Benzinger, one of the strongest players on the squad, defensive back and punt returner Chris Tolbert and tackles Donnie Gardner and Doug Houser have the opportunity to earn plenty of headlines next season.

"We have a chance to have more 'big' type players," says Glaser. "We really do, if they come along. We're going to miss Chris Chenault, David Johnson and Vic a lot. We have a chance to have more big (type) players. I hope they come through."



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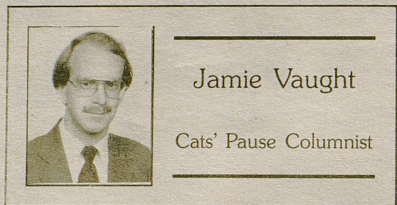
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# Taking a peek into next season...look out for LSU

Remember Rodney Woods playing for UT?

□People and things.....

Since the Final Four is now history, let's take a brief look at who would be the favorites to capture the SEC basketball crown next winter. Well, Florida certainly has



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a fair shot at defending its first-ever league title if 7-foot-2 star **Dwayne Schintzius** returns to school for his senior year.

But LSU is probably the leading contender. Besides All-American freshman sensation **Chris Jackson**, Tiger mentor **Dale Brown** will have 6-10 **Stanley Roberts**, a Prop 48 victim, involved in SEC battles. Roberts, as you will recall, was a highly-recruited prep star from Hopkins, S.C., and was a first-team *Parade* All-American selection in 1988.

The Tigers also will have another big guy by the name of **Shaquille O'Neal**, a seven-footer from San Antonio, Texas, who recently was named to the first-team All-American squad by *Parade*. He signed with LSU during the early signing period last November.

LSU's future, indeed, looks very bright.

In addition to LSU and Florida, other teams to watch out for are **Alabama** and **Georgia**. Kentucky will be a middle-of-the-pack squad if every player returns and, with that in mind, the Wildcats should improve as there won't be any off-the-court distractions from the NCAA to contend with.

□Already this month, three of the four vacant coaching jobs in the SEC have been filled. But, if you care to know, my top choices were—or should I say “dream” choices—as follows: Kentucky—**Pat Riley** or **Mike Krzyzewski**; Tennessee—**Eddie Sutton**; Vanderbilt—**Leonard Hamilton**; and Auburn—**Joe Dean Jr.** (who is currently the head coach at Birmingham Southern College).

Having a lot of Kentucky Wildcat flavor in the SEC would have been something to rave about. Wouldn't it have been fun to see an “Eddie vs. Pat” showdown at Rupp Arena?

□LSU athletics director **Joe Dean** is one of the most opinionated people around. In his recent columns for the *Basketball Times*, Dean had several observations on various topics.

On Proposition 42 (which is designed to prevent prep students who meet only part of the NCAA's Prop 48 requirements from receiving scholarships their first year in college): “It continues to draw criticism all over the country. The legislation is a mistake. Proposition 48 does everything which needs to be done in covering our athletes academically. We must give some border-line student/athletes an opportunity to attend major colleges across the country. I would hate to think a **Herschel Walker** or a **Pete Maravich**, had they been partial qualifiers, would not be given a chance to play big-time collegiate athletics or a chance to graduate from college.”

On college referees: “Officiating at the college level needs some improving and changes. Some suggest that officials need to be full-time as they are in the NBA and I believe that idea has merit.”

And, on **Eddie Sutton**: “He is threatening to do a book. Gosh, is everyone gonna play kiss and tell?”

□Kentucky's **Chris Mills** has been named to the second-team freshman All-America squad by the *Basketball Times*. LSU's **Chris Jackson** was chosen the magazine's Freshman of the Year. Two other SEC rookies also received honors. They are LSU 6-6 center



Not only does LSU's Dale Brown return All-America **Chris Jackson** and talented **Vernel Singleton**, but there are some big-time recruits ready to lend a hand, too.

