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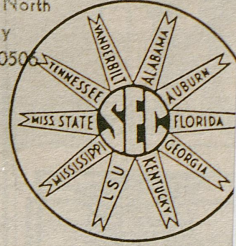
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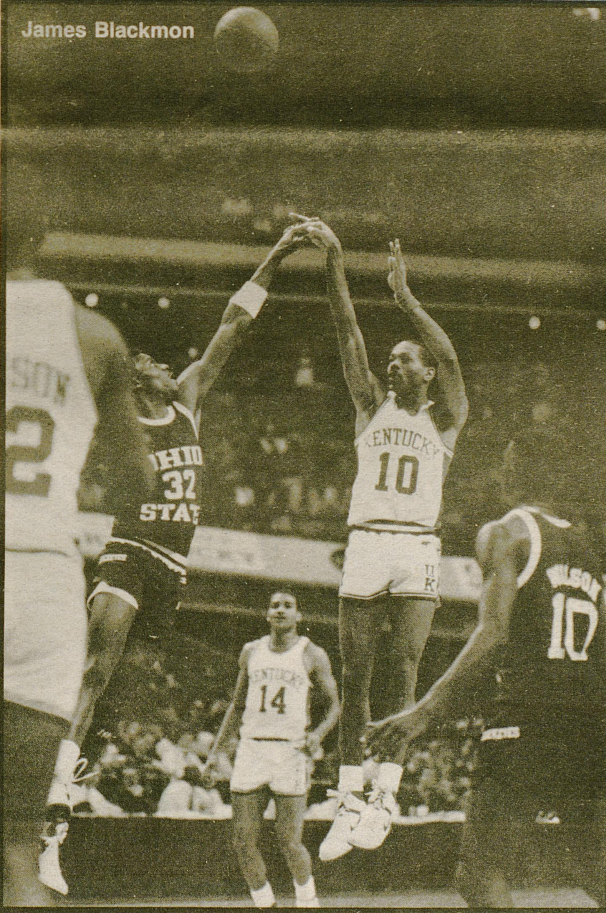
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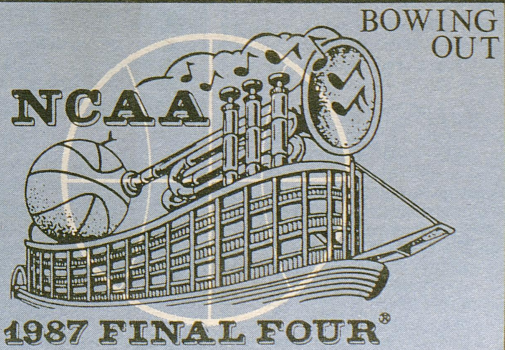
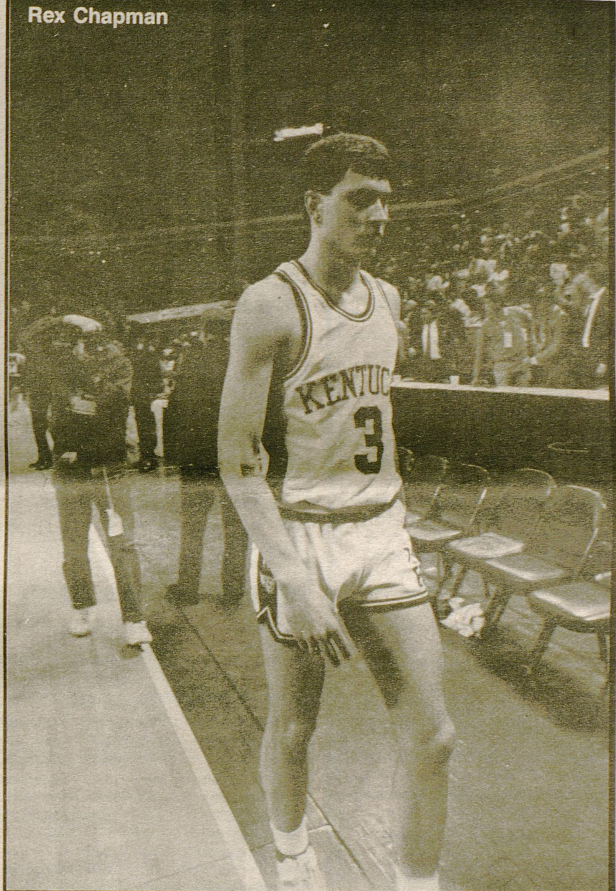
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### Bat Cats Get Off To A Roaring 9-3 Start

