

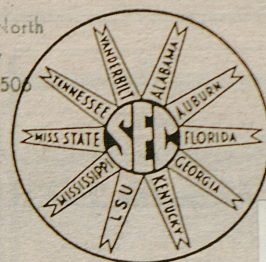
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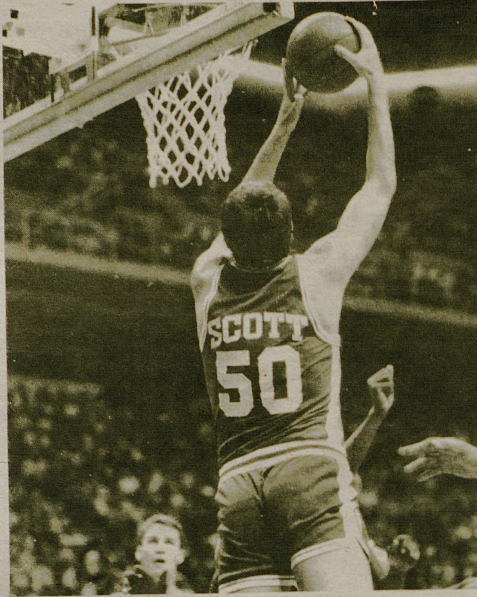
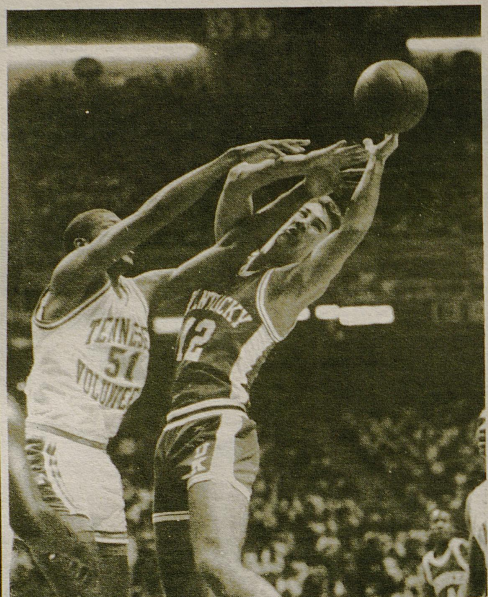


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Deron Feldhaus (left) and Mike Scott gave UK a needed boost in its 66-65 win at Tennessee. For more info on the Wildcat-Volunteer game see pages 14-15. photos as well as cover picture by Alan Hawse

Promise for more playing time pays off as Feldhaus, Scott contribute to UK win

By TCP Associate Editor Nick Nicholas

KNOXVILLE—In the midst of its most recent two-game slide Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton swore that his reserves would soak up enough Kentucky-Tennessee emotion to unravel the freshly pressed creases on their battle fatigues.

"We're going to have to play some people off the wood," Sutton said the Thursday prior to the K-town contest. UK players, fans from Paducah to Pikeville and the media have heard this pregame strategy before, only to see it ditched as each contest developed.

Did the reserves believe this would be their night to don their talents on the hardwood while a conference game was at stake?

"Yeah, I believed him, I believed him," acknowledged Deron Feldhaus, who sank two free throws with 12 seconds left to ice the Wildcats' 66-65 win over No. 17 UT.

Feldhaus, who scored six points and grabbed four boards in 23 minutes, was one of two valuable reserves who rescued the 'Cats from foul problems. When LeRon Ellis picked up his third foul midway through the first half, senior Mike Scott didn't miss a beat, helping his club preserve and even increase its momentum. His four-point, four-rebound, two-assist performance, along with Feldhaus' play, gave the UK coach a reason to smile.

"We hadn't been getting very much help off the bench," confirmed Eddie Sutton. "Tonight we had key people in foul trouble and I felt like Mike Scott and Deron Feldhaus certainly gave us a lift."

So, when the game was on the line... when 99.9 percent of the 24,464 fans listed were trying to rally the Big Orange... and with UK having an opportunity to get back in the conference hunt, the final outcome was not decided by a team leader. No, that honor belonged to a reserve.

Though Feldhaus entered the pressure situation having misfired five times in 11 previous trips to the line, his teammates were sure the win was all but wrapped up.

"Ahh, of course," said Scott, "you always

have confidence in your teammates."

"I guess if myself and a couple of other players had made ours it wouldn't have been as tough on Deron," said first-stringer Reggie Hanson. "But he's got heart, courage and he stepped up there and made them both."

No one would have blamed the UK coaching staff for not having faith in its bench. Between John Pelphrey, who returns to action this week, Richie Farmer, Johnathon Davis, Feldhaus and Scott, steady play off the bench has been a missing ingredient.

Maybe Saturday's improvement will give Sutton and his staff a different outlook, in regard to additional good fortunes from the reserves. Now, perhaps, the panoramic view of his bench will not stop where his assistants sit but where Feldhaus, Scott and maybe a couple of others reside. And if this holds true, maybe, just maybe as the season winds down Kentucky will be contending for its 38th conference crown.

"I think if you're going to win the SEC, win big games you have to play seven or eight people," said Scott.

Both Farmer, a hero early in the season before a knee injury all but dissolved his playing time, and Davis made brief appearances against the Vols. While the latter two played only a combined three minutes, Feldhaus and Scott performed admirably.

"Those guys responded great," added Sean Sutton. "Deron Feldhaus and Mike Scott came in when Ellis was in trouble and played their best games of the year. I thought they really responded well to the challenge."

"This was a team effort."

Three times this season Feldhaus has recorded a career-high seven points. Seven also is the redshirt freshman's magic number when talking about rebounds, Feldhaus' forte. On the downside of things, Feldhaus has failed to score in nine games in which he's played seven minutes or more.

"Deron Feldhaus needs to play more than what he's playing," the UK coach confessed earlier in the week. "He needs to give more offensive punch. We know he'll get you rebounds because he's a battler."

Battle is exactly what Feldhaus did, especially in the game's final moments. With the game literally on the line, Feldhaus coolly sank both free throws.

"The first shot I was really nervous because I never had been in this position in college basketball," Feldhaus recalled. "But I went up there and shot it like I was in practice."

As for Scott, he started in four of UK's first five games, but has since never been able to shake free from his reserve role. Surprisingly, he was able to contribute greatly to the Wildcats' upset win.

Only 11 seconds after filling in for Ellis, Scott showed positive signs by grabbing a defensive board. As each minute expired he seemed to gain confidence in the low and high post areas in UK's offense.

He held his own, likewise did his teammates, against arguably the league's best team. Again, when called on for seven minutes of duty in the second half, Scott answered with renowned results.

His two free throws with 8:40 remaining gave Kentucky the lead for keeps (51-49). Moments later he came up with a big defensive play when he intercepted an alley-oop that was too high for Dyrone Nix.

"We were extending our defense and playing as aggressively as we can," said Tennessee coach Don DeVoe. "I thought Feldhaus had a really fine game and, of course, Scott did a great job of handling the ball. You know, we were supposed to keep the ball from going to Scott. When LeRon Ellis went out Scott came in and they went from a tie game basically to a five-point lead at the half."

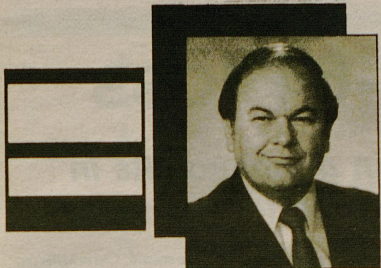
"What a great job of doing just the little things to keep the lead."

Feldhaus and Scott indeed made the most of their promised shot at glory.

"I got a second wind," Scott said of his 12-minute-plus stay in the first stanza. "I really felt good at the time."

Then, Farmer, listening to the conversation, immediately turned to his senior teammate with a grin from ear to ear and said, "No doubt about it."

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UK will make NCAA tourney...may even win SEC

How 'bout those Cats? The Wildcats' upset win over Tennessee may not be the greatest Kentucky upset in history, it'll do just fine for the time being.

And while we're at it, here's a little something to feed on during the next couple months: The 'Cats could be on their way to a wild finish, if history is any indication.

Prior to Saturday, you could count on your two pinkies the number of victories Kentucky had enjoyed against the Big Orange at Knoxville the past 17 years, and each time, the Big Blue either made it to the Final Four or was within one shot of being in the Final Four.

To top that off, there have been two other victories on Tennessee's home floor during the past couple decades. They were also mighty important then. In 1978, the Wildcats beat Florida State in Knoxville on the way to the national title.

And in 1983, UK upset Indiana on the way to the Midwest Regional title game against Louisville and was within a Dirk Minniefield blown layup of upsetting the heavily favored Cardinals.

So, could this victory be an omen for the future?

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To say the victory was shocking to the 25,000 or so fans at Tennessee's fabulous arena would be an understatement. And the arena was more like a morgue, thanks to the patient style of ball and the fact UK never allowed the Volunteers to get their act together.

So strange, this game was. Why, poor ol' Adolph probably rolled over in his grave and Ray Mears, no doubt, was probably wishing he was along side his archrival after witnessing the action.

Here were the famed run-and-gun 'Cats giving the Vols a taste of their own medicine while the Big Orange was hoping to play a little run-and-gun.

And just as it has so many, many times in past games of this historic series, it was the walk-and-pass game which eventually won out.

It was the first time in recent memory that Kentucky entered the game as an underdog, and look what happened. Just as we predicted a week ago, Vols' coach Don DeVoe apparently never found the right pregame pep talk to get his charges juiced up.

Before, he could always call on his troops to reach down a little deeper and steal a little of the pride and thunder of the Big Blue tradition, to prove that Kentucky's paper All-Americans could be ripped to shreds.

Well, it was Eddie Sutton's turn this time. The man did a masterful job of convincing Dyron Nix he's the second coming of one former UK great. As one well known politician probably would have responded, "I know Kenny Walker. Dyron Nix is no Kenny Walker." And Nix's play, or lack thereof, certainly prov-

ed it Saturday night.

Kentucky was prepared to the hilt, Tennessee appeared to be going in the opposite direction. The game followed the script of the Kentucky-Florida game a week earlier. The outcome could well have been the same if Kentucky hadn't committed a bundle of turnovers.

Despite the gutty 110-percent effort, it was the blistering shooting (61.5 percent) of Kentucky compared with Tennessee's inability to find the ol' long rifle (30.0 percent) which spelled the difference.

Nonetheless, it was a one-point victory for the 'Cats, a victory which certainly has Kentucky eager for the second half of the SEC race and with a legitimate shot at the SEC crown.

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Forget all the talk about a losing record. It'll not happened this year, not during coach Sutton's career at Kentucky and you can count on that.

Right now, Kentucky is playing very inspired basketball. In a year in which the SEC has been the weakest of any year since integration, this Wildcat team will make a run at the title. Only one team stood a chance to run away from the pack and Kentucky took a notch out of the Vols' belt very quickly.

At 4-2 in conference play, Kentucky again faces a crucial two-game card (it'll be crucial every game the rest of the way) this week in hopes of going 6-2. If the 'Cats had handle Auburn at home on Wednesday and Ole Miss on the road Saturday, then UK will wind up with a brilliant 7-2 record after the first round of SEC action is complete next week. There's no way Mississippi State will beat UK in Rupp Arena.

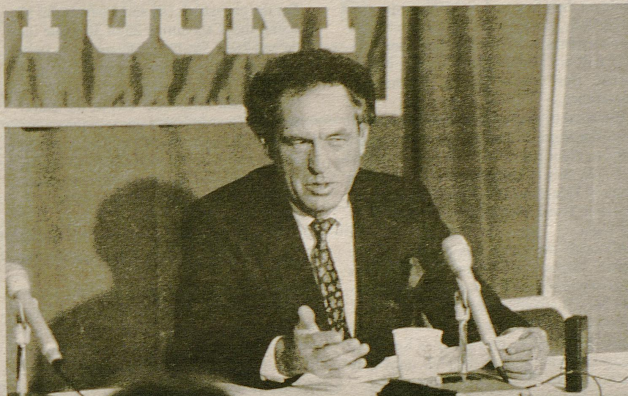
Having said that, look for UK to be tied for first, or in first all alone by that time.

Oh, there will be some rough times ahead, but it looks like Georgia is falling apart and that's good news for UK because the 'Cats must travel to Athens later in the season.

In the second half, UK will play host to Florida, Tennessee, Ole Miss and Alabama. Don't be shocked if UK goes undefeated against that list.

On the road, UK travels to Starkville, Nashville, Baton Rouge and Auburn as well as Athens. Look for a solid win at Auburn. The other three are up for grabs. If Kentucky could win just one, that would put UK in the barn with a 15-3 mark, and you know what that would mean. But let's say Kentucky might be upset by Ole Miss at Oxford and let's say it loses another on the road. The 'Cats would still be 13-5 and that'll be good enough for a league title.

The only major disappointment will be the non-league road trip to Syracuse, which has been a big disappointment itself in recent weeks. It'll be too much to ask for an upset there, but the 'Cats will be on a roll by SEC tournament time.



There's no doubt about it: Eddie Sutton has been doing some magic on the sidelines lately.

The record won't be all so pretty, but the 'Cats will still be the best of the SEC and will earn a ticket to the NCAA, just you wait and watch.

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On the darker side of things, next week will be an important date on the calendar as it will be time for UK to respond to the NCAA charges in Shawnee Mission.

UK requested and received an extension to the end of January. UK officials are expected to appear before the NCAA infractions committee sometime in early April.

Before then, UK officials are expected to meet with NCAA investigators and hammer out some compromises concerning some of the allegations.

UK officials are expected to make public a statement concerning the investigation sometime within the next week.

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Tickets for the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Knoxville are still available and can be obtained by contacting either the SEC office in Birmingham, Ala., or by contacting the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

With the recent surge of UK fortunes, reports are that UK fans are suddenly getting excited about the tournament as indicated by motel rooms being gobbled up with UK fans in the Knoxville area.

There are some who believe this will be UK's real postseason tournament, thinking the 'Cats may not be good enough to get an invite from either the NCAA or NIT.

But if UK has a winning record, you can forget about staying home for the holidays.

It's a ways off yet, but there could be some problems for UK in the National Invitational Tournament if the Wildcats are invited.

The NIT is scheduled for the same week that the Kentucky High School State Tournament is set for Rupp Arena in Lexington. Although UK could play at Rupp on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday of that week, any other games would have to be staged on another team's floor, or, or, or move the game to Memorial Coliseum.

Wouldn't that be a great idea, a game finally at Memorial Coliseum?

The coliseum handles 11,500 fans and that's more than most other schools would ever hope for at a NIT game. And coach Sutton would finally have his wish.

But that's negative dreaming. After all, UK will be in the big one, the NCAAs.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . Later this month, the UK Athletics Association will accept bids for new radio and television contracts which will cover football and basketball over the next three seasons starting this fall. The **Kentucky Network** of Louisville currently holds rights for radio while **Host Communications** of Lexington has television rights. Look for both firms to be active bidders for their respective rights again and look for Host to bid for radio as well. The interesting aspect of the UK's radio future will concern which station in Louisville, the state's largest city, will wind up broadcasting UK games. For the past three years, **WAVG** radio has been the UK outlet, but that station's days could be numbered. Insiders report that **WHAS** radio, which carried the games exclusively for over 50 years, is back in the picture. **WAVG** also has been shying away from its news-sports format in favor of recorded music and UK no doubt will have serious doubts about the station's ability to promote the university, particularly after the sale of the station by **Ed Henson . . .** With the possibility of a NCAA penalty, which could include a ban on live television, it'll be interesting
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UK runs out of gas in 76-64 loss

Despite a gutty performance that placed three 'Cats in double digits in scoring, fatigue and Alabama's shooting proved too much for Kentucky

By TCP editor/publisher Oscar Combs

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Playing before a rowdy sellout crowd of 15,043, Alabama's Crimson Tide sent their fans home with a smile on their face and a 12-3 record tucked safely away, but it wasn't without some anxious moments as Kentucky once again proved it will not become the whipping dog for anyone this season in the Southeastern Conference.

Hounded by student chants all so familiar to visiting teams in the SEC, Kentucky rallied from an eight-point first half deficit to lead by 50-49, only to be overhauled by a blitzing Crimson Tide rally in the final 10 minutes that provided 'Bama with a 76-64 victory Thursday night.

Although the game was anything but a classic, 'Bama coach Wimp Sanderson was quick to point out, "This wasn't a beauty contest, but I'll always take a win."

A win it was for Bama but it wasn't without a gutty performance by a group of Kentucky youngsters who gave it their all until they finally ran out of gas down the stretch.

It was 40 minutes when the 'Cats may have been short on execution, but not on desire. Make that a carbon copy for the Crimson Tide.

Alabama didn't exactly gather any Top Twenty votes for its skills (no fewer than eight gimmes were misfired for the Tide), but the Tide did show the poise and determination to avoid a homecourt loss which has become such a common surprise in the league early in the race.

But give the Tide credit. They took the lead, withstood the Wildcat rally and then held on for dear life at the end.

Kentucky came on strong early in the second half and actually took a brief lead at 50-49 before the Tide went on scoring sprees of 13-0 and 18-2 to take control of the game.

Michael Ansley's tip-in of a missed shot gave the Tide the lead for good at 51-50 and then Gary Waites hit a long-range bomber for a 54-50 lead. After Derrick Miller walked on the offensive end, Ansley came back with a basket and Keith Askins cashed in on a three-pointer.

Seconds later, Ansley made a steal at mid-court and drove home for a slam and a comfortable 62-50 lead.

"We got that one-point lead, then for the first time in a long time, I think we got rattled," said Eddie Sutton. "We went solo out there, got out of our offense and didn't play defense. And the next time I looked up, we were down 59-50."

Sanderson agreed it was the big turning point.

"We got a pretty good run," Sanderson said. "We got a tremendous response from the crowd. People seem taken with this team."

"We've seen the significance of what a crowd will do for you since the Ole Miss game. I don't know how far we'll go. We're 12-3 now, better than I dreamed. And we'll just have to see from here."

Kentucky, which fell to 8-9 on the season, fell apart in the second half, although it got double figure scoring from Derrick Miller, Reggie Hanson and Sean Sutton. Miller threaded the needle repeatedly from the outside, scoring 19 points including three three-

pointers and Hanson had 14 points inside.

Sophomore guard Sean Sutton enjoyed one of his finer offensive showings, hitting for 11 points on five of nine from the field, and was perfect the one time he went to the charity line.

For the game both UK and Alabama hit 50 percent, the 'Cats hitting 25 of 50 while the Tide was 28 of 56. The difference was from long range, where Alabama canned eight of 11 while UK was true on four of eight.

But the real difference was in the paint, where the Bama's inside game manhandled UK 36 to 20 on the boards as Ansley pulled down 13 boards and Benoit added 10 for the Tide. Kentucky did not have a player to gather more than seven, that by Chris Mills.