**Vernel Singleton** (third-team) and Georgia 6-1 guard **Litlerial Green** (fourth team).

□Speaking of **Chris Mills**, I personally thought he should have received more votes than his teammate, **LeRon Ellis**, in the *Associated Press* All-SEC balloting by a panel of eight sportswriters. Ellis made the second-team All-SEC, while Mills was selected on the third-team. It should have been vice-versa.

□Congratulations to coach **Dale Mabrey** and his Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park High School squad for winning the boys' Sweet 16 tournament at Rupp Arena last month. The Panthers defeated Wayne County by two points, a 75-73 decision.

□Meanwhile, Wayne County High, located in Monticello in south central Kentucky, and coach **Rodney Woods** are to be commended for their good showing in the state tournament. Speaking of Woods, I can remember when I was a little kid, I used to dislike him because he was such an outstanding playmaker for the arch-rival Tennessee Vols.

Woods managed to help coach **Ray Mears** and the Vols beat Kentucky three times in six games during his college days in 1972-73 to 1974-75. The team captain during his senior year at UT, Woods led the SEC in assists for three consecutive seasons.

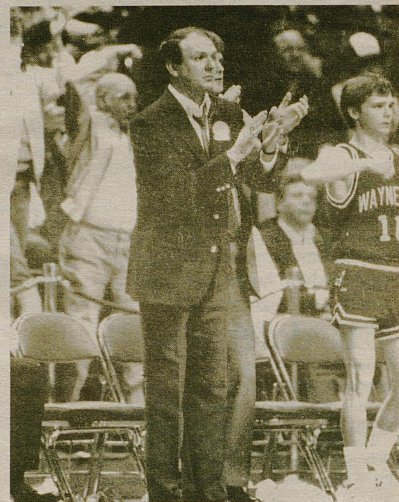
□Believe it or not, college recruiters are already keeping a close eye on an eighth-grade basketball player who is 6-10 and still growing. His name is **Rashard Griffith** of Chicago, and the scouts are comparing him with NBA greats **Wilt Chamberlain** and **Kareem Abdul Jabbar**. Griffith, who has a 6-2 brother in the sixth grade, is projected to grow to a height of 7-4 or 7-5.

□Pulaski County High's **Dave Fraley** has withdrawn his resignation as the school's head basketball coach after an 11-day retirement.

“I made a big mistake when I resigned,” Fraley told *Jeff Neal* of Somerset's *Commonwealth-Journal*. “I didn't know I'd be letting so many people down.”

He had previously thought Pulaski Countians didn't care about prep basketball. He guided Pulaski to the state tournament championship in 1986. His son, **Shannon**, is a reserve junior-to-be guard for the Louisville Cardinals.

□All-SEC wide receiver **Thomas “T.D.” Woods** of Tennessee is playing baseball for the Vols.



Coach Rodney Woods recently led his Cardinals to the state championship game. Woods also was a star guard for **Ray Mears' Vols** in the early 70's.

□I read where NBA block shot specialist **Manute Bol** of Golden State, paid 80 cows for his wife, but still has to pay 48 more cows when he returns to his native homeland of Africa the next time. At this writing the 7-6 Bol was leading the league in blocked shots with a 4.52 average.

□UK Dance **Kat Missy Neal** narrowly won the seventh annual Glamour Girl of the South contest, edging the runner-up, Tennessee cheerleader **Andrea Norton**, by one point. The contest balloting was conducted by a panel of eight judges from five states in the South, including four members of the news media.

□Next season LSU's **Dale Brown** will become the “Dean” of current SEC coaches in his 18th season since new UK athletics director **C.M. Newton** has left Vandy after 20 years of coaching in the SEC. By the way, Brown's daughter, **Robyn**, has recently married and she is a 1985 graduate of LSU.