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It's North Versus South

**Five Future 'Cats To Participate  
In Upcoming Derby Classic**

By Rick Bolus

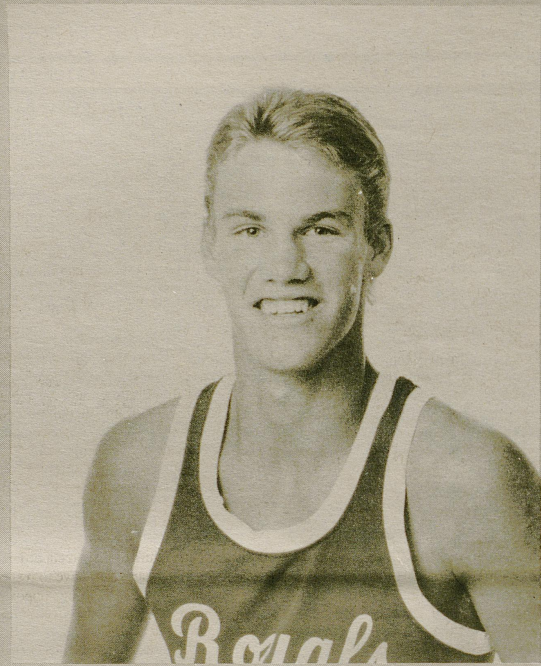
If you are a BIG BLUE fan, you'll want to mark down April 18, 1987 on your calendar. That is when you'll be able to witness five out of six Wildcat basketball recruits at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky., at 8:00 p.m. for the McDonald's Derby Festival Classic. This North-South game format features 20 of America's premier high school cagers. Of the six recruits of coach Eddie Sutton, only Eric Manuel of Macon, Ga., will not play as he has opted for the McDonald's East-West game and the Dapper Dan Classic.

The Kentucky signees include the future twin towers, 6-foot-10 LeRon Ellis (Santa Ana, Calif.) and 7-0 Johnny Pittman (Rosenberg, Texas), 6-2 maestro Sean Sutton (Lexington, Ky.), 6-7 forward Deron Feldhaus (Maysville, Ky.) and 6-8 Jonathan Davis (Pensacola, Fla.). Ellis is without question, the best center in America today and quickly reminds one so much of former UK great Sam Bowie.

Fifteen of the game's players are found in Dave Bones' Cage Scope Top 100 seniors. Al Prewitt, coach of Henry Clay in Lexington, Ky., will coach the South team while Nate Harris of Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington High will direct the North squad.

The McDonald's Derby Festival Classic is an official Kentucky Derby Festival event and all proceeds will go to the Louisville Ronald McDonald House and Kosair Charities. You can contact the Kentucky Derby Festival's office for ticket information. Their address is 137 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., in Louisville, Ky.

Now, let's look at the rosters.



Mason County's Feldhaus To Suit Up For South. . .

**North Squad**

Head coach: Nate Harris, Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington  
Assistant: Bill Kercher, Louisville Eastern  
Assistant: Ralph Johnson, Louisville Central