Bama was led in scoring by Ansley with 19 with twin-scoring assistance from guard Alvin Lee with 15, Askins with 13 and Waites with 10.

Kentucky, hoping to take the crowd out of the game, did a good job in the early going, playing nip-and-tuck with the Tide and led the home-standing club as late as 10:40 in the first half on a pair of free tosses by LeRon Ellis at 14-13.

Alabama threatened to run away with the

game late in the half and went up by eight at 31-24 at 2:53, but UK refused to wilt.

Sean Sutton cut the lead to five with a layup and free throw at 2:14 and, after Lee hit a three-pointer, Sutton hit a jumper to bring the 'Cats back to within six at 35-29 at 1:35.

Richie Farmer sliced the margin to three at 0:47 with a three-pointer before Sanders gave Bama its 37-32 halftime score.

The lead changed 13 times in the game and the score was knotted twice. Alabama's biggest lead came at 3:56 at 67-52.

KENTUCKY-ALABAMA NOTES

Several hundred Kentucky fans from southern and western Kentucky made the trip to Tuscaloosa and a local chapter of the UK Alumni Association awarded its Kentucky MVP award for the game to junior guard Derrick Miller, who was the main reason why UK took a brief lead in the second half. Miller was seven for nine from the field for the game, including a perfect three for three from three-point range, leading Kentucky in scoring and tying Alabama's Michael Ansley for game-high honors with 19 points.

Reggie Hanson added 14 points for the 'Cats, and Sean Sutton had 11. As has been

the case most of the season, Chris Mills paved the way for UK on the boards with seven.

When was the last time you saw two clubs shoot better? In addition to being an even 50 percent for the game in all field goals, Kentucky was also 50 percent from three-point range, hitting four of eight. The 'Cats also were a perfect 10 for 10 from the charity stripe. Alabama was on fire, too. The Tide was eight from 11 from outside the 19'9" stripe for a sizzling 72.7 percent, and 12-16 from the free throw line or 75.0 percent.

Statistics don't lie, statisticians like to say. Well, the Alabama game scored one for the record. Going into the game, UK was only 2-4 when outrebounded by its opponent. Make it 2-5 now. Kentucky was also 1-5 in games when the 'Cats trailed at the half. Make it 1-6 now. Going into the contest, UK was 6-2 when shooting 50 percent or better from the field and 2-6 when shooting less than 50 percent. Now, the 'Cats are 0-1 when shooting exactly 50 percent. And when the 'Cats made fewer turnovers than their opponents, they were 6-2. Make it 6-3 now.

Former UK assistant sports information director Jack Perry was in attendance at the game and visited with some old friends.

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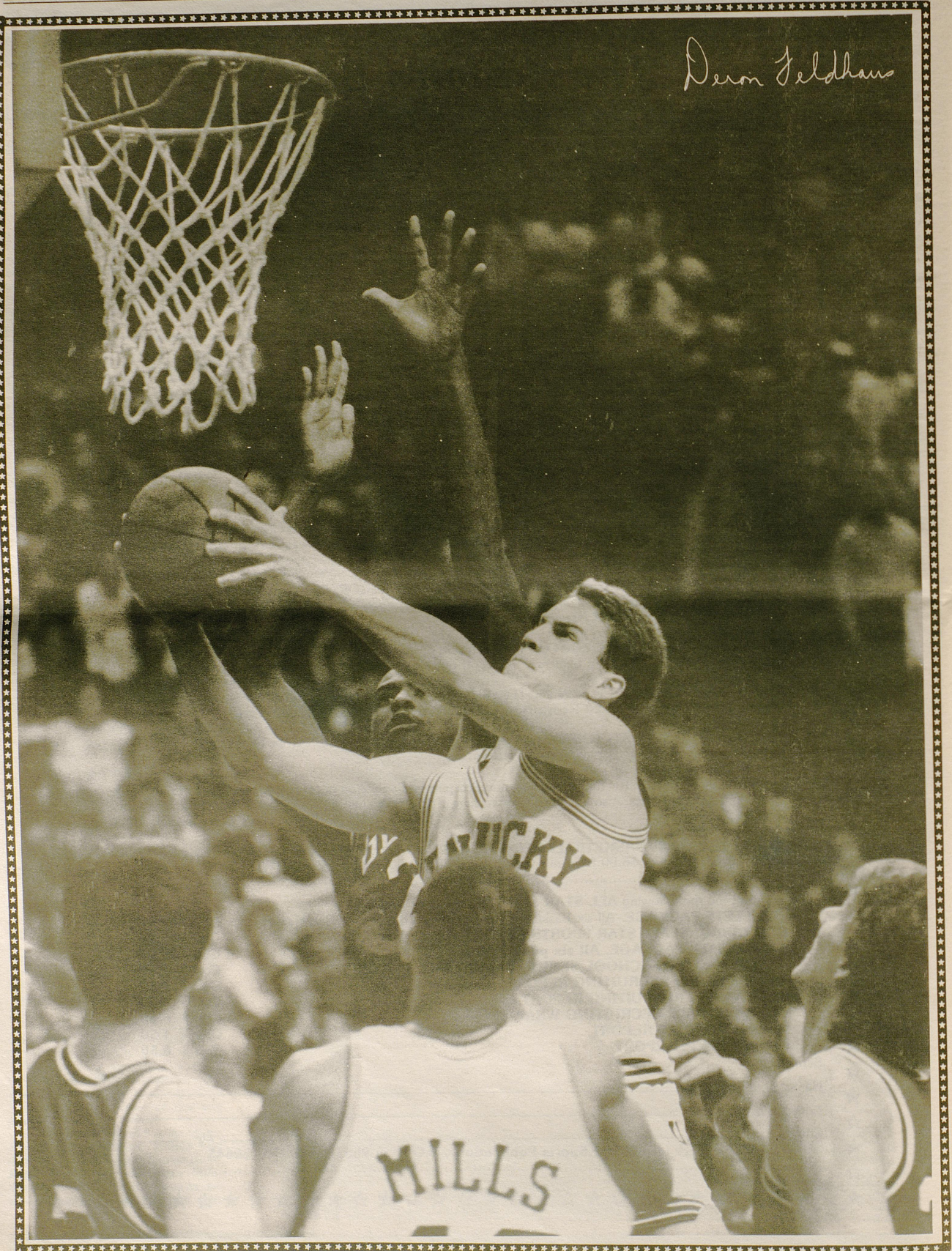
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Devin Feldhaus

Mills' was only triple-double in UK's long history

But several Wildcats have come close

The triple-double—19 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists—recorded by freshman Chris Mills in the University of Kentucky's 85-77 victory over Austin Peay Dec. 27, 1988, in Louisville must go down as one of the most amazing



Russell Rice
Cats' Pause Columnist

feats in the long and storied history of Wildcat basketball.

Extensive research of available records has led to the conclusion that no other Wildcat ever accomplished the feat. There have been myriads of double-doubles, but those were either points-rebounds or assists-points combinations.

In order to accomplish a rare triple-double, an athlete obviously must have the height and timing of a rebounder, the touch of a shooter and the vision and floor sense of a point guard, along with all the other necessary skills.

Since the university started incorporating "Most Assists—Season" in 1966 ("Most Assists—Single Game" was included after Dirk Minniefield registered 13 against Mississippi State in 1980), the first player to come close to that feat was Charles "Cotton" Nash, a 6-foot-5 forward who set scoring records and was an ace rebounder during his three varsity years (1962, '63, '64) at UK. Although he excelled in those two areas, Nash was also a fine passer, totaling 199 career assists. His flirt with triple-double fame came when he scored 18 points, pulled down 18 rebounds and handed off eight assists against Dartmouth in 1963.

Scotty Baesler, a 5-11 guard who fed the ball to Nash, recorded 112 assists in 1962, when he averaged 10.9 points per game, but the nature of his size and position kept the rebound total to 5.1 per game.

Larry Conley, a 6-4 sophomore in 1964, was a god-send to Nash and other UK shooters, an all-purpose player who averaged in double figures in scoring in each of his three seasons at UK. In rebounding, he averaged 6.0 per game, with a high of 12 vs. Ole Miss in 1964, 4.6 with a high of 10 vs. Ole Miss in 1965, and 5.6 with a high of 12 vs. Notre Dame in 1966.

Possessed with passing skills often compared to those of guard-forward Cliff Barker, the "Magician" of the Fabulous Five fame, Conley led the Wildcats in assists with 112 (4.1 avg.) in 1964, 81 (3.2 avg.) in 1965, and 100 (3.4 avg.) in 1966.

His career mark of 293 assists in 81 games was considered so outstanding at the time that a new statistical entry, "Most Assists—Career," was included in the 1966-67 UK basketball facts book.

Although no records of "Most Assists—Game" were listed in the book at the time, research dug up only one game in which Conley turned in a two-digit assist performance. That was in an opening victory over Iowa in 1964, when he registered 10 assists and scored 18 points, but fell short of a triple by pulling down only six rebounds. There were several other occasions when Conley scored and rebounded in double figures, but fell short on assists.

The same held true for Mike Casey and Mike Pratt, both 6-4, who came to UK with Dan Issel in the late 1960s. Casey started at both guard and forward while Pratt was a true forward with guard capabilities. Adolph Rupp often said Pratt was one of the strongest players he ever coached.

During their sophomore year (1968), Pratt led in assists with 82, rebounded at an 8.2 clip and averaged



Making history

After extensive research of available records, we have reached the conclusion that Chris Mills (left), with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in UK's 85-77 victory over Austin Peay Dec. 27, 1988, in Louisville, has scored the only triple-double—double figures in three categories during one game—in Wildcat basketball history.

Several Wildcats have come close to accomplishing that feat, but the rebounding column invariably trips up the backcourt boys while high-scoring and rebounding front-liners stumble in the assists category. Here are some of those close ones:

- Cotton Nash—18 pts., 18 rebs., 8 assts. vs. Dartmouth, '63.
- Larry Conley—18 pts., 6 rebs., 10 assts. vs. Iowa, '64.
- Mike Pratt—26 pts., 11 rebs., 8 assts. vs. Ole Miss, '70.
- Mike Casey—17 pts., 8 rebs., 10 assts. vs. Alabama, '71.
- Tom Parker—24 pts., 12 rebs., 8 assts. vs. West Virginia, '71.
- Larry Steele—17 pts., 14 rebs., 7 assts. vs. LSU, '71.
- Stan Key—23 pts., 3 rebs., 10 assts. vs. Auburn, '72.
- Jim Andrews—23 pts., 12 rebs., 7 assts. vs. Alabama, '72.
- Kevin Grevey—30 pts., 14 rebs., 6 assts. vs. Austin Peay, '73.
- Jack Givens—20 pts., 13 rebs., 6 assts. vs. TCU, '76.
- Dirk Minniefield—15 pts., 5 rebs., 11 assts. vs. Butler, '83.

14.1 points per game, while Casey had 62 assists, averaged 7.7 rebounds and 20.1 points. Casey led in assists the following year with 129, along with 7.3 rebounds and 19.1 points. Pratt had 100 assists and averages of 8.1 rebounds and 8.9 scoring.

Casey missed the following season after receiving a broken leg in a summer auto accident. Pratt led in assists with 99, rebound at an 8.8 clip with 11 games in double figures and a 16.9 scoring average, hitting double figures in all but four games.

Casey returned the following year, but was not up to previous standards as he totaled 69 assists while averaging 7.3 rebounds and 17.0 points.

Despite such impressive statistics, Casey was the only one of the two to reach double figures in assists, registering 10 against Alabama in 1971. He also scored 17 points, but was two rebounds short of a triple-double in that game. Pratt's closest effort was an 11-rebound, 26-point, eight-assist performance against Ole Miss in 1970. Issel finished practically every game of his career in double figures, both in scoring and rebounding, but like Nash, those categories and not assists were his forte.

In 1971, forward Tom Parker had 12 rebounds, 24 points and eight assists against West Virginia while his running mate Larry Steele had 14 rebounds, 17 points and seven assists vs. LSU.

In the last home game of the 1972 season, which also was the last home game for Rupp, Stan Key had the magical 10 assists, hit seven of nine from the field and nine of 10 from the line for 23 points, but fell short of the big triple with three rebounds, which wasn't bad for a 6-3 guard. In a memorable moment, Key and Rupp hugged on the sideline as Rupp sent in a substitute near the end of the game.

In a game against Alabama that year, three Wildcats had seven assists each. Center Jim Andrews also contributed 12 rebounds and 23 points, while guards Bob McCowan and Key had 10 and nine points, respectively, with few rebounds.

The closest All-American Kevin Grevey came to the magic triple was a 14-rebound, 30-point, six-assist game vs. Austin Peay in the 1973 Midwest Regional. Jack "Goose" Givens had a 13-rebound, 20-point, six-assist game vs. TCU in 1976.

The legendary playmaking guard Kyle Macy, who set a then-record 178 assists in 1979, and a career record of 470 assists in 98 games, recorded double figures in assists four times, with 10 each vs. SMU and Auburn in 1987, West Texas in 1979, and Tennessee in 1980. He scored in double figures in the SMU, West Texas and Tennessee games, but his rebound totals were way off the mark.

As a freshman during Macy's senior year, Minniefield,

a talented point guard from Lexington Lafayette, tallied 126 assists, second to Macy's 163. Minniefield then led the team with 151, 188 and 188 assists, respectively, the next three years.

After working into the starting lineup in mid-January of his freshman season, Minniefield set a UK record with 13 assists in an 89-67 win over Mississippi State. He also scored 14 points and snared five rebounds.

As a sophomore, Minniefield had 10 points, three rebounds and 11 assists vs. Maine and 11 points, two rebounds and 10 assists vs. LSU. He had 10 assists each against Jacksonville and Vanderbilt the following year, scoring double figures in each game, but falling short on rebounds. The same was true in his senior season, when he scored 15 points and had five rebounds and 11 assists against Butler and 10 points, one rebound and 14 assists, tying his own record, against Villanova.

Minniefield's career mark of 498 assists was broken six years later by Roger Harden, a playmaking guard who tallied 646 in a four-year career. The leader in assists in Harden's sophomore season was Dicky Beal, whose 181 total included a 14-assist game against Brigham Young in NCAA regional play in 1984. Harden had 10 assists in one game and 11 in another that season, but was far short in the other two categories.

Harden's best assist totals in 1985 were 12 vs. Tennessee and 10 vs. Georgia. He scored in double figures, but had only one rebound in each game. He had 10 points and 12 assists vs. Tennessee the following season and was in double figures in assists on three other occasions in his senior season.

Freshman Rex Chapman was the leader in 1987 with 103 assists. Although he was a fine scorer and rebounder, Chapman didn't come close to a triple-double. That held true last season for Chapman (117 assists), who finished second to Davender (131) in assists. Davender had 10 assists vs. Alabama, but he only scored one point and pulled down a single rebound in that game.

In retrospect, it is disappointing that records of assists and rebounds were so late in coming, because one can not help but wonder how such great former Wildcats as Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, Wah Wah Jones, Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey, etc., would have fared.

□ **CONTRARY TO PUBLISHED REPORTS**, Rex Chapman, with a 16.0 scoring average in 1987, was not the first and only freshman to lead UK in scoring. In fact, two other Wildcat freshmen—William King in 1921 and Bob Brannum in 1944—led their teams in scoring long before Chapman appeared on the UK scene.

King was fresh out of Lexington Senior High, where
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Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

Don't tell me to seek professional help. I've already done that, in a way.

One Sunday I was about to enter my all-time favorite bookseller (okay, a free plug; it's called Hawley-Cooke and their store that causes my trouble is in the Shelbyville Road Mall in eastern Jefferson County).

My professional help was gratis, courtesy of Dr. Stan Frager. If you follow the basketball teams of either the University of Louisville or the University of Kentucky, you may know him. The Louisville psychologist has worked with both teams, trying to make better free-throw shooters out of the Wildcats and Cardinals.

Anyway, as we were about to enter the bookstore, Frager asked me, "Do you have your list?"

I had a puzzled look.

"If I don't have everything that I want to buy on a list," he said, "I'll buy everything in the store."

That made me feel better. If a trained psychologist can't control himself, how can I?

Oh, I haven't asked if you are a reader. I know you are or we wouldn't be meeting like this.

I got lucky at the bookstore the other day. Outside, they display older books that have been discounted. I found a Red Smith book with a \$1.98 tag on it. Anything Red Smith ever wrote is worth more than that, so it was a bargain and I of course bought it. The bookstore, mind you, is in my pocket before I even get inside!

It's called, "To Absent Friends from Red Smith," and it's a collection of his columns from The New York Times, Women's Wear Daily and the glorious old and much-lamented New York Herald Tribune, which was the best paper ever allowed to die.

If you love Thoroughbred racing, you'll salivate at the three columns on the late Joe Palmer, a UK English professor who became the greatest racing writer ever.

Enjoy these lines from one of Red's columns on Palmer:

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"Inhuman?" Joe shouted. "Of course it's inhuman. And that stuff we saw tonight—that's unchicken."

It's hard now to appreciate the magnitude of Centre College's Prayin' Colonels' victory over Harvard, but keep this in mind: It was voted the biggest upset in the first half century of college football.

When the Prayin' Colonels went to Harvard, fans wondered if the Centre players really did pray. One of

the game officials, who overheard coach Charley Moran's pre-game talk, confirmed that it was so:

"They came out looking grim and exalted. This one was rubbing his eyes with a big fist and that one's shots, he doesn't score, he doesn't rebound — and the face was tear-streaked. Bo McMillin was the last out. He was blubbing a little. He saw us officials and stopped.

"Mistah," he said, 'out theh on that field today you're gonna see the G- d----- bunch of prayin' Southern s--- a b----- you've ever seen in your life!'"

It's writing that you just can't get these days. Thanks, Red.

BAD NEWS — UK insiders tell me that the university's probers have uncovered violations — and will pass them on to the NCAA in its report — much more damaging than those the NCAA alleged. Stay tuned.

RISE & FALL — That's what the Cats do with LeRon Ellis. If he plays well, they win; if he plays poorly, it's another "L" for the Big Blue.

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team loses.

You want proof? Just look it up. Take Alabama, for instance. He got only seven shots. He got one rebound. That's O-N-E. And the Cats lost 76-64. The big guy was sick, but in 32 minutes, more than one ball will bounce to you.

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MR. VITALE — Louise Smith, 1516 Applwood Lane, Louisville 40222, is no Dick Vitale fan. The floor is hers:

"Sometime ago you expressed a similar point of view to that given by Dick Vitale at the opening basketball game of the season. I do not agree with his suggestion nor do I enjoy his color analysis of the game. Basketball is entertaining enough without an announcer feeling that he must be cutesy.

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In Billy Packer, Wildcats have a man in their corner

Says U of L fans have been understanding

Recent decisions by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) have sent a mixed message to Billy Packer, the color analyst on college basketball games for CBS-TV.