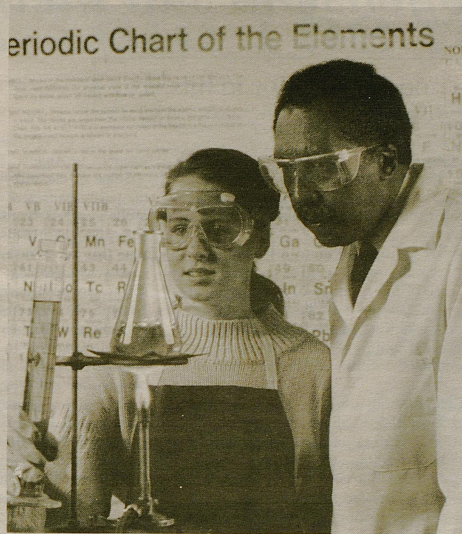
□Former Heisman Trophy winner **Bo Jackson** is featured in a new book, “Bo Jackson—A Star For All Seasons,” just published by Walker and Company of New York. The book, written by **John Devaney** and designed for children 10 years of age and older, covers Jackson's athletic career from the time he earned the nickname Bo through his first years with the Kansas City Royals and the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders. (The former Auburn star earned the nickname Bo because he was “tough as a boar hog.”) The book sells for \$14.85.

□In case you're wondering, a ticket to the 1989 Final Four in Seattle cost \$55 and that was the price charged by the NCAA, not the scalpers. A ticket was good for admission to all three games.

□UK basketball television announcer **Marty Brenneman's** son, **Thom**, is a TV announcer for the Cincinnati Reds. The younger Brenneman will describe the action on Cincinnati's televised matchups. His dad also is the veteran radio announcer for the Reds.

□The SEC's newest star, **Chris Jackson** of LSU, says the attention he has received this season was something quite unexpected for him.

“Coming here, you don't think you're going to be featured in *Sports Illustrated*, on CNN and ABC sports specials, things like that,” Jackson told *The Daily Reveille*, LSU's student newspaper. “I never thought about it; I just thought about coming here and playing.”



He's the man with a roomful of bugs, rocks and newts.

On the walls of his room are charts of chemical formulas, the life cycle of plants and weather regions of the world.

Unlike the other teachers, he wears a white lab coat with his name over the breast pocket.

He once had his class lay out the solar system in the parking lot with a basketball as the sun and each of the planets scaled to size and distance.

On his desk is the neatly lettered motto he lives by: "There are too many interesting things to learn about for school to ever be boring."

Some girls in his class dread dissecting the frog. And if the truth were known, a few of the boys do, too.

Three times a year he assigns major projects. And each year, he has students whose projects win top awards in state competitions.

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## UK coaches tailoring offense to suit their strengths

'Cats haven't had option QB prior to this year

Call it fate or just call it adjusting to your talent, but UK's Jerry Claiborne has installed the option this spring to add to the Wildcats' offensive package.

Yes, the newly-installed option attack has been the talk



Todd Hallum

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of spring ball, but what hasn't been said is that prior to this season, Claiborne basically hasn't had a quarterback to run the option game.

Two cases in point were former quarterbacks Glenn Fohr and Ransdell, both drop-back quarterbacks who played with nagging injuries throughout their respective careers. Of the two, Fohr was more suited to running the option, but only had two years of major college ball to get adjusted to playing SEC-quality football. Thus, UK could really never develop an offensive wrinkle such as the option.

What Freddie Maggard brings to UK's new offensive scheme is a quarterback who is a good athlete and can handle the pounding of running the football. In fact, if you ask Claiborne, he might say he reminds him of former University of Maryland quarterback Rob Mangus,

who had similar ability.

Mangus ended up his Maryland career as one of the better signal-callers to play under Claiborne, and led the Terps to an undefeated season during Claiborne's fifth year at College Park.

The irony is that UK is using Maggard just like Mangus was used, keeping in mind that there was a capable backup in case of injury. In 1976, Claiborne had veteran Larry Dick, and now he has Chuck Broughton. Both of these quarterbacks were upperclassmen and could run the offense, including the option if necessary, but neither had the athletic abilities of Maggard and Mangus.