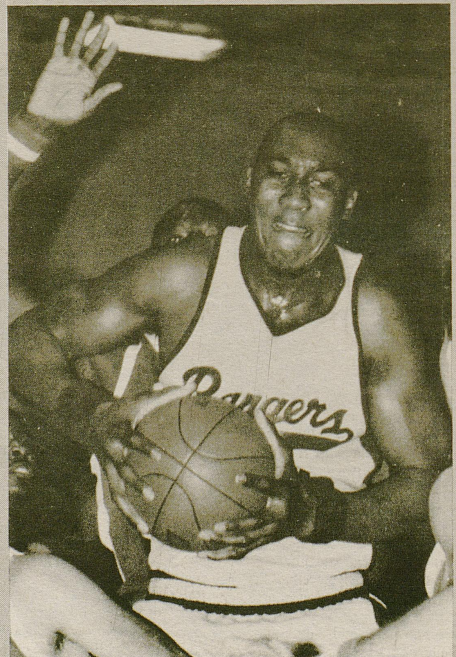
Player	Pos	Ht	Hometown	College
John Pelphrey	F	6-7	Paintsville, Ky.	Undecided
Barry Young	F	6-7	Ellicott City, Md.	Undecided
Richard Dumas	F	6-7	Tulsa, Okla.	Oklahoma St.
Mike Masucci	C	7-0	Granview, Mo.	Kansas
Thomas Jordan	C	6-8	Ballimore, Md.	Oklahoma St.
LaBradford Smith	G	6-5	Bay City, Texas	Louisville
Jerome Harmon	G	6-5	Gary, Ind.	Undecided
Mike Cottrell	G	6-1	Cullowhee, N.C.	Undecided
Kyle McKenzie	G	6-2	Cincinnati, Ohio	LSU

**HOOPS**

**South Squad**

Head coach: Al Prewitt, Lexington Henry Clay  
Assistant: Dale Mabrey, Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park  
Assistant: Bill Fryman, Pensacola (Fla.) Pine Forest

Player	Pos	Ht	Hometown	College
Deron Feldhaus	F	6-7	Maysville, Ky.	Kentucky
Jonathan Davis	F	6-8	Pensacola, Fla.	Kentucky
Livingston Chatman	F	6-7	Lakeland, Fla.	Florida
Rick Fox	F	6-7	Warsaw, Ind.	North Carolina
LeRon Ellis	C	6-10	Santa Ana, Calif.	Kentucky
Johnny Pittman	C	7-0	Rosenberg, Texas	Kentucky
LaMonte Ware	G	6-2	Hopkinsville, Ky.	Undecided
Desmond Porter	G	6-3	Louisville, Ky.	Cleveland St.
Sean Sutton	G	6-2	Lexington, Ky.	Kentucky
Tim Singleton	G	6-1	New Orleans, La.	Notre Dame



. . . So Will 7-Footer Johnny Pittman

Note: Players were selected by Dave Bones of Cage Scope and Rick Bolus of High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service. One more player will be added to the North Squad.



## Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



# '87 Season Over, Now About The '88 Campaign

It's over. 1987 that is.

Back in late November, observers of college basketball predicted anything better than .500 would be a very good season for the Kentucky Wildcats, given the state of affairs at that time.

When practice began back on Oct. 15, coach Eddie Sutton's second Kentucky squad found itself trying to find replacements for All-America forward Kenny Walker and All-SEC guard (and perhaps the most underrated Wildcat in years at UK) Roger Harden who had led the previous season's team to a glittering 32-4 record.

It was enough to figure Kentucky could only shoot for a Top Twenty ranking by the season's end.

But that was before the 'Cats' top front-court player, Winston Bennett, went down with a season-ending injury before practice was a month old. And before the first game was tipped off, junior center/forward Cedric Jenkins went out with a stress fracture, an injury which he still has not fully recovered from although he has been back in action since January.

There was more. Freshman Reggie Hanson didn't pass Proposition 48 so he was sidelined for the season. Another forward, Todd Ziegler, left the team in December before ever suiting up for a game.

The squad was so thin Sutton had to call on two walk-ons just to have full-scale practice sessions.

So when the Wildcats closed the curtain last Friday in Atlanta with a 91-77 loss to Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA, it was a final act befitting a season of peaks and valleys for the Big Blue.

The 18-11 mark was certainly no disgrace for this team. In fact, the final worksheet was remarkable when you consider the squad may have been the poorest defensive team put on the court by a Kentucky squad in many, many years.

Although the 'Cats lacked a quality inside game and never played consistently, it was the inability of its defense to create turnovers and early offense which prevented the boys in Blue from enjoying a better record.

A year ago, Kentucky's offense pushed the ball upcourt more often simply because the defense created the opportunity for an early upbeat tempo with pressure. It just wasn't there this year.

One of the reasons for the absence of quality defensive pressure perhaps can be attributed to so much youth in the Kentucky lineup. For the most part, Kentucky found itself with only two players—Ed Davender and James Blackmon—who had substantial experience from previous action.