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

Packer, however, has seen one point emphasized in all of the recent NCAA probes into wrongdoing at different schools.

"If you are investigated and you are guilty, you better admit it," said Packer. "When the NCAA has found somebody that did something wrong and then lied about it they have really come down hard."

Packer was impressed recently when Barry Switzer, Oklahoma's football coach, denied any knowledge of the rules the Sooners had broken that landed them a three-year probation.

"Barry Switzer denied any knowledge of the problems forcefully enough that I certainly wouldn't want to challenge him," said Packer. "But the violations did take place. I don't know what that means."

He understands why the NCAA is trying to enforce its rules. However, he's not convinced some violations should even be in the rule book.

For instance, he thinks recruits should visit and meet former players when they are choosing a school. He thinks that should be mandatory. Instead, it is currently a violation.

"A Kentucky coach took a kid to see Dan Issel's farm and that ends up being a violation," said Packer. "That's ridiculous. Why isn't it in the best interest of the prospective player to visit and talk with former athletes? I think it is imperative they get to meet every former player and see how the school prepared them for life."

"Instead of a violation, it should be a requirement. Show the kid the good and bad of what the program has done the last few years. I think universities ought to have to publish a list of where all former players from the past 10 years are and what they are doing."

Packer doesn't like the situation at Kentucky. The current NCAA probe has tarnished the image of one of the nation's best programs.

"This isn't a good situation for Kentucky," said Packer. "Kentucky has a great history in basketball but this is not a time it will enjoy. They have had so much success."

Packer won't speculate on how long it might take UK to recover from the NCAA allegations because he doesn't know what the final outcome will be.

"At this stage no one knows what it is Kentucky will be trying to get over," said Packer. "If there are severe penalties, obviously it will take longer to recover."

"Kentucky will always be able to recruit good players. Even if it gets the worst possible penalties Kentucky would be in a better position to rebuild than any program I know."

"It's unfortunate so much has been said and written before the investigation was finished. But that comes with the territory at Kentucky. One of the reasons Kentucky basketball is so big is all the interest in the program. If you enjoy the positive things that creates you have to put up with the negatives."

Still, Packer was so upset by some of the negatives that during halftime of the UK-Louisville game he made a plea for justice for UK Coach Eddie Sutton and his staff. He basically asked that Sutton not be judged guilty until all the evidence has been weighed

and a ruling made by the NCAA.

"It's time someone realizes UK hasn't been found guilty of anything yet," said Packer. "Sutton has a clean record and is respected around the country. I just don't like the way some media members have crucified him because they think he is guilty."

Packer admires the way Kentucky fans have continued to support the Wildcats this season. However, he's been even more amazed by the attitude of Louisville fans toward Kentucky.

"I listen to a lot of (radio) talk shows and I've been impressed with the way Louisville fans have handled this situation," said Packer. "Kentucky basketball is an institution but I would hope that if adversity ever hits Louisville that the Kentucky fans would be as gracious as what the Louisville fans have been."

"I've been impressed with the comments and tone of things I have heard, especially when I listen to WHAS (in Louisville). The Louisville fans have been mostly understanding and compassionate. That has surprised me a little bit."

NO ONE is a bigger fan of amazing LSU freshman Chris Jackson than teammate Ricky Blanton, an All-Southeastern Conference performer himself last year.

"He's our triple threat," said Blanton. "He can shoot, drive or pass. That's a huge asset. It's just hard for anyone to stop him for a whole game. If you put pressure on him he has the quickness to go around you or the court awareness to find the open man. And if you don't pressure him, he'll just take the jump shot."

"You don't stop a player like Chris Jackson. You just let him go and he goes. We aren't surprised by anything he does now."

Blanton, though, has been surprised by Kentucky's spirited play in the SEC.

"Kentucky is probably the surprise team in the SEC this year," said Blanton. "Their biggest assets right now are that they play hard and play together. It showed because they actually had a chance to blow us out the first half."

"Kentucky isn't that big and strong inside like it has been. But you are not going to stop LeRon Ellis inside when he gets the ball. He's too big, strong and agile for anybody in the SEC."

"Kentucky is well disciplined and can exploit your weaknesses. They are still going to be a big factor in the SEC race and I think that is a real credit to Coach Sutton and his staff considering all they have been going through."

QUARTERBACK JEFF Brohm of Trinity is one player UK Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff would love to sign. And if veteran high school sports writer Bob White of Louisville is even close in his assessment of Brohm's talent, it's easy to see why.

"I think he is the best player to come out of Louisville since Paul Hornung," said White, who covers high school sports for The Courier-Journal. "He's just a tremendous player."

Hornung went to Notre Dame where he earned All-America honors and won the Heisman Trophy. After that he became an All-Pro performer with the world champion Green Bay Packers.

Kentucky and Louisville are considered the leaders in the battle for Brohm. Louisville, though, may have too many advantages for UK to overcome.

Brohm's brother signed with the Cardinals last year after being ignored by Kentucky. Brohm's father and uncle also played at Louisville. Add the Cards' 8-3 record last season and Coach Howard Schnellenberger's reputation for developing quarterbacks and it's easy to see why many think UK is fighting an uphill battle.

The Cats have already lost one quality quarterback. Jody Dickerson of Sto Rox, Pa., cancelled his visit to UK and announced he would sign with Michigan State.

UK also lost the battle for speedy running back Aaron Payne of Louisville. Payne made a verbal commitment to attend Ohio State last week.

The 5-10, 170-pound Payne cancelled visits to Tennessee and Florida after returning from Ohio State. He had visited UK and Purdue.

Payne rushed for 3,149 yards and scored 41 touchdowns the last two seasons. He won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes at last year's Class AAA track meet and plans to run track at Ohio State.

WHEN A player misses a key shot or fails to make a clutch play, he has to answer to the media.

If a coach makes a blunder, he has to take the heat from the press.

So why shouldn't officials be available after a college basketball game to explain their decisions?

"I've always felt the officials should be responsible and attend a press conference like coaches do," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "I've strongly advocated that before. There's nothing wrong with making officials explain their calls to the media so the media can explain to fans what happened."

Now they'll have to. Or at least they will at the Southeastern Conference Tournament. In a unique experiment the SEC has announced it would allow a "pool" reporter to question referees after tourney games in March. If the experiment is successful, the policy would become effective for all league games next season.

"It's been a concern that officials be held accountable to communicate and explain why a call was or wasn't made," said John Guthrie, an associate commissioner and supervisor of officials for the SEC. "We feel like this is a positive step in that direction."

Five other SEC coaches — Don DeVoe of Tennessee, Ed Murphy of Mississippi, Norm Sloan of Florida, Hugh Durham of Georgia and Richard Williams of Mississippi State — favor making officials available to the media. C.M.

DeVoe sympathizes with the job officials have trying to call college games. He's not even sure four or five officials could make every call. But he would like to see officials explain controversial decisions after a game ends.

"They probably should have to stand up (to the media) just like coaches and players do," said DeVoe. "I think it would help if officials had to answer a few questions. It would be good for them to face the scrutiny of the media."

Sutton and Georgia's Durham certainly would have liked to have heard officials explain decisions that were made, or not made, in recent losses to LSU and Vanderbilt, respectively.

"Mistakes made by players and coaches are magnified late in a game because you don't have time to recover," said Sutton. "It's the same way for officials. That's why it is so important for officials to concentrate on their jobs. Officials late in a game have to make sure they make the proper calls."

Durham agrees that any official can miss a call. The good ones understand that and let a coach voice his displeasure. The other ones are not so lenient in Durham's opinion.

"Most technical fouls come after a coach feels an official missed an obvious call," said the Georgia coach. "A coach sees a call he's totally convinced was wrong and protests. If it is a quality official, he'll let the coach have his say. If not, he'll try to show the coach who is boss and slap a technical on him. That's just the way it is. It's not right but that's the way it is."

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(18-game totals, through games of Jan. 21)

Overall: 9-9		Home: 5-4		Away: 2-2		Neutral: 2-3		SEC: 4-2							
player	g-gs	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	tp-avg.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk.	stl.	min.
LeRon Ellis.....	18-17	125-232	53.9	0-1	00.0	66-93	71.0	316-17.6	93-5.2	59-2	27	47	21	27	580
Derrick Miller.....	18-15	93-181	51.4	33-76	43.4	30-41	73.2	249-13.8	48-2.7	36-2	32	35	1	14	485
Chris Mills.....	18-18	96-196	49.0	8-27	29.6	38-59	64.4	238-13.2	148-8.2	56-2	52	63	15	24	610
Reggie Hanson.....	18-18	78-150	52.0	0-0	00.0	44-58	75.9	200-11.1	91-5.1	60-2	32	32	17	27	608
Sean Sutton.....	17-17	26-69	37.7	3-11	27.3	17-32	53.1	57-3.6	29-1.7	40-1	88	43	0	19	551
Richie Farmer.....	16-0	16-52	30.8	10-33	30.3	15-18	83.3	57-3.6	14-9	15-0	7	5	0	2	157
Mike Scott.....	18-4	18-46	39.1	0-0	00.0	11-14	78.6	47-2.6	48-2.7	27-0	17	15	9	5	236
John Pelphrey.....	10-1	9-15	60.0	2-3	66.7	4-6	66.7	24-2.4	14-1.4	17-0	15	12	0	2	139
Deron Feldhaus.....	18-0	16-40	40.0	1-1	100.0	8-13	61.5	41-2.3	43-2.4	14-0	8	22	3	5	219
Jeff Ginnan.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	1-2	50.0	1-0.5	2-1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Chris Jones.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	2-2	100.0	2-1.0	1-0.5	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Johnathan Davis.....	6-0	1-2	50.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	2-0.3	4-0.7	2-0	0	5	0	1	11
Anthony Mathis*.....	2-0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	00.0	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
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*Walk-on Anthony Mathis is academically ineligible

KENTUCKY SCHEDULE, RESULTS

Date	Record	UK	Opp.	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Att. (Site)
Nov. 19	0-1	55	80	Duke	-25	LeRon Ellis, 17	Chris Mills, 11	8,908 (N)
Nov. 25	1-1	56	54	Iona	+2	LeRon Ellis, 22	Mike Scott, 7	3,765 (N)
Nov. 26	1-2	60	63	Seton Hall	-3	Chris Mills, 21	Reggie Hanson, 6	3,250 (N)
Nov. 28	2-2	89	71	California	+18	Derrick Miller, 36	LeRon Ellis, 8	3,652 (N)
Dec. 3	2-3	65	81	Notre Dame	-16	LeRon Ellis, 22	Reggie Hanson, 7	45,214 (N)
Dec. 7	2-4	82	85	NORTHWESTERN (LA.) ST.	-3	LeRon Ellis, 37	Reggie Hanson, 8	18,932 (H)
Dec. 10	3-4	78	60	WESTERN CAROLINA	+18	LeRon Ellis, 19	Mike Scott, 5	18,253 (H)
Dec. 16	3-5	54	56	BOWLING GREEN	-2	Reggie Hanson, 14	Chris Mills, 15	20,875 (H)
Dec. 17	4-5	91	78	MARSHALL	+13	LeRon Ellis, 33	Chris Mills, 20	18,945 (H)
Dec. 20	4-6	52	75	INDIANA	-23	Chris Mills, 22	Chris Mills, 11	23,212 (H)
Dec. 27	5-6	85	77	AUSTIN PEAY	+8	LeRon Ellis, 23	Chris Mills, 10	18,178 (*H)
Dec. 31	5-7	75	97	Louisville	-22	Derrick Miller, 34	Chris Mills, 10	19,502 (A)
Jan. 4	6-7	76	65	GEORGIA	+11	Reggie Hanson, 20	Chris Mills, 12	21,209 (H)
Jan. 7	7-7	70	61	VANDERBILT	+9	Derrick Miller, 27	LeRon Ellis, 10	23,338 (H)
Jan. 12	8-7	69	56	Florida	+13	Derrick Miller, 30	Derrick Miller, 8	11,751 (A)
Jan. 14	8-8	62	64	LSU	-2	LeRon Ellis, 20	Chris Mills, 11	24,288 (H)
Jan. 18	8-9	64	76	Alabama	-12	Derrick Miller, 19	Chris Mills, 7	15,043 (A)
Jan. 21	9-9	66	65	Tennessee	+1	Derrick Miller, 23	Chris Mills, 7	24,464

*Dec. 27 game vs. Austin Peay was played in Louisville's Freedom Hall but is counted as a home game

^New Rupp Arena attendance record

✓SEC record

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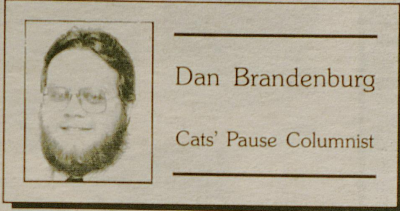
Jan. 25	AUBURN (H)
Jan. 28	Ole Miss (A)
Feb. 1	MISSISSIPPI STATE (H)
Feb. 5	Georgia (A)
Feb. 8	Vanderbilt (A)
Feb. 11	FLORIDA (H)
Feb. 15	LSU (A)
Feb. 18	ALABAMA (H)
Feb. 20	Auburn (A)
Feb. 22	TENNESSEE (H)
Feb. 26	Syracuse (A)
Mar. 1	OLE MISS (H)
Mar. 4	Mississippi State (A)
Mar. 9-12	SEC tournament (Knoxville)



Freshman ineligible rule next best thing to Prop 42

My buddies Earl and Bubba would agree

I WAS TALKING to Bubba and Earl over a burger and brew down at the pool room the other day when our conversation naturally turned to sports.



Dan Brandenburg
Cats' Pause Columnist

(Bubba and Earl only talk about tobacco, sports and women. And since I'm a faithful husband and the only thing I know about tobacco is that cigarettes come 20 to a pack, the twist was not unexpected.)

And like everyone else in the Commonwealth who talks about sports, they brought up the University of Kentucky's basketball woes.

Bubba and Earl don't know anything about season tickets, but they are faithful followers of Cawood and Ralph and also catch the Cats on the tube when the antenna is turned just so and the wind isn't blowing too hard.

They were all worried about UK getting placed on probation if it's found guilty in the current NCAA investigation when I brought up Propositions 42 and 48 and how these regulations might also affect the Cats' future.

Bubba and Earl took off their John Deere hats and scratched their heads.

THEY DON'T READ the newspapers much and they think all of the television announcers are a bunch of fancy-pants. They hadn't heard of these new-fangled rules but if they were going to hurt their beloved Wildcats, they wanted to know all about them.

"Order a couple more Grizzly-burgers and another round," I told them. "This could take a while."

I continued. "It seems the NCAA has decided that high school athletes must get at least C's on their report card and then make an average score on one of the college entrance tests to be eligible to get a scholarship. This rule is called Proposition 48.

"In the past few years, though, if you either couldn't get C's or couldn't make the grade on the test, the NCAA would let you go to school on scholarship anyway but you had to sit out a season. They called these kids 'partial-qualifiers'."

Bubba and Earl's brows were furrowed. They hadn't had much schooling, but they said those rules didn't seem too unreasonable.

I told them about UK-signees Johnny Pittman and Reggie Hanson, both partial-qualifiers. UK decided it didn't want Pittman after all and now he's playing for former UK assistant Leonard Hamilton at Oklahoma State. The Cats did keep Hanson, who is now starting for them.

I ALSO MENTIONED Shawn Kemp and Sean Woods, who both fit the partial-qualifier mold. Kemp is now headed for junior college, while Woods is playing student this year and can suit up for the Cats next season.

I also brought up Eric Manuel, who is sitting out this season because there are some questions about his test scores.

"Just think," I said, "What if Eddie Sutton could bring in 7-footer Pittman or 6-11 Kemp to spell LeRon Ellis instead of having to rely on Mike Scott.

"What if Manuel could take turns with Derrick Miller on bombing from long range and what if Woods could substitute for Sean Sutton at point guard?"

Bubba and Earl, who are not easily impressed, were aghast at the thought of having all that talent on one team.

But then I dropped the bad news. Proposition 42 would eliminate partial-qualifiers. You either make the grade and get the scholarship or you don't. No sitting out a year or anything in-between.

Bubba and Earl's reaction was shocking, at best. "I sure would like to have some of those players, but they at least ought to be able to read and write," said Bubba, summing up a high school education into two distinct skills.

"Hell, I think so, too," said Earl. "How in the world are these kids going to pass those con-founded college classes if they can't get C's in high school?"

"IF THEY DON'T get no learning in high school, then they're sure not going to get any in college. And then what are they going to do when they can't play basketball anymore? Start raising tobacco?" said Bubba, answering his own question with the voice of experience.

I told them that I agreed with Props 42 and 48. If the kids can't do even average work in high school, they probably will fare even worse in college.

"It seems like a shame to just leave these kids out in the cold, though," said Earl. "Ain't there anything that can be done so they can get their grades up and still play ball?"

I told them that these new rules would give the blue-chip high school stars a little more incentive to work harder off the court.

I added that one of the best solutions I had heard was to simply make freshmen ineligible. Let them go to school for a year first and then let them play sports if they can make the grades. This way, you also get around some of the cheating on tests that invariably happens.

Bubba and Earl nodded their heads in agreement. They looked satisfied with my solution.

"Hey, Earl, did you see that blonde that just walked in?" Bubba said.

Earl tipped his cap back for a better perspective and simply nodded his approval.

I knew it was my time to leave.

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MORE ON PROP 42

In case you are wondering how the Kentucky schools felt about the proposal, Western Kentucky, Murray State, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and Louisville all voted against it while Kentucky voted for it at the recent NCAA convention.

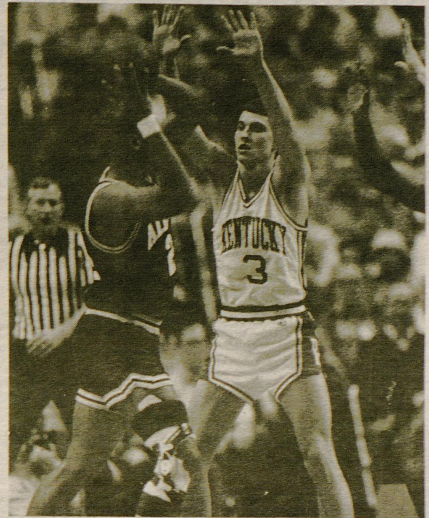
The Metro, SEC and Sunbelt conferences all voted for the proposal. The Ohio Valley Conference voted against it.

However, SEC commissioner Harvey Schiller appears to have had a change of heart after casting the "yes" vote.

"I think one of the reasons for asking that it be delayed (until August 1990) was there may be some reconsideration," Schiller said. "Now that there is debate, it is demonstrating a need to make sure the legislation is more sensitive and understanding."