What all the option talk boils down to is that the UK staff wants to tailor its offense to all of its strengths. Of course, it's still not cut and dried on who will be UK's starting quarterback as Broughton suffered a hip pointer midway into spring practice. But what it does mean is that UK can develop an offense so that opposing defenses have to respect the running ability of Maggard and Broughton as a drop-back threat.

□ **SPRING CLEANING:** Approximately 200 coaches, both high school and college, have visited the UK campus this spring. Because of UK's respected coaching staff, coaches from both the college and high school levels have picked the brains of UK assistants on various aspects of UK's football program. Assistants from Duke, Indiana State and Morehead are just a few that have been on campus this spring...

UK receiver Neal Clark did not participate in spring drills because of an ROTC commitment. Clark, who played as a walk-on last year, will be back when school

resumes in August...

Some of the surprises on defense this spring have been the performances of such players as **Joey Couch**, **Dean Wells** and **Jeff Brady**. Coach has filled in admirably at defensive guard while Wells and Brady will see plenty of time this fall at defensive end...

A welcomed sight at the Nutter Center complex this spring has been new UK athletics director **C.M. Newton**. Newton has been at numerous spring practice sessions and has been a big supporter of the entire UK football program. In fact, everybody around the UK program is extremely pleased with how Newton has genuine concern for the program. Currently, UK has two of the most-highly-respected people in college athletics in Newton and **Jerry Claiborne**...

Alabama back **Bobby Humphrey** announced he was leaving the Crimson Tide program, foregoing his final year of eligibility. Humphrey was one of the greatest backs in Alabama football history and decided to leave school because he couldn't get increase the insurance policy he has taken out on himself. The Tide will be UK's first SEC opponent of the season...

Because of Proposition 48, talented running backs **Craig Walker** and **Mike Thomas** are not able to participate in spring practice. Walker and Thomas have loads of talent, however, and will supply even more depth at the position this fall...

Word has it that **Mike Florence** will replace **Pat Etcheberry** as UK weight coach. Etcheberry resigned in order to work with tennis players in Florida...

It's also rumored that former UK assistant **Dwane Casey** is considering staying in Lexington to become a scout for the NBA's Miami Heat or Orlando Magic...

## Offense

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The depth at those positions is one reason Claiborne and his staff decided to give the option a try.

"Everybody always thought we ought to open the offense up a little more," senior fullback Andy Murray said, "but the coaches didn't think we had enough depth in the backfield. This year we do."

The tailback tandem of senior Alfred Rawls, who led UK in rushing last season with 477 yards in 101 attempts, and junior Al Baker, who racked up 373 yards in 89 carries, should offset the loss of Hunter.

And with a stronger offensive line returning, along with the addition of the option, which will string the defense out, both should improve on those numbers.

"It's hard for one man to hit Al Baker or Alfred Rawls down," Maggard said, "because they're both quick and they're both strong."

The pivotal man in the backfield, though, could be Murray, one of the SEC's best blocking backs who had 98 knock-down blocks last year to prove it.

In addition to his blocking duties, Murray has been a favorite target out of the backfield for Wildcat quarterbacks, catching 11, 13 and 11 passes each of the last three years.

The Louisville Trinity product's rushing attempts have decreased each year—40 rushes as a freshman, 28 as a sophomore and 27 last season—something that should change in 1989. Murray figures to have his number called more this season, because for the option to work, it's a must that the fullback get yardage on the dive play.

"They're gonna get me the ball," Murray said. "Lots of times I won't be able to break it for a touchdown, but we still should get good yardage out of it, five or six yards a pop."

Darren Bilberry and an improving Mike Knox, both seniors, and freshman Rodney

Shepard, will be able to step in and spell Murray.