People like Rob Lock, Cedric Jenkins, Richard Madison, Paul Andrews and Irving Thomas really had seen limited action before this season. Sure, they weren't first-year performers, but they had contributed very little before this year.

Combine that with Sutton having to rely so much on Rex Chapman spelled a lot of problems for Kentucky. When any team must rely on a freshman for its top point production, you're in big trouble. And when the 'Cats fell behind in the latter stages of a game, Sutton had to go to another

freshman—Derrick Miller—as a last resort for the three-point bomb.

While those situations posed problems this past season, the experience the kids gained should be a boost for next season.

It wasn't a great year, at least not by Kentucky standards, but the Wildcats compiled a decent 18-11 record, defeated three of five "Sweet Sixteen" (Florida, Alabama and Oklahoma) teams they faced, and finished in a tie for third place in the SEC.

A rebuilding year, yes. A disgrace, no.

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Next season?

Obviously, the Wildcats will be better. Maybe not a Top Ten team, but the 'Cats certainly will be in a position to accomplish greater feats than they did this year.

Just how high the 'Cats can climb next winter will depend a lot on the return of fifth-year senior Winston Bennett who is rehabilitating the knee he injured back last October.

If Bennett can return to 90 percent efficiency, then opposing teams will have to respect UK's inside game, something opposing teams ignored throughout 1986-87. But more importantly, a bigger contribution from Bennett could be his leadership on and off the floor.

Without question, one of the missing ingredients this time was the absence of a Kenny Walker or a Roger Harden. No one took charge in challenging the Wildcats from a leadership role. Bennett is not only the logical candidate, he is the only obvious choice. While he was the cheerleader on the sidelines this season, it wasn't the same as being in uniform.

Besides, Bennett will be one of five graduating seniors on the club. Any coach will tell you a senior-dominated squad will not tolerate underclassmen giving anything less than 100 percent. Seniors realize there is no "next season." It's now or never. Now or never for Bennett, Richard Madison, Rob Lock, Ed Davender, and Cedric Jenkins. Next season—1987-88—is their swan song.

Other good news will be the year's experience of both Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller, this season's freshmen. Although both got off to great starts early in the year against the likes of Indiana and Louisville, each learned as the winter wore on that life in the SEC is somewhat tougher than the early days of December.

And then the new faces arrive.

First, there will be Reggie Hanson and Mike Scott. Hanson sat out the year and although Scott came on board in December, his physical condition never allowed him to blend in this time. Each will have equal access to the lineup by Oct. 15 if their practice indicates so.

Six true rookies should be on campus by the time school begins in September. You know the names. They are Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis, John Pittman, Jonathan Davis, Deron Feldhaus and Sean Sutton.

Some could contribute immediately, perhaps even start. But those decisions will be made on the practice floor. There has been speculation that a couple could even be red-

shirted, to help spread out the class roster to prevent such a mass graduation as UK will experience after 1988 when five leave.

And then there is still that persistent campaign to add another point guard to the fold, one who could come right in and contribute immediately next season. It's no secret that Kentucky never felt comfortable with either Davender or Chapman at the point this season. Both are off-guards although either could handle the point in an emergency. The emergency lasted an entire season in 1987.

Some might quickly wonder what would happen if a point guard came in and started. Who would go to the bench? Chapman or Davender?

Probably neither, other than the usual rest time. In this day of fast-paced basketball, it's highly unlikely any guard will get more than 30 to 34 minutes of action per game. That leaves another 20 minutes or so for a third guard.

For that matter, it's not outside the realm of possibility that UK could use Chapman as a third guard in the role of a James Blackmon next season. He certainly could rebound from that position and he's an offensive threat anywhere on the court. Of course, this is just wild speculation.

Still, Kentucky's point-guard situation is very shaky at the moment. Sutton the coach would like to redshirt Sutton the son, but he may not be able to afford the luxury. The younger Sutton has been much maligned by some media types this season, claiming he would not be in a Kentucky uniform if he were not the coach's son.