Proposition 42 was written and sponsored by the SEC, which has voted to follow its guidelines as a conference even if the NCAA as a whole didn't follow suit.

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Rex Chapman

THE CHARLOTTE HORNETS are leading the NBA this season in attendance with an average crowd of 22,914, more than 4,000 above the team's own projections, and former UK star Rex Chapman has got to share some of the credit.

No expansion team has ever averaged more than 8,000 fans per game and the Hornets have already drawn over 100,000 more fans than the Dallas Mavericks did in 1980-81, their first season.

Fourteen of the team's 19 home games have sold out and the crowds have been called the loudest in the league.

"In my years with the Lakers, they didn't sell out a 17,000-seat building (on a regular basis) until last year," Hornet center Kurt Rambis said. "They're averaging 5,000 more than that here."

Talk about the ultimate compliment.

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SHORT TAKES

In the Bad News Department for Claiborne, another one of the Commonwealth's top football recruits has gone north.

Aaron Payne, a 5-10, 175-pound running back for Louisville Holy Cross, has announced he will sign a national letter of intent Feb. 8 to play at Ohio State.

Payne rushed for 1,900 yards as a junior and gained 1,325 more last season. He also plans to run track at OSU as he is the reigning Kentucky state high school champion in the 100 (10.3 seconds), 200 (21.1) and 400 (47.8).

Payne would become the fastest player on the Ohio State roster with his clocking of 4.35 in the 40.

In the Good News Department for Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne, Duce Williams of Bethel Park, Pa., has said he'll sign with the Cats. The 6-foot, 190-pound running back picked UK over Rutgers and Virginia Tech.

Congrats are in order for UK volleyball coach Kathy DeBoer, who will be an assistant coach for the women's World University Games volleyball team that will compete in San Paulo, Brazil, in

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'Cats pull together, upset

UK overcomes 'Knoxville Jinx' with bench play and great shooting in win over ice-cold Volunteers

By TCP associate editor Mike Estep

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Judging from the way the Kentucky players poured onto the court in celebration following their win over Tennessee Saturday night—a massive pile of high-fiving and back-slapping at midcourt, Derrick Miller prancing around pumping his right fist triumphantly in the air—you would have thought the 66-65 upset they had just pulled over the 18th-ranked Volunteers was the biggest win of their college careers.

It probably was.
For starters, they had just overcome the dreaded Knoxville Jinx for only the third time in 17 tries. Considered the favorite in most of those outings, only the 1978 national championship club and Eddie Sutton's 32-4 squad of 1986 had come away from K-town with a victory since 1973.
More importantly, though, it ran UK's SEC record to 4-2, just one game off the pace set by the league-leading Vols, now 5-1 and 12-3, and made up for the 64-62 Rupp Arena loss to LSU.

"I'm just happy we won," Miller, who led the 'Cats with 23 points, said, "because it's Tennessee. And it was a sellout. It can't get no better than that."

"I would think so," much-maligned Sean Sutton, Miller's partner in the backcourt, agreed. "I enjoyed the Florida win a lot, but I'd say all the talk about the jinx here and how Kentucky has problems winning here, and the fact that this really gets us back into the conference race...I'd say it's probably the biggest victory I've enjoyed at Kentucky."

THAT KENTUCKY WON the game was surprise enough. The way the 'Cats won it, though, was the real shocker:

Although UK outrebounded Tennessee 33-32 for the game, the Vols owned the offensive glass, outboarding the 'Cats 22-10 on the offensive end. And UT's in-your-face, man-to-man defense also harassed UK into 25 turnovers. All of which added up to 80 field goal attempts by Tennessee, to just 39 for Kentucky.

The Wildcats overcame that with accuracy: UK connected on 24 of its 39 attempts for 61.5 percent; the Vols couldn't throw it in the nearby Tennessee River, hitting just 18 times in 80 tries for a miserable 30.0 percent.

"Those are the shots we shoot," Tennessee coach Don DeVoe said. "We had a couple shots, they had a couple shots, that you'd rather not have, but we had the people (we wanted) taking shots."

"I thought my team played quite hard. I thought we forced a lot of turnovers. I thought we just did about everything we could do except we're a team that has been scoring in the 80s and they kept us in the 60s. That in essence was the basketball game."

"When you can't score and you keep trying and trying but the ball won't fall, why, you have a night where you lose on your home court."

Since they opened SEC play, the 'Cats had basically been a five-man team. Coach Sutton would use a player off his bench for two minutes here or three minutes there, but, for the most part, UK's fate was entirely in the hands of its starters.

NOT SO AGAINST TENNESSEE.

Because he was whistled for his third foul just eight minutes into the contest and his fourth with 10:07 left in the game, center LeRon Ellis spent almost as many minutes watching the game (19) as he did playing in it (21). Throw in foul trouble by his frontline buddies Reggie Hanson—who was limited to 27 minutes of action—and Chris Mills—who fouled out with 5:45 to go—and that meant Mike Scott and Deron Feldhaus, who heretofore were little more than extras, were thrust into starring roles.

Both responded.

"We haven't been getting very much help off the bench," coach Sutton said. "Tonight, when we had key people in foul trouble, I felt Mike Scott and Deron Feldhaus certainly came in and gave us a lift."

Feldhaus saw 23 minutes of action, contributing four rebounds and playing the tough defense that has become his calling card. But he also scored six points, including the biggest two of his career.

With only 12 ticks remaining on the Thompson-Boling Arena scoreboard and the Wildcats clinging to a precarious 64-62 advantage, Feldhaus was mugged by UK reserve Ron Taylor, sending the UK freshman to the line for a pressure-packed one-and-one attempt.

"I was pretty nervous," Feldhaus said, "because I had missed my last few free throws coming into the game."

Team	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Tennessee	5-1	.833	12-3	.800
LSU	5-2	.714	12-5	.706
Vanderbilt	5-2	.714	10-8	.555
Kentucky	4-2	.667	9-9	.500
Alabama	4-3	.571	12-4	.750
Ole Miss	3-3	.500	9-6	.600
Florida	3-4	.429	9-9	.500
Mississippi State	2-4	.333	8-7	.533
Georgia	2-5	.286	10-7	.588
Auburn	0-6	.000	7-7	.500

*thru games of Jan. 21

If he was, it didn't show. Feldhaus sank both attempts—and the Vols' chances at the same time—to give UK a near insurmountable 64-60 lead.

SCOTT'S CONTRIBUTIONS weren't nearly as dramatic, but were just as important, nonetheless.

With UK trailing 15-14 early in the first half, Chris Mills came up with a steal and fed Miller, who missed an eight-footer on the run. Ellis was whistled for an over-the-back foul, his third, which meant Scott would have to play out the remaining 12:05 of the half.

"I was really prepared before the game. I was really 'geeked up,' to use an expression a lot of us use," Scott said when asked to sum up his thoughts at the time. "I was ready to play and looking forward to it. I was just glad I had the chance."

He made the most of it, too—hitting his only shot of the half, taking a charge, grabbing a pair of rebounds, helping shut down Tennessee's inside combination of Doug Roth and Dyron Nix.

With Ellis out of the game, it was a stretch where Tennessee could have extended its lead and taken control. Instead, the Ellis-less 'Cats hung tough, regained the lead and went into intermission with a five-point advantage.

"I think everybody looked around at each other and said, 'Look, this is what we've got and we've gotta do it. This is a must win. We've got to come out of here with a victory. Someone's gotta step forward and take charge.'" Sean Sutton said. "And I thought Mike Scott came in and gave us a lot of quality minutes. He really performed when the pressure was on."

The 'Cats came out in the second half and picked up right where



Forward Reggie Hanson slams a LeRon Ellis in Hanson's defense which was a big factor in

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date: Jan. 28, 1989 Site: Knoxville, Tenn.

VISITORS (Last Name-First)	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	S	MIN			
101 TENNESSEE	66	20	14	1	1	17	23	10	33	20	6	15	25	3	1	38			
02 DERRICK MILLER	14	6	3	5	1	12	15	11	17	2	1	3	4	1	37				
11 REGGIE HANSON	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	4	11	5	4	1	2	2	21				
25 LERON ELLIS	6	5	1	2	3	1	2	4	12	4	1	2	1	2	21				
26 GARY BRYSON	0	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	14	5	5	5	2	2	36				
44 DERON MILLER	9	10	1	1	4	2	3	12	32	2	1	4	1	1	33				
17 DERON FELDHAUS	2	3	1	1	4	2	2	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	22				
21 CHRIS JONES	DNP					0	0			0	0				2				
10 BUCKLEY PEARCE	0	0				0	0			0	0				1				
22 JONATHAN DAVIS						0	0			0	0				2				
14 JOHN PALMISTRY	DNP																		
46 JEFF GILSON	DNP																		
44 MIKE SCOTT	1	2		2	2	1	3	4	17	14		2	3	2	37				
55																			
TOTALS													24	35	15	25	3	20	66
TOTAL FG %: 1st Hal. 13-19 .684													2nd Hal. 11-16 .688	Game: 61.5		Offensive Rebounds: 1			
3PM FG %: 1st Hal. 2-2 100.0													2nd Hal. 2-2 100.0	Game: 100.0		Deadball Rebounds: 1			
FT %: 1st Hal. 10-13 .769													2nd Hal. 7-9 .778	Game: 77.9					

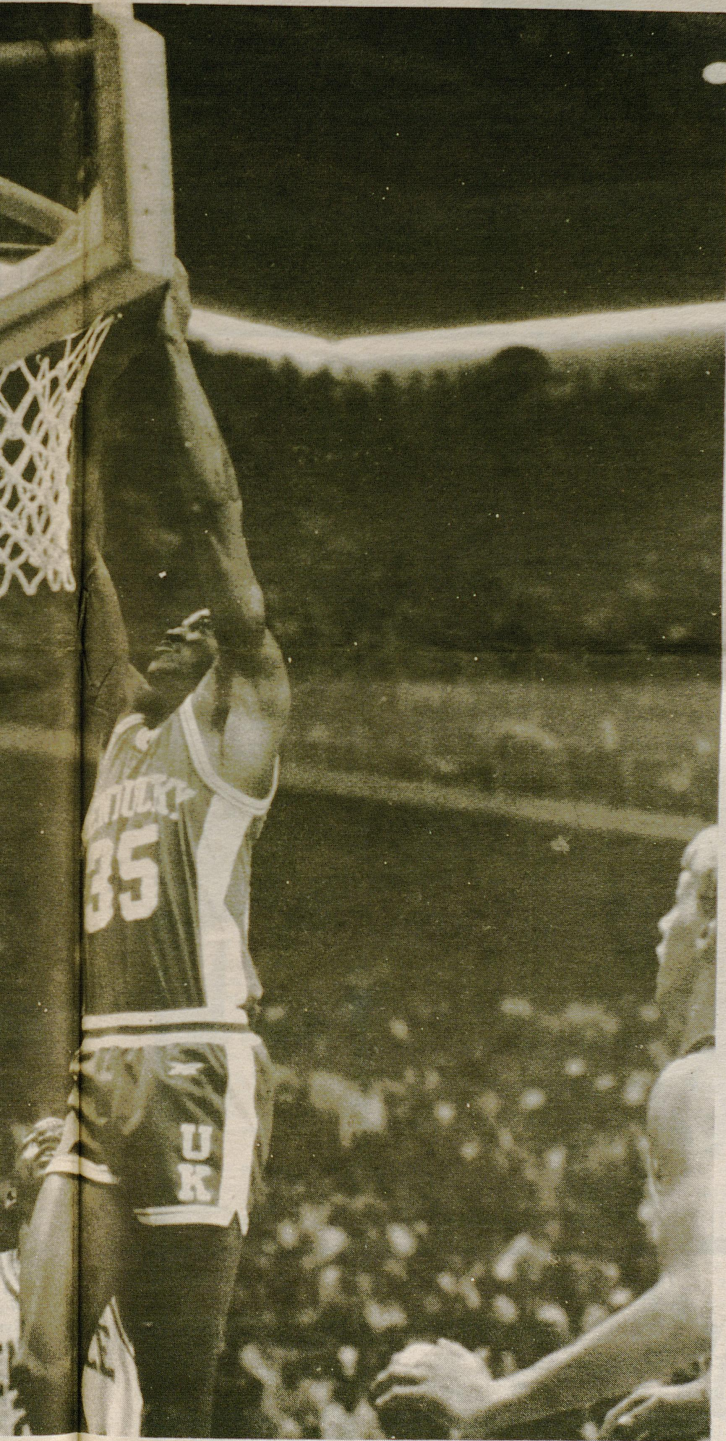
HOME (Last Name-First)	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK	FT	FTA	FG	FGA	PF	TP	A	T	BLK	S	MIN			
002 KENTUCKY	65	37	17	2	3	17	23	10	33	20	6	15	25	3	1	38			
11 DYRON NIX	2	2	2	1	1	2	10	17	5	10	3	1	1	1	15				
23 MATT WELFEN	4	7	4	4	4	3	14	5	12	1	2	1	3	2	24				
102 GARY BISH	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	10	1	2	2	1	2	22				
25 TRAVIS HENRY	2	5	2	0	1	1	1	2	14	2	2	4	2	1	22				
11 CLARENCE SWARTZENDR	2	6	5	6	1	1	1	4	9	4	2	4	2	4	22				
10 JAY BRYSON	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0					3				
13 RON TAYLOR																			
20 JOE CASTELL	DNP																		
21 ERIC SMITH	DNP																		
22 GARY BELL						7	9	6	19	2	3	1	4	0	22				
24 MICHAEL CLARK	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	23				
24 MICHAEL PEARCE	DNP																		
45 SHAWN THOMPSON	DNP																		
51 JIM LOCKHART	1	5	2	2	2	2	0	2	4	4		1	1	1	16				
TOTALS													18	35	16	23	2	16	65
TOTAL FG %: 1st Hal. 8-25 .320													2nd Hal. 10-35 .286	Game: 30.0		Offensive Rebounds: 1			
3PM FG %: 1st Hal. 4-12 .333													2nd Hal. 6-23 .261	Game: 23.1		Deadball Rebounds: 1			
FT %: 1st Hal. 10-13 .769													2nd Hal. 7-9 .778	Game: 77.9					

SCORE BY PERIOD: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT FT SHG

Technical Fouls: KENTUCKY 34 32 1 166
TENNESSEE 12 13 1 165

Officials: Don Williams, Douglas Davidson, James McDaniel

Offset UT 66-65 in K-town



LeRon Ellis miss with 2:30 left in the game to give UK a four-point lead. It was a big factor in holding Dyron Nix to just two field goals, 14 points overall. (photo by Alan Hawse)

they had left off. The Vols were still throwing up bricks against a combination of 2-3 zone and man defenses that forced them into 22.9 percent shooting in the first half. And Kentucky, with Miller leading the way and Ellis back on the court, was getting results on the offensive end out of its patient passing game.

Miller opened the scoring for Kentucky in the second half with a pair of two-point jumpers from the right baseline—one a 12-footer, one an 18-footer—to offset a free throw by Nix and a Roth layup and give Kentucky a 38-32 lead. After UT guard Clarence Swearngen and Feldhaus traded buckets, Miller went to work again, canning his only three-pointer of the game to give Kentucky its biggest bulge of the night at nine, 43-34 with 16:42 left to play.

The 'Cats abandoned their motion offense following Miller's three-pointer and went to the spread and in an effort to work the clock.

BUT KENTUCKY GOT SLOPPY, and aided by three UK turnovers and a missed layup by Mills, Tennessee put together a 5-0 mini-run to close to within 45-41 on a Nix free throw, but Ellis hit back-to-back layups—the second an alley-ooop from Mills on an inbounds play—to give Kentucky some breathing room at the 11:05 mark with a six-point, 49-43 advantage.

It didn't last long. Ellis picked up his fourth foul at the 10:07 mark and the 'Cats hit a dry spell. UK turned the ball over on four straight possessions, going scoreless for over two and a half minutes, and the Vols drew even at 49-49 on a pair of freebies by Nix with 8:55 left in the game.

Kentucky regained the lead for good at 51-49 on the strength of two Scott free throws. Tennessee kept it close the rest of the way—never falling behind by more than five—but the 'Cats kept their poise, burned an overplaying defense with backdoor cuts for some easy buckets and hit their free throws when it counted.

"My team fell down by nine points and we got back in the basketball game and I thought we were really cooking at that point," DeVoe said, "but it just wasn't enough against this Kentucky team tonight."

That's because the Kentucky team played as a team.

"If you noticed, every time the crowd would get in the game or they would come up on us, we'd do like this," Miller said, putting his arms around a couple of writers. "That means, 'Hey, we're a family, it's time to show mental toughness.' We said, 'Hey, LeRon's got four fouls. We've gotta tighten up more. Deron, Mike Scott, Richie Farmer, Johnathon Davis, those guys have got to step up.' This is their time to do something.' And I think they reacted well."

EACH TIME UT made a run, UK countered. The Vols got within a couple of points several times, but just couldn't get over the hump. They were forced to play Kentucky's game at Kentucky's tempo. And in the end, that ensured it would be Kentucky's win.

"We told our squad coming in that perhaps the biggest key in the ballgame would be the tempo, because we thought that would allow us to perhaps take the crowd out of the game and shorten the length of the game," coach Sutton said, "and I thought we did a good job from that standpoint."