The offensive line, a question mark entering last season, although not deep, appears to be solid. Eight lettermen and all five starters return, including 6-foot-7 senior All-America candidate Mike Pfeifer at right tackle, who should be fully recovered from knee surgery.

Junior Mike Nord, a starter in all 11 games last season, will be the starter at left tackle. Sophomore Greg Lahr, who was named to the *Football News* Freshman All-America team last season, will be the swing tackle, filling in for both Pfeifer and Nord.

Dean Wilks and Joel Mazzella will be the starting guards, and will be backed up by part-time starter Bill Hulette.

Seniors Brian Cralle, a starter in all 11 games last season, and David Crane, return at center.

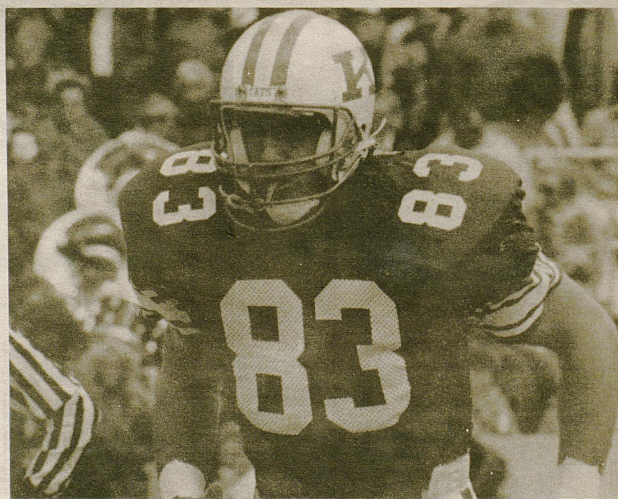
The two big concerns entering fall practice are finding depth at tight end and speed at the split end and flanker positions.

Mike Meece, who started two games last season and had nine receptions for 89 yards, is the only veteran tight end in the UK camp.

"That's the position that we've got our biggest problem with, because we lost our two starters," Claiborne said. "We've got people back at most of our other spots."

Claiborne moved sophomore Jim Graves, who was at defensive tackle, and junior Scott Rayburn, an offensive tackle, to tight end this spring, where they will join junior Patrick Porter, redshirt freshman Mickey Dean and a pair of junior college transfers in the fight for playing time.

"We lost Martin Pennington and Charlie Darrington last year, and we just had to get somebody in there to give us some blocking strength," Claiborne said. "Mike Meece is coming back, and he's the only one that's been in a college football game."



One of Claiborne's biggest tasks for this fall is finding someone to back up Mike Meece, UK's only tight end with game experience.

Part-time starters John Bolden and Alfred Jones return at split end, along with part-time starter Phil Logan at flanker. Although the trio has experience—Jones and Bolden were second and fourth, respectively, in receiving last season—Claiborne said he would like to see more speed from his receivers, and may give several freshmen a long look.

"What we're trying to do is get our rushing game to where we can control the line of scrimmage, and with our running backs, Baker and Rawls, and our fullbacks, Murray Bilberry and Shepard, and with our flankers and with our quarterbacks...we're gonna try

to build an offense around all of those guys, get them involved," UK offensive coordinator Jerry Eisaman said. "And that's gonna take in the rushing, the option, the sprint-out, reverses and counters. And we've probably never had such a variety of offense to involve everybody."

"You know we had (Bill) Ransdell and (George) Adams, and we kinda built the offense around them. When we had (Mark) Higgs we tried to center the offense around Higgs. Now we've got the dimeion at every one of those positions that can give us a big play."

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Six Years Ago

It looks like it's finally going to happen—the 'Cats versus the Cards.

The University of Kentucky Athletics Association Board of Directors voted to start negotiating with Louisville for a basketball game. The resolution adopted by the board, even though athletics director Cliff Hagan and head coach Joe B. Hall were openly against an in-state series, calls for Hagan and Hall to initiate talks with U of L in hopes of a matchup on the hardwood between the two Bluegrass institutions.