That may or may not be true. Only father and son know the answer to that question, but those who have blabbered at the mouth so much are the same ones who complained about Roger Harden for three years at UK. At the end of last season, those same writers conveniently forgot their comments from the previous three years.

Don't be surprised when the younger Sutton criticizes point the accusing finger toward someone else by Sean's junior year.

For the time being, Sutton the father would like to redshirt the son and bring him along slowly so he could develop into an excellent player in a couple years. But for Eddie to follow that prescription, Kentucky must sign a point guard who can not only play a vital role as a freshman next season, but perhaps even start.

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When the NCAA selection committee picked six Southeastern Conference teams for the NCAA Tournament earlier this month, the move surprised a few skeptics, but the SEC is turning heads once again, just like last March.

As the big show shifts to the "Sweet Sixteen" this weekend, three SEC teams are still in contention. All three—Alabama, LSU and Florida—have a good shot at making the Final Four.

Alabama is converting doubters every time out and the Crimson Tide looms as the favorite to emerge out of the Southeast Regional in Louisville this weekend.

If the other two SEC schools make the

Final Four, they'll have to pull monumental upsets. Each is capable. LSU first has to get by DePaul and then probably would have to beat Indiana.

For Florida to make the Big Showdown in Louisiana Superdome, the Gators will have to tame Syracuse and then probably have to whip North Carolina.

Alabama has been awesome all season long, save the early season upset loss to Florida State when the Tide was without the services of premier point guard Terry Coner. And Bama was shocked by Kentucky in Tuscaloosa. Other than those two, the Tide has rolled and rolled.

Don't be surprised if Bama doesn't lose another game this season.

LSU is on a typical Dale Brown run. Remember last March? People like Dick Vitale appeared surprised when I suggested to him last April that he should include the Tigers in his preseason Top Twenty.

Vitale asked who does Dale have back? Dick, like lots of others, snickered when heard names like Jose Vargas, Anthony Wilson and Darryl Joe. Georgia Tech and Temple aren't laughing this week.

LSU plays with great emotion and emotion usually wears out somewhere along the line, but the tank won't run dry before LSU sends DePaul back to Chicago and Brown pulls his upset of upsets by shocking Indiana. That would be one of the few feats that Dale Brown is yet to achieve.

And not for a moment, don't believe that Dale Brown has ever forgotten the humiliating 67-49 defeat Indiana plastered LSU with back in 1981 on the way to IU's national championship.

Florida. Ah, those beloved Gators.

Writers around the league (blush, blush) tended to write off the Gators last week after Florida's shocking loss in the SEC tourney. It marked the Gators' fifth league loss in their last six games. Florida, argued some, was on its way to a tank job.

They headed toward the tank alright. But to draw a couple teams like North Carolina State (Norm Sloan's old club) and Big Ten co-champion Purdue.

The 85-66 bombing of Purdue on Sunday adequately served notice to the remaining 15 teams in the NCAA that the Gators are alive and well in their first-ever NCAA tournament.

First on the agenda this week is a date with Syracuse and the Orangemen won't have the homecourt advantage they enjoyed last weekend. If Florida handles Syracuse, it'll be showdown time with North Carolina, a team Sloan knows a little something about.

Somewhere along the line, North Carolina usually finds a way to blow its annual golden opportunity. Florida will be more than willing to accommodate the Tar Heels.

If I seem to be a bit biased, then perhaps I am. For the second year in a row, the Southeastern Conference has proven its worth to college basketball. When the dust settles this Sunday, all three SEC teams may be on the sidelines. Then again, all three could be playing for the national championship in New Orleans.

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## Bat Cats Lose; Streak Ends At Eight With 6-0 Loss To Bradley

Two Bradley pitchers combined to shut down the hot Kentucky Wildcats to only five harmless hits, handing the hosts their first loss of the season 6-0 at Shively Field last Thursday.

Bradley, 7-0, got outstanding performances from hurlers Paul DeJaynes and Curt Hasler. DeJaynes, whose record jumped to 3-0, gave up four hits in 7 1/2 innings worked. Bradley's No. 1 stopper has been drafted by the American League's Minnesota Twins.

But it wasn't all DeJaynes who contributed to Kentucky's initial loss of the 1987 campaign. In the first inning the visitors scored twice with the help of three hits and a throwing error by Wildcat center fielder Chris Estep.