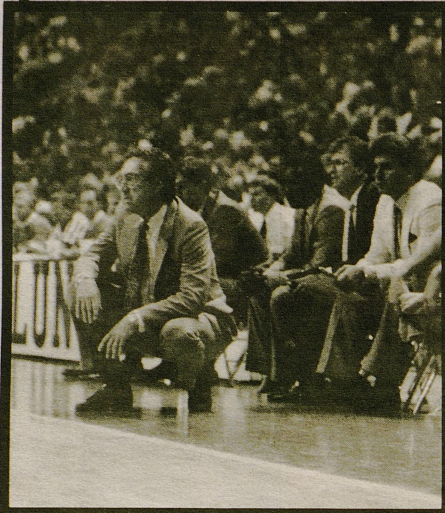
"Another key was transition defense. I think Tennessee is really a good basketball team when you allow 'em to run the floor. If you

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UK-Tennessee play-by-play

Time	Kentucky	Score	Tennessee
19:42		0-2	Henry 8 ft.
19:15	Mills 14 ft.	2-2	
18:32		2-4	Nix dunk
18:09		2-5	Swearngen FT, FTA
17:44	Ellis 9 ft.	4-5	
17:14		4-7	Roth layup
17:00	Ellis FT, FT	6-7	
16:09	Miller layup	8-7	
15:49		8-9	Nix FT, FT
15:24	Hanson 16 ft.	10-9	
14:38	Ellis 10 ft.	12-9	
14:17		12-11	Roth tip
13:29		12-13	Roth FT, FT
13:12	Ellis 8 ft.	14-13	
12:57		14-15	Henry 10 ft.
11:48	Mills layup	16-15	
11:31		16-17	Nix FT, FT
11:05	Feldhaus 6 ft.	18-17	
10:09	Mills 4 ft.	20-17	
8:51	Miller layup	22-17	
8:01		22-19	Swearngen FT, FT
7:40		22-21	Bell layup
6:48	Scott layup	24-21	
6:11		24-24	Bell 22 ft.
5:22	Sutton FT, FT	26-24	
4:54	Mills FT, FT	28-24	
4:41	Mills FT, FTA	29-24	
4:10	Hanson FTA, FT	30-24	
3:02	Miller tip	32-24	
2:36		32-27	Bell 22 ft.
2:00		32-29	Bell FT, FT
0:58	Miller FT, FT	34-29	
HALF		34-29	
19:55		34-30	Nix FT, FTA
19:33	Miller 12 ft.	36-30	
18:41		36-32	Roth layup
18:19	Miller 18 ft.	38-32	
18:08		38-34	Swearngen follow
17:15	Feldhaus 6 ft.	40-34	
16:42	Miller 21 ft.	43-34	
16:26		43-36	Swearngen 9 ft.
15:45	Miller layup	45-36	
14:45		45-38	Lockhart follow
14:28		45-40	Swearngen FT, FT
11:55		45-41	Nix FTA, FT
11:35	Ellis layup	47-41	
11:16		47-43	Lockhart FT, FT
11:05	Ellis alley-ooop layup	49-43	
10:38		49-45	Roth 8 ft.
10:07		49-47	Roth FT, FT
8:55		49-49	Nix FT, FT
8:40	Scott FT, FT	51-49	
8:09	Miller 18 ft.	53-49	
7:01		53-52	Bell 22 ft.
6:25	Mills follow layup	55-52	
5:17	Miller 8 ft.	57-52	
4:49		57-55	Bell 23 ft.
4:36	Miller layup	59-55	
3:42		59-57	Nix follow dunk
2:30	Hanson follow dunk	61-57	
2:09		61-59	Nix FT, FT
1:41	Sutton FT, FT	63-59	
0:33	Hanson FT, FTA	64-59	
0:15		64-62	Bell 21 ft.
0:12	Feldhaus FT, FT	66-62	
0:01		66-65	Bell 26 ft.
FINAL		66-65	

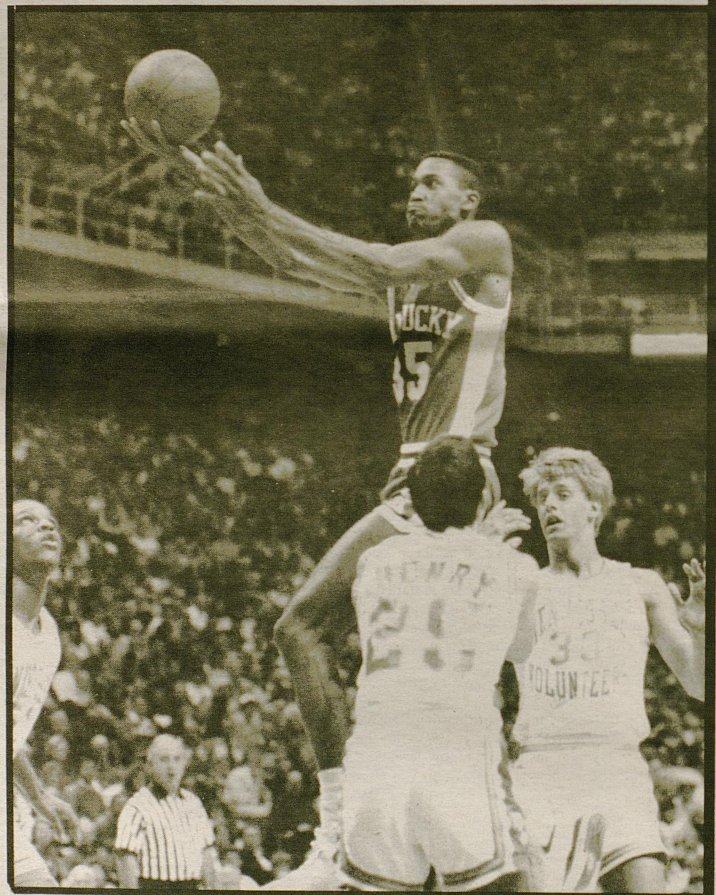
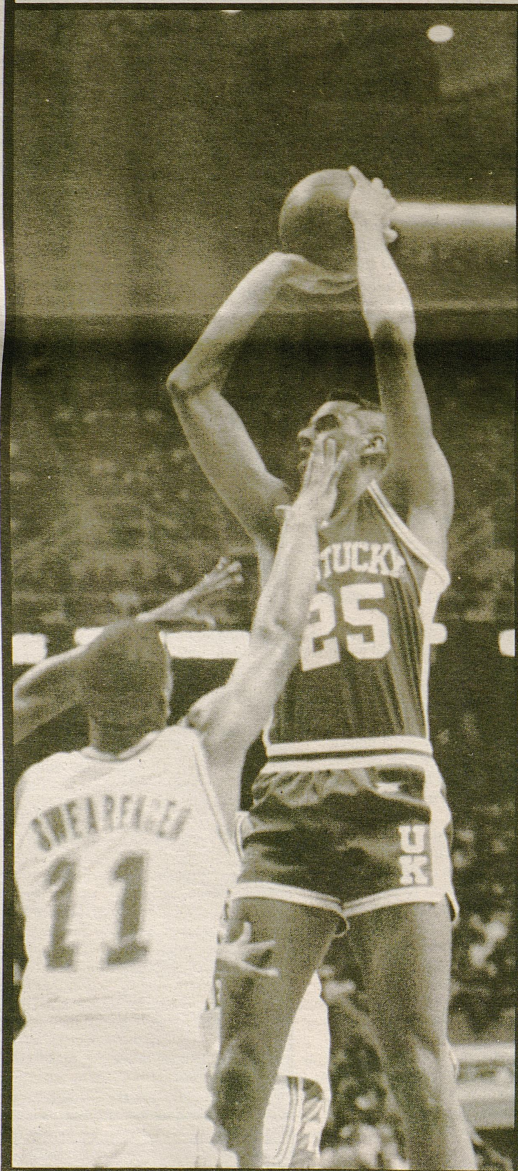
—Cats' Pause chart



UPSET SPECIAL

Top left, clockwise: Eddie Sutton gets as close to the action as he's allowed. For the second time in four years Sutton came out of K-town with a win over the Vols, this time by a 66-65 count; Chris Mills tries to get a couple of steps ahead of Tennessee's Rickey Clark; Gliding through the air with the greatest of ease is UK's Reggie Hanson; and LeRon Ellis looks to score inside. In foul trouble midway through the first half, Ellis was held to 12 points.

UK-UT photos by Alan Hawse



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College football coaches in need of pension plan

UK's Strock comments on Props 42, 49, 129

Although Proposal 42 was the focus of most of the attention at the NCAA convention recently held in San Francisco, there was another important proposal on the table for the future of the nation's college football



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coaches.

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) held its annual meeting Jan. 9-12 in Nashville—the same time the NCAA convention was going on—and its members want to get a proposal passed in order to generate a retirement fund for all NCAA football coaches at four-year colleges and universities. The new proposal is called Proposal 129 and was brought forth to the athletic directors and school presidents at the NCAA convention.

In order to generate funds for the coaches retirement fund, the AFCA has proposed a benefit game, which if approved would be played the same weekend as the Kickoff Classic. The game would be similar to the existing Kickoff Classic, with two of the top teams in the country selected to participate in Anaheim, Calif. The game would be sponsored by Disneyland and administered by the Freedom Bowl staff at Anaheim Stadium.

"From what I understand, the game would be similar to the Kickoff Classic and would choose two of the better teams in the country to play," UK football coach Terry Strock, who attending the meetings in Nashville, said. "It's time schedule is slated for 1990 and I believe the game could generate as much as \$400,000 from gate revenues and television. It's a figure that's been tossed around if everything goes well and it gets sanctioned by the NCAA."

For years the coaches association has been lacking these benefits for its member coaches, and now needs a retirement program to immediately get it started.

"It's something we definitely need," Strock said. "Right now the trust is in its infant stage and there are some problems needed to be ironed out. One of those problems is getting an agreement with the IRS on taxes. Another is getting permission from all of the schools for the coaches to participate."

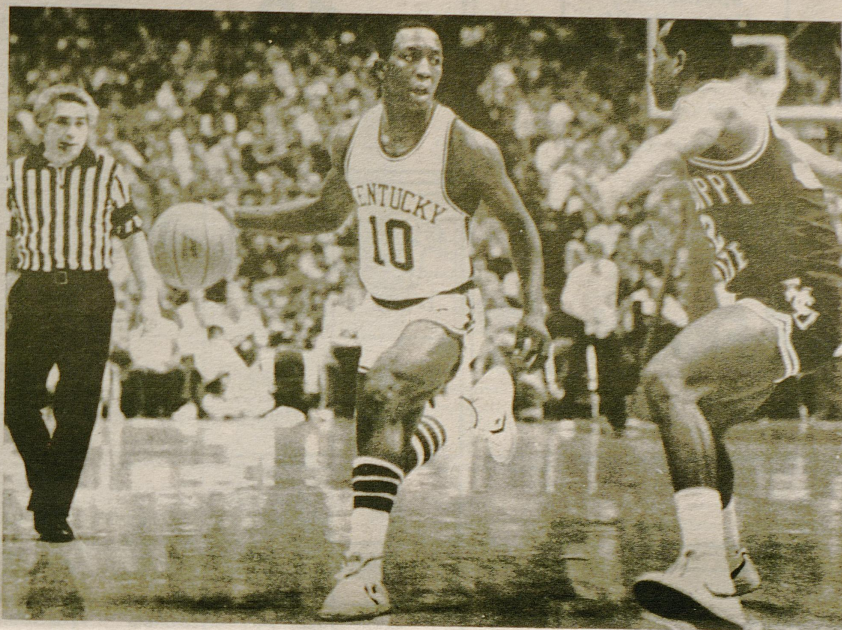
According to Strock, in order to participate in the trust a coach must be: an AFCA member and a full-time coach at any four-year institution on any level, including NAIA. No part-time or graduate assistants would be eligible.

The new proposal is spearheaded by former LSU coach Charlie McClendon, now the executive director of the AFCA.

Proposal 42, of course, was the hot topic of conversation at the meetings. Already the new proposal has many coaches in an uproar, the most notable being John Thompson of Georgetown, who is boycotting his team's games until something is done to change the rule.

Proposition 48, which has been in effect for three years, says that to be eligible at a Division I school, incoming student-athletes must have: 1) a high school diploma, 2) a minimum of 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or a 15 on the American College Test and 3) have a 2.0 grade-point average in a group of high school core curriculum classes.

Proposal 42, which was proposed by the SEC, goes one step further and refuses financial aid to student-athletes who do not qualify in all three areas. Previously, partial qualifiers (student-athletes who meet some but not



Former UK player Dirk Minniefield has returned to the court, playing for the CBA's Albany Patroons.

all of the requirements) were ineligible to play but could receive financial aid.

"I think it's a pretty good rule," Strock said. "The reason why is that now everyone is playing by the same rules. Now one now can put a student-athlete on scholarship unless he qualifies under Proposition 48. In the past, some schools would accept a non-qualifier and some would not. In fact, some schools would accept as many as six to 10 a year. Now with the new rule, it's fair to everybody."

However, that's not to say that Strock is in total agreement with the full intent of Proposal 42, especially when you consider a student-athlete who does well in class but cannot meet the ACT or SAT guidelines in order to compete in major college athletics.

"I hope college athletics continues to keep the academic requirements for the kids," UK's linebacker coach said. "But I feel it's not fair to a student-athlete who does well in class but just doesn't test well. What I would like to see is maybe an adjustment to the testing, which might be racially-biased in some cases."

In other matters at the convention, there was a proposed rule change that would eliminate tie games. Similar to the tie-breaker in Division I-AA, the proposed tie-breaker would have given both teams equal possessions from their opponents' 25-yard line until a winner was decided. The AFCA voted for the tie-breaker, but the NCAA rules committee rejected it, ensuring that tie games will still be a part of college football.

"I'm not really for it," Strock said. "We already have the two-point conversion in affect. There's enough pressure as it is with deciding to go for two or on late in a football game. Also, I don't think there are that many tie games in a football season. I guess the only league I can think of who might want the rule is the Big Ten, who had several tie games this season."

UK NOTEBOOK: One of the reasons for the record Rupp Arena crowd of 24,288 for the UK-LSU game was the unexpected turnout by UK's student body, which has been somewhat apathetic for most of the season. According to policy, UK must admit any student

if that student displays an ID card, whether the student has picked up a student ticket or not. Apparently, for the LSU game the students came out en masse. In fact, one UK athletic aide told me that they had to put some of the students in the aisles in order to get them into the arena. The record attendance for the night game may make UK officials think twice about switching scheduled night games to daylight hours next season. Hopefully, this trend of student support will continue and gain momentum for the 1989 football season...Replacing **Ralph Hacker** as color man on the UK-LSU broadcast was former UK star **Louie Dampier**. Hacker missed the UK-LSU game in order to do the TV play-by-play with former Duke star **Billy King** on one of ESPN's midnight OVC broadcasts...While watching UK's remarkable freshman **Chris Mills** play on the basketball floor, it dawned on me what player he reminds me of. For some reason, Mills' game brings back memories of former Maryland All-American **Albert King**. Think about it. Both are about the same size and have excellent range with the jumper. Both have very poised dispositions during the course of a ballgame. And both players have a great touch with jumpers in the paint with a hand in their face...Before the Wildcats' game with LSU, Tiger coach **Dale Brown** introduced each member of his team to former Kentucky governor **Happy Chandler**, who was seated along press row near the UK bench. Brown, who is a big fan of Chandler, formally introduced each player, who then shook Chandler's hand right before tipoff of the nationally-televised game. By the way, it was Brown who phoned Chandler on the morning before the Tigers' upset victory over UK in the finals of the 1986 Southeast Regional played in Atlanta. Brown told Happy not to get his hopes up and that his team was ready to spoil what was a Cinderella season for **Eddie Sutton's** first UK club...Former UK guard **Dirk Minniefield** is once again playing basketball in the professional ranks after he left the NBA last season because of a bout with drug dependency. Minniefield is currently playing with the Albany Patroons of the Continental Basketball Association, and tossed in 14 points in one game last week.



CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

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Last week	17-8 (.680)	19-6 (.760)	20-5 (.800)	20-5 (.800)	18-7 (.720)	18-7 (.720)
Total	148-52 (.740)	151-49 (.755)	151-49 (.755)	155-45 (.775)	150-50 (.750)	148-52 (.740)

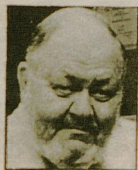
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MISSISSIPPI STATE AT OLE MISS	OLE MISS 7	OLE MISS 6	OLE MISS 1	OLE MISS 2	OLE MISS 2	OLE MISS 2
TENNESSEE AT ALABAMA	ALABAMA 1	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 2	ALABAMA 6	TENNESSEE 3	ALABAMA 2
FLORIDA AT VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT 8	VANDERBILT 9	VANDERBILT 7	VANDERBILT 7	VANDERBILT 2	VANDERBILT 6
BOSTON COLLEGE AT SYRACUSE	SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 12	SYRACUSE 5	SYRACUSE 18	SYRACUSE 9	SYRACUSE 8
LOUISVILLE AT SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	LOUISVILLE 8	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 8	LOUISVILLE 5	LOUISVILLE 11	LOUISVILLE 6
DUKE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE	DUKE 2	DUKE 2	DUKE 1	N.C. STATE 3	DUKE 2	N.C. STATE 1
WICHITA STATE AT KANSAS	KANSAS 6	KANSAS 5	KANSAS 2	WICHITA ST. 2	KANSAS 4	KANSAS 3
PITTSBURGH AT SETON HALL	SETON HALL 12	SETON HALL 5	SETON HALL 4	SETON HALL 4	SETON HALL 5	SETON HALL 4
PURDUE AT MICHIGAN STATE	MICHIGAN ST. 8	MICHIGAN ST. 2	MICHIGAN ST. 3	MICHIGAN ST. 7	MICHIGAN ST. 6	MICHIGAN ST. 2
NORTH CAROLINA AT WAKE FOREST	N. CAROLINA 16	N. CAROLINA 10	N. CAROLINA 11	N. CAROLINA 5	N. CAROLINA 14	N. CAROLINA 6
ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM AT VA. COMMONWEALTH	VCU 4	VCU 1	VCU 2	UAB 3	UAB 3	UAB 1
MISSOURI AT MARYLAND	MISSOURI 1	MISSOURI 3	MISSOURI 6	MISSOURI 7	MISSOURI 7	MISSOURI 4
CLEMSON AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 14	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 5	GA. TECH 9	GA. TECH 6	GA. TECH 3
KENTUCKY AT OLE MISS	KENTUCKY 3	OLE MISS 3	OLE MISS 5	OLE MISS 3	KENTUCKY 1	OLE MISS 3
GEORGETOWN AT LSU	LSU 2	LSU 1	LSU 3	G-TOWN 5	G-TOWN 8	G-TOWN 33
GEORGIA AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 5	TENNESSEE 4	TENNESSEE 4	TENNESSEE 11	TENNESSEE 18
VANDERBILT AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	MISS. STATE 1	MISS. STATE 3	MISS STATE 1	VANDERBILT 2	MISS. STATE 4	MISS. STATE 1
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INDIANA AT ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS 8	ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 9	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 4	ILLINOIS 4
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OHIO STATE AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 10	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 10	OHIO STATE 2	LOUISVILLE 2
N.C. STATE AT MARYLAND	N.C. STATE 1	N.C. STATE 6	MARYLAND 3	MARYLAND 2	N.C. STATE 12	N.C. STATE 2
STANFORD AT ARIZONA	ARIZONA 8	ARIZONA 2	ARIZONA 5	ARIZONA 10	ARIZONA 5	ARIZONA 1

School presidents now taking control of NCAA

Props 42, 48 better than the alternatives

If you are asking yourself why the NCAA members approved Proposal 42, the answer is obvious.

The new rule preventing partial qualifiers from receiving financial aid their first year at a Division I school is



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proof positive the presidents of the member institutions are now running the organization.

They've been stung with accusations that scholar-athletes are not really scholars at all, that many of them are nursed through school with courses which turn the player out four years after he entered college no more prepared to earn a living than the day he came in.

They've seen the headlines about kids who allegedly cheated on their entrance exams or had someone else take it for them.

They're familiar with the player who quits going to school in his senior year because after registration day there's nothing that can be done to him until the end of the semester, even if he never sets foot in the classroom.

