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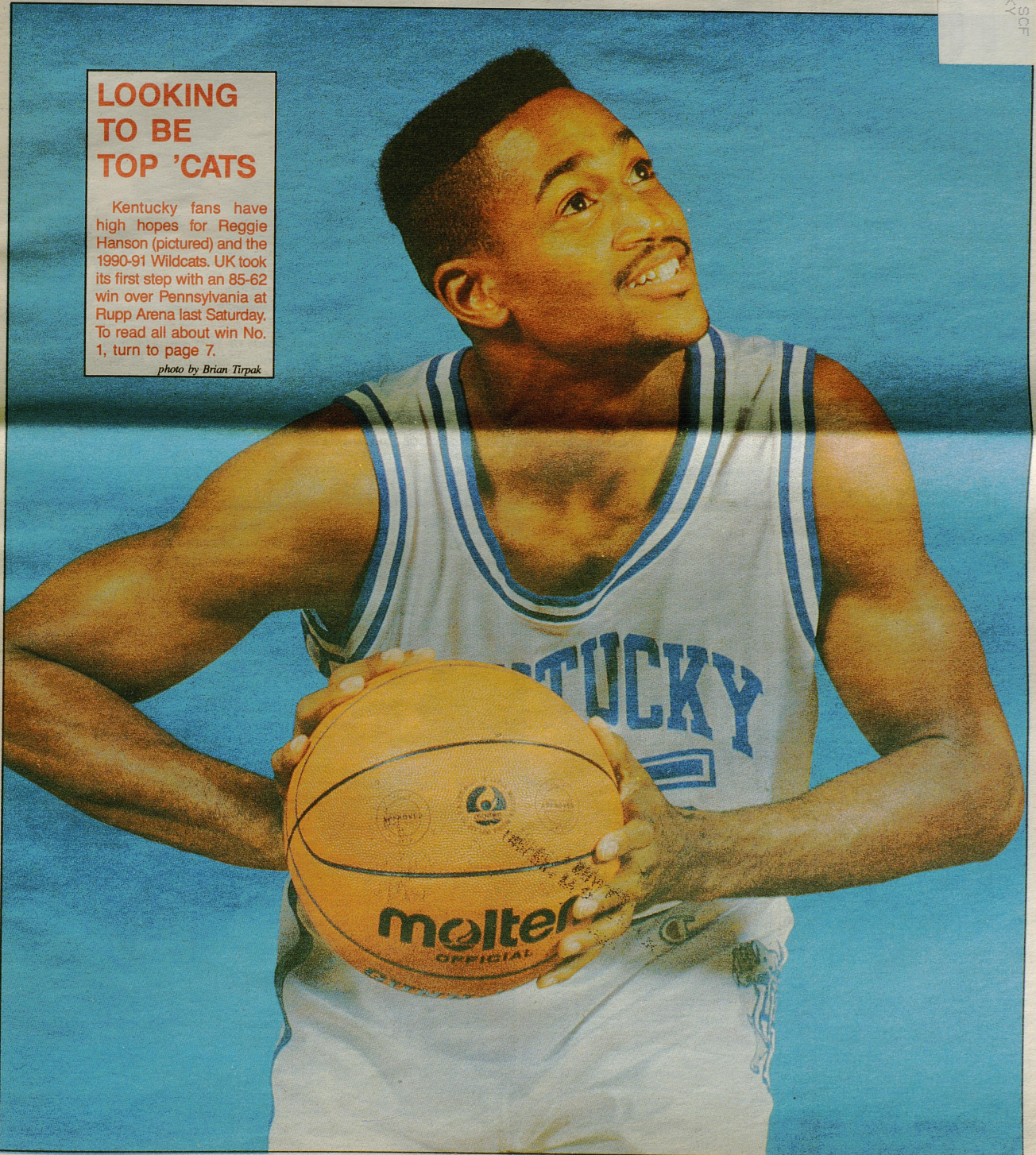
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LOOKING TO BE TOP 'CATS

Kentucky fans have high hopes for Reggie Hanson (pictured) and the 1990-91 Wildcats. UK took its first step with an 85-62 win over Pennsylvania at Rupp Arena last Saturday. To read all about win No. 1, turn to page 7.

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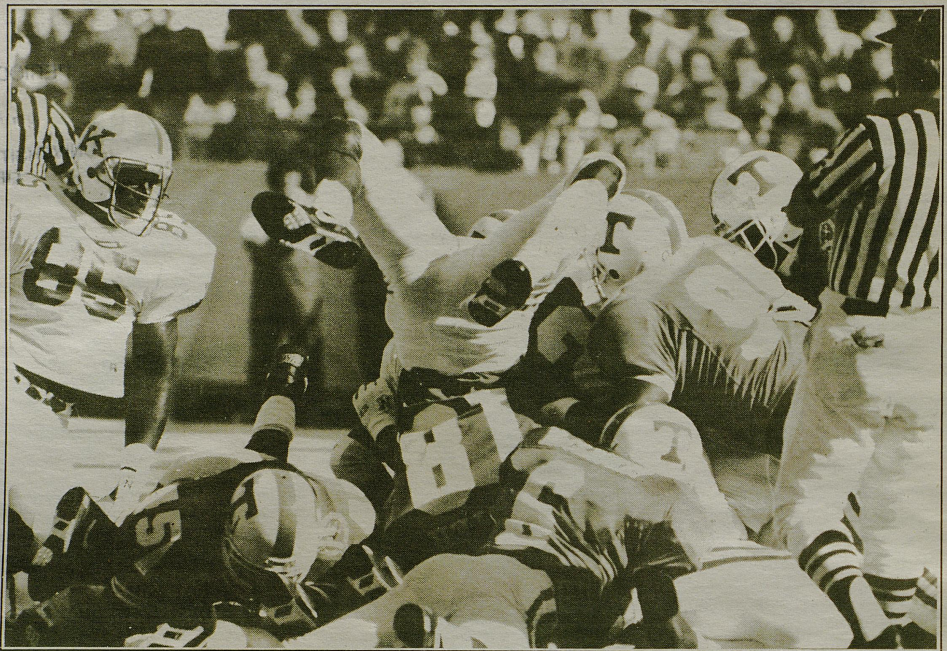
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ON THE SHORT END IN KNOXVILLE...



Though Bill Curry's Kentucky team was dismantled by Florida at home the week before and entered the Tennessee game with a 4-6 record, the 'Cats turned K-town upside down in the early going. With backup quarterback Ryan Hockman in relief of injured Freddie Maggard for the second week in a row, Kentucky raced

out to first-half leads of 14-0 and 21-7 over No. 14 UT. The Sugar Bowl-bound Vols—thanks to speedy receiver Carl Pickens and defensive back-return man Dale Carter—scored 28 unanswered points at one point, however, and held on to edge the stubborn 'Cats 42-28.
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...BUT DANCING IT UP IN LEXINGTON



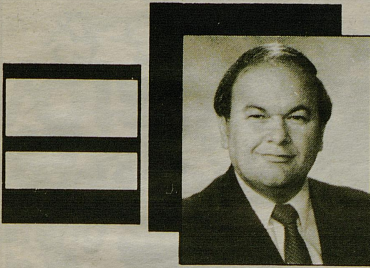
Meanwhile, back in Lexington a few hours after the football 'Cats wrapped up their season in Knoxville, Kentucky basketball fans were dancing in the aisles as the basketball 'Cats tipped off their season with a comfortable 85-62 victory over the visiting Pennsylvania Quakers.

Head coach Rick Pitino, left, even got in on the act, kicking up his heels on the sideline.

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photo by Todd Blevins





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Was it Banks or UK that said: 'Let's play two?'

With the season opener safely tucked away, Rick Pitino now sets sights on a pair of games which will go a very long way in determining if Kentucky can pass the .500 mark this season and step up another notch in its drive to regain its spot among the nation's elite in college basketball.

Knowing there was practically no chance for his team to be upset by Pennsylvania last Saturday, Pitino tried a little bit of everything, including a strong effort in trying to find out just which players are in shape.

He also dished out playing time to every player on the squad, thereby keeping everyone motivated and happy, for at least the time being.

But all that is now history. From this point forward, only those who have earned playing time and those who Pitino feels can make this team a winner will be on the playing court. Especially this week when UK first travels to Cincinnati on Wednesday for the Cats' first nationally televised game in two years and then on to the Big Four Classic against Notre Dame on Saturday.

Quite frankly, Kentucky is in a situation where it must win at least one of the two games or face the strong possibility that it will be lucky to match last year's 14-14 mark.

Cincinnati, to some people, should be just a mild opponent to pad the victory column. Those followers are dead wrong. In fact, if Kentucky should go 1-1 over the next two games, I'd be mighty surprised if the loss didn't come at the hands of the Bearcats.

Bob Hudgins has done a great job of rebuilding the UC program and the Bearcats will be one of the surprise teams as the winter wanders into spring next March.

Tony Yates, who departed a couple years ago after being unable to create interest in the community and win enough games to get the Bearcats in the Top 25, was successful in attracting some quality athletes, talent-wise. But the academics were something else.

Hudgins now has the athletes and the academics in line. The combination will spell success for a program which will only benefit from joining the new Big Midwest Conference along with DePaul, Marquette, St. Louis, Alabama-Birmingham and Memphis State.

But back to the Kentucky-UC clash. There has been bad blood between the two schools for decades. In fact, the feud became so volatile that the two schools had to call off the series for several decades before Joe B. Hall revived it back in the early 80's.

It was once again put on the backburner after Yates and UC wanted to play keep-away in 1983 at Riverfront Coliseum in a game won by UK, 24-11.

Despite that situation, Kentucky agreed to another series of games but it could be coming to an end in the near future when

the current contract expires.

With this Wednesday's game being UK's first visit into the new, friendly confines of Shoemaker Arena, the Bearcats and their fans are waiting for the opportunity to ambush the big, bad 'Cats.

Reports from Cincinnati have it that tickets to the game have been almost as hard to get as a ticket to the recent World Series in Cincinnati.

One thing is for sure, Kentucky will not enjoy the large, loyal following from northern Kentucky at Shoemaker as the 'Cats did at Riverfront Coliseum back in 1983. First of all, Shoemaker seats about 6,000 or so less than Riverfront.

Secondly, UC officials were anything but happy with UK having the home-court advantage on *their* home court at Riverfront. This time, UK will be playing a *truly* road game. And the result could show it.

For Kentucky to pull a mild upset, and that's what I would call a Kentucky win there, the 'Cats will certainly have to improve their poor rebounding effort given against Penn Saturday.

Defensively, UK waved a lot of hands, but didn't create the turnovers which made for easy baskets on the other end like a year ago.

Of course, Penn was the 'Cats' opening game and first-game jitters were evident from some veterans as well as all the newcomers. Some times, a team is fortunate enough to schedule two or three easy wins to start off a season just to overcome the jitters.

Kentucky enjoys no such luxury. Into into the frying pan. But Kentucky could be ready. After all, the Wildcats entered their second game last season against Indiana in the Hoosier Dome and nearly pulled off what would have been one of the biggest early-season upsets in the nation last year.

UK IN THE HOOSIER DOME

Speaking of the Hoosier Dome brings us to the matchup with Notre Dame on Saturday and Kentucky's chances for a winning season will loom even larger.

Of all the non-conference road contests this season, there is no game which Kentucky has a better chance of winning.

We don't count the Western Kentucky game as a road contest since Freedom Hall is the 'Cats' second home. Other non-league road games are at Louisville, Indiana and North Carolina.

You can figure this one out for yourself.

And I have a sneaky feeling that this game is one Rick Pitino is especially looking forward to although he cannot look past Cincinnati until Thursday morning.

We go back to last season's final game in South Bend when UK was fighting for one last victory to go over the hump for a 15-13 mark, a mark everyone labeled as impossible prior to the season.

Kentucky led early in the game, but lack of depth on the bench played a

significant role in the final half and Irish coach Digger Phelps enjoyed one of his rare victories over UK.

Pitino didn't feel particularly good about the loss, especially when he felt his team had a good shot of pulling out the victory.

For Digger, it was sheer delight. Outside of Indiana (and I'm not even sure about that), there isn't a game on his schedule Digger would rather win.

Of course, Phelps is probably boasting about his modest two-game winning streak over the 'Cats, but he'd better enjoy them right now. Saturday, Digger has a better than average shot of a victory and if the Irish win, I'll predict right now it will be the only time he will ever again in his career be in a position to own a three-game winning streak over UK.

Notre Dame won two years ago during Eddie Sutton's last campaign in which UK suffered its first losing season in a million or so years. And he got the 'Cats in South Bend last winter and barely escaped.

Before those two games, Kentucky had owned Digger and the Irish over the past three decades when numerous great Irish teams were upset time and again. Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall and Eddie Sutton owned the Irish.

Hall, in particular, captured more major upsets over the Irish than probably any two teams on the Irish schedule. Sutton, until his final, ill-fated last season, savored the Irish matchup.

Notre Dame devotes a major section in its media guide to major upsets accomplished over the years by the Irish and the few times they've been able to beat UK, they're prominently noted. What would be interesting to see would be the major upset *losses* by the Irish over the years. If there were such a section, the guide would begin to look more like a Kentucky media guide than anything else.

If Kentucky can pull out this one Saturday, it will be tap city for Digger and the Irish. This one, Kentucky *will* put in the victory column, and on its way to a winning season.

FIRST OF A UK DOUBLE-HEADER

What a day in Knoxville!

Pulling a double-dip like lots of other people was no easy task, but well worth the effort in watching Bill Curry's 'Cats give Tennessee a real scare, then rushing back to Lexington for Pitino and his Cats' home opener that night.

Some 7,500 Kentucky fans followed the 'Cats to Knoxville despite the unfortunate conflict with the opening basketball game. And with the football game being televised nationally by TBS-TV, the 7,500 fans were even more impressive.

To their credit, the football team did not disappoint. There have been a few times Kentucky has beaten Tennessee in Knoxville, one in the 1980s and once in the 1970s, but never before did a Kentucky team put up a great fight against such monumental odds.

Going into the game a 28-point underdog, Curry's 'Cats shocked the crowd of about 94,000 with a 14-point outburst and a 14-0 lead in the game's first 10 minutes.

After Tennessee scored to cut the gap to 14-7 following a Kentucky mistake, the Wildcats shocked everyone again by faking a field goal and scoring on a 22-yard touchdown pass from Steve Phillips to Rodney Jackson, who made a great catch in the end zone. Suddenly, Kentucky led 21-7.

But just as evident that UK was clicking to perfection, it also was evident that much of the 'Cats' success was on enthusiasm and emotion. And football followers know emotion only carries a team so far when the opponent is so superior in talent.

Tennessee raced by UK in the opening minutes of the third period and took a 35-21 lead, but the Wildcats refused to fold the tent and surrender. Kentucky closed the score to 35-28 late in the game, but the Vols' superior depth proved too much.

But unlike years past when UK played so hard but came away on the short end in Knoxville, this time UT followers held a different opinion.

In the past, UT faithful would say well, "that's Kentucky's one shot at us this decade." This time, they left mumbling and wondering if this guy name Bill Curry just might do something nasty at UK, like build a real, winning football team.

There have been seasons when UK compiled 5-6 marks and Kentucky fans felt they had been cheated, especially as the seasons came to a close.

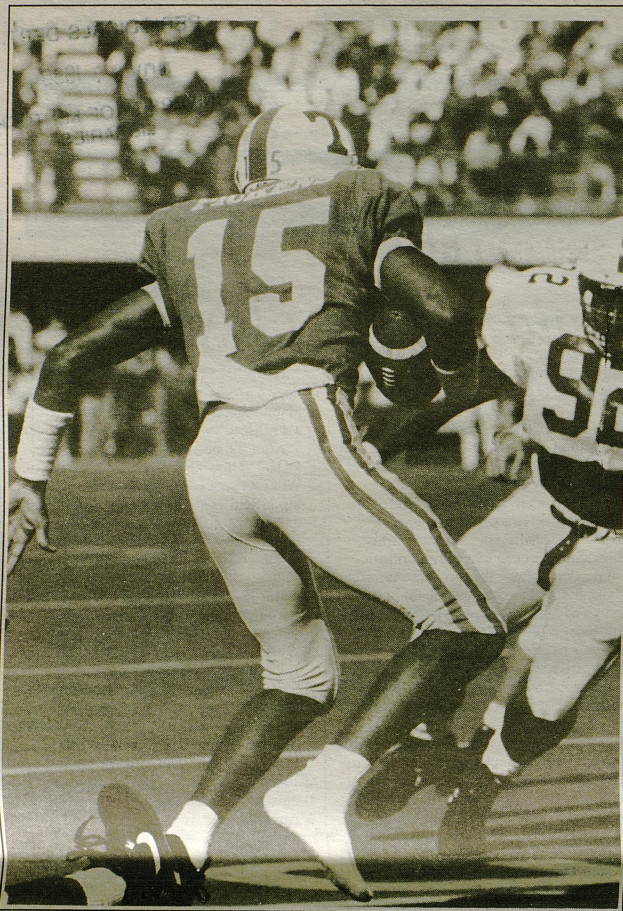
While a 4-7 mark is nothing to shout about, Curry's first team seemed to come together a great deal down the stretch. That brief time in which Florida was so superior is more than overshadowed by the great effort given by UK last Saturday.

FIRST AND TENS

Now, it's to the recruiting trails for Curry and his staff. The coaches had been hitting the telephone lines all this week and then hitting the highways and skyways beginning Saturday during the official in-home contract period for high school seniors. Privately, the UK staff is just as optimistic by the current recruiting season as it has been publicly. And this is unusual. Usually, a staff has one feeling which is puts out for public consumption and then another which, usually, isn't as positive. UK coaches feel like the national exposure on TBS three times did nothing but help UK in its recruiting efforts. Some followers were worried about recruits watching the Florida massacre, but the Tennessee effort more than overshadowed the Gator game...