Last season the two teams met for the first time in 24 years. Louisville handed Kentucky a 80-68 overtime loss in the Midwest Regionals in, of all places, Knoxville, Tenn.

UK head basketball coach Joe B. Hall was given a five-year contract that covers until July 1, 1988. Terms of the contract were not

discussed.

Keith Madison's Bat Cats split a double-header with the Florida Gators at the Shively Sports Center on the UK campus.

The visiting Gators captured the first game 11-4. Florida jumped out to a 7-0 advantage and scored four more times in the final frame for an easy win.

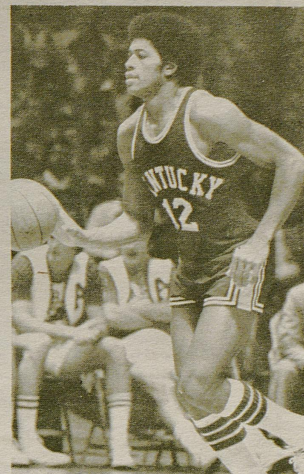
In the second game, which the Bat Cats won 5-0, UK's Jay Ray hurled an outstanding game in which he allowed only eight hits, struck out five and walked only one. Kentucky scored four runs in the fourth aided by Florida miscues and a two-run double by Scott Knox.

Kentucky sophomore Kevin Gothard delivered a grand slam in the bottom of the 14th inning to give the Wildcats a 7-3 win over visiting New York Tech. The victory improved the Bat Cats' mark to 20-7 for the season.



Mike Phillips

Big Ten opponent Indiana broke a 17-game nonconference winning streak by beating homestanding Kentucky, 3-1. Paul Kilgus took the loss even though he did not give up an earned run in eight innings of work.



Larry Johnson

Senior guard Larry Johnson was the big winner at the annual awards banquet for the University of Kentucky basketball squad.

Johnson was awarded the 110 percent honor as well as the team's Outstanding Defensive Player, Outstanding Senior, Most Assists, Senior Appreciation and UPI Player of the Year in Kentucky awards.

Jack "Goose" Givens was selected the team's Most Valuable Player and also received the Joe B. Hall award for best free throw shooter. Givens, a senior-to-be, led the Wildcats in scoring with a 18.8 points per game average.

Other award winners include: forward Rick Robey, A.B. Chandler Trophy; Merion Haskins, K-Men's Scholastic Award; and Tim Stephens, Freshman Leadership award.

More than 1,000 people attended the banquet which also was highlighted by a vote of confidence for Hall from Kentucky president Otis Singletary. Recent rumors had Hall's job in question, but Singletary gave the head coach a strong vote of confidence.

UK finished the 1976-77 season with a 26-4 record, losing only to Utah (70-68 in the UKIT finals), Tennessee (twice, 71-67 in OT and 81-79) and North Carolina (79-72 in the East Regional finals).

Besides Givens, three others finished the season averaging 10 points or more per outing. Those three were: Rick Robey (14.2 ppg.), Mike Phillips (12.2 ppg.) and Johnson (10.7 ppg.). Of the four double-digit performers, only Johnson is a senior.

With its abundance of veterans, UK figures to have one of the country's top basketball teams in 1977-78.

University of Kentucky football coach Fran Curci has added the finishing touches to his sideline staff for the upcoming year. After coming off a 21-0 Peach Bowl win over North Carolina, the 'Cats have added Jim Nablack as a line coach.

Nablack was a freshman coach at Florida last season.

Nablack replaces Jon Mirilovich, who left for North Carolina State. Prior to naming Nablack to the UK staff, Curci also welcomes newcomers Bill Glaser, Larry Kirksey and George Catavolos. Those announcements were made earlier.

Strange as it may sound, Kentucky opens its '77 season against the UNC Tar Heels at Commonwealth Stadium.