So, the presidents have taken control of the NCAA from their coaches and athletic directors and, by coupling Proposal 42 with Proposition 48, they are restating, in dramatic fashion, their belief that schools are educational institutions first and football or basketball factories second.

I remember when Prop 48 took effect three years ago. The hue and cry about its alleged unfairness conveniently overlooked the fact that the legislation had been passed three years previously and every high school athlete in America had known from the day he entered 10th grade what he would have to do in order to qualify academically for an athletic scholarship.

My heart bleeds—not so much for the kid who can't get into a Division I school today, but rather for the many I've known in my 20 years in the SEC who didn't belong in a classroom under any circumstance.

I have trouble sympathizing with the coach who decries the injustice of it all but who has used kids for years in an effort to enhance his future without regard to theirs.

I have know kids who were "student-athletes" who could barely read, who couldn't speak English well enough to do an interview without embarrassment, who drifted through four years of academic nothingness and at the end were turned out untrained, unprepared and disillusioned.

That, in my book, is much more wrong than Proposal 42 and Proposition 48, and yet there isn't a writer, broadcaster, coach or administrator who doesn't know the truth.

To point out that some kids who fail the ACT or SAT have the intelligence and skills to do college work merely balances the scale with those in years past who were able to enter school without that intelligence and those skills. As you know, the movement that resulted in Proposal 42 passing came from the Southeastern Conference which created its own version of the rule against partial qualifiers in 1988.

I sat in the coaches' preseason meeting last summer and listened to Pat Dye of Auburn attack what the SEC had done. He used the same arguments that Georgetown's John Thompson and Temple's John Chaney and LSU's Dale Brown are using today: that the rule unfairly prevents many kids, particularly those in the lower economic strata, from getting a college education.

That simply isn't completely true.



Although he's only been coaching 10 years Georgia's Hugh Durham is the winningest coach in Bulldog history.

It prevents many kids from getting a college education at a Division I school, but there are athletic scholarships available at the Division II and Division III levels and many more from the multitude of junior colleges. Proposal 42 and Proposition 48 do not apply to them.

In a year, perhaps two, when the player shows he can master the academic as well as the athletic side of college he is free to transfer to the Division I level.

For the record, 37 NBA players played for a two-year college at some point in their careers.

But why, some of you may ask, should he be forced to do that?

It is the price he must pay for his lack of academic skills just as remaining in Division II or III or finishing his entire career at the JC level is the price some kids pay for their lack of athletic skills.

What it seemingly boils down to is this: The colleges feel there must be some standard of qualification. Prop 48 is the one school presidents have chosen and, to emphasize they are stone-dead serious, they have voted in Proposal 42.

If you agree there must be entrance standards, then you must ask the next logical question: Do you bring the standards down to the kids or the kids up to the standards?

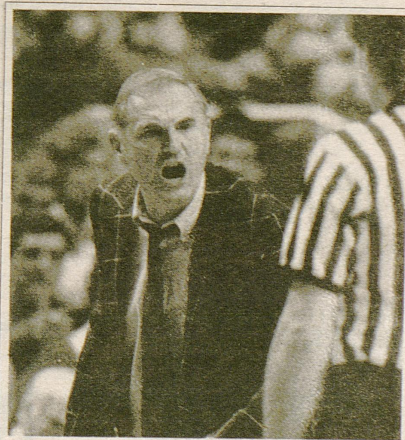
One of my personal guiding light sayings, and I can't remember who wrote it, is this: "The hottest corner of hell is reserved for he who, in times of great moral crisis, refuses to make a decision."

The NCAA, led by presidents of its member institutions, has, in the face of what it apparently felt was a great moral crisis, gone ahead and made a decision.

Only time will prove whether that decision was right or whether it was wrong.

□ **NOT FOR BROADCAST:** Add to the glut of available sports broadcasts the new **Southeastern Conference Radio Network**. The new network will broadcast all four rounds of the upcoming SEC basketball tournament. Then starting next fall it will offer an "SEC Football Game of the Week." Stations will have the option of carrying 12 matchups involving both SEC games and top SEC teams against non-conference teams. In ad-

dition, the network expects to put together a weekly Sunday night call-in show through both the football and basketball seasons. Never a dull moment in an SEC state...In a recent survey of college basketball coaches conducted by the NCAA, **Kentucky's Rupp Arena** was named the second-toughest place to play in America. Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium was No. 1...Five **Vanderbilt** basketball players have career grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. One of them, **Alberto Ballestra**, in addition to a career 3.71, posted a perfect 4.0 in electrical engineering last semester. The others are **Steve Grant**, 3.58 in mechanical engineering; **Charles Mayes**, 3.23 in pre-med; **Barry Goheen**, 3.14 in communications and **James Amsler**, 3.03 in a double major—psychology and mathematics...Women's basketball is better than ever but it just hasn't caught on with the fans. **Mississippi State's** Lady Bulldogs are averaging only 134 paid for their home games and 234 for those away...Proof that coaches trade easy wins for money: **Alabama's** three non-conference games against pushover opponents Augusta, Central Florida and Southern averaged 4,058 paid. Its first home conference game against Ole Miss drew 11,421...**Hugh Durham** in just 10 years at Georgia has become the Bulldogs' all-time winningest coach...In a stretch of five **Mississippi State** games this season, four were decided by three points or less and the other went into overtime...**Florida** plans to enclose the north end zone of Florida Field and add 9,100 new seats. That will bring the stadium capacity to over 81,000. Says athletic director **Bill Arnsparger**: "Football season tickets have been extremely hard to come by the last five years. We have been inundated with requests and have had to turn away thousands of fans." Skyboxes will be included in the construction. They will sell for \$20,000 each. Then there will be an area called Touchdown Terrace. Those will be chairback seats, under cover and air cooled. They'll go for \$1,000 each per season...**Eddie Sutton** has proven again that he is one of America's finest coaches. In the wake of unbelievable outside pressure, Kentucky's fast SEC start is a tribute to the man's coaching skills. I marveled at his team in the Florida game. That was a coaching win, pure and simple. As for Florida, this team is the most unbelievable waste of talent I have ever seen in the SEC...**Kentucky's** dominance in the SEC is illustrated by the fact the 'Cats have won 37 titles, which is more than the other nine schools combined...

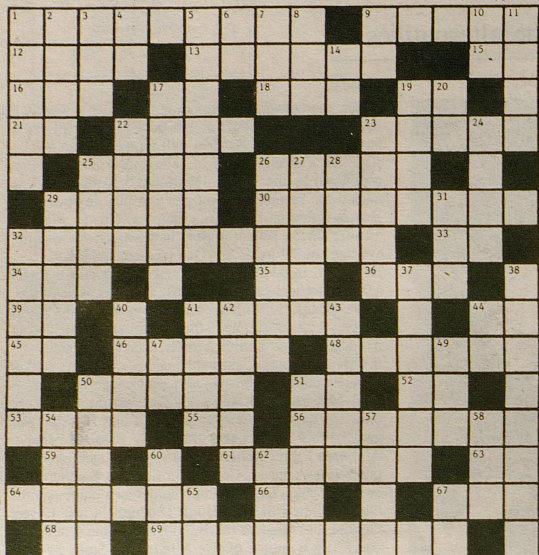


□ **THE LAST WORD:** Alabama's Wimp Sanderson making his Christmas wish:

"To get our team to play better defense. If I could get that I would be a happy coach. Well, throw in the SEC championship and another trip to the NAAs and I'd be happier."

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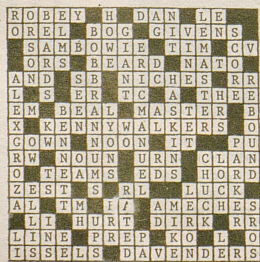
By Dan Krueckeberg



COACH RUPP'S BIG SCORERS

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 On a 20-1 ppg pace for coach Rupp | 1 Rupp's top scoring guard of the '40s |
| 9 First to score 50 points in a game for coach Rupp | 2 Oll group |
| 12 Long poem | 3 Briddle part |
| 13 "Light's camera, _____" | 4 Initials of Bennie's teammate of Cox when Johnny had 17.9 ppg in '58-'59 |
| 15 NE state abbr. | 5 "_____ " scoring ranked second to Hagan |
| 16 Of age | 6 In two seasons |
| 17 Initials of NFL Ed Muncie | 6 Initials of '29 Down |
| 18 Powerful stuff | 7 Hall of Fame Oler Mel |
| 19 One of 488 for Iszell | 8 Rupp's speciality |
| 21 See 4 Down | 9 _____ had 22.7 ppg for Rupp |
| 22 Talk back | 10 Initials of 5 Down |
| 23 Led Rupp's Cats in scoring as both a sophomore and senior | 11 Rupp's "Fabulous _____" |
| 26 Intercept a pass | 14 Extra session |
| 29 2nd in scoring to 23 Across in both seasons | 17 _____ scoring led Rupp's Cats in Iszell's sophomore season |
| 30 Leading scorer of "Rupp's Runts" | 19 All/NE shortstop Tim |
| 32 Rupp's first scoring leader | 20 Abbr. for Metro school returning to hoop wars next year |
| 33 Common mantra | 21 Rupp's first two-season scoring leader |
| 34 Aged | 22 2nd to Cotton in scoring for #3 ranked '61-'62 Cats |
| 35 Roman num. for # of 40+ point games for Iszell | 24 Newspaper place |
| 36 Abbr. for time periods | 25 2nd to 1 Across in scoring in '55-'56 |
| 39 Initials of Rupp's '70-'71 top scorer Tom | 26 Scored 1231 pts. in two Cat seasons |
| 41 Namesakes of coach Joe's Bearup | 27 Expressed without speech |
| 44 Initials of '56 Across | 28 Summer to "Frenchie" |
| 45 Initials of '60s letterman Harper | 29 2-year scoring leader of '30s, Carlisle |
| 46 Lighten | 31 _____ Angeles |
| 48 See 53 Across | 32 Rupp's early-'60s biggest scorer |
| 50 Scored 53 in one game | 37 Give back |
| 51 Initials of Rupp's '60s letterman Randy | 38 Rupp's biggest scoring machine |
| 52 Frequent SEC champs in Rupp era | 40 Hit for 848 pts. in '63-'64 |
| 53 Rupp's second all-time scorer | 41 Lost blood |
| 55 6-4-3 in baseball | 42 First name of 1 Down |
| 56 Rupp's last 600-point one-year scorer | 43 Arms |
| 59 Initials of one of Iszell's teammates, Larry | 44 Initials of former Cincy Reds O'Toole |
| 61 Led Rupp's "Fiddlin' FIVE" in scoring | 47 See 59 Across |
| 63 See 57 Down | 48 Fraternity |
| 64 His 18.5 ppg in '63-'64 ranked second to Nash | 50 Had 25.7 ppg for Rupp |
| 66 Initials of Edwards; Rupp's first opp. to lead squad in scoring | 51 Frenchy DeHoisy _____ as a top scorer in the early Rupp era |
| 67 Years Bob Bramum led Cats in scoring | 54 Rupp's first 600-pt. one-season scorer |
| 68 Abbr. for "extra large" | 57 Steak order |
| 69 _____ 948 points in a single-season Cat record | 58 Hagan had 24 ppg in season Cats _____ all games |
| | 60 First name of 64 Across |
| | 62 The Champ |
| | 65 Continent abbr. |
| | 67 Symbol for "osmium" |

Last Week's Answers



After big win, UK faces key games with Auburn, Ole Miss

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

Last week Kentucky entered its games against Alabama and Tennessee looking for a split. Although the 'Cats did indeed come up with a win in two tries, most figured the victory would come at Alabama instead of Tennessee.

That doesn't mean the Big Blue is complaining. Not one bit.

"This (win, 66-65 over Tennessee) shows people he can coach," Derrick Miller said of what the upset in Knoxville means to Eddie Sutton. "I always knew he could coach, that's why I'm here. You know, I've had my problems. But he knows everything what he's talking about.

"He's a smart coach and I have a lot of respect for him. I think a lot of people are now saying, 'Hey, Eddie Sutton can coach.'"

Kentucky, 9-9 overall 4-2 in the SEC, enters Wednesday night's contest against Auburn just one game in back of Tennessee. And after UK hosts Sonny Smith's struggling Tigers (0-6 in the SEC), the 'Cats will have a tough test in Gerald Glass and the Ole Miss Rebels. That game will be played this Saturday afternoon (4 p.m.) in Oxford.

"I don't think Tennessee is in the driver's seat because we beat them and LSU played them close and Mississippi State played them close," said Miller. "They've got to play those teams again and they've got to play us again."

Miller believes with the win at Knoxville the conference race is "kind of up in the air."

Problems on and off the court have sent the Tigers to the conference cellar. Auburn, much like Sutton's troops, features a patient offensive attack. Center Matt Geiger is the team's leading scorer, averaging 18.5 points per game. Earlier in the season it appeared Derrick Dennison had quit the team because of Auburn's slowdown plan. However, he's had a change of heart and is back on the squad. Overall, Auburn owns a 7-7 mark.

Ole Miss (6-6) on the other hand is currently on a two-game winning streak heading into Wednesday night's play. Glass, a junior, has been the toast of Oxford, pouring in more than 25 points a game. The 6-foot-6 Glass is deadly underneath, using his strong build to muscle for baskets, or from three-point territory where he has an excellent touch.

In his team's 74-70 overtime win at Georgia, Glass canned a three-pointer to send the game into the extra period. Because of foul trouble, the Ole Miss star was held scoreless in the first half. He finished with 16 points, including six in the extra period.

Ole Miss takes a 3-3 conference mark into its game Wednesday night against rival Mississippi State in Oxford.

UK OPPONENTS' PROBABLE STARTERS
AUBURN

GUARDS: Keenan Carpenter (6-2, senior, 13.9 points per game, 3.1 rebounds per game).

Dustin Hester (6-2, sophomore, 0.2 ppg., 1.0 rpg.)

FORWARDS: Derrick Dennison (6-3, junior, 12.3 ppg., 3.8 rpg.)

Zane Arnold (6-6 sophomore, 2.5 ppg., 2.9 rpg.)

CENTER: Matt Geiger (6-11, sophomore, 18.5 ppg., 7.1 rpg.)

MISSISSIPPI

GUARDS: John Mathews (5-10, 167, sophomore)

Tim Jumper (6-3, 198, sophomore).

FORWARDS: Gerald Glass (6-6, 241, junior)

Mike Paul (6-8, 230, senior)

CENTER: Sean Murphy (6-11, 230 sophomore)



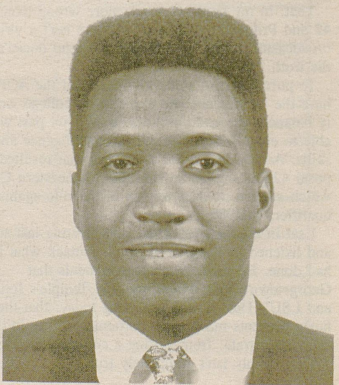
Sonny Smith



Derrick Dennison



Ed Murphy



Gerald Glass

Thompson's stand on Proposal 42 was admirable

Props 42, 48 terrible pieces of legislation

□It seems to me anyone with a clear understanding that providing educational opportunity, not blockading it, is something of a patriotic duty in this country, ought to send a letter of thanks to Georgetown coach **John**



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

Thompson.

Proposal 42 and the NCAA convention. Where to start?

I've said on a number of occasions that **Proposition 48** was a terrible piece of legislation and the statistics tend to support that contention. It affects blacks more than whites, the poor more than the affluent and so on down the line. These aren't contentions, but documentable facts.

Second the ACT and SAT are failures as forecasters of who is and is not capable of doing school work on the collegiate level. Otherwise would so many of the Prop 48 victims have survived? If these tests were failsafe would Arizona State's **Tarence Wheeler**, a Prop 48er two years back, be able to carry a grade average of 3.0 during his academic career in Tempe?

Again, the preponderance of evidence weighs heavily toward the argument on my side.

But does the NCAA membership observe the same numbers and come to a reasonable conclusion a mistake has been made? Indeed not. Instead they press forward, making a bad rule even worse by ruling that partial qualifiers will be ineligible to receive scholarships.

Amazing.

There are two things you need to understand here:

First, **Proposition 48** was an attempt toward strengthening the notion that academics still had a place in the world of intercollegiate sport, that the tail wasn't wagging the dog.

And that's fine, but the move didn't work because it lacks an element of equity. If anything, Prop 48 has hindered. And that brings me to point number two, the most distressing indictment I can find of administrative leadership in academics today: These people either have no idea what they are doing, are essentially immoral or simply don't take time to comprehend the consequences of their actions.

Doesn't it bother anyone else that in the wake of Thompson's boycott many athletic and academic administrators have come forward and admitted they didn't understand the dimensions of Prop 42 and although they voted favorably the first time would now change? Must some coach make such a scene just to get the leadership of college athletics to sit down and study seriously a proposal which could greatly impact a lot of people?

As a taxpayer, as a concerned citizen, as someone who cares about intercollegiate sports, I am outraged at the incredible ignorance of the people who attended this convention, sipped their cocktails, but didn't care enough to look at what they were doing or think about its consequences.

For some time now I've contended the base of **Walter Byers'** enormous clout during his time as executive director was born of his ability to manipulate these conventions. Now I am more convinced of that than ever, and I am in deeper awe at how simple it must have been for him.

In parting, I want to give you one more thing to ponder: The major sponsor and lobbyist for Prop 48 was the **Southeastern Conference** and I'd like to say this group and its commissioner were simply misguided.



This corner gives cheers to Georgetown coach John Thompson (left) for his stance on Proposal 42, and jeers to Southeastern Conference commissioner Harvey Schiller (right) for sponsoring the proposed legislation.



Alas, I can't.

The SEC, as you may recall, agreed some time back that it would no longer permit members to scholarship Prop 48 students. Now, coaches and administrators in this league understood that would put them at a competitive disadvantage unless the rest of the college world followed the same guidelines. Ergo, SEC commissioner **Harvey Schiller** was Prop 42's sponsor.

It troubles me a lot that this league (and Schiller) weren't pushing this measure because they cared about education, but because they wanted to be sure no competitive disadvantage would be created for the SEC. It's called self-interest. And it is the most disgusting element of intercollegiate sport...

□Back to the world of hoop.

Duke crashed and burned unceremoniously in the face of its first major test, losing in Cameron to North Carolina. Coach **Mike Krzyzewski's** club faces a tough road from now until tournament time, a scheduling plan which he hopes will have them in high gear when the important season begins. The idea was to play a light schedule early in hopes of avoiding any burnout, face the tough assignments in the middle and be battle ready at NCAA tournament time. I'm not sure about that one, but we'll see...

□It will be interesting to see how its goes for **North Carolina** which, obviously, had a tough early-season schedule. Will the Tar Heels get better or stay at the same level?

Two different approaches, obviously...