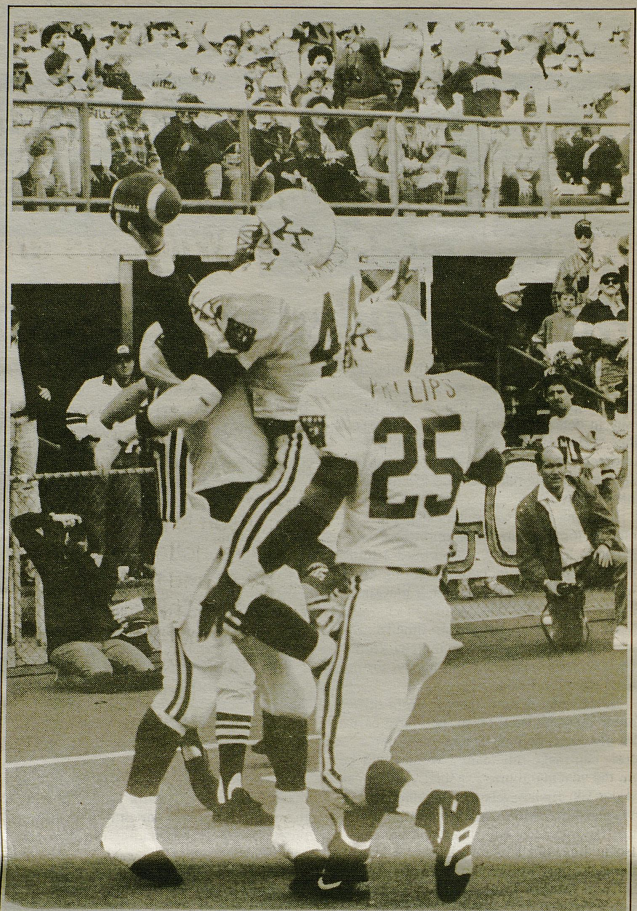
•Several UK officials made the double-dip to Knoxville and back to Lexington in

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SAY IT AIN'T SO: Tennessee wide receiver Carl Pickens (15), shoeless on this play, burned the 'Cats for 10 catches totalling 201 yards, including two touchdowns, one a 71-yarder.

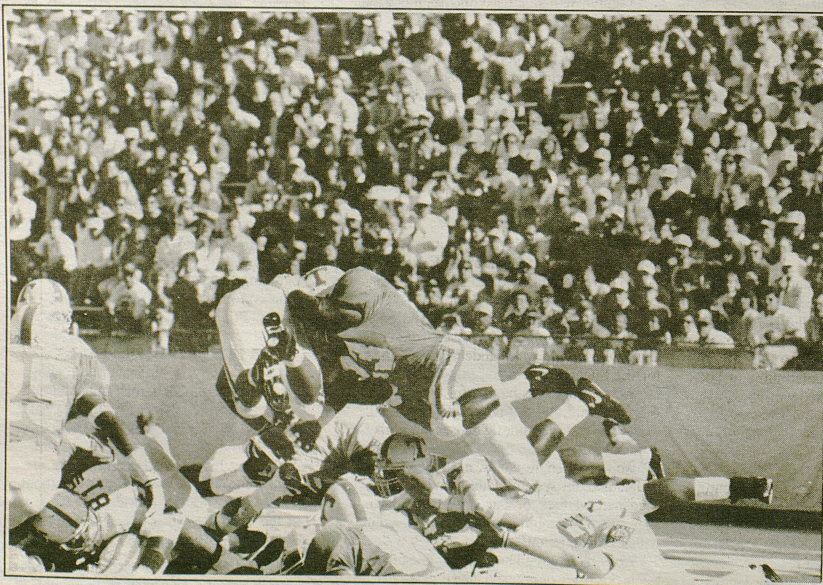
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TRICKY TREAT: UK tight end Rodney Jackson (holding ball), is swarmed by Terry Samuels (44) and holder Steve Phillips after Jackson put UK in front 21-7 on a 22-yard TD pass from Phillips on a fake field goal.

photo by Bill Shipley

TENNESSEE 42, KENTUCKY 28



UP AND OVER: Tennessee linebacker Earnest Fields got a hat on Al Baker, but couldn't stop the 'Cat tailback from putting Kentucky in front 7-0 on this one-yard plunge.

photo by Bill Shipley



RYAN EXPRESS: QB Ryan Hockman (19) was outstanding in relief for the second straight week, completing 15 of 29 for 143 yards and 2 TDs.

photo by Bill Shipley

Vols rally, defeat 'Cats 42-28

Big third quarter lifts UT to one win away from tasting Sugar; Curry's Wildcats end season at 4-7

by RUSSELL RICE

The University of Kentucky closed its first century of football with a 42-28 loss to Tennessee that left the Wildcats with a 4-7 finish, worst since 1982, when Jerry Claiborne's first UK team was 0-10-1; however, there were enough bright spots to assure a successful entry into the next 100 years of Wildcat football.

For starters, the Wildcats took the battle to the heavily favored (four touchdowns) Volunteers on UT's home turf and were leading 21-14 before Dale Carter proceeded to return the second-half kickoff 69 yards and set up UT's tying touchdown.

Then the junior college transfer from Oxford, Ga., returned a punt 29 yards to set up the Vol's tying score, and, with less than six minutes gone from the third-quarter clock, returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown.

CARTER HAS BIG DAY

"Dale Carter had a phenomenal day," Wildcat coach Bill Curry said. "He's a great player and he certainly made a difference today. I don't know how many points resulted from his big plays, but it had to be 21 or more."

Also adding to UK's downfall were Vol quarterback Andy Kelly, who threw for 300 yards and a school-record five touchdowns, and wide receiver Carl Pickens, who caught 12 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns, which tied a school mark. (Jim Powell caught three scoring passes against Mississippi in 1946).

However, the Wildcats had some heroes of their own, starting with sophomore quarterback Ryan Hockman, who played with poise after stepping in for Freddie Maggard, the UK starter who reinjured his right shoulder midway of the first quarter.

After UK received the opening kickoff, Maggard led the Wildcats on an 11-play, 62-yard scoring drive, with senior Al Baker scoring from the one. Hockman replaced Maggard, who was injured on UK's next possession.

After Bill Hawk's 55-yard punt was returned to the UT 22, UK's Derrick Thomas knocked down and intercepted a Kelly pass on the 20. Hockman passed 11 yards to Terry Samuels and then nine yards to Phil Logan for the score.

The second quarter was only two minutes old when Pickens outdistanced the UK secondary, caught a Kelly pass on the 20 and completed a 71-yard scoring play.

The Wildcats came right back with holder Steve Phillips, on a fake field goal try, rolling left and hitting tight end Rodney Jackson for a spectacular reception in the end zone.

"It was a called play all the way," Phillips said. "I was supposed to look for the run first, but Rodney was so wide open I threw it. I was afraid I had floated it too far."

A turning point of the game came on UK's next series, when Hockman was called for a controversial intentional grounding, moving the 'Cats back to their own nine-yard line. While scrambling to avoid a UT rush, Hockman had hurried a throw to UK's sideline, missing two receivers in the area.

"I thought it was roughing the passer or something," Hockman said. "No way I

UK head coach Bill Curry:

"We've learned some painful lessons this year. You have to play hard and well. We've started now. This season is like a warm-up. We've gotten to know each other and understand our system. This team has really tried hard. I feel for our seniors. They've been marvelous. I'm just sorry they go out with a losing record."

thought it was grounding. But you have to pick yourself up and get ready for the next play."

On that next play, UK tailback Mike Thomas fumbled and UT's Mark Moore recovered. Kelly hit Alvin Harper for a 12-yard score, cutting UK's lead to 21-14 with 3:13 remaining in the half.

While Curry refused to comment on the intentional grounding call, Wildcat athletics director C. M. Newton, in the press box on halftime, sought the SEC representative on hand to observe the officials and voiced his displeasure with the officiating.

Carter's return of the second half kickoff gave UT the ball at the UK 30. Three plays later, Kelly hit Pickens for a 12-yard score. Then Carter's punt return gave UT possession at the UK 47, and Kelly hit Anthony Morgan from 22 yards out to climax a seven-play drive.

Four plays later, Carter intercepted a Hockman pass and rambled 41 yards for the score that put UT up by 14.

The Wildcats came back midway of the fourth quarter, driving 55 yards and scoring on a fourth-and-goal pass from Hockman to Logan.

However, Kelly teamed with Pickens to march to the UK 25, where the UT quarterback hit Pickens for the final score.

HOCKMAN PLAYS WELL

Hockman, who engineered three of UK's four scoring drives, finished with 15 completions in 29 attempts for 143 yards and two touchdowns. He threw two interceptions, with one being returned for a touchdown.

"I thought that Ryan Hockman had an outstanding performance," Curry said. "I was very proud of him."

The Wildcat quarterback got his first taste of action a week earlier, when he completed 10 of 13 passes at the tag end of a 47-15 loss to Florida. Then during a Wednesday practice session, Maggard re-separated a right shoulder that he had injured in the North

Carolina game.

"We gave Freddie the opportunity to try and get it going," UK quarterback coach Daryl Dickey said. "He took us down and we scored. We asked him to throw one hard one and when he did, he threw his shoulder out again."

After Maggard was injured at North Carolina, Brad Smith had stepped in and quarterbacked the Wildcats to a pair of wins. Four games later, Maggard returned to replace Smith (knee injury) and direct the game-winning drive against Georgia and a win over Vanderbilt.

"Hockman has been playing and practicing tremendously well the last few weeks," Dickey said. "He has been waiting for his opportunity and I thought he played exceptionally well today."

Dickey, who added that he was impressed with the poise shown by Hockman in both his game appearances, said he was "extremely excited" about having him for two more years.

He can also look forward to having Maggard one more year, Smith and Hockman two more years, and freshmen Pookie Jones and Mike Kinney four more years.

"It should be interesting to see what happens," Hockman said.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats will lose prime-time seniors Al Baker, Phil Logan and Randy Holleran, as well as five tight ends, including Bobby Henderson and Rodney Jackson.

Baker rushed for 96 yards against Tennessee, finishing the season with 780 yards. He also set UK's single-season receiving record (35 catches) for a running back. George Adams held the old mark, 33, set in 1984.

Logan finished his UK career third in receptions with 83 and fifth in receiving yards with 1,219. He had at least one catch in each of his last 16 games.

Holleran, who recently was named to *The Sporting News* All-America second team, was unofficially credited with four tackles against Tennessee, bringing his season total to 165, including 104 solo hits. (See story on Page 10).

Hawk, a junior, averaged 49.8 yards per kick against the Vols for the fourth-best day ever for a UK punter. Lou Michaels holds the record, averaging 53 yards on five attempts against Florida in 1957.

"This is an extremely disappointing game," Hawk said. "I'm very happy with the way I played, but everything comes down to beating Tennessee, and we didn't do it."

Curry thought the Wildcats played hard against an outstanding Tennessee Volunteer club, with a win over Vanderbilt is headed for the Sugar Bowl.

"We've learned some painful lessons this year," he said. "You have to play hard and well. We've started now. This season is like a warm-up."

"We've gotten to know each other and understand our system. This team has really tried hard. I feel for our seniors. They've been marvelous. I'm just sorry they go out with a losing record."

"We don't intend to have losing seasons at Kentucky. We will not be daunted in the least by anything that happened today or this season."

	UK	UT
First downs	19	17
Flashes-yards	45-163	26-72
Passing yards	208	300
Attempts-completions-interceptions	39-21-3	32-19-2
Total yards	371	372
Return yards (does not include kickoffs)	35	103
Punts-average	5-49.8	7-37.1
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-66	4-42
Possession time	37:15	22:45

KENTUCKY	14	7	0	7	28
TENNESSEE	0	14	21	7	42

UK-Baker 1 run (Pellrey kick)	70, UK
UK-Logan 9 pass from Hockman (Pellrey kick)	14-0, UK
UT-Pickens 71 pass from Kelly (Burke kick)	14-7, UK
UK-H. Jackson 22 pass from Phillips (Pellrey kick)	21-7, UK
UT-Harper 12 pass from Kelly (Burke kick)	21-14, UK
UT-Pickens 12 pass from Kelly (Burke kick)	21-21, UT
UT-Morgan 22 pass from Kelly (Burke kick)	28-21, UT
UT-Carter 41 interception return (Burke kick)	35-21, UT
UK-Logan 4 pass from Hockman (Pellrey kick)	35-23, UT
UT-Pickens 25 pass from Kelly	42-28, UT

Attendance: 92,243

KENTUCKY

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	YDS	TDS	LONG
Baker	25	99	3	96	1	16	
Samuels	10	50	0	50	0	13	
Thomas	2	13	0	13	0	9	
Hockman	10	23	29	-6	0	11	
Branum	1	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	48	195	32	163	1	16	

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Maggard	7	5	0	43	0	11
Hockman	29	15	2	143	2	22
Phillips	2	1	1	22	1	22
Baker	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	39	21	3	208	3	22

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG
Baker	3	1	0	5
Logan	6	70	2	20
Samuels	5	41	0	11
R. Jackson	3	36	1	22
Page	1	8	0	8
Henderson	1	9	0	9
Clerk	1	21	0	21
Phillips	1	22	0	22
TOTALS	21	208	3	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG
Hawk	5	249	49.8	65
TOTALS	5	249	49.8	65

FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LONG
Pellrey	1	0	--
TOTALS	1	0	--

ALL RETURNS	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS		
	NO	YDS	NO	YDS	
Tobert	4	21	3	54	--
Johnson	--	--	2	63	--
D. Thomas	--	--	1	4	14
Williams	--	--	1	4	--
Sherwood	--	--	--	--	1
TOTALS	4	21	6	121	2

TENNESSEE

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	YDS	TDS	LONG
Thompson	22	88	7	79	0	14	
Kelly	4	7	14	-7	0	5	
Amsler	1	1	0	1	0	1	
Poles	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	
TOTALS	28	94	22	72	0	14	

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Kelly	32	19	2	300	5	71
TOTALS	32	19	2	300	5	71

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG
Amsler	1	20	0	20
Pickens	10	201	3	71
Moore	4	27	0	12
Harper	2	21	1	12
Adams	1	9	0	9
Morgan	1	22	1	22
TOTALS	19	300	5	71

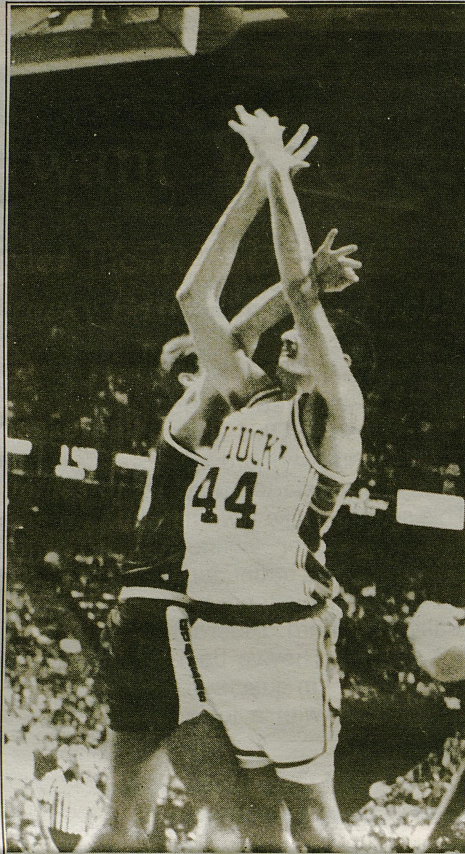
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG
Chapman	5	190	38.0	42
Kelly	2	70	35.0	36
TOTALS	7	260	37.1	42

FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LONG
Burke	1	0	--
TOTALS	1	0	--

ALL RETURNS	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS		
	NO	YDS	NO	YDS	
Carter	4	62	4	148	1
Morgan	--	--	1	20	--
Fields	--	--	--	--	1
Miley	--	--	--	--	1
TOTALS	4	62	5	168	3

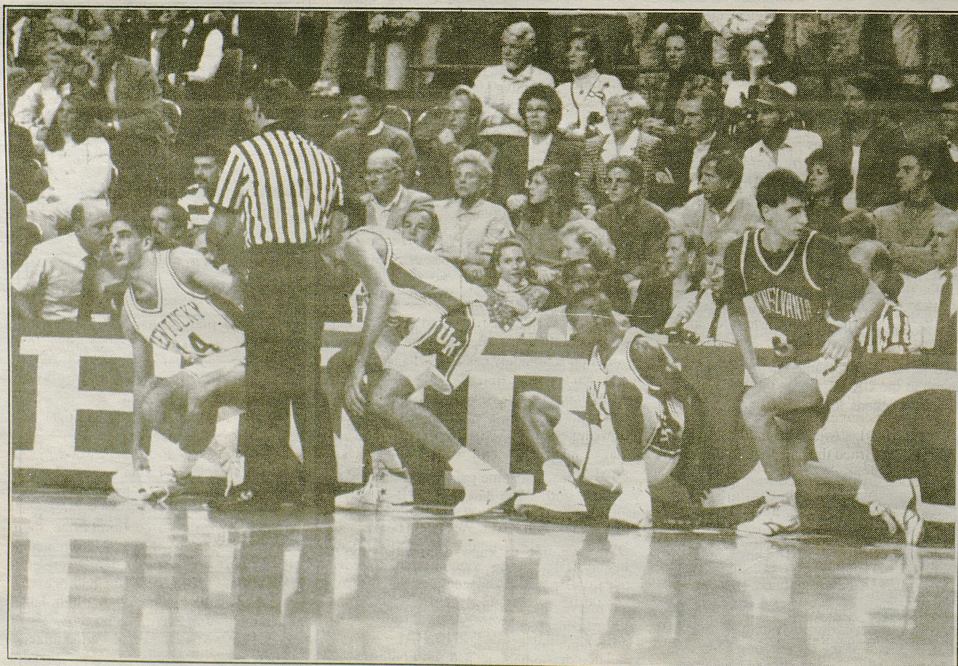


MONSTER MASH: Freshman Jamal Mashburn, who scored 12, connects on this reverse layup. photo by Todd Blevins



HAMMER TIME: The other half of the M&M duo, Gimel Martinez, is fouled. Martinez scored 10. photo by Todd Blevins

KENTUCKY 85, PENNSYLVANIA 62



ENTERING THE BALLGAME FOR KENTUCKY: Wildcat opener, using countless substitutions as no Wildcat played more than 24 minutes. photo by Todd Blevins

UK-Pennsylvania play-by-play

TIME	KENTUCKY	SCORE	PENNSYLVANIA
16:47	Hanson 6 ft.	2-0	
16:26	Pelphrey layup follow	4-0	
15:27	Mashburn FT, FT	6-0	
14:56		6-2	McMahon layup
13:32		6-4	McMahon 13 ft.
12:48		6-5	Purdy FT, FTA
12:33	Martinez layup	8-5	
12:06		8-7	Milobeky 9 ft. follow
11:09	Brassow 20 ft.	11-7	
10:02	Mashburn 6 ft. follow	13-7	
9:57	Mashburn 7 ft.	15-7	
9:27	Brassow 20 ft.	18-7	
9:01	Hanson layup follow	20-7	
8:14		20-9	Marshall FT, FT
8:06	Hanson dunk	22-9	
7:19	Feldhaus FT, FT	24-9	
7:09		24-11	Curran layup
4:47	Hanson FT, FT	26-11	
2:55	Hanson FT, FT	28-11	
2:51		28-14	Graf layup, FT
2:44	Farmer 23 ft.	31-14	
1:54	Martinez 4 ft.	33-14	
1:32	Brassow 21 ft.	36-14	
1:14		36-16	McMahon 15 ft.
0:43	Martinez 6 ft.	38-16	
0:40		38-18	Purdy FT, FT
0:05		38-20	McMahon 7 ft.