The lead was extended to 4-0 in the fifth inning when again UK was credited with another error, this time by catcher David Ray. UK freshman Danny Benson took the loss.

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Last Wednesday Kentucky racked up six hits off of Cumberland University (Tenn.) pitchers which was good enough to earn Keith Madison's squad a 6-4 win on a chilly afternoon in Lexington.

The 8-0 Wildcat start is the best start in the institution's history.

The Bat Cats won the game in the sixth inning when they broke a 4-4 deadlock. Kentucky started its winning rally with singles each from Darin Rieman and Bobby Olinick. With runners at first and second, Mark Blythe put one over the shortstop's head, giving UK the lead for keeps (5-4). After a Terry Shumpert ground out, forcing runners to second and third, Billy White knocked in an insurance run when he grounded out.

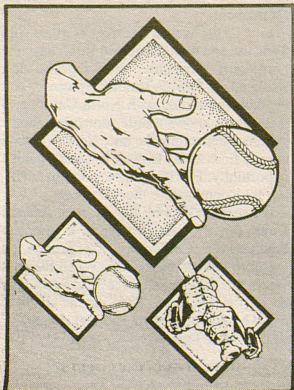
Steve Culkar came in out of the bullpen for two innings to earn his first victory without a loss this season. Tom Deller really earned his second save of the season when he got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the ninth.

Twice the NAIA team jumped ahead. But twice the Wildcats battled back.

Cumberland's Dave Stauss drilled a two-out, two-run shot over the left-center field fence to give the visitors a quick 2-0 lead. Cumberland would score once more in the initial frame as Kentucky found itself down by three entering the bottom half of the first inning.

But... the Wildcats' bats came out smokin'. Shumpert and Billy White got on board with a pair of singles. Following a successful double steal, Chris Estep knocked a 3-0 pitch over the center-field fence to tie the score.

After three scoreless innings, Cumberland went ahead by a run. But Mitch Knox quickly pulled the Wildcats even in the bottom half of the fifth with a straight-away shot which cleared the fence.



## Little Things Can Get Players Pumped Up

Perry Impressed With UK During Visit

A couple of issues back, I talked about some things that sometimes frustrate players. This time, I will talk about things that players like to encounter.

There are many plays that fans like, but none are as exciting as the slam dunk. Although yours truly had two dunks in his college career, it was nothing compared to high school. I led the team in dunks with 16 of them. As a matter of fact, when coach Leonard Hamilton came to see me, I tried to reverse dunk on two players. I missed the dunk, but it was one of those plays players like to see. An "A" for effort and degree of difficulty, but a spot on the bench

throws, made baskets and turnovers. The excitement is not only generated from the players, but the fans get more involved in the



Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

for hotdogging.

You have to take into account that when a player reaches the college level, his role may change drastically. Some players may get the green light, while others turn into role players. I was a role player, but that was OK by me. You learn to sacrifice what you can do for the sake of the team. Still, you get a lot of satisfaction from things that may occur on the court.

### Upset Wins Can Set Tone For Entire Season

As a team, you love to win games that people don't expect you to win. A real good example is Kentucky's 70-69 win at Alabama.



### Perry Witnessed 2 Exciting Encounters

I felt that there was no way the 'Cats could beat the Tide in Tuscaloosa. A lot of people felt that way. Well, good things happen to good teams when their back is against the wall. A good solid team like Alabama can shake off a loss and continue to have an outstanding season, but victories like this sometimes set the tone for the rest of the year for the underdog.

Most players like the idea of getting in a fastbreak situation. For the most part, it can turn the tempo of the game around very quickly. Fastbreaking teams are usually hard to defend. When you can make the other team worry about transition, you can usually wear them down physically as well as mentally. Oklahoma, UNLV and North Carolina are a few teams that are tough to defend because of their style of play. Each of these teams tries to run after free



### Walker Was A UK 'In-The-Paint' Luxury

game. It just seems that when a fastbreaking team is on the floor, everyone is on the edge of their seat.