□Last week I mentioned **Mike Pollio** being in trouble at VCU, and there are some other coaches who'll probably be gasping for life down the stretch. **Tony Yates** at Cincinnati, **Andy Russo** at Washington, **Steve Patterson** at Arizona State, **Ron Greene** at Indiana State, **Bob Wade** at Maryland. And then, of course, the outcome of the Kentucky situation could create something of a domino effect. **C.M. Newton's** arrival as athletic director at UK will open the Vanderbilt job. And if **Eddie Sutton** departs, another big school will undoubtedly lose its coach to the Wildcats. So, coaching change seems inevitable, but, for now, it appears the turnover will not be

inordinately large...

□I still like **Arizona's** chances of making a deep NCAA run. Coach **Lute Olson** will have to make a tough call in his backcourt shortly and how that works out will probably tell a tale. Veterans **Harvey Mason** and **Kenny Lofton** simply haven't been consistent performers. Sophomore **Matt Muhlbach**, an excellent shooter, has already pushed Mason to a reserve role and freshman **Matt Othick** is threatening to do the same to Lofton. Othick has some exciting potential because he's a great ballhandler, a very adept passer (although he still tries for the spectacular when routine would do) and a very good shooter...

□Othick, incidentally, was a high school teammate of **Brian Williams**, the big center who is sitting out at Arizona this year after transferring from Maryland...

□None of the prime candidates for Player of the Year have rushed forward to button down the title yet. Duke's **Danny Ferry** probably has a slight lead over Oklahoma's **Stacey King** and Arizona's **Sean Elliott**. Louisville's **Pervis Ellison** is a distant fourth, I suspect. If you wanted to isolate on performance given in this season (and unfortunately that's not usually the way it works) it would be very tough to find two better or more consistent performers than Ohio State's **Jay Burson** or Stanford's **Todd Lichti**. I don't think they'll be named by any of the various agencies, but either would be a defensible honoree...

□Georgia Tech's **Tom Hammonds**, who was on a real tear for the Yellow Jackets, lost some ground in his battle to be a lottery pick with a lackluster and immature game at North Carolina State...

□I think Syracuse's **Derrick Coleman** would be a lottery pick if he came out this spring, but agree with **Dick Vitale** he might be No. 1 if he waits another year...

□The difference between this Illinois team and those of years past is as simple as its improved ability to shoot the basketball...

□The Illini, by the way, finish the season with games at Indiana and at Michigan sandwiched around a home game against Iowa. That's going to take a lot out of this team heading into NCAA play...

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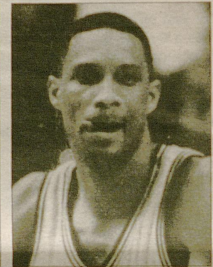
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8 Women's Basketball: Middle Tennessee (A) 2 p.m.	9	10	11 Women's Basketball: Eastern (A) 7:30 p.m.	12 Basketball: Florida (A) 9 p.m. ESPN	13 Women's Basketball: Marshall (H) 7:30 p.m.	14 Basketball: LSU (H) 9 p.m. ESPN
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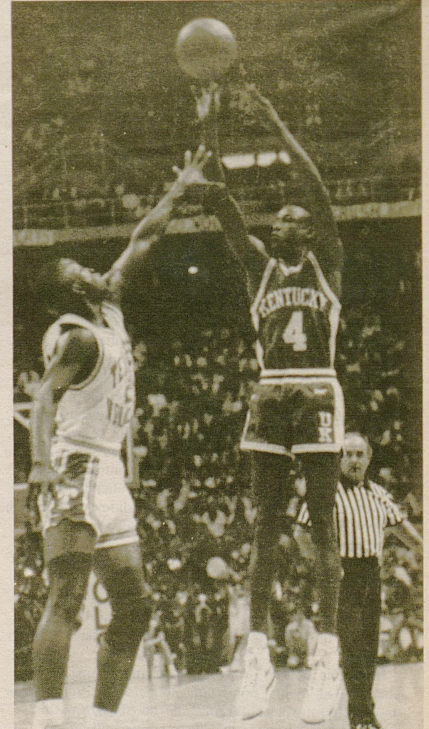
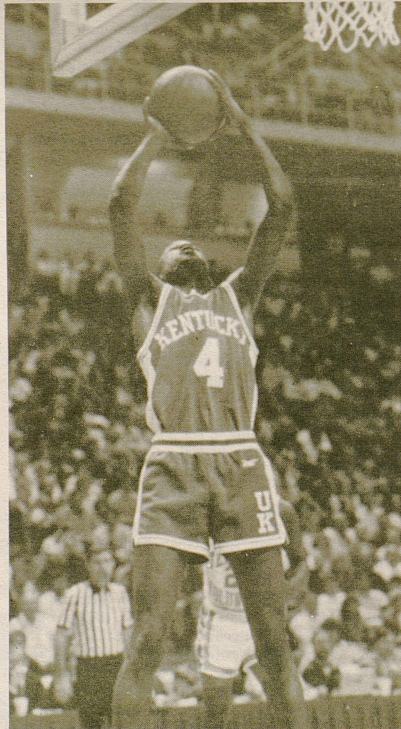
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- Jan. 6: Women's Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 74-68
- Jan. 7: Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 70-61
- Jan. 8: Women's Basketball—UK def. Middle Tennessee 68-66
- Jan. 11: Women's Basketball—UK def. Eastern 83-77 (OT)
- Jan. 12: Basketball—UK def. Florida 69-56
- Jan. 13: Women's Basketball—UK def. Marshall 72-61
- Jan. 14: Basketball—LSU def. UK 64-62
- Jan. 16: Women's Basketball—UK def. Kentucky State 91-53
- Jan. 18: Basketball—Alabama def. UK 76-64
- Jan. 18: Women's Basketball—UK def. Louisville 77-73
- Jan. 21: Basketball—UK def. Tennessee 66-65
- Jan. 21: Women's Basketball—Tennessee def. UK 101-57



Eddie Sutton



Chris Mills

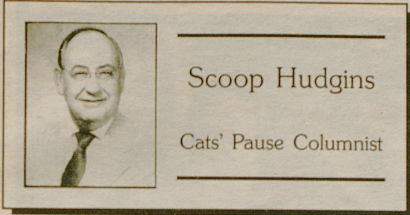


Lately, from any side of the court University of Kentucky junior guard Derrick Miller has been blistering opposing team's defenses. Here against Tennessee he scores from all angles. UK's second-leading scorer on the season finished with a game-high 23 points in the win. (photos by Alan Hawse).

What to do about college academics and athletics?

My solution: Proposition 45

Proposition 48, a part of NCAA rules for three years, warned anticipating college athletes that they must become students in high school, or in college, before they could play in a varsity game.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Proposal 42, adopted this January for effect in 1990, tightens these restrictions on non-student athletes. It makes them ineligible for athletic-based grants, bars them from team practice and limits them to three years of eligibility after proving to be a student.

Under Prop 48, coaches and athletic directors aided the non-students by providing intensive tutoring and professional educational guidance.

Prop 42 removes the grants-in-aid, then disallows the extra year of eligibility. Some consider this a complete reversal.

All coaches and ADs want the athletes to feel secure in assuming the mantle of the university, want them to graduate and become proud, productive citizens. They must have a fair chance to accomplish this.

But some coaches place a higher priority on winning, and most ADs must effect a bottom line in black, not red. Thus, the athlete-student problem often becomes a test of personal integrity, a constantly pulsating vein which pressurizes the intense network of daily duties.

Problems sprout when the coach stretches his interpretation of rules to allow the productive player, but a non-student, to play with the team.

Or when the AD applies a greater share of his budget to promotion, assistants and facilities, yet uses NCAA rules to refuse economic aid to needy student-athletes.

Could we implement a Proposition 45? A rule halfway between 48 and 42, in effect. An inch more leniency on admission of the athlete-unproven student, a foot more strength of enforcement toward his becoming an interested, active student during his first year at college.

The Southeastern Conference, which applied the effects of Prop 42 to themselves, then recommended them to the NCAA, and lobbied for 42, is willing to listen. Commissioner Harvey Schiller says: "Debate is demonstrating a need to make sure the legislation is more sensitive and understanding. We may be denying opportunities."

Vanderbilt chancellor Joe B. Wyatt points out that student-athletes have to be in the same general framework as the regular student body. "If not," he says, "it usually leads to trouble, for the school and for the athlete later in life."

Georgetown University's highly-successful basketball coach, John Thompson, staged a personal strike in protest of Prop 42. He says the tests (SAT and ACT) discriminate against other cultures than white, and make

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it more difficult for all poor and disadvantaged to qualify.

My suggestion of a Prop 45 would include rules of a time when athletes mingled pretty well with students on the same campuses, the late '40s and early '50s.

Freshmen were not allowed to compete in varsity sports. All major sports had freshman teams. They competed against themselves to form a team, against the varsity to help prepare it for the games and against other freshman teams of nearby colleges.

In this year of non-varsity work, they personally adjusted to college life or encountered problems which forced them out, including academics. Most problems were dissolved, one way or the other, within the freshman year.

For the economically stressed, the small stipend of \$15 per month, for laundry and other necessary living expenses, was a life saver. This would include in Prop 45, at \$100 to \$150 per month.

Government doesn't have to be so complicated. In the NCAA, things could be much simpler. As simple as: Live and let live.

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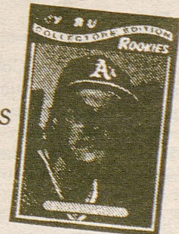
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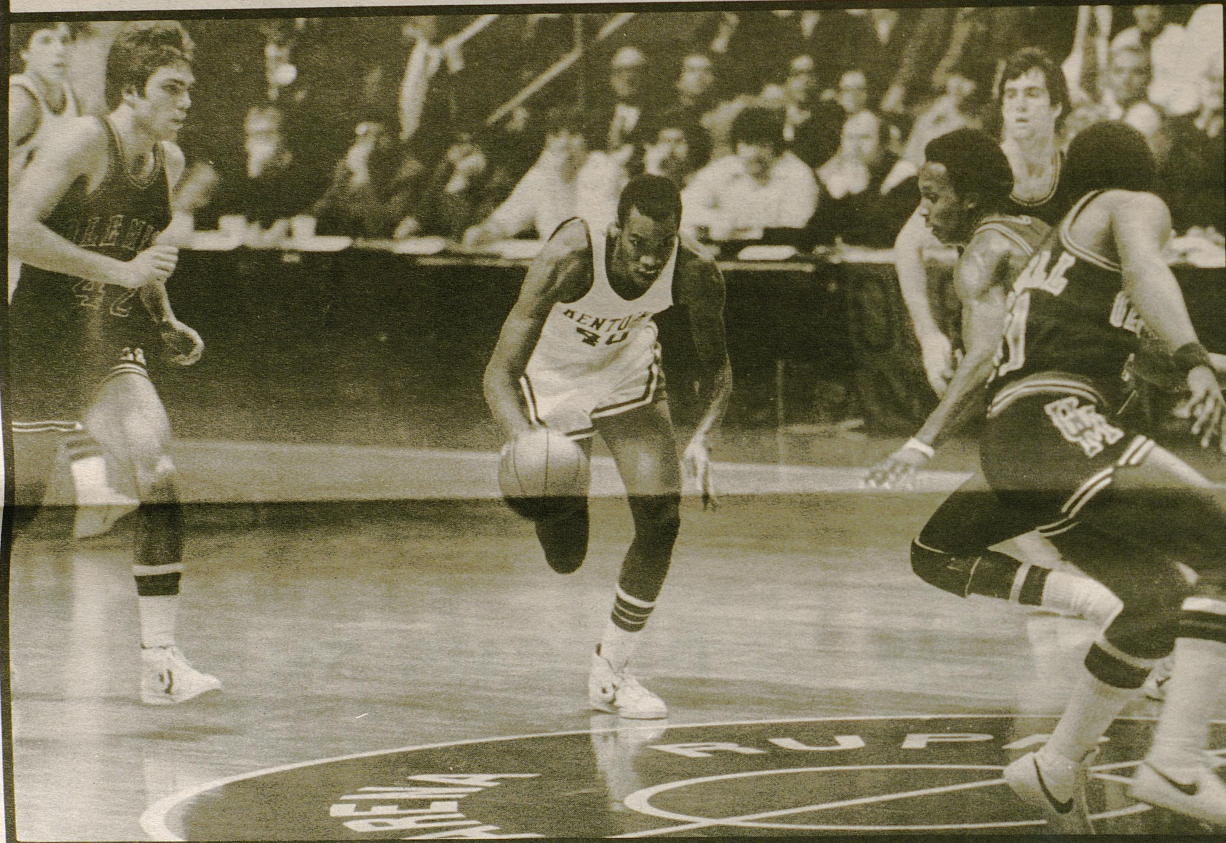


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Finally...a book about Dale Brown is in the works

Should be available this November

Well, folks, someone is finally writing a book on Dale Brown, the colorful basketball mentor at LSU. The book is long overdue.

The author is Bruce Hunter, a 30-year-old sportswriter



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for the *Baton Rouge Morning Advocate*, where he has worked for six years. A native of Edgewater, Md., he is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a degree in journalism.

Hunter is following Brown throughout the season. The book, titled *Don't Count Me Out*, will attempt to portray Brown in a different light that few people have seen. It will cover Brown's poor childhood up to the present.

The book is scheduled to be available at stores throughout the nation by this November, just in time for Christmas shopping season.

Hunter says Brown was skeptical about the book project when the coach was first approached about it.

"Initially, he didn't want to (do it)," Hunter told this columnist recently when LSU visited Kentucky in Lexington. "He was afraid that people would look at him as a promoter of himself."

Brown, of course, relented and went along with the project.

"Despite his flamboyance, he wants to show that he is not the type of person who is in it for himself," Hunter said. "He is a very caring person. That is the purpose of the book—to show the other side of Brown as a very sympathetic, caring person. He is a very complex person."

"Without question, he is the greatest motivator that I have ever seen, whether in sports, ministry or any walk of life."

"The book will also have his insights about basketball programs around the country, especially Kentucky and Indiana."

Hunter says the book will be of interest to not only basketball fans, but to the general population as well.

"I'm very excited about the project because it goes beyond basketball," he said. "It will be very meaningful for most people."

Asked if he had any restrictions of what goes in the book, Hunter replied: "Everything is open."

How well does Hunter think the book will do?

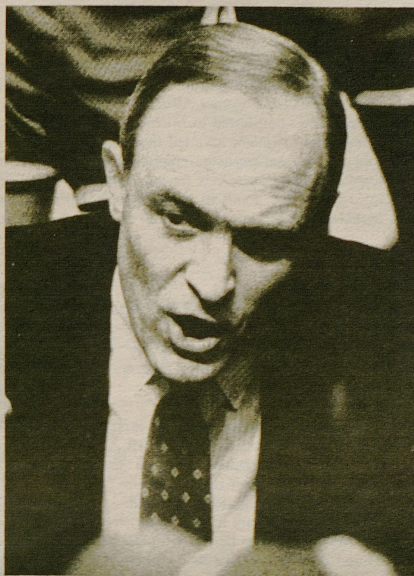
"Hopefully, it will do as well as *A Season on the Brink*," he said with a smile, referring to author John Feinstein's highly-successful book on Indiana coach Bob Knight.

The book will be published by Bonus Books of Chicago.

□ **A RECENT LOOK** at the 34-man roster of Southeastern Conference basketball officials indicates that 38 percent of them live in either Tennessee or Kentucky.

The state of Tennessee boasts seven officials, while Kentucky has six, including three from Lexington. Louisiana and Texas have the third-highest number of SEC referees with four each.

The six officials from Kentucky are David Bair of Lexington, Jake Bell of Lexington, Joe De Rosa of Paducah, Phil Greer of Lexington, Robert McGrath of Valley Station and Gary Marcum of Bowling Green. Both Bair and Bell teach at Lexington Henry Clay High School. Bell is the Blue Devils' head football coach, Bair is an assistant.



At long last, basketball fans will be able to get an inside look at the Preacher Man, LSU head basketball coach Dale Brown (left). His biography, titled *Don't Count Me Out*, is being done by Baton Rouge sportswriter Bruce Hunter (right) and should be available by this November.



Not only have SEC teams fared well in the NCAA tournament the past several years, but so have conference officials as well. From 1980 through 1988, with the exception of one year, there has been at least one SEC official in the Division I championship game.

In each of the last two Final Fours, of the nine officials working the elite affair, five have been SEC referees. And, of 34 SEC officials last season, 21 were selected to work the NCAA tournament.

□ **FORMER UK ASSISTANT** basketball coach Lynn Nance is slowly getting some national attention with his team's current success. He is the head coach at St. Mary's of the West Coast Athletic Conference, which includes high-scoring rival Loyola-Marymount.

At this writing, St. Mary's owns a glittering 14-1 mark, after being overlooked by the NCAA tournament committee and the NIT last season with a respectable 19-9 worksheet. St. Mary's received eight votes in the most-recent *Associated Press* poll (Jan. 17), and may be a Top Twenty team before this season ends.

Unlike their rival Loyola-Marymount, the defensive-minded Gaels play a slow-tempo game.

A former all-Pac 8 (now Pac-10) forward at the University of Washington, Nance previously served as an assistant at UK under head coach Joe B. Hall in the mid-1970s.

By the way, Nance's squad will face Loyola-Marymount on Friday, Feb. 3, in the first of their two conference battles this winter. St. Mary's, whose only setback of the season came at the hands of No. 20 Stanford by one point earlier in the season, is located in Moraga, Calif., and has 2,200 students, smallest in the league.

Meanwhile, another coach with UK ties in the WCAC is having problems. A former Wildcat star and an all-SEC selection in the early '70s, Larry Steele is in his second season as head coach of the University of Portland Pilots, a squad that has fallen on the worst of times.

The Pilots were 1-4 at this writing and, going back to last season, had lost 21 straight games, which was the longest losing streak in major college.

□ **DIS 'N' DATA:** If you haven't noticed, former UK roundball star and current Los Angeles Lakers head coach **Pat Riley** is the subject of a cover story in the January issue of *Gentleman's Quarterly*...Alabama head football coach **Bill Curry's** 20-year-old daughter, **Kristin**, studied in London, England, this past fall semester. She is a senior at the University of Virginia...Basketball mentor **Ed Murphy** of Ole Miss and his wife, **Shelly**, celebrated the birth of a son, **Bryan Edward Murphy**, in December. The newest member of the Murphy family weighed in at 10 pounds, six ounces and was measured at 21¾ inches long. The youngster's dimensions surpassed those of his big brother, **Sean**, at birth. The 6-11 Sean currently starts at center for the Rebels...To those of you who don't receive cable television, you may be interested to know that former Auburn and Chicago Bulls standout **John Mengelt** is doing some color commentary for WGN Television, the Chicago-based superstation. He worked the recent Mississippi State-DePaul roundball contest in the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans...It will be fun to watch ex-UK All-American **Dan Issel** in the upcoming NBA Legends All-Star Classic Feb. 11 in Houston. The 6-9 Issel is 40. The oldest player in the classic will be 54-year-old **Rod "Hot Rod" Hundley**...LSU athletic director **Joe Dean** believes that Vanderbilt coach **C.M. Newton** could possibly end up as the new athletic director at Kentucky if UK pursues him aggressively...On the NCAA drug-testing program, Auburn hoop boss **Sonny Smith** said: "I think any type of enforcement or legislation to prevent the use of drugs is good. I don't have any idea what might be the best way to address the problem. I'm happy the NCAA is taking an active role in drug education. I don't think drug use by college athletes is any worse than any other area of society. It gets a lot of publicity in the newspapers and on television, but it's a reflection of the problem we have in society..."