HALF 38-20

19:50	Mashburn 7 ft.	40-20	
19:34		40-22	Graf 17 ft.
19:25	Pelphrey FT, FT	42-22	
17:50		42-24	McMahon FT, FT
17:05	Mashburn layup	44-24	
16:46		44-26	Curran layup
16:36	Hanson layup follow	46-26	
16:20		46-29	McMahon 17 ft., FT
16:10	Pelphrey FT, FT	48-29	
15:36		48-31	McMahon 4 ft.
15:16		48-33	Marshall layup
14:55	Farmer FT, FT	50-33	
13:58		50-35	Purdy layup
13:22	Farmer 22 ft.	53-35	
12:37	Farmer 21 ft.	56-35	
12:19	Pelphrey 22 ft.	59-35	
11:44	Mashburn dunk	61-35	
11:14	Pelphrey 21 ft.	64-35	
10:35	Farmer FT, FTA	65-35	
10:20		65-37	McAllister 15 ft.
9:43		65-39	Schewe layup follow
9:31	Hanson FTA, FT	66-39	
9:03	Hanson FT, FT	68-39	
8:45		68-41	McAllister layup
8:29	Woods FT, FT	70-41	
7:48		70-43	McAllister layup
7:32	Martinez 7 ft.	72-43	
7:10		72-45	Marshall layup
7:00	Thomas 10 ft.	74-45	
5:57		74-47	Milobeky 16 ft.
5:05		74-49	McAllister 10 ft., FTA
4:39		74-52	Purdy 21 ft.
4:09		74-54	Purdy 13 ft.
3:05	Thompson 21 ft., FT	78-54	
2:53		78-55	McAllister FTA, FT
1:59	Feldhaus FT, FT	80-55	
1:50		80-57	Blount layup
1:39	Martinez FT, FT	82-57	
0:58		82-59	Brown FT, FT
0:26		82-62	Blount 20 ft.
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KENTUCKY WILDCATS



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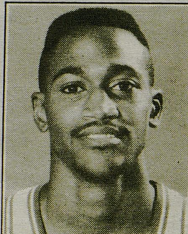
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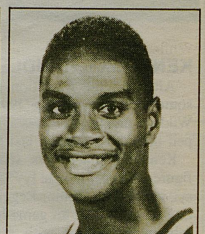
TALE OF THE TAPE

(through games of Nov. 24)

KENTUCKY		NOTRE DAME
1-0	Overall record	2-2
0-0	Conference record	no conference
85/85.0	Total points/Points per game	N/A
62/62.0	Total points allowed/Points allowed per game	N/A
45.5	Field goal percentage	N/A
33.3	Three-point field goal percentage	N/A
83.3	Free throw percentage	N/A
38/38.0	Total rebounds/Rebounds per game	N/A
18	Assists	N/A
16	Turnovers	N/A
6	Steals	N/A



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KENTUCKY ROSTER

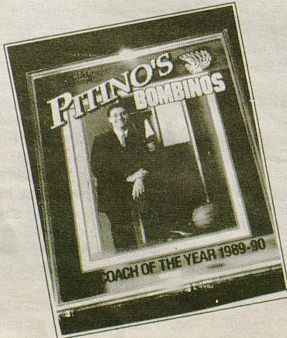
player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
Johnathon Davis	F	6-6	195	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest)
Reggie Hanson	F-C	6-7	200	Sr.	Somerset (Pulaski Co.)
Richie Farmer	G	6-0	175	Jr.	Manchester (Clay Co.)
Deron Feldhaus	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Maysville (Mason Co.)
John Pelphrey	G-F	6-7	180	Jr.	Paintsville (High)
Sean Woods	G	6-2	175	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)
Todd Bearup*	G-F	6-5	210	Jr.	London (Laurel Co./Utah State)
Junior Braddy	G	6-3	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Middleburg)
Jeff Brassow	G-F	6-5	185	So.	Houston, Texas (Alief-Elsik)
Gimel Martinez	C	6-9	205	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Senior)
Jamal Mashburn	F	6-8	230	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y. (Cardinal Hayes)
Henry Thomas	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn. (High)
Jody Thomas	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Feds Creek (High)
Carlos Toomer	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Corinth, Miss. (High)

*Transfer. Todd Bearup becomes eligible for the second semester

NOTRE DAME ROSTER

player	pos.	ht.	wt.	class	hometown (school)
Keith Tower	C	6-11	235	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Moon Area)
Tim Singleton	G	6-1	180	St.	New Orleans, La. (Carver)
Elmer Bennett	G	6-1	165	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
Brooks Boyer	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Jackson, Mich. (Lumen Christ)
LaPhonso Ellis	F	6-9	238	Jr.	East St. Louis, Ill. (Lincoln)
Daimon Sweet	G-F	6-5	200	Jr.	Beaumont, Texas (Central)
Monty Williams	F	6-7	205	So.	Forest Heights, Md. (Potomac)
Kevin Ellery	F	6-5	225	Sr.	Springfield (Washington Co.)
Carl Cozen	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Marist)
Joe Ross	F-C	6-10	215	Fr.	Wabash, Ind. (Northfield)
Jon Ross	F	6-9	210	Fr.	Wabash, Ind. (Northfield)

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Let Cawood continue to call 'em as he sees 'em

Quit asking about his retirement!

While breaking bread with Cawood Ledford during a recent media luncheon, we told the legendary Voice of the Wildcats that we wished people would quit speculating as to when he plans to hang up the old mike.



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

Of course, that question is pertinent in light of the fact that Ledford is 64 hard-working years old and like all good things must eventually reach the end of his radio trail.

Which means that Cawood, who comes from a line of long-lived Ledfords—his father is in the '90s—will be 74 when Century 2000 arrives a decade from now.

The durable Ledford, who is in his 37th season of calling UK basketball and football games, said he doesn't think he'll be doing the games at the beginning of the next century.

He worked on three-year contracts until four years ago, when he started taking it a year at a time.

Wildcat basketball coach Rick Pitino, who counts himself among Ledford's many admirers, last year appealed to Ledford to remain behind the UK mike through the length of Pitino's contract, which goes through the 1996-97 season.

That would be six years from now, about the time Ledford will probably ease himself into a more relaxing lifestyle.

We base this on a remark by Ledford, who said, "Adolph Rupp was six years older than I am now when he retired."

When asked what he envisioned himself doing when and if he retires, Ledford said, "I really don't know. I don't fish, hunt or have any hobbies...I could raise a small vegetable garden."

The problem (?) is that Ledford is one of the hardest-working persons on the broadcast scene. He has more irons in the fire than one would find at a South Fork branding party.

The past weekend was a good example. He and sidekick Ralph Hacker worked the UK-Tennessee football game on Saturday afternoon and then flew a charter back to Lexington for UK Basketball's home opener with Pennsylvania.

Earlier in the week, he produced a half-hour televised basketball special. All that in addition to his TV and radio spots and writing a column for his newspaper.

Meanwhile, Jerry Tipton, *Herald-Leader* staff writer who covers UK basketball, speculated on who will eventually replace Ledford.

Tipton notes that Hacker is experienced and in the enviable position of being in on the selection, then asks, "But will UK fans accept the longtime sidekick as Cawood's replacement?"

Tipton also mentions two more obvious candidates, Cincinnati Reds play-by-play man Marty Brennaman and NBC television personality Tom Hammond.

Then he asks, "But did he (Brennaman) burn his bridges last year when, curiously dismissed from UK's television team, he accused Hacker of manipulating his oyster?"

And would Hammond leave his good deal with NBC?

However, the most important person, aside from the UK athletic brass, in this whole matter naturally is Jim Host, whose firm owns the UK broadcast rights and who is "Mr. Communications" as far as UK athletics are concerned.

So at this point in time, we would say that Hacker is in the catbird's seat. He would be a good and logical



Former Kentucky Wildcat football players Chet Lukawski (left) and Gene Donaldson at recent '51 team reunion

choice.

BACK TO THE '51 TEAM

Among the 1951 Sugar Bowl champion Wildcats being honored during the weekend of the UK-Florida game were three persons—guard Gene Donaldson, tackle Chet Lukawski and end Bennie Zaranka—who also were teammates and played on the same side of the ball at Roosevelt High School in East Chicago, Ind.

Donaldson and Lukawski made the wrong kind of news when three former Wildcat basketball players, implicated in the college gambling scandals of late '40s, testified to various violation of rules by the university.

Their testimony included accusations that Donaldson had been employed at one dollar an hour by a local architect and that Lukawski was given \$100 to purchase clothing, and both football and basketball players violated rules by accepting gift certificates from local merchants.

The NCAA and SEC suspended UK from basketball competition for one year. The conference also suspended Donaldson and Lukawski from football competition and fined UK \$500 for each.

After that the crackdown on athletics at UK was so tight that Donaldson remarked in April, 1953, that "an athlete strolling across the campus can't even ask somebody for the time of day."

During his final year of competition (1951), Donaldson was named to the All-SEC team. He would have been a prime All-America candidate the following year.

After being declared ineligible, Donaldson became a professional wrestler on the Lexington circuit. He left Lexington in 1961 and for the past 29 years has been with Texaco in and around the Houston, Texas, area.

He said the last time he saw his old coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was in the early '70s after Donaldson suffered a heart attack.

"I was dead for four minutes," he said. "They got me going with electric shock."

When Bryant's Alabama team played at Houston, Bryant invited Donaldson to the game.

Lukawski is director of business education at East Chicago Public Schools. His son Terry is a student at Indiana University, daughter Tricia is a sophomore on

basketball scholarship at Chadron State College in Nebraska. She averaged 16 points a game last year.

Chet and Valerie Lukawski also have twins Tom and Traci. Tom is a 6-foot-3, 255-pound junior offensive and defensive tackle and short and long-snapper at his high school in East Chicago. Chet is proud of the fact that both twins are first in their class.

Zaranka is a retired Lexington fireman who is one of UK's most avid followers, both at home and on the road. He and Betty don the blue, hop into their RV, and make a fine impression wherever their Wildcat trail takes them.

The persons receiving the biggest ovations during halftime introductions of the Sugar Bowl champs were quarterback Babe Parilli and tackle Bob Gain, both All-Americans, and Zaranka.

Thirty-two team members or their representatives were in attendance.

Thanks to the efforts of athletics director C. M. Newton and associate athletics director Gene DeFilippo and staff, a good time was had by all.

CAN'T FORGET PEACH BOWL TEAM

Thanks to Lexingtonian Howard Dahlman for reminding us that UK's victory over North Carolina in the Peach Bowl was in 1976, not 1986, as was listed in last week's "Back Thru The Years." Howard sat in the top row of that game in Atlanta and remained throughout the contest. We sat in the press box and almost froze. That's how cold it was.

NIGHTMARE TIME

Once again the old yellow flag help dig UK's grave, this time against UT at Knoxville.

The intentional grounding call against Ryan Hockman and UK in the first half that set up a Tennessee touchdown drew criticism from the TBS announcers, which well it should.

So now, Bill Curry and his staff close the book on a 4-7 season by hitting the recruiting trail in search of more team speed. Curry is predicting "another excellent recruiting year."

He says the UK football program is on the right track. We believe him.

'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

1991-92 Kentucky Wildcats invited to participate in Big Apple NIT

Will have opportunity for 'tournament' feel; in line to host opener

The University of Kentucky has accepted an invitation to play in next fall's Big Apple NIT, signaling the return of the Wildcats to national tournament competition.

Wildcat athletics director C.M. Newton, who along with tournament officials confirmed UK's place in the 1991 preseason tournament field, said:

"Coming off no post-season play for two years, this gives us an opportunity for tournament competition on the national level before the post-season."

NCAA sanctions against the Wildcats included a ban from playing in pre- or post-season tournaments during the 1989-90 and 1990-91 seasons.

Games played in the NIT do not count against the NCAA limit of 28 games per season.

Newton said the university did not know who, when or where the 'Cats will be in next year's Big Apple NIT.

"When you agree to go, you agree they determine who you play," he said. "I'd have to think we're in line for an early game (at Rupp Arena). I hope we would sell a lot of tickets and create a lot of interest."

NIT official Carmine Calzonetti, a former guard for St. John's, said Georgia Tech, Texas, Florida State and Kentucky would be part of the 16-team field.

Wildcat coach Rick Pitino, who has set the 1992 NCAA Tournament field as his goal, grew up in New York City and eventually returned as an assistant and later head coach with the New York Knicks.

Coaches of the other three teams listed by Calzonetti also have ties with the Greater New York area.

Bobby Cremins of Georgia Tech grew up in the Bronx. Tom Penders of Texas previously coached at Fordham and Columbia. Pat Kennedy of Florida State formerly coached at Iona.

Calzonetti said that was purely coincidental since several schools were locked into the 1991 field four years ago. The paperwork that led to UK's participation in the 1991 tournament began before Newton and Pitino



C.M. Newton

arrived.

One of Newton's initial moves after he became UK athletics director in the spring of 1989 was to let NIT officials know UK would like to be considered the first year it went off sanctions.

Echoing sentiments made a while back by Pitino, Newton said, "From the standpoint of recruiting, it makes a whole lot more sense to go to New York City than to Lawrence, Kan., for example. We're not recruiting anybody from Kansas.

"From a personal standpoint for Rick, it's not as much an issue. He'd probably rather go to New York without the team. It'd be more fun without the team."

The Wildcats would have to win two games before advancing to New York for the semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

UK never has participated in a Big Apple NIT, which held its inaugural tournament in 1985.

However, the Wildcats have played in seven post-season NIT events. They won the 1946 and 1976 NITs. Their last appearance in an NIT was in 1979, when they lost to Clemson 68-67 in Rupp Arena.

KENTUCKY WILDCAT NOTEBOOK

HARDWOOD NOT SO HARD

•UK athletics director C.M. Newton and basketball coach Rick Pitino met recently with officials from the Lexington Center Corp. to address the issue of the Rupp Arena basketball playing floor.

The university and Lexington Center will attempt to eliminate several dead spots in the portable hardwood floor as soon as possible. In addition, UK will re-paint several areas of the floor.

"At considerable expense, and based upon the technological advice they received, the Lexington Center Corporation made its very best effort to eliminate the dead spots on the Rupp Arena floor," Newton said. "Apparently the only way to solve the problem is by installing a sub-flooring, which they are willing to investigate for next season. Having brought teams to this floor as the Vanderbilt coach, I can say these dead spots do not dramatically affect the quality of play."

"The graphic design of the floor is another matter," he said. "We will see that it is satisfactorily corrected at the earliest possible time. The two goals we wanted to accomplish in this arena were to make the floor our 'Kentucky Blue', and to highlight 'Kentucky Wildcats' in the markings. In short, we very much appreciate Lexington Center's willingness to cooperate. They are as willing and anxious as we are to dress up the floor in a first-class manner."

Lexington Center officials indicated that any changes in the floor's paint job would require a minimum of five to six working days to complete. The process would involve buffing the current finish, applying a new coat of blue paint and then the new white paint, with some drying time after each. A final sealer coat would then be applied, with a

minimum drying time of three to four days. Officials will work to schedule any refinishing around UK games and other events in the arena.

"The Lexington Center people have been more than cooperative in lending their services to refinishing the floor so that it will be a recruiting advantage and a highlight for our TV coverage," Pitino said. "They are also looking into sub-flooring, which hopefully would eliminate the dead spots. Everyone has worked very well together to solve this problem, and hopefully this case is closed."

HONORS FOR HOLLERAN

•UK linebacker Randy Holleran has been named to the 1990 *Football News* All-America second team.

A 6-foot-1, 238-pound senior from McKeesport, Pa., Holleran is one of seven Southeastern Conference players selected to that team. Offensive tackle Antone Davis (Tennessee), offensive guard Ed King (Auburn), kicker Philip Doyle (Alabama) and outside linebacker Huey Richardson (Florida) were named to the first team. Tight end Kirk Kirkpatrick (Fla.), defensive David Rocker (Auburn) and Holleran were chosen to the second team.

"It is indeed an honor to be chosen among the nation's best," Holleran said. "I'm just thankful for the opportunity to play again after the knee injury. But I would trade this honor for a Southeastern Conference championship or a bowl game, anytime."

Entering the season finale against Tennessee, Holleran led the SEC in tackles with 166. His best efforts during the 1990 season included a school-record 29 tackles against LSU and 24 at Rutgers. Entering his last game, Holleran ranked seventh on the UK list

for career tackles with 371.

Holleran missed much of the second half during UK's loss to Florida two weeks ago, thus recorded a season-low seven tackles. The seven stops snapped a streak of 21 consecutive starts in which he had recorded at least 10 tackles.

A year ago, Holleran underwent reconstructive knee surgery in early August and did not participate in a single play during the 1990 season. In 1988, he was an All-SEC selection by the *Associated Press* after posting 161 tackles and a school-record 102 solo hits.

JOHNSON, SHAHID BACK ON TEAM

•After serving one-game team suspensions, both receiver/return specialist Kurt Johnson and rover Salim Shahid were reinstated by head coach Bill Curry, making them eligible to play against Tennessee.

SUTTON POINTS HIS FINGER

•Former UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton, entering his first season as coach of Oklahoma State, his alma mater, after a one-year absence from the coaching ranks, places the blame for the stiff three-year probation that was administered to the UK by the NCAA squarely on the shoulders of the UK administration.

"Had the administration stood up (to the NCAA), Kentucky would have walked," Sutton told Danny Robbins of the *Los Angeles Times*. "There wasn't enough there to convict Kentucky. But the university jumped in bed (with the NCAA)."

The NCAA, among its findings, cited former UK assistant coach Dwane Casey for sending \$1,000 in an Emery Air Freight package to Claud Mills, father of former

Fairfax (Los Angeles) star Chris Mills, and barred UK player Eric Manuel from further NCAA competition for cheating on an entrance exam.