## WILDCAT QUIZ

### Kentucky football

- Who's the 'Cat known around UK circles as "Mr. Big Play"?  
a) Ken Willis  
b) Alfred Rawls  
c) Tony Massey  
d) Chris Tolbert
- Who led Kentucky in overall rushing yards in 1988?  
a) Al Baker  
b) Alfred Rawls  
c) Ivy Joe Hunter  
d) Andy Murray
- Who was named to last year's *Football News* All-America team?  
a) Jerry Bell  
b) Joey Couch  
c) Greg Lahr  
d) Both a and c
- Our mystery player in this quiz is highly praised by Jerry Claiborne. "I've never been around a player that works any harder in preparing to try to win," says Claiborne. Who is the UK head coach talking about?  
a) Oliver Barnett  
b) Mike Pfeifer  
c) Tony Massey  
d) Randy Holleran
- True or False? Andy Murray has rushed for more than 400 yards in his UK career.
- Which of the following Wildcats transferred to UK after playing at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M?  
a) Alfred Rawls  
b) Alfred Jones  
c) All of the above  
d) None of the above
- True or False? Kentucky does not have a letterman returning at the punter position.
- Of the four nonconference opponents on Kentucky's schedule next season, which one owns better than a .500 mark against UK?  
a) Indiana  
b) Cincinnati  
c) North Carolina  
d) Rutgers
- Of UK's nonconference foes, how many turned in losing marks in 1988?  
a) None  
b) One  
c) Two  
d) Three
- Percentage-wise, which team on Kentucky's upcoming schedule fielded the best record in 1988?  
a) Alabama  
b) Auburn  
c) Indiana  
d) LSU

### Eight Years Ago

Earlier this month Bat Cat relief ace Jeff Keener came out of the bullpen to register wins in both games of a double-header against Florida, thus enabling UK to gain ground in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference.

The Gators did come back to win the series finale.

In the initial game of the three-game set, Jim Leopold's grand slam homer sparked Kentucky to an 8-4 win. Keener allowed no hits and fanned five in two and two-third innings.

In the nightcap, Mike Botkin led off the final frame with a contest-winning round-tripper. It was his second homer of the game. Greg Ryle added a solo shot for Kentucky. Keener pitched the final inning to complete his nifty accomplishment, allowing just one hit in the second game.

### Ten Years Ago

In their biggest two wins of the year, the Kentucky Wildcats silenced Eastern Division leading Florida with a 6-1, 3-2 sweep at the Shively Sports Center.

Lefty Tim Brandenburg hurled a five-hitter in the opener and Mark Hredzak connected on a two-run homer.

In the second game, Joe Georger tossed an eight-hitter and Randy Gipson knocked in all three runs with a home run and a single.

In a single game the following day, Florida defeated UK 12-10, after losing control of an early lead. The Gators outscored UK 5-3 after once trailing 8-7.

During the week, the Bat Cats swept the Indiana Hoosiers 2-1, 3-2 in Bloomington. Georger pitched a one-hitter in the first game and Tim Terry and Brandenburg combined for a three-hitter in the nightcap.

Earlier this month...on the first day he could sign a prepster to a national letter of intent, Joe Hall inked seven-footer Sam Bowie along with Derrick Hord of Tennessee, Shelby County's Charles Hurt and Lexington Lafayette's Dirk Minniefield. A fifth signer, forward-center Tom Heitz, is expected to sign when he returns from a trip in Germany.

## Answers

1. Tony "Mr. Big Play" Massey
2. Alfred Rawls (477 yards)
3. Both Jerry Bell and Greg Lahr.
4. Mike Pfeifer
5. True (402 yards)
6. Alfred Rawls and Alfred Jones
7. True
8. Indiana (IU leads 12-6-1)
9. Three (North Carolina, 1-10; Cincinnati, 3-8; and Rutgers, 5-6)
10. Auburn (10-2)

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