If you have a strong or interesting viewpoint about UK or SEC athletics that you would like to share, just drop me a line. You can mail them to: Jamie Vaught, 136 Woodland Dr., Somerset, Ky. 42501.

Russell Rice

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he starred four years, when he led Wildcat scorers with 159 points in 14 games. Basil Hayden, who played the other forward, was second with 136 points while center Pau Adkins scored 124 points, guard Bob Lavin 32 points and substitute center Fred Fest 26 points. Standing guard Sam Ridgeway scored only 11 points.

As the designated shooter of foul shots, King's biggest moment at UK came in the inaugural SIAA Tournament in Atlanta that freshman season when he hit a free throw after time had expired to give UK a 20-19 victory over Georgia and the first "championship of the South." The Wildcats finished 13-1, losing only to Centre, 29-27, at Danville.

King and Adkins were tied for most points scored the following year, but Adkins had the better average because he had played one less game. Wildcat hopes were dashed when Hayden received a knee injury before the season started and Ridgeway missed the season due to an illness.

For some reason, perhaps an injury, King did not suit up the following year; however, he was on the scene

assisting S.A. Boles with the freshman team. He returned in 1924, starting and playing in nine of the team's 16 games. His 26 points ranked him sixth among UK scorers that year.

Brannum led the 1944 Wildcats with 254 points in a 19-2 season that included an SEC tournament championship and a third-place finish in the NIT.

The other top scorers on that Beardless Wonders team were freshman forward Jack Tingle (177), freshman guard Jack Parkinson (147), sophomore forward Willbur Schu (134) and sophomore guard Tom Moseley (88).

Brannum was named All-American for his outstanding play during that wartime year. After the war, he lettered one more year (1947) at UK and then, tired of sitting on the bench with two other former All-Americans—Jim Jordan and Parkinson—transferred to Michigan State.

Other fine Wildcats might have led their teams in scoring but for the fact that freshmen eligibility prior to 1975 was reserved for war years. As a freshman in 1944-45, Alex Groza scored 165 points in 10 games before being called by the Army. Playing in all games during that 22-4

season were leading scorers Tingle (293), Parkinson (271) and Schu (208). Freshman Kenny "Dutch" Campbell, who replaced Groza, scored 146 points. Neither player averaged close to Groza's 16.5 pace.

Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones and Ralph Beard were two hot-shot freshmen who averaged almost 10 points each the following season, but were beaten by Parkinson, who had an 11.3 average en route to All-American honors.

When freshmen once again were declared eligible for varsity competition 40 years later, center Rick Robey (10.4) and forward Jack Givens (9.4) trailed Kevin Grevey (23.6) and Jimmy Dan Conner (12.4). Two years later, freshman guard Jay Shidler finished sixth in scoring with a 7.8 average.

Dwight Anderson got his UK career off to a good start by averaging 13.3 ppg, second to Kyle Macy (15.2) in 1979. The following year, Macy (15.4) beat out another promising freshman, center Sam Bowie (12.9).

Winston Bennett (6.5) was fifth in scoring in 1984 while Ed Davender (8.5) was second to Kenny Walker (22.9) in 1985.

Danny Brandenburg

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August.

DeBoer's Kentucky squad won the SEC regular season crown and the league's postseason tourney last year while posting a 26-7 record. She was named national coach of the year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

—The UK Bats Cats are going to be getting some TV exposure this season with 13 of their games headed for the airwaves, including three national broadcasts.

Coach Keith Madison's squad is ranked 23rd in the preseason poll after missing the College World Series last season by just one game.

Sports Channel will air the Cats March 3 when they play Florida at Gainesville and on April 29 when UK hosts Mississippi State. ESPN will broadcast UK at Ole Miss April 22.

WDKY (Channel 56, Lexington/Danville) has 10 contests on its schedule, including games with Louisville and Eastern Kentucky.

—Speaking of baseball, the Bats Cats' annual clinic is slated for Feb. 11 at the Hilary Boone Indoor Tennis Center on Shively Drive on campus. Call Madison (606-257-8829) or Jim Hinerman (606-257-3012) for more information.



Kentucky 66, Tennessee 65

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allow 'em to get in a game where you're going up and down the floor, I think they play better. And if you can make 'em play a half-court game, it does stymie 'em to a certain degree."

Especially when you can control Nix, who coach Sutton called "the premier player" in the league. The all-SEC forward came into the game averaging 23.6 points per game, but with Hanson hounding him when Kentucky was in man-to-man and a sagging zone surrounding him the rest of the time, all Nix could manage was a pair of dunks and 10 free throws for 14 points. And even though Vol guard Greg Bell got himself untracked with four three-pointers in the final seven minutes, UK's patient offense and free throw shooting down the stretch was too much to overcome.

"In the final analysis, we knew in this game we had to have the lead and play with the lead," DeVoe said. "We never got it. So our strategy was always uphill, because you can't trail Kentucky. We knew that going in and yet we could never, ever put it together as a

team."

UK-TENNESSEE NOTES & QUOTES:

□Add Tennessee coach Don DeVoe to the growing list of coaches around the league that believe Kentucky is now for real.

"I give Kentucky a lot of credit," DeVoe said. "They're a scrappy team and they're gonna be a team that's gonna be in this race all the way. I said this back in the summer and I really believe it. They're gonna be there because coach (Eddie) Sutton's gonna keep 'em there."

□UK forward Reggie Hanson, like teammates Derrick Miller and Sean Sutton, said the win over Tennessee ranks as the best of his college career.

"It definitely ranks at the top," Hanson said. "This year I'd have to say it is my favorite win. We were big underdogs and nobody gave us a chance to come in and beat 'em. They were the No. 1-ranked team in the conference so it was a very big win."

□After being sidetracked at Alabama last week, Kentucky is back on track after beating the Vols, according to LeRon Ellis.

Oscar Combs

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to see if UK will postpone awarding any radio or television rights until the NCAA investigation is concluded. Should live television be banned, of course, the television contract would be gutted as far as its revenue is concerned. In turn, that would mean the radio rights would be worth a great deal more if radio would have exclusive live coverage, so it would seem that UK would want to wait until after the first of April to be fair with all bidders and be able to strike its own best financial deal. Waiting to early April would put the successful bidder in a bind as far as sales, but awarding a blindfold contract could be a disaster for all concerned . . . With Eric Manuel back in school and attending class, don't be surprised if the Macon, Ga., native is back in a Kentucky uniform next year for the 'Cats. If Manuel had been playing this season (and true, a lot of things would be different if it weren't for the little word, "if"), Kentucky's record right now could well be 14-4 . . . Despite all the distractions, Eddie Sutton has performed some real coaching magic on the sidelines this season, particularly since Kentucky entered SEC play. Sure, the quality of league play is definitely down, but anytime you can pull off road victories in Gainesville and Knoxville, you gotta be doing something right.



Expect UK forward Eric Manuel to be welcomed back next season . . . in uniform, too. Currently, Manuel is voluntarily sitting out this season until the ACT decides his situation.

"It does a lot for the team mentally," Ellis said. "We've gone into three very tough arenas. At Alabama, unfortunately we lost there, but we won at Florida and we won here at Tennessee. We went off track a little bit and we're starting to get back. Hopefully we can stay on track. It's a good confidence builder."

□Even though he was shooting 48.1 percent (13-27) from the free throw line coming into the game, Sean Sutton said he was confident when Tennessee's Dyron Nix fouled him away from the ball in what amounted to an "unintentional intentional" foul with UK on top 61-59 with 1:41 left.

"I was just thinking of all the times when I was a young kid putting myself in that situation," he said. "And this was probably the first time I'd had a chance at the college level. And I just blocked out the fact that I was shooting 50 percent from the free throw line. I knew our team needed those two free throws and I just went up and hit 'em."

□With the win, which was Kentucky's first in Thompson-Boling Arena, UK evened its

record in the all-time series with the Vols in Knoxville at 37-37. Coming in, Tennessee had been the only SEC club that held a home-court advantage against the Big Blue. Overall, UK leads the series, which dates back to 1910, 109-55.

□If you're superstitious, here's an interesting bit of trivia: The last two Kentucky squads to defeat UK in K-town fared extremely well in NCAA tournament play. Joe B. Hall's 1978 national championship club coasted to a 68-57 win, and in 1986, Sutton's first club edged the Vols 62-60 in a season in which it finished 32-4 and advanced to within one game of the Final Four, losing in an upset to the LSU Tigers in the Southeast Regional finals.

□The Volunteer crowd was the largest ever to witness an SEC game. Paid attendance was listed at 25,610 and the turnstile counts was 24,464. Tennessee's previous best for an SEC game was 24,433 against Florida this year. UK's top SEC crowd was the Rupp Arena record 24,288 that saw LSU upset the 'Cats Jan. 14.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Nine Years Ago

✓Kentucky reeled off seven straight points down the stretch to break open a tie ballgame and defeat visiting Georgia 56-49. The Bulldogs had a chance to lead for the first time when the score was tied at 45-all but missed a shot with five minutes left. Forward Fred Cowan then followed a missed Wildcat attempt with a slam dunk.

After Georgia patiently looked for its next shot, the 'Dogs ended up taking a poor selection as UK grabbed the rebound. Cowan, again, went to work offensively, scoring his second straight basket. Sam Bowie then blocked a Bulldog shot and Cowan converted a three-point play at the other end.

Georgia and Hugh Durham decided to slow the pace of the game all night because the Bulldog coach said he didn't have the horses to run with Kentucky.

Cowan and Bowie each scored 18 for the Wildcats. Georgia played without injured star forward Dominique Wilkins.

✓Kentucky's record dropped to 17-4, losing to LSU 65-60. The win by Dale Brown's Tigers placed them ahead of the Wildcats in the Southeastern Conference race.

LSU jumped out to a 10-point lead and the Tigers never let the 'Cats get closer than three points. The Tigers controlled the game with a delay tactic which resulted in several easy baskets and free throws. LSU outshot and outrebounded the 'Cats.

The Tigers led 33-23 at the half. DeWayne Scales scored 21 points for Louisiana State while Ethan Martin added 15 and Howard Carter 14. UK's Fred Cowan led the Wildcats with a 17-point performance. Guard Jay Shidler pitched in with 10 tallies.

✓The Kentucky Wildcats turned in

perhaps their best road showing of the year with an 89-67 win at Mississippi State. The 'Cats took the lead midway in the first half and never looked back. UK continued its torrid shooting of late, hitting 39 of 63 shots for 61.9 percent. Guard Kyle Macy paced the 'Cats with 20 points while Fred Cowan scored 17 points. Jeff Malone was the game's leading scorer with 27 points for Mississippi State.

✓Six-foot-six guard Kris Jenner of Mascoutah, Ill., announced he will play basketball at Kentucky next season. Jenner also is a highly-touted prep quarterback.

Twelve Years Ago

✓Kentucky cruised to as much as a 19-point advantage in the first half and held on to defeat the host Mississippi State Bulldogs 92-85.

Jack Givens tied a Wildcat record by hitting 11 of 12 field goal attempts and shared scoring honors with teammate Rick Robey with 25 points. Robey scored 10 of his 25 from the charity stripe.

The win is the seventh road victory for the 'Cats without a defeat and secures them in second place in the league with an 8-1 mark. Tennessee leads the Southeastern Conference with a perfect 8-0 league slate.

✓The 'Cats roared into Tuscaloosa and took the highly-ranked Crimson Tide of Alabama by surprise, winning 87-85 before 15,043 fans. From the outset, Kentucky led most of the way. However, the Tide took over and owned a 45-42 lead at the intermission break.

In the second half, Jack Givens and Jay Shidler busted the Alabama zone defense. And in the end it was the 'Cats' clutch shooting from the free throw line which preserved the comeback win.

Givens, who hails from Lexington Bryan Station, led all UK scorers with 23 points, 18 coming in the final 20 minutes. He was followed by forward Rick Robey and center Mike Phillips with 16 points apiece and Shidler's 12.

Thirteen Years Ago

✓Led by Jack Givens' 28 points, on 13 of 18 from the field, and Mike Phillips' 18 points and 14 rebounds, Kentucky defeated Mississippi 89-81 in Memorial Coliseum. Kentucky led 42-36 in a game that while it was a win, wasn't one of Kentucky's best performances. Larry Johnson added 12 points.

✓Kentucky outlasted Louisiana State 85-71 in Lexington.

In this wild affair, LSU coach Dale Brown was handed two technical fouls and then vocally jumped on referee Reggie Copeland after the game, questioning his "intentional fortitude" for not throwing UK coach Joe B. Hall out of the game.

Mike Phillips scored a career-high 35 points for the 'Cats and also pulled in 20 rebounds. Jack Givens had 19 points while Larry Johnson chipped in 13 points. Kentucky native Kenny Higgs, a product of Owensboro High School, led the Tigers with 32 points.

Eighteen Years Ago

✓Problem-riddled Kentucky whipped Alabama 86-73 as the 'Cats raised their Southeastern Conference slate to 6-1 in what some are calling an amazing victory.

Seven-foot center Tom Payne was unable to play in the first half, forward Larry Steele fouled out with a little more than three minutes gone in the second stanza and guard Mike Casey had a recurrence of a knee injury which sidelined him during the game.

Kent Hollenbeck led the 'Cats with 21 points while Tom Parker and Payne contributed 17 points each.

✓Bob McCowan has been reinstated on the University of Kentucky basketball team after being dismissed for training violations during the 1969-70 season.

✓Tom Parker and the Wildcat bench sparked as the 'Cats downed Vanderbilt 102-92 at Lexington's Memorial Coliseum.

In a fiercely contested game that produced four technical fouls, including one against the crowd, the Kentucky reserves met the test in each half, checking in off the bench to help their teammates who were in foul problems. Parker led Kentucky with 30 points and Kent Hollenbeck scored 19. Larry Steele added 15 and Tom Payne added 12.

Thirty Two Years Ago

✓Johnny Cox and Adrian Smith each scored 24 points as a cold-shooting Wildcat team did what it had to do in defeating host Georgia Tech 76-65 in Atlanta. Smith only moved into the starting lineup one game ago. Gerry Calvert added 13 points for the 'Cats, who maintained a tie for first place in the Southeastern Conference. Kentucky wasn't as sharp as it has been, but it did secure a 13-point advantage with 13 minutes left in the contest.

✓Kentucky vaulted into first place in the conference by whipping Georgia 84-53 before a slender crowd of 8,200 in Memorial Coliseum.

Johnny Cox and Adrian Smith paced the 'Cats with 22 and 20 points, respectively, but it was John Crigler's 15 first-half points that helped UK when the game still remained undecided.

Crigler finished with 17 points. Center Ed Beck had 12 points and 19 rebounds.

The game marked the return of Wildcat standout Vern Hatton, who hadn't played since Dec. 31 following an appendectomy. Hatton played five minutes.

✓The recent performances of Adrian Smith have helped Kentucky endure the loss of Vernon Hatton. The six-foot junior has averaged 18 points a game since becoming a starter.

✓In the recent National Football League draft, Kentucky's J.T. Frankenberger was taken by Washington in the sixth round while UK's Dave Kuhn went to San Francisco in the 17th round.

Thirty Three Years Ago

✓Seventh ranked Vanderbilt, led by two Kentuckians, put a dent in the Wildcats' SEC chances with an 81-73 win in Nashville. Both Vanderbilt and Kentucky entered the game with undefeated marks in conference play.

Clarence (Babe) Taylor of Frankfort led Vanderbilt with 28 points while guard Al Rochelle of Guthrie, Ky., scored 24 points. Gerry Galvert paced the 'Cats with 18 points while Vern Hatton scored 15.

✓The University of Kentucky has landed a pair of Muhlenberg County hoopsters—Corky Withrow of Central City and Roger Newman of Greenville—to basketball grant-in-aids.

✓Kentucky bounced back from its loss to Vanderbilt University to win over Georgia Tech in Atlanta, 84-62. UK led 42-34 at intermission. The one-two Wildcat punch of Bob Burrow and Jerry Bird led the way. Burrow hit for 27 points while Bird tallied 19 for Tech.

✓Kentucky dropped to No. 9 in the latest *United Press International* poll. San Francisco currently occupies the No. 1 spot.

WILDCAT QUIZ

'Cats and Rebels

1. Who is the coach of the Ole Miss basketball Rebels?
a) Lee Hunt
b) Billy Brewer
c) Ed Murphy
d) Richard Williams

2. True or False? Ole Miss captured the 1981 SEC tournament but was not allowed to participate in the NCAA tournament because of its 16-13 record.

3. Kentucky assistant sports information director Joey Howard used to be an associate SID at which of the following colleges?
a) Mississippi State
b) Florida State
c) Ole Miss
d) Southern Mississippi

4. In 1983, the Rebels played in the NIT. What team defeated Ole Miss in the first round by a score of 75-67?
a) Loyola of Chicago
b) Southern Mississippi
c) Wisconsin
d) DePaul

5. The all-time leading scorer in Ole Miss basketball history is which of the following Rebels?
a) John Stroud
b) Carlos Clark
c) Johnny Neumann
d) Donnie Kessinger

6. True or False? In the rebirth of the SEC Tournament in 1979, Kentucky defeated Mississippi 82-77 in the first round in Birmingham.

7. True or False? While at Kentucky, Eddie Sutton has never lost to Mississippi.

8. Who was Kentucky's quarterfinal opponent in last year's Southeastern Conference Tournament?
a) Mississippi
b) LSU
c) Georgia
d) Florida

9. Ole Miss' coliseum is named after whom?
a) Archie Manning
b) Marion "Rabbit" Cook
c) Tad Smith
d) David "Red" Smith

10. True or False? Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy coached junior star Gerald Glass at Delta State.

Answers

1. Ed Murphy
2. False (The Rebels were defeated by Kansas 69-66 in the first round of the 1986-87 season in Oxford)
3. Ole Miss (Midwest Regional)
4. DePaul
5. John Stroud (2,328 career points)
6. True
7. True
8. LSU
9. Tad Smith
10. True

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