"To this day," Sutton said, "I'm telling you, I don't know why Emery those people out there, would not tell the truth. But where was the money? Nobody ever found the money. The way it was handled...I mean, it was crazy."

Casey recently received a substantial settlement in his law suit against Emery stemming from the incident.

Sutton said it is "criminal" what the NCAA is doing to Manuel. "I told (NCAA executive director) Dick Schultz, 'How can you do this to that kid when you've got rapists and other criminals out there playing?' He said, 'Well, I don't handle that.'"

Sutton said the only thing he learned from the Kentucky situation was that maybe he didn't manage people as well as he could have, and that he maybe put too much trust in people.

"Maybe they were influenced by outside folks who got to them," he said. "I mean, I don't know."

Sutton said he had always dreamed of returning to Oklahoma State, where he was a player and graduate assistant under Hank Iba in the '50s.

The Cowboys, who have made two consecutive trips to the National Invitational Tournament, are considered contenders for the Big Eight title. In addition to All-Big Eight center Byron Houston, they have three other starters returning, along with Sutton's son, Sean, who was Kentucky's starting point guard two years ago. The young Sutton picked OSU and hopes to "help my dad get back among the national elite of coaching."

Coach's whip has pushed Woods to another level

Woods: Rick Pitino is like E.F. Hutton

When Rick Pitino talks, University of Kentucky players listen. That's why junior guard Sean Woods was worried when the Wildcat coach this summer said that he would not let Woods play unless he improved his



Larry Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

grades in summer school.

"Coach Pitino is like E. F. Hutton," Woods said. "When he says something, you better listen. I knew he was serious and he had me very worried."

The 6-foot-3 guard, who averaged 9.1 points and 5.9 assists per game last year, met Pitino's academic guidelines and is now running the show for the Wildcats once again.

"Without a doubt I am a better player," Woods, who led the Southeastern Conference in assists last season, said. "I was like a freshman last year because I had to sit out my first year. I've shaken that rust off now and know what to expect."

Woods, a 48 percent shooter last year, insists his jump shot is more accurate and has longer range.

"My shot will be another weapon," he said. "Most people won't expect me to hit from outside."

Instead, UK opponents expect Woods to use his quickness to slash to the basket and either score or pass to an open teammate. Woods, though, knew he had to be able to shoot from outside to help UK and be classified as more than a good point guard.

All that was missing to keep me from being a great player was my jump shot," he said. "I've got a better work ethic, too. I'm more hard-nosed and determined. I knew it would be hard to become a great player, but I really worked this summer."

Woods was full of confidence and cockiness at this time last year. He predicted he would have a major impact on UK. He also said UK would beat LSU, a forecast that did come true.

"I'm not as cocky as I was," Woods said as he flashed his customary grin. "I'm a more modest person."

"Last year I never had played college basketball. I had only watched. I was cocky and thought I could play as well as anyone. But I found out pickup games were not the same as real games."

Pitino thinks that is just part of the maturing process most players experience in college.

"Sean is growing up," Pitino said. "He came out of high school thinking he was a world-beater. Sean knew how to have fun but now he's having fun while being more dedicated to the team."

Pitino has never minced words about Woods. Often Woods has been the target of Pitino's wrath at practice and in print.

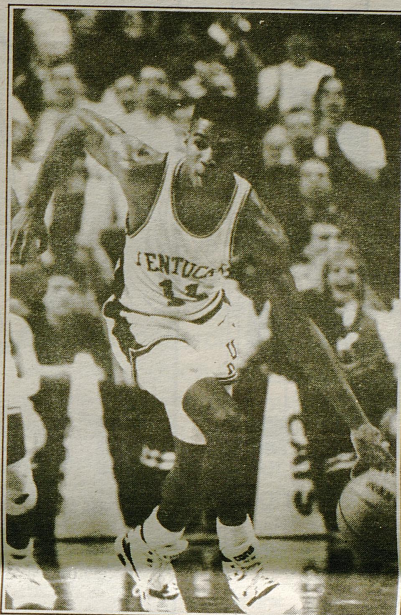
"He knows I can take the heat," Woods said. "A point guard in his system has to handle pressures. Coach (Billy) Donovan helped me understand that."

"The thing with the academics was my fault. I'm not going to class just to get by. Now my goals are higher."

"Before, I never took school very seriously. Coach Pitino has made me see that is wrong. He's used examples of other players that I don't want to turn out to be like to motivate me."

The 20-year-old Woods, who admires NBA star Isiah Thomas more than any other sports figure, has accepted Pitino's criticisms without a whimper. He knows he must remain cool under all types of pressure to run UK's offense.

"I'm the leader," Woods said. "I am Coach Pitino on the floor. That's why he puts more heat on me than



other players. It doesn't bother me. I can take it and not get down. I can take punches and go on."

Woods also knew that Pitino understood his worth to the team and that he could do more than shoot.

"I was smart enough to know my biggest weakness was shooting," Woods said. "No one had to tell me that. It had always been a problem but coach Pitino has never doubted that I can shoot. And this year I'm going to hit those shots people give me."

Woods expects to benefit from increased competition in practice. Transfer Travis Ford played the point at Missouri last year and should push Woods daily.

"Coach brought him in to push me," Woods said. "He wants me to be the very best player I can be. But that doesn't bother me. It just motivates me even more."

ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MICROPHONE

Kentucky did not have the football season fans, players or even coach Bill Curry expected. However, don't worry about Curry being upset if he finds media members questioning his ability or program.

"When I was in my 30's I thought life was over because somebody wrote something ugly about me," Curry said. "I just couldn't understand why somebody would do that."

"All kinds of crazy stuff goes through your mind then. But a friend of mine told me not to flatter myself about the article. He told me people would not even remember in a few months what was written and they don't."

Curry, unlike some coaches, understands that media members will disagree with his decisions and question things he does. He can accept that.

"I will never question your right to have an opinion different than mine," Curry said. "I'll never even respond to what you wrote unless you ask me what I think."

"Then I might say I didn't agree with the story but we will still be friends. You may decide to write something radically different from what I think but we will still be friends."

Curry, however, cannot tolerate stories that he feels are not fair and/or accurate. "I'll be the first to admit I am human," the UK coach said. "When I read something that is flat-out off the wall it blows my mind. I get angry like anybody else. I want to punch out the guy who



MAKING SEAN THE BEST HE CAN BE
Sean Woods (left) has been pushed by Rick Pitino more than any Wildcat. But Woods says it's paid off in his progress on the floor and in the classroom.

wrote the story.

"Where the media is intentionally dishonest and makes an attempt to deceive and damage, that is a terrible process. That is destructive and a terrible process."

"When I am convinced that somebody is intentionally trying to damage a young person or a group of young people, I can hardly bear it and it's hard to believe it happens, but it does."

"When it does happen it takes a lot of time and energy. You look at the story and think this is going to hurt my wife or a certain player about who the lie was written, especially if it is just an out-and-out lie."

Curry, unlike some coaches, does enjoy the media. He set aside one hour each day for interviews in addition to his weekly press conference and Southeastern Conference teleconferences during the past season.

"I love people and contrary to popular opinion, sportswriters are people, too," Curry laughed and said.

He wants to be accessible because he's been on the other side. He spent three years as a television sportscaster in Atlanta while he was playing for the Baltimore Colts.

"The best thing that happened to me when it comes to media relations was that I had a chance to be a sportscaster," Curry said. "I was the local jock on the air. They sat me in front of a TV camera because of my name."

"I enjoyed it but I had to get interviews from people who treated me like dirt and some of them were names you would recognize."

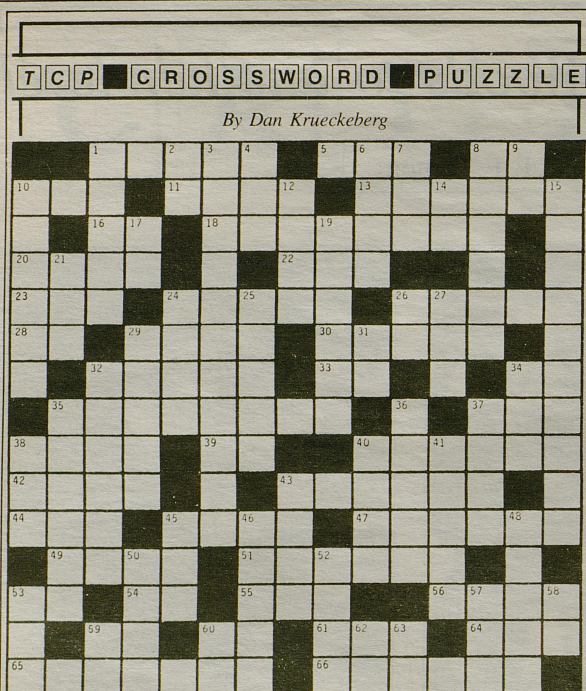
"I've been called down by head coaches at press conferences and made to feel foolish. Guys shouldn't do that and I try to remember that."

Curry still remembers the fear he had when he was assigned to interview baseball great Roberto Clemente, a Hall of Fame player for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I walked up with my hand shaking because I was so much in awe just being in his presence," Curry said. "I had been told he was a tough interview but he was wonderful to me."

"Roberto just didn't want people lying about him. He was not a bad guy. Like a lot of us, he just didn't want

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THE BIG FOUR: 1990

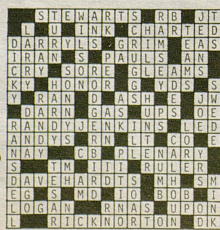
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- 1 Big Four foe of 35 Across this year
- 5 Cats conference
- 8 Initials of Hoosiers big man Lawson
- 10 Golfer's word
- 11 Destiny
- 13 Retreat
- 16 Will face Notre Dame in the Big Four Classic
- 18 6-9 newcomer for the Cats
- 20 Namesakes of Irish guard Singleton
- 22 Negative particle
- 23 Taxing group
- 24 Natural aptitude
- 25 Doubleday never invented baseball
- 28 Compass abbr.
- 29 Derwin of the Cardinals
- 30 Big star of the Irish
- 32 Famed golfer Ben
- 33 See 28 Across
- 34 Football score abbr.
- 35 Foe of 1 Across in Big Four Classic
- 37 Will toss up the opening tip
- 38 Hatless
- 39 Initials of singer Rawls
- 40 Coach of Mashburn, Pelphrey & Feldhaus
- 42 Football positions
- 43 Unwanted radio noise
- 44 Compass abbr.
- 45 Computer word
- 47 Went on foot
- 49 "They came ____ the court"
- 51 Wrangle
- 53 "One--one"
- 54 Initials of Irish guard Bennett
- 55 Hotel
- 56 Personal interest
- 59 Nickname of 15 Down
- 60 Initials of IU's 6-6 soph. Cheaney
- 61 Biblical vessel
- 64 Title of respect
- 65 Standout swingman for U of L
- 66 ____ men face the Cats in the Big Four Classic

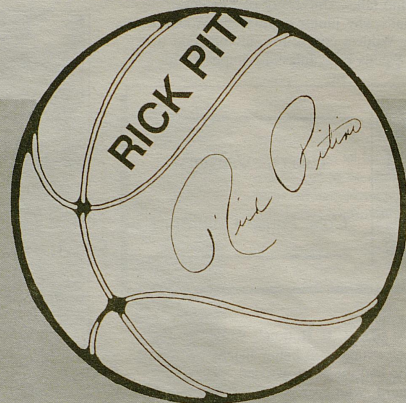
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- 1 Coach ____ men include Smith, Brewer and Wingfield
- 2 Initials of UK's 3-point bomber
- 3 The Hoosiers' newest star
- 4 Abbr. for "station"
- 6 Feminine name
- 7 Abbr. for "central"
- 8 This is 6-6 ____ first year with the Irish
- 9 51 to the Romans
- 10 Looks to improve on his team's 14-14 mark of last season
- 12 IU's 6-9 Anderson
- 14 Initials of tennis star Evert
- 15 Star senior of the Cardinals
- 17 Initials of UL newcomer Stone
- 19 Souvenirs
- 21 Anger
- 24 Beer containers
- 25 See 26 Across
- 26 SEC state abbr.
- 27 " ____ Blue"
- 29 Returning conf. assist leader for the Cats
- 31 Initials of 30 Across
- 32 Standout U of L frontliner
- 34 Players on the court at one time
- 35 Cats standout Reggie
- 36 Very necessary
- 37 First name of 10 Down
- 38 Stinger
- 40 Wildcats' feet
- 41 Bathroom wall covers
- 43 First name of 29 Down
- 45 First name of a Big Four coach
- 46 IU should be in the ____ of the Big Ten race
- 48 Ranked 3rd in nation in rebounding last season
- 50 Rip
- 52 Cinch
- 53 FT point value
- 57 Sixth sense?
- 58 Collegiate class abbr. for 3 Down
- 59 Initials of 48 Down
- 60 Initials of 8 Down
- 62 Initials of 35 Down
- 63 Initials of 6-5 sr. Ellery of the Irish

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LSU needs to back its next football coach

Archer didn't have a friend in the world

This week's column was supposed to be about something else.

Then Mike Archer quit at LSU and started me thinking and remembering.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

While I don't live in Louisiana, I'm in the state two or three days every two weeks.

The inevitability of Archer's demise has been obvious for some time.

Privately, people were against him. Publicly, people were against him. The talk shows, the letters to the editor, all reflected a common belief that tomorrow would be better than today for LSU football if only the Tigers had a new coach.

The press didn't help Archer's cause either. Newspaper people second-guessed him in column after column. TV and radio people jumped on the same bandwagon.

Let me tell you something about the broadcast fraternity. I speak with 40 years experience behind the microphone. Sports announcers are convinced if they don't say something sensational they'll lose their audiences, and their ratings, to someone else who does. Ratings are the lifeblood of the business.

As a result, the sports anchors who are reliable, thoughtful and solidly analytical can be counted on the fingers of one hand. For every one whose program represents accurate sports reporting, there are five whose program only reflects show biz.

Anyway, they joined the mob with their sly inuendos and Mike Archer was deader than Kelsey's reproductive organs.

As LSU people are about to find out, fixing a sick football program is not as easy as changing doctors.

I went through it at Ole Miss in 1973. Billy Kinard, after coaching the Rebels to 9-2 in 1971 and 5-5 in 1972, made the mistake of losing two of his first three games in 1973.

Someone slipped up on Kinard's blind side, convinced a not too resolute chancellor Porter Fortune that disaster was on the immediate horizon unless Billy was fired, then and there, only three games into the season, and Rebel football went to hell in a handbasket. Billy Brewer finally began to put the pieces back together, some 15 or 16 years later.

The "fresh start" crowd was so powerful they even fired me after the season and I was only the radio announcer. I eventually got the job back four years later, but those were very troubled times.

The thing Rebel fans learned and, I believe, LSU fans are about to learn, is there are no miracle men coaching college football today. There are only hard workers, smart hard workers, I admit, but hard workers.

Smart as they may be and hard as they may work, they cannot do the job alone.

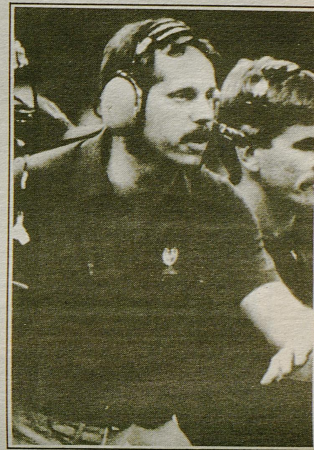
They need the help and support of every fan their university has. The name of the game in building a winning college program is not coaching. It's recruiting.

Successful recruiting means having comparable facilities to those schools recruiting against you and that takes money. LSU has a problem there. Tiger Stadium is a great place to play but go underneath it and examine the Tigers' weight room and other areas of that very old structure. Then go to some of the other SEC schools who have upgraded. No comparison.

Successful recruiting also means finding alumni who will provide players good summertime jobs. Not minimum wage jobs but jobs in which a kid can legally

Columnist's opinion of the way Mike Archer (right) was treated by LSU athletics director Joe Dean:

I am dismayed by the way athletics director Joe Dean has handled the LSU situation so far. Joe has always been one of my shining examples but his admission that he hired a national executive research firm six weeks ago to produce a list of coaching candidates while publicly proclaiming his support of, and belief in, Mike Archer, smacks of hypocrisy of the highest order.



make enough money that he can put some away for his personal needs during the school year.

Successful recruiting means putting together and supporting the program so outstanding athletes around the state hear people talking up your athletic program instead of tearing it down.

Successful recruiting also requires media support, honest reporting rather than cynical sensationalism.

Ole Miss didn't get that. Instead they had the John Vaught faction that wanted assistant coach Bob Tyler promoted to the head job and the athletic director Bruiser Kinard faction that wanted brother Billy.

Bruiser won, but he lost. When Billy was fired so was Bruiser.

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When Billy Kinard got the Ole Miss job it was alumni meeting season. I went with him to one. He was the speaker, I was the master of ceremonies.

Kinard was always blunt, tactless and honest. He knew football, really knew football. He didn't know how to handle people.

I introduced Billy and he stood up to speak, fully aware of the controversy over his hiring.

The new coach looked the crowd of 400 right in their collective eye and then said, "I understand there has been a lot of talk about whether or not I should have gotten the Ole Miss job. Well, here's the way it is. From this point on you're either with me or against me."

In other words, choose up sides. Right now. Be with me or get lost.

I hope the situation at LSU never comes to "you're either with us or against us."

The only way LSU will ever rise again to its greatest glory is for the state to be with the school, its new coach and the athletic program.

If they don't then save this column and we'll run it again in four years. Only the names will be different.

NOT FOR BROADCAST

•Florida will spend \$17.3 million to expand their stadium. For that amount of money the Gators will get 10,000 additional seats and 10 skyboxes. Their stadium

will now seat 83,000, generating an additional \$3.7 million annually in ticket sales. The work is expected to be finished before the 1991 season...

•Ole Miss has not been shut out since the 1986 season when they were defeated by Arkansas 21-0. On the other hand, the Rebels have not shut out an opponent since 1976 when they defeated Southern Mississippi 28-0...

•What will Dale Brown think of next? When LSU recently played the Newcastle (Australia) Falcons in an exhibition game, Dale arranged with the SEC office to have three women call the game. All three are women SEC officials and have been involved in calling NCAA tournament play that includes the Final Four. After assigning the three women, the conference office sent associate commissioner Patty Wall to represent the SEC at the game...

•Mississippi State has set an all-time record for season basketball ticket sales. As of mid-November the Bulldogs had sold 3,141 season tickets. The previous record was set last year at 2,755...

•Tennessee set a record of its own in the Notre Dame game. The Vol pressbox seats 108. Approximately 180 media representatives requested credentials. As usual, everything and everyone was capably handled by Bud Ford, Tennessee's talented sports information director...

•Notre Dame's football players came from 25 different states, Tennessee's from 13...

•Since Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium opened in 1973 the Wildcats' average attendance is 55,261 per game...

•Auburn had a perfect 9-0 record in homecoming games under Pat Dye. Then along comes Southern Mississippi a few weeks ago and there went the record...

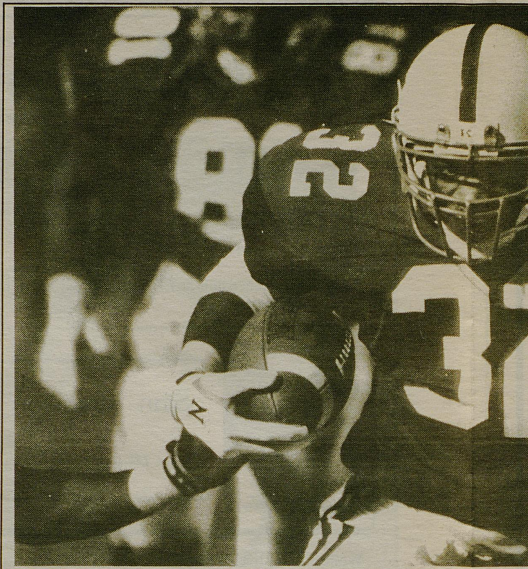
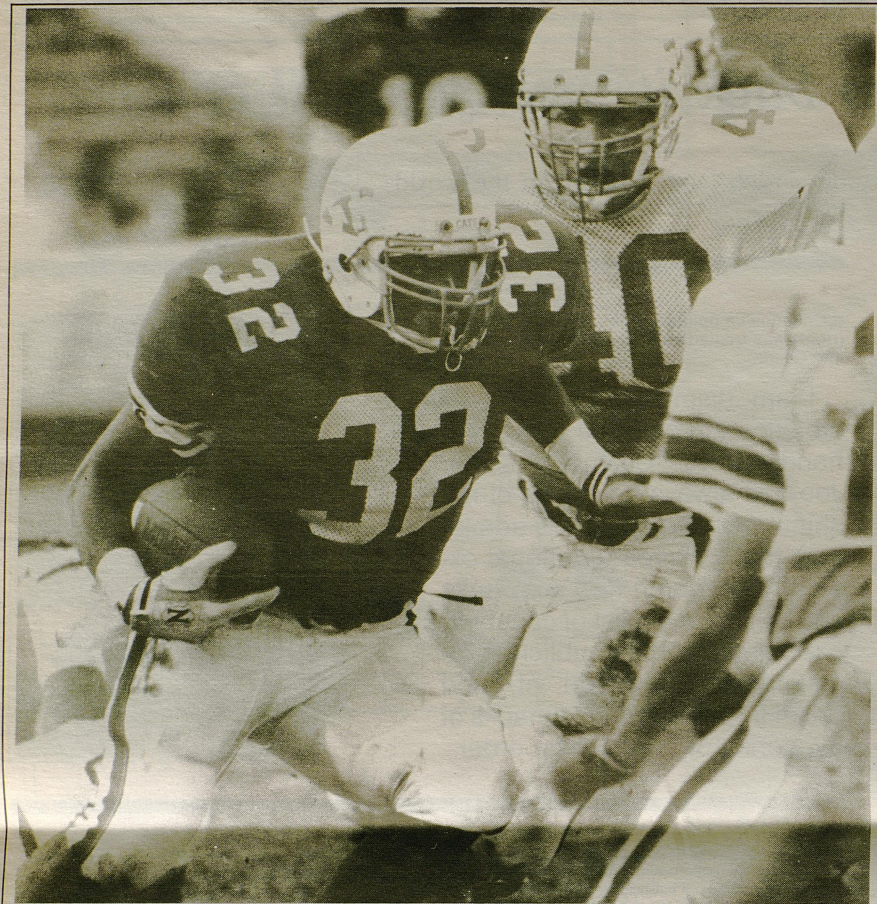
•Speaking of broken records, Tennessee had a 25-game winning streak in games played in November, December and January dating back to a Sun Bowl loss to Maryland Dec. 22, 1984. Notre Dame took care of that streak with its recent win over the Vols...

•Heisman Trophy ballots have been distributed to the award's qualified voters. My guess—Rocket Ismail of Notre Dame...

THE LAST WORD

Tee shirt reported by writer Jimmy Hyams at the Florida State-LSU game:

"The SEC can kiss my ACC."



TRYING TO SHED 'DOUBTING T

(Top left, clockwise) Mike Thomas outran Randy Holleran for a game-high 107 yards in leading the Blues to a 31-17 victory; Thomas suffered a knee injury in the fall; Thomas said it wasn't until the end of the year that he came back with steam ahead; at Ole Miss he looked impressive at times, carrying the ball for 107 yards, but he also suffered another injury.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SEASON

Tailback Mike Thomas trying to regain confidence heading into 1991

University of Kentucky football coaches stepped up to the Mike in last spring's annual Blue-White affair.

Mike Thomas, that is.

With a game-high 107 yards rushing, he was the star of the Blue-White scrimmage before a record crowd at Commonwealth Stadium.

But little did the UK coaches realize they would soon have a Doubting Thomas on their hands.

Suddenly thrust into the limelight, the New Jersey junior tailback failed to handle the media hype.

And when he suffered a medial-collateral left knee sprain in two-a-day workouts Aug. 16, his world began to come apart at the seams.

He missed the first three games of the season, returned to action for the first time against North Carolina, and had 35 yards rushing before leaving the Ole Miss game with a left ankle sprain.

It just wasn't his year.

"It seems someone jinxed me," Thomas said the other day before the finale with Tennessee.

"Everytime I touched the ball I was banged. In the scrimmage I hurt my knee. It shouldn't have been that bad."

Thomas reacted much like anybody else who is considered as the first-string tailback.

"I looked up and said 'God, why me?'" Thomas said.

But later, upon reflection, Thomas knew there had been a purpose behind it all.

"I try to please God in my life," Thomas said. "I

felt He was trying to tell me something the first time I got hurt.

"I was getting caught up in the media and my friends and I was distracted from my bible study and stuff like that. That's why I was hurt."

Thomas feels he wasn't ready to be pressed into stardom this year. Somehow, he feels it was God's will.

"I thank God for correcting me because a lot of people don't get a second chance to go out and do well," he said.

Thomas now feels he is ready to step forward and claim the tailback spot next year.

The New Jersey native feels the knee and ankle injury are all behind him and, for the first time this season, he entered the UK-UT game "100 percent".

He showed this in the Vanderbilt game as he bulled over from three yards out for his first touchdown of the year.

Thomas then ripped off one 14-yard gain against Florida, had another 14-yard scamper called back on account of a penalty, and caught a couple of passes.

Thomas, to his credit, refused to sulk after losing his starting tailback post due to the sudden emergence to stardom of Al Baker.

He has tried to help Baker in ever way he could. If Baker missed a cut, Thomas was there to point the right way.

Thomas is also quick to wish the Cadiz cannonball all the luck in the world as he

by PANCHO EASTERWOOD

leaves the team and trains his sights on the pros.

"Al has gone through a lot of trials and tribulations," Thomas said. "I'm happy for him."

And the same holds true for Baker. He's happy Mike is back and raring to go in 1991.

"Mike does certain things I can't do," Baker said. "And he does them well. But if I had any advice to give him it would be this—don't give up no matter what goes on. And don't think it is all you. Sometimes it is not you. It's something else."

Sound advice from a person who has seen the good and bad times of college football.

Thomas says he is already visualizing it. I am going to try to get it."

Thomas said there are other reasons why he believes the 'Cats will be on the prowl.

"From the team point of view I think we are going to have a good season," Thomas said.

"From my point of view my confidence

has risen. The key to everything is getting close to the coaches and getting to know the system. I feel everyone is now getting into the new system."

Thomas first got his confidence flowing late last year when he got into the Vanderbilt game and rushed for a career-high 96 yards in 20 carries.

When he scored the game-winning touchdown on an eight-yard burst with 1:30 left in the game his confidence soared.

"I really felt good once they put me in the Vandy game," Thomas said. "I finally got something going. I don't know what it was. Perhaps the line started blocking better. But I saw some good holes. I had some good gains."

Florida followed. Again Thomas felt good. And his yardage (40 yards) backed it up. But he didn't stay in the game that long.

"They left (Alfred Rawls in)," Thomas said. "I really don't think I've had a chance yet to get into the running groove."

Thomas wound up with 213 yards rushing—second on the squad—and then cinched his position as the starting tailback with a fine spring game.

"I felt relaxed and calm," Thomas recalls about his entry into the 1990 season. "But, as I said earlier, I was drifting away. I was doing things I wouldn't normally be doing if I wasn't on top of the depth chart."

But Thomas vows 1991 will be different. He will concentrate on getting physically stronger next year. That is a must. He's

already real quick at 5-11, 205 pounds.

But he also will concentrate on the mental aspect of the game.

"Next year the key to my success will be to strengthen my inner self...my confidence," Thomas said. "You can get as strong as you want. But if your heart isn't there you are not going to do it."

Thomas said he doesn't know what happened to him in 1990. But he doesn't want to claim it in 1991.

"I will use my bible study a lot to strengthen my heart back," he said.

The bible is as much a part of Thomas' life as any schoolbook is. And he has put a lot of his work in that department.

A Proposition 48 casualty (he doesn't meet NCAA academic standards to be a freshman at UK), Thomas got a second chance in the spring semester.

That was upbeat," said Thomas. "Like scoring a touchdown."

Thomas grew up in Somerset, N.J., in Franklin Township.

New York City's Manhattan borough is a 15-minute drive from his home.

THAT'S SOMERSET AS IN N.J. Somerset was not your laid-back try school. With an enrollment of 4,500 one could get lost in the school.

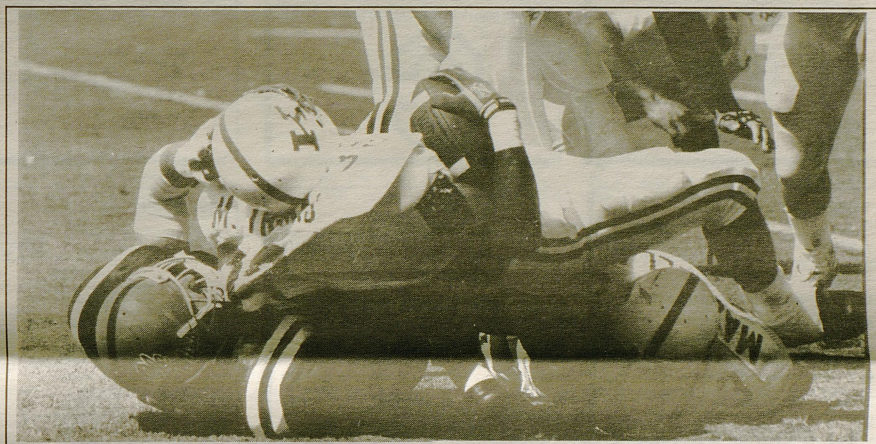
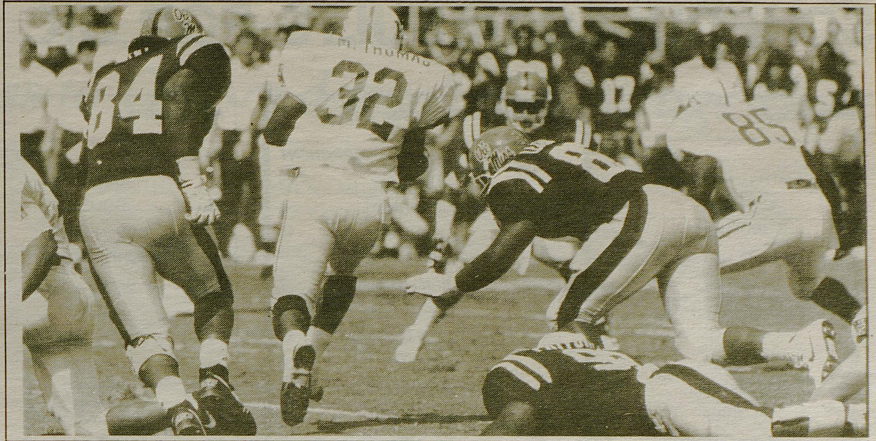
Really lost. Like dead.

"My high school had gangs, students, that, Thomas recalled. "I tried to get away from that type of atmosphere."

But it was hard. Drugs and booze were as freely as the Hudson River. Thomas remembers it even hit close to home.

"There was a friend, not really a friend but an acquaintance," he recalls. "I had a drug deal gone sour. He owed me some money. He got shot."

Thomas, at times, would drift off



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Manhattan. And run back. It was, he said, "pretty rough."

"He never saw anybody stabbed. Or shot. But he saw people lying on sidewalks that had been stabbed. And he heard the shots.

"Hoodlums would do anything to make money," Thomas said. "I'd hear the bullets and that would be enough for me. I would duck. Then I'd run. It was pretty scary."

Thomas sowed some wild oats. He admits to imbibing the grape now and then. But no more. Not since God has come into his life.

"I did all that early," Thomas said of his walk on the wild side of Manhattan and Somerset. "Now I don't need it."

Thomas exudes maturity beyond his 20 years. Perhaps it was the fast track he grew up on.

But the fact is he did have some mature decisions to make as a youngster.

The biggest came when his mother, Viola Little, and step-father moved to North Carolina.

His mother had had a tough time raising Mike and four other brothers on her salary from a nursing home.

"She didn't make a lot," he said.

Faced with joining his family in North Carolina or staying in Somerset, Mike opted for the latter.

He says it was the turning point of his life.

For that is when Viola Thornton, his grandmother, took him in to live in her home in Somerset.

"I give her a lot of credit," Thomas said. "She took me in and helped me out. She was real instrumental in my life."

To move or not to move—that had been the question. But his grandmother had the answers. She also had something else...the

ability to instill something inside of Mike Thomas he could not find elsewhere.

"She was straight up with me," Thomas said. "She was the most honest person I've ever known."

Viola Thornton also told Mike Thomas something that he will carry the rest of his life.

"She said to me one day that, 'Mike, the Lord has blessed you in a special way.'"

Mike Thomas said he never knew what she meant until his world began to unravel a bit this year. Now he does.

"Now I know what she meant," he says. "I'm kind of different. I can see what she was talking about."

Thomas didn't play football until he was

a freshman in Somerset. He wasn't good then. But then he moved up to the varsity.

His senior year was something to dream about.

REMEMBERING BIG SENIOR YEAR

"It was awesome," he says, matter-of-factly.

It was. He gained 1,562 yards and scored 22 touchdowns. He helped lead Franklin to the Central Jersey Group Three championship.

Recruited by the Penn States and the Pittsburghs, he felt he had to get away from the local atmosphere before it enveloped him. Permanently.

"I did a lot of praying," Thomas said.

"I prayed the Lord would direct me to the right school. I came to Kentucky on a visit and liked it a lot."

Michael Dywane Thomas is a social work major.

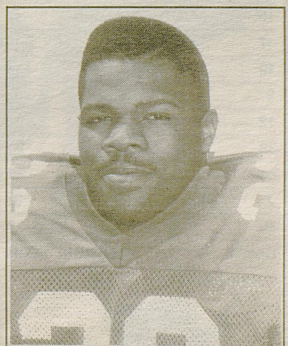
He would like to help juveniles walk a straight path instead of the crooked one he has seen some youngsters walk back home in New Jersey.

"I'd like to work with them in a school setting," Thomas said. "But wherever the Lord leads me I'm going to go. I'll go wherever he wants. I'm just waiting for him to give me direction."

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Al Baker on the advice he gave Mike Thomas (pictured above).

SCHEDULES/RESULTS FOR UK, OPPONENTS

KENTUCKY: 4-7

DATE	OPPONENT	
20	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	17
8	at Rutgers	24
24	INDIANA	45
13	at North Carolina	16
29	at Ole Miss	35
17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	15
20	at LSU	30
26	GEORGIA	24
28	VANDERBILT	21
15	FLORIDA	47
28	at Tennessee	42


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



CENTRAL MICHIGAN: 8-2-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
17	at Kentucky	20
34	CINCINNATI	0
14	at Akron	14
17	BOWLING GREEN	0
31	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
42	at Kent State	0
20	WESTERN MICHIGAN	13
13	TOLEDO	12
16	at Eastern Michigan	12
3	BALL STATE	13
52	at Ohio	7

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



RUTGERS: 3-8

DATE	OPPONENT	
24	KENTUCKY	8
28	COLGATE	17
0	at Penn State	28
10	MICHIGAN STATE	34
14	at Boston College	19
21	at Pitt	45
0	at Syracuse	42
20	AKRON	17
31	at Army	35
3	WEST VIRGINIA	28
22	at Temple	29

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



INDIANA: 6-4-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
45	at Kentucky	24
58	MISSOURI	7
37	EASTERN MICHIGAN	6
42	at Northwestern	0
27	OHIO STATE	27
0	at Minnesota	12
19	MICHIGAN	45
20	at Michigan State	45
20	WISCONSIN	7
10	ILLINOIS	24
28	at Purdue	14


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



NORTH CAROLINA: 6-4-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
34	MIAMI (OHIO)	0
5	at South Carolina	27
48	CONNECTICUT	21
16	KENTUCKY	13
9	N.C. STATE	12
31	at Wake Forest	24
13	GEORGIA TECH	13
34	MARYLAND	10
3	at Clemson	20
10	VIRGINIA	24
24	at Duke	22


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



OLE MISS: 9-2

DATE	OPPONENT	
23	MEMPHIS STATE	21
10	AUBURN (JACKSON)	24
21	at Arkansas	17
31	TULANE	21
35	KENTUCKY	29
28	at Georgia	12
42	ARKANSAS STATE	13
14	at Vanderbilt	13
19	at LSU	10
13	TENNESSEE	22
21	Mississippi State (Jackson)	9

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



MISSISSIPPI STATE: 5-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	TENNESSEE	40
27	CAL-FULLERTON	13
13	SOUTHERN MISS	10
21	at Florida	34
15	at Kentucky	17
38	at Tulane	17
16	AUBURN	17
0	ALABAMA	22
27	at Memphis State	23
34	LSU	22
9	Ole Miss (Jackson)	21


Home games in ALL CAPITALS



LSU: 5-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
18	GEORGIA	13
35	MIAMI (OHIO)	7
21	at Vanderbilt	24
17	TEXAS A&M	8
8	at Florida	34
30	KENTUCKY	20
3	at Florida State	42
10	OLE MISS	19
3	at Alabama	24
22	at Mississippi State	34
16	TULANE	13

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



GEORGIA: 4-6

DATE	OPPONENT	
13	at LSU	18
18	SOUTHERN MISS	17
17	ALABAMA	16
19	EAST CAROLINA	15
3	at Clemson	34
12	OLE MISS	28
38	VANDERBILT	29
24	at Kentucky	26
7	Florida (Jacksonville)	38
10	at Auburn	33

Dec. 1 GEORGIA TECH

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



VANDERBILT: 1-9

DATE	OPPONENT	
7	at SMU	44
24	LSU	21
28	at Alabama	59
14	SYRACUSE	49
6	at Auburn	56
29	at Georgia	38
13	OLE MISS	14
21	at Kentucky	28
38	ARMY	42
28	WAKE FOREST	56

Dec. 1 TENNESSEE

Home games in ALL CAPITALS



FLORIDA: 9-1

DATE	OPPONENT	
50	OKLAHOMA STATE	7
17	at Alabama	13
27	FURMAN	3
34	MISSISSIPPI STATE	21
34	LSU	8
3	at Tennessee	45
59	AKRON	0
48	AUBURN	7
38	Georgia (Jacksonville)	7
47	at Kentucky	15

Dec. 1 at Florida State

Home games in ALL CAPITALS




TENNESSEE: 7-2-2

DATE	OPPONENT	
31	Colorado (Anaheim)	31
55	PACIFIC	7
40	at Mississippi State	7
56	UTEP	0
26	at Auburn	26
45	FLORIDA	3
6	ALABAMA	9
41	TEMPLE	20
29	NOTRE DAME	34
22	at Ole Miss	13
42	KENTUCKY	28

Dec. 1 at Vanderbilt

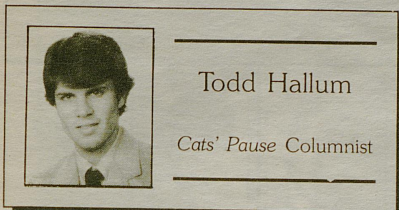
Home games in ALL CAPITALS



Eye-opening loss to Gators doesn't discourage Curry

Coach fighting program's 'negative' critics

Just a few hours after Bill Curry completed his first season as UK's head football coach with a loss to Tennessee at Knoxville, the Wildcat basketball team opened its season with a win over Pennsylvania in Rupp Arena.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

One week earlier, the Wildcats had to resign themselves to a losing season after a 47-15 thumping by Florida that left them 4-6 going into the UT game.

Those events brought out critics who say UK can't have both high quality football and basketball programs.

Curry brought up the subject first during his press outing after the loss to Florida.

"Negative thinkers will come out of the woodwork and begin to point out why a quality football program is not possible at Kentucky on a consistent basis because of basketball," Curry said.

"Of course, this is absurd. We'll make it clear to our players who are very discouraged right now what can happen when a group of men continue to press in the right direction. And we do have the right direction and we do have the resources to have our day as a championship-level team."

What Curry is trying to tell UK fans is that the school can have top-notch football and basketball programs co-existing side-by-side.

Although it has been a rarity in college athletics for both football and basketball to succeed on a consistent basis, there are examples such as Michigan, UCLA, Arkansas and even Curry's alma mater Georgia Tech, to name a few.

With the big dollars generated by schools in both those major sports, success in both is basically not the norm in college athletics. However, Curry believes it can be done at UK.

The example he likes to cite in that when he first arrived in Atlanta as Georgia Tech's head football coach, the team finished 1-9-1. The basketball team hadn't fared much better, going 4-20 during the season past.

But the Yellow Jacket football team entered the final week of the season undefeated while the basketball team participated in last year's Final Four and features perhaps the nation's best player in Kenny Anderson.

"For the negative thinkers out there," Curry said, "they'll always think negatively. For people who want to get something done, all you have to do is keep plugging, keep working...and we'll have our day when we can become a dominant team."

The Florida loss bore witness to that statement. The Wildcats had not been so thoroughly out-manned and out-played by a team since Tennessee shut them out 42-0 five years ago in Lexington.

In addition to completely eliminating UK's chances for a winning season, the loss to Florida revealed just how far UK has to go to reach that championship level sought by Curry.

But in order for UK football to keep up with the basketball program, Curry doesn't want his team to get too discouraged, no matter what the circumstances. His philosophy is to learn from adversity and continue to strive for a goal no matter how long it takes.

"I think you have to be realistic about it and realize it's a painful thing and you have to deal with it that way," he said. "But no matter what happens, you can't hang your head."

The losses this season will also have a special meaning in dealing with the real world. In fact, Curry wants his players to know the successful individual is judged by

the way that person handles disappointment and there is a right way and wrong way to go about it.

"The people who can deal with disappointment—this is true in any walk of life—are people who can handle major disappointment and get ready to perform and perform better than they have been before at the next outing and are the people who always prevail," Curry said.

What he wants is for the Wildcats to learn from the disappointments of the season just ended and strive toward championship performance.

For the negative thinkers, the timetable for performance will be the barometer. Bill Curry wouldn't want it any other way.

UK NOTEBOOK

•One of the reasons UK's running attack had been hampered is that **Craig Walker** has been out of the lineup. A starter at the beginning of the season, Walker has been nursing an ailing achilles injury...

•The loss to Florida ended the superstition of the pink shirt worn by **Jon Mirilovich**, the UK Television Network's color analyst. The former UK assistant coach (on **Fran Curci's** staff) had worn the shirt during Wildcat victories over Mississippi State, Georgia and Vanderbilt...

•**"Bubba"** Wilson, 6-foot-11 center who chose Mississippi State in his home territory over the University of Kentucky, reportedly has suffered a severe knee injury that will probably keep him out of action his entire senior season at Stove High School in Wiggins, Miss. Wilson, who has not qualified yet under Prop 48 guidelines, will now have more time to work on his academics...

•UK's **Bill Curry** was a little upset over a couple of officiating calls during the Florida game. One incident was when Wildcat quarterback **Freddie Maggard** received a late hit after the whistle had blown after a penalty; the other for not giving the Wildcats a safety when Florida's **Shane Matthews** was clearly sacked in the end zone by cornerback **Larry Jackson** in the first quarter. Of course, Florida went on to whip UK 47-15, but the no-calls were important at the time and Curry thought they should have been made. Curry usually doesn't argue with game officials, but he may need a brief session with his UK predecessor, **Jerry Claiborne**, when it comes to not getting some favorable rulings during SEC games, especially those played at Commonwealth Stadium, UK's home field. Some UK fans have long complained that their Wildcats are not treated as well at home by officials as are some other SEC schools...

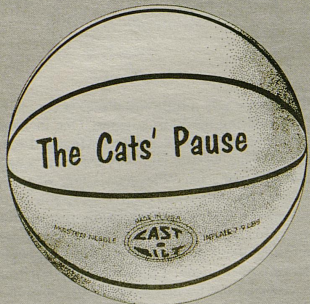
•The UK-UT game marked the end of the college careers of 16 Wildcat seniors and two juniors. UK players most likely to have a shot at post-season all-star games and perhaps the pro draft are **Al Baker**, **Randy Holleran**, **Jeff Brady**, **Phil Logan** and **Rodney Jackson**...

•As announced earlier, **Rick Pitino's** Thursday night call-in shows have moved to Bravo Pitino, downtown Lexington's newest Italian eatery. The format is for the UK coach to answer questions from patrons in the restaurant and callers from the listening audience...

•Louisville radio station WAVG-AM 97 plans to carry eight live UK basketball games. They are: Louisville (Dec. 29); LSU (Jan. 5), Tennessee (Jan. 12), at Alabama (Jan. 26), at Mississippi State (Feb. 9), Tennessee (Feb. 13), at Vanderbilt (Feb. 20), and Alabama (Feb. 26).



Not one to hang his head, Bill Curry after the 32-point setback to Florida said he still has confidence that Kentucky can have a championship-caliber team in the near future.



The Cats' Pause

TCP's Board of Experts (?)

CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

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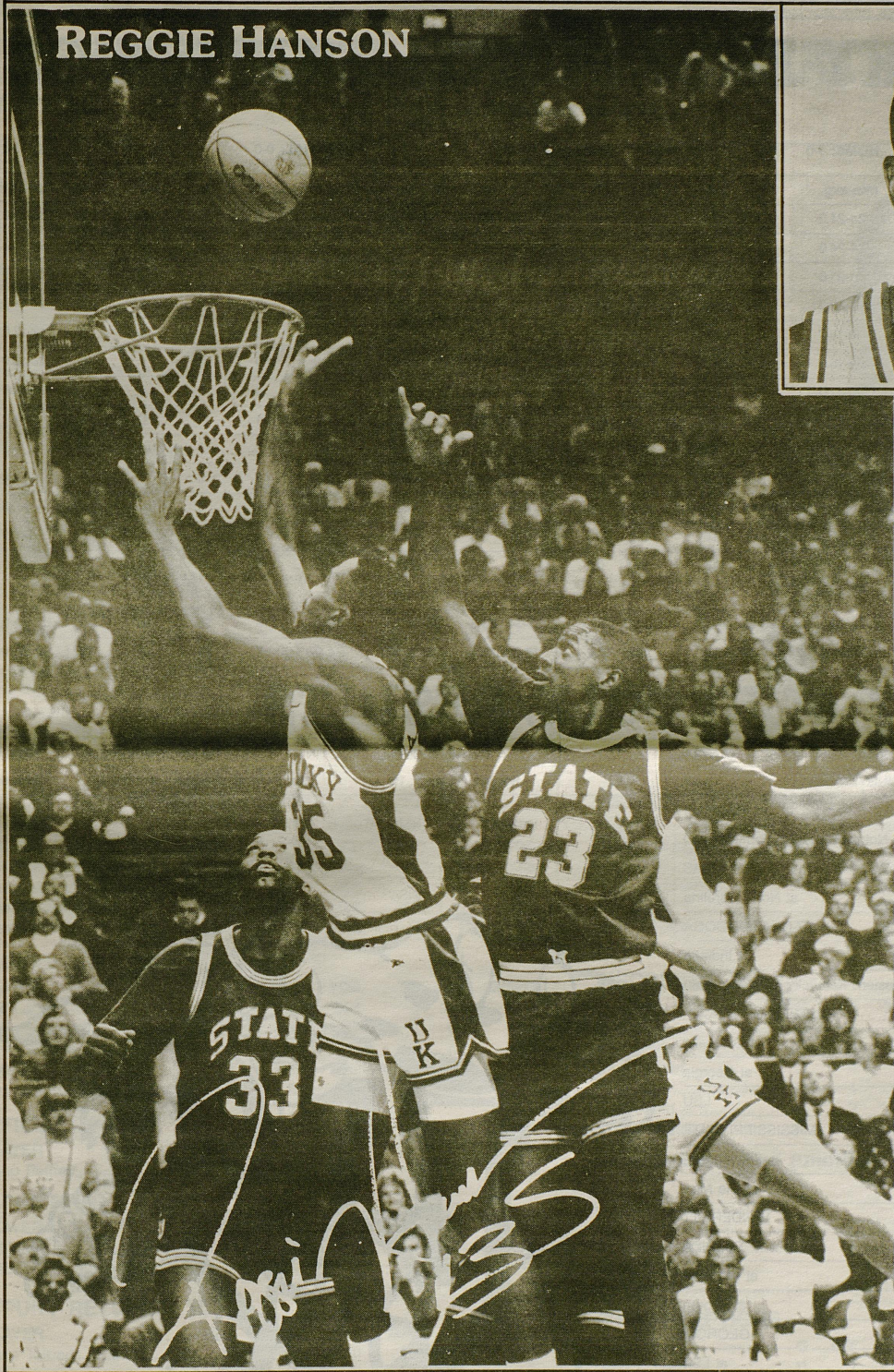
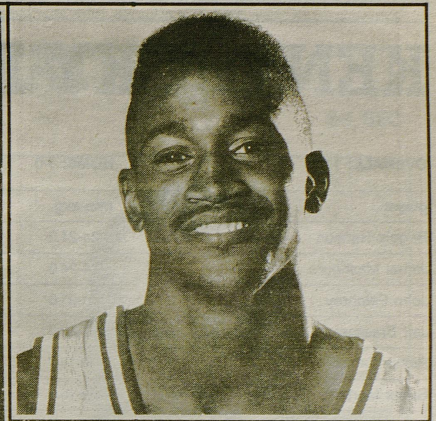
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LAST WEEK: FOOTBALL	13-6 (.684)	12-7 (.632)	16-3 (.842)	14-5 (.737)	13-6 (.684)	13-6 (.684)
FINAL TOTAL	229-84-6 (.727)	231-82-6 (.734)	236-77-6 (.749)	222-91-6 (.705)	232-81-6 (.737)	209-104-6 (.665)
LAST WEEK: BASKETBALL	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)
SEASON TOTAL: BASKETBALL	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	4-2 (.667)

KENTUCKY VS. NOTRE DAME (BIG FOUR, DEC.1)	KENTUCKY	3	NOTRE DAME	3	KENTUCKY	7	KENTUCKY	5	KENTUCKY	3	KENTUCKY	9
LOUISVILLE VS INDIANA (BIG FOUR)	INDIANA	17	INDIANA	12	INDIANA	3	INDIANA	6	INDIANA	7	INDIANA	6
AUBURN AT ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM (NOV. 28)	UAB	1	UAB	1	UAB	2	UAB	2	AUBURN	3	UAB	3
CINCINNATI AT MIAMI (OHIO)	CINCINNATI	7	CINCINNATI	1	CINCINNATI	6	CINCINNATI	4	CINCINNATI	3	CINCINNATI	7
WESTERN KENTUCKY AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA	10	GEORGIA	8	GEORGIA	20	GEORGIA	13	GEORGIA	8	GEORGIA	3
MARQUETTE AT KANSAS	KANSAS	17	KANSAS	9	KANSAS	6	KANSAS	8	KANSAS	15	KANSAS	5
NORTH CAROLINA AT SOUTH CAROLINA	N. CAROLINA	6	N. CAROLINA	12	N. CAROLINA	14	N. CAROLINA	14	N. CAROLINA	6	N. CAROLINA	7
TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE	7	TENNESSEE	6	TENNESSEE	3	TENNESSEE	3	TENNESSEE	17	TENNESSEE	6
MOREHEAD STATE AT DAYTON (DEC.1)	DAYTON	6	DAYTON	6	DAYTON	7	DAYTON	12	DAYTON	10	DAYTON	3
ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM AT UNLV	UNLV	19	UNLV	15	UNLV	18	UNLV	20	UNLV	10	UNLV	10
LONG BEACH STATE AT ARIZONA	ARIZONA	10	ARIZONA	20	ARIZONA	20	ARIZONA	26	ARIZONA	19	ARIZONA	14
DRAKE AT ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA ST.	17	ARIZONA ST.	6	ARIZONA ST.	9	ARIZONA ST.	5	ARIZONA ST.	7	ARIZONA ST.	3
KANSAS STATE AT ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	20	ARKANSAS	12	ARKANSAS	20	ARKANSAS	22	ARKANSAS	16	ARKANSAS	21
BRIGHAM YOUNG AT UTAH STATE	BYU	1	BYU	3	BYU	12	BYU	3	BYU	1	BYU	5
WISCONSIN AT SOUTHERN METHODIST	SMU	6	SMU	4	SMU	2	SMU	6	SMU	5	SMU	4
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MARYLAND AT WEST VIRGINIA	W. VIRGINIA	11	W. VIRGINIA	6	W. VIRGINIA	2	W. VIRGINIA	11	W. VIRGINIA	17	W. VIRGINIA	5
OREGON AT MISSOURI	MISSOURI	1	MISSOURI	4	MISSOURI	12	MISSOURI	7	MISSOURI	12	MISSOURI	7
UTAH AT MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	6	MICHIGAN	18	MICHIGAN	9	MICHIGAN	17	MICHIGAN	18	MICHIGAN	12
MICHIGAN STATE AT BOWLING GREEN	MICHIGAN ST.	4	MICHIGAN ST.	6	MICHIGAN ST.	19	MICHIGAN ST.	27	MICHIGAN ST.	17	MICHIGAN ST.	10
NORTHERN ILLINOIS AT MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA	6	MINNESOTA	8	MINNESOTA	8	MINNESOTA	10	MINNESOTA	7	MINNESOTA	10
WEST CAROLINA AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE	N.C. STATE	6	N.C. STATE	12	N.C. STATE	11	N.C. STATE	22	N.C. STATE	13	N.C. STATE	15
TULSA AT OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLA. STATE	40	OKLA. STATE	13	OKLA. STATE	10	OKLA. STATE	9	OKLA. STATE	2	OKLA. ST.	7

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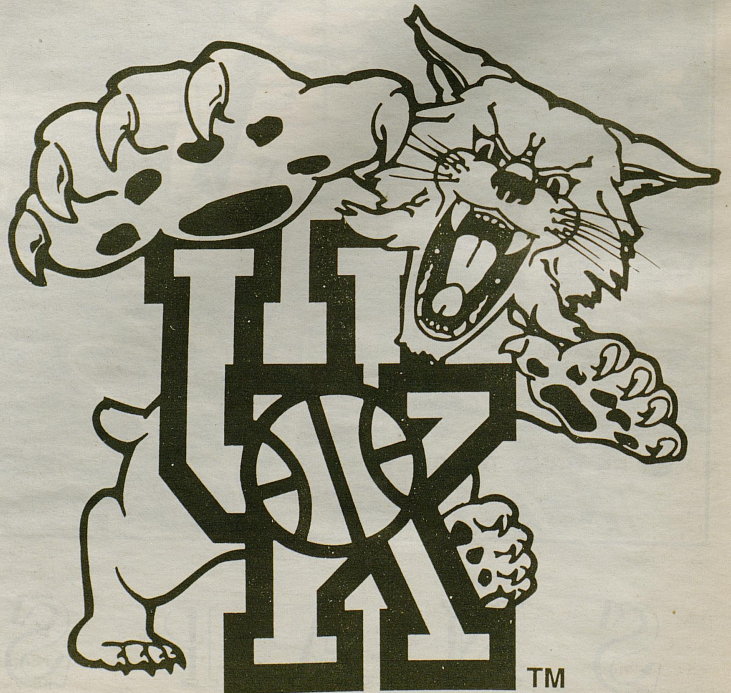
KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(1-game totals)

	OVERALL: 1-0	HOME: 1-0	AWAY: 0-0		NEUTRAL: 0-0				SEC: 0-0						
player	g-gs	min-avg.	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	reb-avg.	pf-d	a	to	blk	s	tp-avg.
Reggie Hanson	1-1	24-24.0	4-7	57.1	0-1	0.0	7-8	87.5	6-6.0	2-0	2	1	5	0	15-15.0
Jamal Mashburn	1-1	24-24.0	5-7	71.4	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	4-4.0	1-0	3	0	0	1	12-12.0
John Pelphrey	1-1	21-21.0	3-6	50.0	2-5	40.0	4-4	100.0	6-6.0	2-0	2	1	0	2	12-12.0
Jeff Brassow	1-1	22-22.0	4-8	50.0	4-8	50.0	0-0	0.0	2-2.0	1-0	0	0	2	0	12-12.0
Richie Farmer	1-0	13-13.0	3-7	42.9	3-6	50.0	3-4	75.0	1-1.0	1-0	2	1	0	0	12-12.0
Gimel Martinez	1-0	16-16.0	4-6	66.7	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	2-2.0	1-0	0	1	1	0	10-10.0
Deron Feldhaus	1-0	17-17.0	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	4-4	100.0	5-5.0	3-0	0	3	0	1	4-4.0
Jody Thompson	1-0	8-8.0	1-4	25.0	1-4	25.0	1-1	100.0	1-1.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	4-4.0
Sean Woods	1-1	21-21.0	0-3	0.0	0-2	0.0	2-5	40.0	1-1.0	0-0	3	3	0	2	2-2.0
Henry Thomas	1-0	12-12.0	1-2	50.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	5-5.0	2-0	2	2	1	0	2-2.0
Junior Braddy	1-0	7-7.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Carlos Toomer	1-0	12-12.0	0-3	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0-0.0
Johnathon Davis	1-0	4-4.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0-0.0
Team	1								2-2.0						
KENTUCKY	1	200-200.0	25-55	45.5	10-30	33.3	25-30	83.3	38-38.0	16-0	18	16	10	6	85-85.0
OPPONENTS	1	200-200.0	24-66	36.4	2-11	18.2	12-16	75.0	37-37.0	24-0	7	21	1	10	62-62.0

KENTUCKY SCHEDULE/RESULTS

date	record	UK opp.	opponent	margin	top UK scorer	top UK rebounder	att.
Nov. 24	1-0	85 62	PENNSYLVANIA	+23	Reggie Hanson, 15	John Pelphrey/Reggie Hanson, 6	23,996
Nov. 28				at Cincinnati			
Dec. 1			Notre Dame (Big Four Classic)				
Dec. 8				KANSAS			
Dec. 10				at North Carolina			
Dec. 15				UT-CHATTANOOGA			
Dec. 18				at Indiana			
Dec. 21			Western Kentucky (Freedom Hall)				
Dec. 27				EASTERN KENTUCKY			
Dec. 29				at Louisville			
Jan. 2				at Georgia			
Jan. 5				LSU			
Jan. 9				MISSISSIPPI STATE			
Jan. 12				at Tennessee			
Jan. 16				at Ole Miss			
Jan. 19				VANDERBILT			
Jan. 23				FLORIDA			
Jan. 26				at Alabama			
Jan. 29				at Auburn			
Feb. 3				GEORGIA			
Feb. 5				at LSU			
Feb. 9				at Mississippi State			
Feb. 13				TENNESSEE			
Feb. 16				OLE MISS			
Feb. 20				at Vanderbilt			
Feb. 23				at Florida			
Feb. 26				ALABAMA			
March 2				AUBURN			



KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

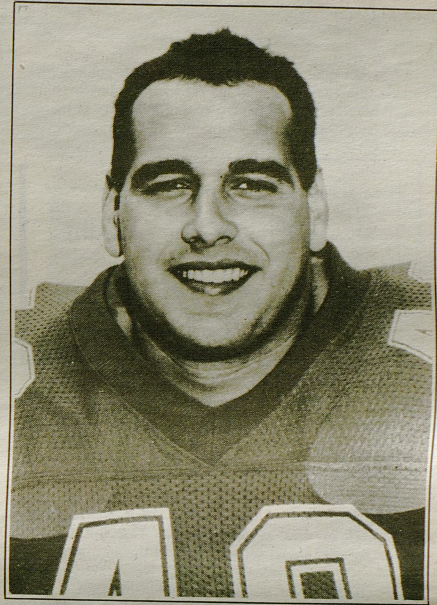
4-7 OVERALL

(Final season totals)

3-4 SEC

TEAM STATS

	UK	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	216	202
By Rushing.....	98	111
By Passing.....	104	87
By Penalty.....	14	4
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	1433	2064
Avg. Net Per Game.....	130.3	187.6
Rushing Attempts.....	447	476
Avg. Gain Per Rush.....	3.2	4.3
NET YARDS PASSING.....	2152	2093
Avg. Net Per Game.....	195.6	190.3
Avg. Net Per Attempt.....	5.5	8.2
Passes Attempted.....	390	255
Passes Completed.....	216	131
Had Intercepted.....	17	4
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS.....	3585	4157
Avg. Net Per Game.....	325.9	377.9
Total Plays.....	837	731
Avg. Plays Per Game.....	76.1	66.5
Avg. Gain Per Play.....	4.3	5.7
PUNTING AVERAGE.....	39.7	37.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	7.2	11.7
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	19.5	24.6
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME.....	37.8	58.3
FUMBLES LOST.....	17-8	14-7
TOUCHDOWNS.....	28	40
By Rushing.....	14	15
By Passing.....	14	18
By Return.....	0	7
TOTAL POINTS.....	228	316
Points Per Game.....	20.7	28.7



Junior nose guard Joey Couch, a member of UK's Black Watch Defense, posted a team-high six quarterback sacks for a loss of 43 yards.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Al Baker.....	11	170	780	4.6	10	70.9
Terry Samuels.....	10	72	325	4.5	0	32.5
Craig Walker.....	7	59	206	3.3	0	27.9
Mike Thomas.....	7	27	124	4.6	1	17.7
Brad Smith.....	7	55	38	.7	2	5.4

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	AVG	G/AVG
Phil Logan.....	11	37	565	4	15.3	51.4
Al Baker.....	11	35	317	2	9.1	28.8
Terry Samuels.....	10	33	219	2	6.6	21.9
Rodney Jackson.....	10	27	282	1	10.4	28.2
Kurt Johnson.....	9	12	114	1	9.5	12.7

FIELD GOALS

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Doug Pelfrey.....	11	16	10	.625	50

PUNTING

PLAYER	NO	AVG	YDS	LONG
Bill Hawk.....	67	40.3	2701	68
Freddie Maggard.....	4	29.3	117	40

PUNT RETURNS: TOP 3

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	LONG
Chris Tolbert.....	15	124	0	8.3	10	31
Kurt Johnson.....	7	31	0	4.4	9	8
Neal Clark.....	6	25	0	4.2	10	9

KICKOFF RETURNS: TOP 3

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	LONG
John Bolden.....	21	407	0	19.4	11	43
Kurt Johnson.....	13	307	0	23.6	9	35
Chris Tolbert.....	9	170	0	18.9	10	26

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YDS/G	TD	LONG
Freddie Maggard.....	9	188	109	58.0	7	1051	116.7	6	73
Brad Smith.....	7	156	80	51.3	7	796	113.7	5	43
Ryan Hockman.....	2	42	25	59.5	2	277	138.5	2	36
Matt Riazzi.....	7	1	1	100.0	0	6	.9	0	6
Steve Phillips.....	11	2	1	50.0	1	22	2.0	1	22
Al Baker.....	11	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

SCORING: TOP 5

PLAYER	G	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS	PPG
Al Baker.....	11	12	0	0	0	0	72	6.5
Doug Pelfrey.....	11	0	24	25	10	16	54	4.9
John Bolden.....	11	4	0	0	0	0	24	2.2
Phil Logan.....	11	4	0	0	0	0	24	2.2
Brad Smith.....	7	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.7
Terry Samuels.....	10	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.2

TACKLES: TOP 5 (unofficial)

PLAYER	G	NO	TFL	SACK	CF	RF
Randy Holleran.....	11	170	0	1 (-1)	0	0
Billy Swanson.....	11	91	5 (-18)	0	1	0
Brad Armstead.....	11	83	0	0	0	0
Joey Couch.....	11	81	1 (-2)	6 (-42)	0	1
Jeff Brady.....	11	71	2 (-5)	5 (-23)	1	0

INTERCEPTIONS

PLAYER	G	INT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	INT/PG
Derrick Thomas.....	11	1	14	14.0	0	14	0.1
Jeff Brady.....	11	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1
Gary Willis.....	11	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1
Adrian Sherwood.....	11	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1

SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	TP	AVG
Kentucky.....	60	55	57	56	228	20.7
Opponents.....	38	131	67	80	316	28.7

New boys in Gatorland making all the right moves

Spurrier and Kruger have UF back on track

When star quarterback Steve Spurrier was guiding his Florida Gator teammates in his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 1966, he had many exciting moments as the Gators posted a 9-2 mark, including a 27-12 victory over



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

But 24 years later, Spurrier says he is enjoying his first season as the head coach at Florida much more than his glorious college days despite the fact that his powerful Gators aren't eligible for league title and post-season bowl honors due to NCAA sanctions.

"This season is a whole lot more fun because the team knows they're finishing No. 1 in the SEC," Spurrier said after the Gators had crushed Kentucky 47-15 two weeks ago. "That was a goal set way back in the spring practice and our 1966 team did not finish No. 1. We got beat by Georgia (27-10 for the SEC championship). So, this season is a lot more memorable for us."

In 1966, both Alabama and Georgia had finished in a tie for the SEC championship with perfect 6-0 league marks.

Asked if the 9-1 Gators should be ranked No. 1 in the country, Spurrier refused to speculate, saying, "That's not for me to decide if we're the best team in the nation. I certainly think that bears out that we're as good as any team in the conference. (It's) really a great feeling to finish 6-1 in the conference and being No. 1."

UK coach Bill Curry agreed with Spurrier. "Florida is a superior team," he said. "We got whipped in every way. Florida is a very physical and talented team, and one of the best I've coached against."

After an open Thanksgiving weekend date, the Gators complete their season this weekend against archrival Florida State in Tallahassee. A victory would give UF a 10-1 record, which would be the best in school history. The Gators' best worksheet is 9-1-1, set three different times.

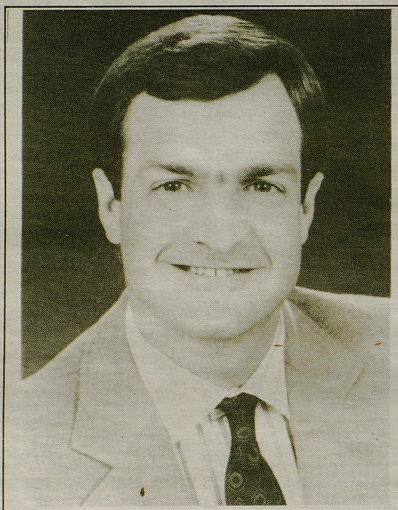
Spurrier, who last season directed Duke to an 8-4 mark with an appearance in the All-American Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., is a strong believer that college football should find another way to decide the national championship, instead of relying on wire-service football polls to determine the top-ranked team. He believes the championship should be settled on the gridiron.

"I think we should have college football playoffs," the 45-year-old native of Johnson City, Tenn., said. "That way coaches would not have to promote their teams every year. You read all the coaches saying their team is No. 1, we're the best, blah blah. If they just had a playoff system, which to me is not that hard to do, then you would not have to worry about that. It would be decided on the field by the players, instead of voters. Hopefully, it will come in two or three years."

Spurrier was somewhat disappointed when two of Florida's biggest rivals—Florida State and Miami—turned down the SEC invitation to join the league.

"We were sort of hoping that FSU would come to the SEC because we had to play them anyway," he said. "FSU and Miami (games, had they joined the SEC) would count as a conference game. Now, we got to play them anyway plus seven conference games. But that's the way it is. We're not complaining."

"Our schedule is going to be one of the toughest in the nation every year. But that's the way we like it. Our fans like to see big games. We may not have the record every year that some teams have because they have an easier schedule. But certainly the fans want to see good games against quality opponents."



THEY HAVE HOOPS ON THEIR MIND

Don't tell UF basketball coach Lon Kruger (above) that the only seasons in Florida are fall and spring football; (Basketball in the family with University of Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson (right) and his boys.

According to the preseason NCAA toughest-schedule survey, Florida had the second toughest slate in the country, just behind Notre Dame.

Anyhow, Spurrier is glad that he is back at his alma mater. Known for his integrity and proven coaching ability, he was hired about 11 months ago to clean up Florida's "dirty" image.

"I want you to know how lucky I am to be the coach at Florida," he said. "These players can really play football. They were picked fourth or fifth and they got better through August and the early part of the season."

Spurrier is certainly a happy Gator.

TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO GATOR HOOPS

Meanwhile, on the Gator basketball front, new coach Lon Kruger appears to be happy as well in Gainesville after making a daring career move last spring in leaving Kansas State, his alma mater.

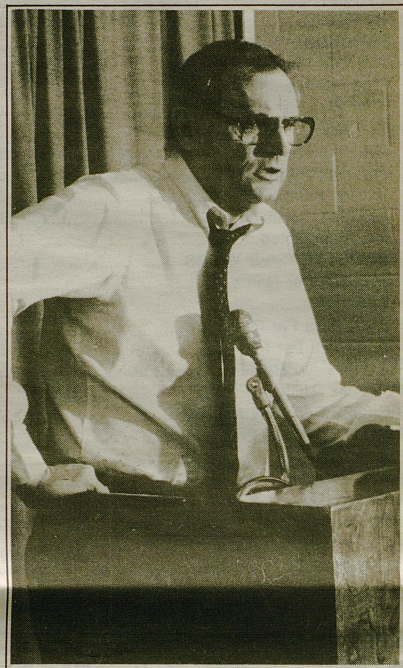
While at KSU, Kruger had earned the so-called "top-dog" status in leading the Wildcats to four straight NCAA tournament appearances. But, in football-crazed Florida, he is being overshadowed by Spurrier and the success of the school's pigskin program. And Kruger is having to rebuild the NCAA probation-ridden basketball team, which is coming off a 7-21 record with only three SEC wins this season.

"The basketball interest here is outstanding and it's growing every year," Kruger said, "and it's obvious there's a strong interest in football, but just the fact that the two can co-exist is obviously the case here."

"There's no question about it," he told Florida journalist David Stirt in *Basketball Times*.

On his coaching move, Kruger explained, "My perception was that this was a situation of tremendous potential where certain things had happened to create problems. At the point of being approached my major question was the solidarity of the (school) administration. If it was a situation where the administration was way off base, and these problems were a result of the administration, then it was something that wouldn't be very appealing. As I looked into it and talked to people, I found quite the opposite. The problems existed because of some isolated, poor decisions.

"I loved Kansas State and the people there and I had been



been a part of that for a long time. I think the challenge of a totally different nature was intriguing, even though it's obviously a big challenge and/or opportunity in the short run, (and in the) long term it just has tremendous potential."

Kruger, 38, pointed out the state of Florida is loaded with outstanding high school prospects and that the Gators are in excellent position to sign them, returning the program to respectability.

According to an observer close to the Gator basketball program, Florida is expected to hover around the .500 mark this winter. But several preseason polls have the Gators ranked around No. 9 in the SEC.

DIS 'N' DATA

• In my last column about Tennessee wide receiver **Craig Faulkner**, the Vols' only scholarship player from Kentucky, it wasn't clear why he decided to go to UT. In the editing, a short paragraph was omitted. A native of Richmond, Ky., Faulkner said the Vols appealed to him mainly because of their reputation in developing outstanding receiving corps...

• All three sons of Alabama basketball coach **Wimp Sanderson** are currently involved in the roundball coaching profession. Jim is an assistant at Western Carolina, Scott an assistant at Colorado, and Barry a graduate assistant at Texas A&M...

• Senior walk-on **Donnie Moore** of the Tennessee Vols has been awarded a basketball scholarship for the 1990-91 campaign. The 6-foot-4 Moore was a four-year letterman as a high hurdler/long jumper for the Vol track team, serving as team captain the past two seasons...

• According to *The Sporting News*, UK has the third most difficult non-conference basketball schedule among teams that have reached the NCAA Tournament in recent years. Loyola Marymount has the toughest slate, with Marquette ranked at No. 2. Loyola Marymount will be playing on the road against UCLA, Oklahoma, LSU and Georgia Tech.

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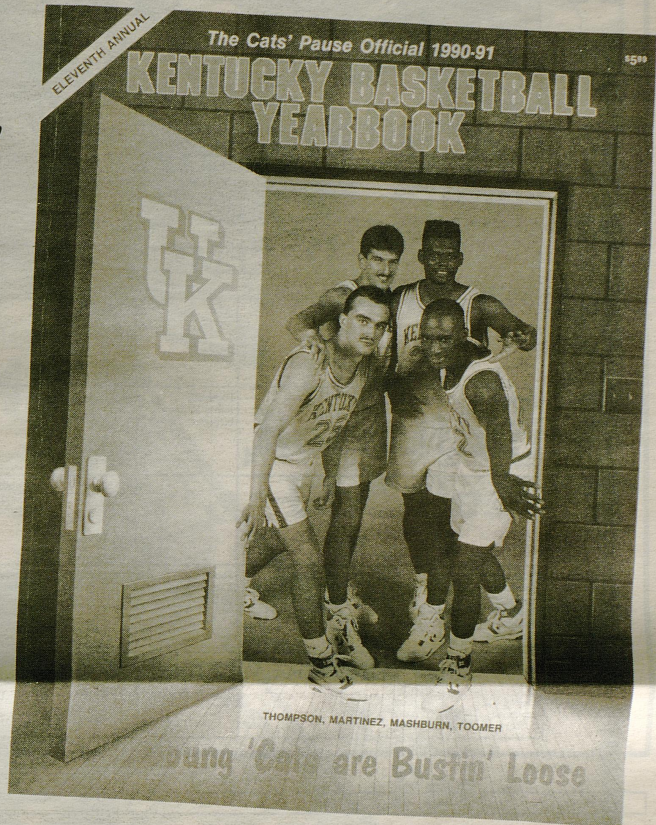
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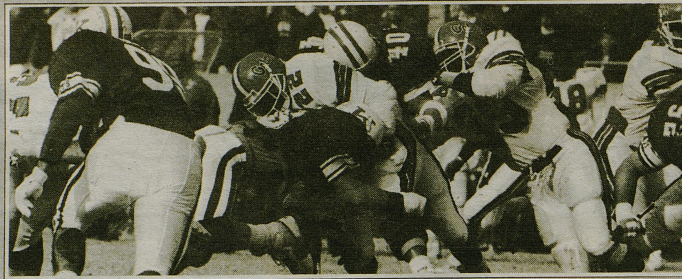
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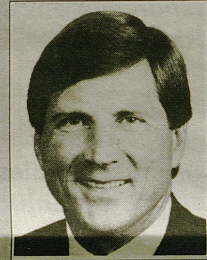
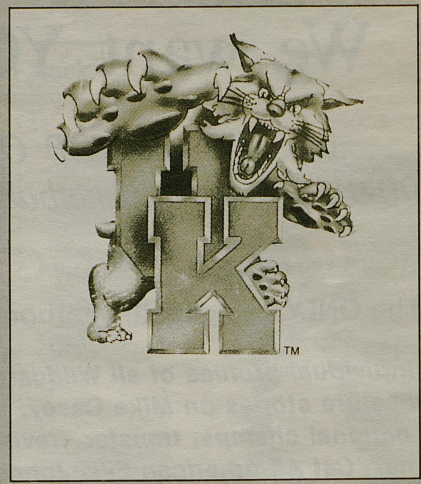
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RICK PITINO

Expansion, oh brother; what a mess it's created

'To bungle,' or 'trouble,' call it what you want

When the Big Ten invited Eastern independent Penn State to join in creating a middle America super conference, a jump signal was flashed to other insecure conferences and to colleges nervous about their own



Scoop Hudgins
Cats' Pause Columnist

affiliations for the future. Almost everyone considered jumping for a bigger and better arrangement, more teams and more television, for more revenue and national attention. Surprisingly, the Southeastern Conference, one of the largest and recognized as the strongest, jumped first. Activated by television companies and promoter premises, the SEC fathers invited Arkansas, of the Southwest, and South Carolina, formally of the Atlantic Coast, into the league. Florida State and Miami teased them about seeking membership, but soon succumbed to

Columnist on where expansion currently rests:

No more expansion moves of national consequence have occurred. The SEC and ACC are standing pat, the SWC is re-set without Arkansas, and the Big Ten is an 11-team league without any name change plans.

their true desires—lesser opponents and larger TV contracts. The SEC stretched its area some 2,000 square miles, from Arkansas to the Atlantic Coast and from Shreveport to Orlando. The new TV influence is Arkansas-Memphis and Greenville-Charlotte. Georgia Tech in Atlanta, the dominant TV center of the southeast area, who withdrew from the SEC in 1964 and has twice since petitioned to return, was not invited. Florida State joined the ACC. Miami and the Big East formed the Atlantic Coastal League. A majority of the NCAA Division I-A conferences stepped back, looked at their own assets and relationships, and declined to expand. Tom Hansen, commis-

sioner of the Pac-10, stated: "After studying data developed by conference directors, women administrators and faculty representatives, the executive officers determined it was not in the Pac-10's best interest to actively pursue expansion at this time." The Texas Legislature warned the University of Texas and Texas A&M that it would cut state support of them if they deserted the Southwest Conference. No more expansion moves of national consequence have occurred. The SEC and ACC are standing pat, the SWC is re-set without Arkansas, and the Big Ten is an 11-team league without any name change plans. Against this backdrop of magnified confusion, the bowls had to try to match up top teams to play for a final national No. 1. And a place to play the game! The NFL and the U.S. Government have tossed their indecisiveness into the pot. They charged that the State of Arizona (and the Fiesta Bowl at Tempe) did not honor Martin Luther King Day, a newly declared national holiday, as they should. Like President Bush in the Persian Gulf—wondering what to do, and when to do it, and with whom. What an unholy mess! Webster's Dictionary, in 16 lines of fine print, uses, among others, these description of the meaning of *mess*: "disagreeable concoction, disorderly or confused collection of things; jumble, hodgepodge; trouble, difficulty; to bungle, muddle, botch."

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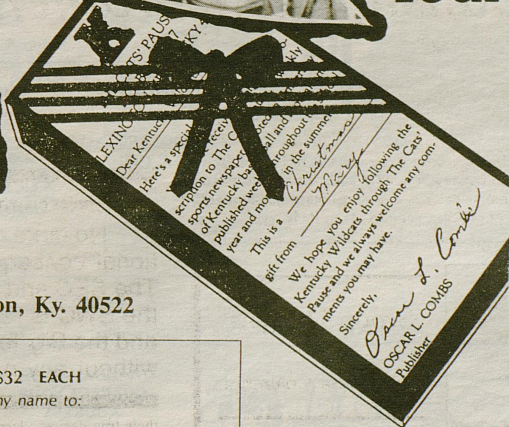
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OSCAR COMBS

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the same day. Athletics director C. M. Newton as well as associates **Gene DeFilippo, Larry Ivy and John Bostick** were all in the Tennessee press box. Also in the pressbox was former UK athletics director **Cliff Hagan** and his wife, **Martha**. Speaking of UK officials, I've never seen C. M. madder than he was after the horrible penalty called against UK for intentionally grounding a pass in the second quarter which led to Tennessee's second touchdown of the day. And C. M. didn't simmer down for quite a while. In fact, you should have seen Newton giving his opinion to the SEC representative in the press box who was there to observe the officiating...

•Several fans were upset that the UK band wasn't at the UK-UT football game, but was at the opening basketball game at Rupp Arena that evening. This happened once before when the UK band should have been at a big game, but then AD Cliff Hagan said the athletics department's agreement with the band was that the athletics department paid for two trips and the band demanded the right to decide which games. So you can see which gets priority, a great trip or a great tradition on the football field. This time was somewhat different. A UK spokesman says the current agreement with the band stipulates that the athletics department makes one check out each year to the band which covers the purchase of equipment, scholarships and travel to away events. Said the official, then it is up to the band to determine how it wants to spend the money. In other words, the band determines which athletic events it will travel to. This time, don't blame the UK athletics department for slighting the football team. Given that situation and the one which occurred a few years ago, perhaps it's time that Newton and the athletics department review their agreement with the band. If the band doesn't feel that the Tennessee game is more important than traveling to Baton Rouge, then someone else should be making that decision for them. The least the band could have done was to have sent a partial band to Knoxville and you can't tell me they couldn't have earmarked a \$1,000 or so for a couple buses to make the trip. It's just an unforgivable situation which has lasted too long. With the dollars being put up by the athletics department, they should demand more control.

LARRY VAUGHT

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to be lied about. I could relate to that."

Curry feels the best way to make sure that doesn't happen is to give media members the access to his team they need.

"We only get a short period of time on this earth and we have to work together," the former Alabama coach said. "If football teaches anything, and I owe this to my years in the NFL, (it) is that it makes absolutely no difference what color a man's skin is, whether a person is a male or female or whether somebody is a media person or coach.

"The most important thing in life is learning to get along. This takes time and access. Love and compatibility come from understanding.

"If you know exactly what I'm about; and we look each other in the eye and talk, you can form informed opinions. You don't have to like me but if we spend time together at least I know I had a chance to be whatever it is I am to you and vice versa.

"It's just like meeting with your players. If you just constantly hammer at the players and never listen to them, you can't understand them and won't love them. You need the same give-and-take with the media."

All Curry expects in return is a "sincere effort to gather accurate information" by media members. Many feel he didn't get that in Alabama, a charge Curry won't discuss.

"I think the Kentucky media makes a sincere effort to be rational and fair," Curry said. "That doesn't mean it won't take us to task but if the media is fair and rational, we'll keep getting along just fine."

During his professional football career, Bill Curry worked several off-seasons as a TV broadcaster in Atlanta. He says that's more than helped in his relations with the media.



FAST BREAKS

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first shot (a hurried airball from 10 feet). I didn't hit nothing. It was more like a pass. The guys are already starting to rag on me. Sean (Woods) was already mentioning it on TV and everything, so I guess I guess I'm going to hear about it tonight, tomorrow, for a while."

Martinez eventually settled down, however, to hit four of his remaining five shots in the game. He finished with 10 points, two rebounds and a blocked shot in just short of 16 minutes of action.

"I played pretty good offensively, but I don't believe I did as well rebounding and stuff like that. But offensively I believe I played well."

•**Jody Thompson**, the only Kentucky native of the freshman class: "I couldn't believe it. When I first stepped out there, Coach grabbed me and put me in the game, words couldn't explain the feelings I was having at that moment. I was excited and I was overwhelmed. I did the best I could and played as hard as I could."

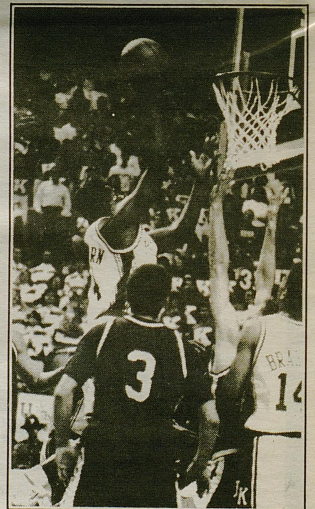
And how did the Penn game rank with the best nights of his life?

"Number one, without a doubt," Thompson said. "It was terrific. There was not another feeling in the world like being out there tonight, playing in front of 24,000 people...except the night I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Thompson played 7½ minutes, grabbed one rebound and scored all four of his points when he canned a long three-pointer and added the free throw for the four-point play.

•**Carlos Toomer**: "It was something you couldn't imagine, especially when they started calling out the (starting) lineups and people started screaming. They called out Reggie (Hanson) and Jamal (Mashburn), the crowd kept getting louder and it just sent chills down through my body. I couldn't control myself. My nerves, my body just started shaking."

Toomer played 12 minutes and was one of four 'Cats not to score. He played a good floor



Freshman forward Jamal Mashburn, who scored 12 points for Kentucky in his college debut, puts in two on this baby hook in the lane. photo by Todd Blevins

game, however, dishing out three assists and turning it over just once.

•Soft-spoken crowd favorite **Jamal Mashburn**, whose father, who was among the 23,996 in attendance, watched him score 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting, haul in two rebounds, dish out three assists and come up with a steal: "It was fair. I could have done much better. Overall (the four freshmen) we played fair. As far as stepping into Division I college and playing really well, we did fair."

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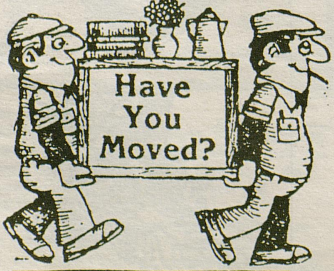
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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

✓The unexpected resignation of Jerry Claiborne, 61, as University of Kentucky football coach on Tuesday, Nov. 29, caught all interested parties by surprise and set into motion speculation on the choice of his successor.

Claiborne, who compiled a 41-46-3 record and took his teams to back-to-back Hall of Fame bowls during an eight-year tenure at UK, made his decision during a rough plane ride on a recruiting trip to Ohio.

Claiborne's last UK team finished 6-5 after losing to Tennessee in Lexington. His most recent accomplishments at UK included the 1989 College Football Association's Academic Achievement Award for highest graduation rate (90 percent) among its members, and just recently a record 17 members on the Southeastern Conference's

All-Academic football team, bringing UK's total to 68 during his tenure.

✓Chris Harrison, a 6-foot-3 junior point guard from Tollesboro High School whose 32 points per game as a sophomore was second in the state last season, recently announced his intention to attend UK.

10 Years Ago

The top-ranked Wildcats had to go all out to beat East Tennessee State 62-57 in their season opener before a packed crowd of 23,498 in Rupp Arena.

Even after an early second-half surge gave the Wildcats a 16-point lead, the Buccaneers fought back, cutting the margin to three points twice within the final minute of play and forcing UK to stall.

Scoring in double figures for the Wildcats were Sam Bowie (15), Fred Cowan (12) and

Derrick Hord (10). Andre Motley led East Tennessee with 15.

15 Years Ago

✓UK football players Sonny Collins and Warren Bryant were named to the UPI All-SEC team. However, Collins failed to win the league rushing title for the third straight year although he did set a conference record career rushing mark of 3,835 yards. He was the only offensive performer named to the team for the third straight year. Bryant, an offensive tackle, was one of the few players picked for the second straight year.

✓The UK basketball team dropped its first season opener since 1962 when Northwestern shocked the Wildcats 89-77 at Northwestern. Billy McKinney led the winners with 14 points. Northwestern pulled out to a 65-42 lead with 10 minutes remaining. The sixth-ranked Cats were led by Rick Robey with 24 points and Jack Givens with 15 points.

25 Years Ago

✓UK got 24 points from Tom Parker, 23 from Kent Hollenbeck, and 19 rebounds from Tom Payne in a come-from-behind 106-100 win over West Virginia. Guard Mike Casey also scored 19 points for UK as 13,232 fans watched—the largest crowd ever to see a basketball game in West Virginia. Wil Robinson scored 29 points for the Mountaineers.

35 Years Ago

✓UK end Howard Schnellenberger beat out some great ends in being named to the 1955 11-man All-America team. He caught 20 passes for 287 yards and six touchdowns the past year. UK's Lou Michaels and Bob Hardy received honorable mention.

✓The UK basketball team won its 14th straight game over LSU as the Cats opened the year with a rugged 62-52 win at Baton Rouge. Gerry Calvert led UK with 17 points. John Brewer had 13 and Jerry Bird II.

WILDCAT QUIZ

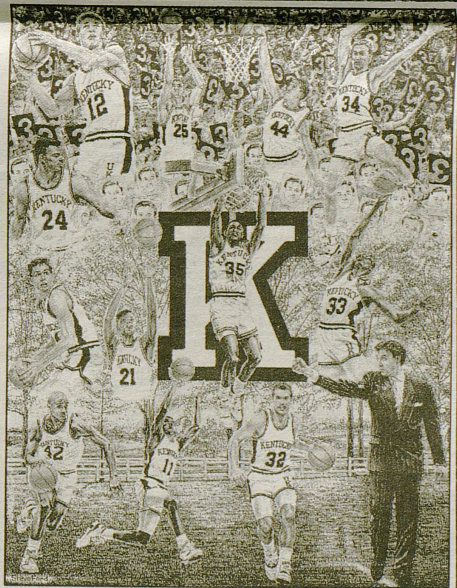
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1. True or False? UK never had played Pennsylvania in basketball prior to Saturday's season opener in Rupp Arena?
2. True or False? Kentucky doesn't have a Pennsylvania native on its basketball team this season?
3. Who led UK in scoring last season?
 - a) Deron Feldhaus
 - b) John Pelphrey
 - c) Derrick Miller
 - d) Reggie Hanson
4. Who led the team in assists?
 - a) Richie Farmer
 - b) Derrick Miller
 - c) Jeff Brassow
 - d) Sean Woods
5. Which of the following had a brother who lettered in basketball at UK?
 - a) Dirk Minniefield
 - b) Deron Feldhaus
 - c) Melvin Turpin
 - d) Todd Bearup
6. Which UK player is a transfer from Missouri?
 - a) Jeff Brassow
 - b) Todd Bearup
 - c) Junior Braddy
 - d) Travis Ford
7. Who was the best free throw shooter last season?
 - a) Derrick Miller
 - b) Reggie Hanson
 - c) Travis Ford
 - d) Richie Farmer
8. True or False? UK did not defeat an opponent by more than 30 points last season?
9. Who was UK's top rebounder last season?
 - a) Deron Feldhaus
 - b) Reggie Hanson
 - c) John Pelphrey
 - d) Johnathon Davis
10. True or False? UK did not win a road game last season?



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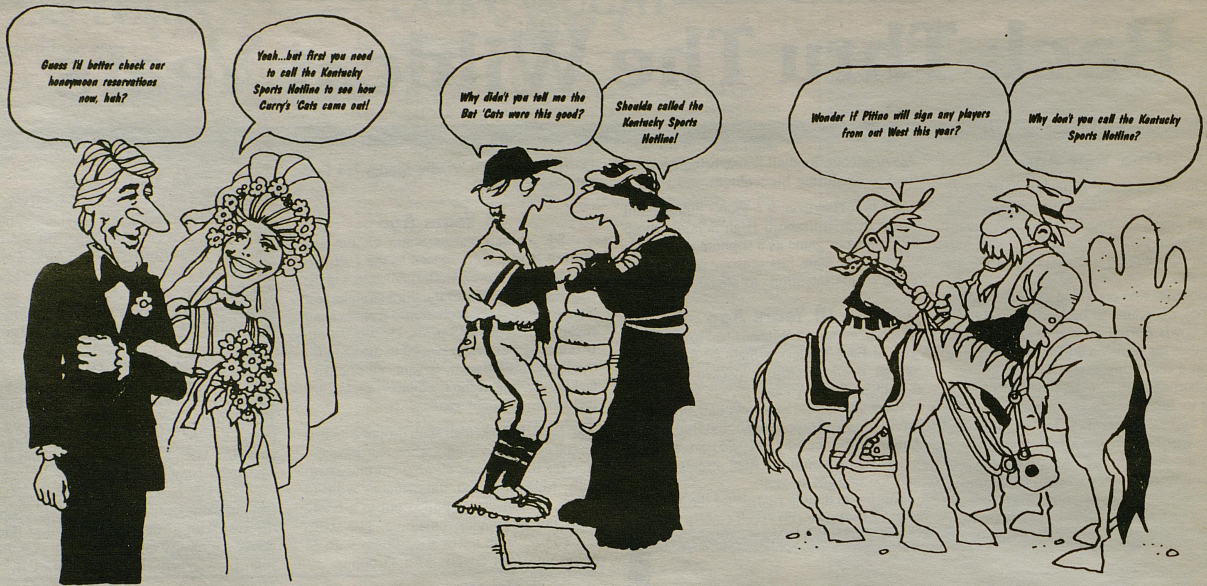
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1. False (UK won in '67 & '68)
2. True
3. Derrick Miller (19.2)
4. Sean Woods (16.4)
5. Todd Bearup
6. Travis Ford
7. Travis Ford (89.6% on UK last year's best free throw shooter was Richie Farmer, 84.7%)
8. False (Over Tenn. Tech by 36)
9. Reggie Hanson (200)
10. False (departed Florida 78-74)



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