### Game-Winning Buckets Are The Ultimate

Hitting the winning basket is a great feeling. It's something that you always dream of doing if you're a player. You step up to the line and you concentrate on hitting the foul shot. There are five seconds left in the game and you are called upon to win it. How about beating a team on a jump shot with no time left on the clock? You think about what has happened and it doesn't sink in until after the game is over. I guess you can say that you are the hero.

On the defensive end, you like to get steals. If you watch Kentucky's defense you will see James Blackmon, Ed Davender and Rex Chapman gamble in the passing lanes. They don't get the luxury of trying to steal as much this year, because the inside defense isn't quite as good as it was a year ago. If the guards got beat in '86, Kenny Walker or Winston Bennett would be waiting to take a charge or block a shot. That's why people don't think Davender is playing the same type of defense because he doesn't have the luxury of having Walker or Bennett behind him.

Although I didn't get many in my career, I always tried to block shots. It seemed I always got called for a foul, though. Big men love to block shots. If I was coaching, I would tell my inside players to pump fake. I haven't seen a big man yet that didn't take a pump fake. Once you get a big man in the air, you've got him right where you want him. However, if the guy who is in the air is a Kenny Walker, then you may have to wait a few seconds before he comes down. You like to see blocked shots because it encourages your big people. Swatting shots away and getting rebounds keeps the big guys into the game emotionally.

Winning is probably the best way to enjoy what goes on during a game. There are spectacular plays that happen, but if you win, the plays will be talked about even more than the losers' great plays. Dunks, steals exciting assists and fastbreaks are expected when the 'Cats hit the floor. It's all part of the Kentucky Tradition.

### Perry Likes Rupp Arena Atmosphere

When Ole Miss and Oklahoma came to town the last week of the regular season, I had the pleasure of talking with Elliot Perry, the 6-0 guard from Memphis (Tenn.) Treadwell High School. He averages 35 points a game. Teams that he has high on his list are Oklahoma, Memphis State and UK. I think Kentucky has a real good chance of getting Perry for next season. I believe it will eventually come down to UK and Memphis State. Perry is considered to be one of the top 50 players that have not yet committed to play college basketball.

Perry is a very quiet young man. He doesn't show much emotion, but I noticed that he was pulling for Kentucky during those two recent games. He couldn't have picked a better weekend to come. He mentioned the atmosphere in Rupp Arena was second to none.

That doesn't surprise me one bit.

# SMU Program Faces Tough Road Ahead

Cinderella Stories Don't Always End Well

Understandably, the top concern for **Southern Methodist University** faithful has to do with the long term effect of having the football program mothballed for next year. Doubtless, it will be five years, at least, before the Mustangs can hope to be competitive on the gridiron and it may be that long as well before the entire athletic department recovers.

**Dave Bliss'** basketball team suffered through an unexpectedly abysmal season, and despite the promise offered by arriving Dallas schoolboy standout **Larry Johnson**, the aftershock of the football scandal may make it very difficult for Bliss' program to be



Larry Donald  
Cats' Pause Columnist

successful.

It seems hard to believe it was just three years ago when SMU was the newest darling in the basketball world and that Bliss, a former assistant to **Bobby Knight**, was considered a hot coaching property. Now there's some question whether either can survive. . .

As we open play this week in the NCAA tournament, it is for so many such an exciting time, I'm thinking particularly of the Cinderella stories which get written each year and how much of those participants must enjoy these few weeks of glory.

What's interesting, however, is to study some of the long term effects on the programs of these smaller schools which are rushed into the spotlight. In most cases the shining moment is terribly brief and the darkness that follows is not pleasant.

An example of this is the **North Carolina-Charlotte** story. Ten years ago the 49ers burst into public conscienceness on the talented play of **Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell** and the tart tongue of coach **Lee Rose**. How well I remember his scolding the media in the Lexington regional that year and how there was a certain tone in his voice when he referred to the University of North Carolina as "Chapel Hill," which was meant to underscore the fact that the Tar Heels and his team were all governed by the same state system.

After making it to the Final Four and losing to Marquette, Rose stayed on for one more season before accepting the Purdue job. His assistant, **Mike Pratt**, got the job and tried mightily to match the success with the new-found expectation. After that, four-year athletic director **Clyde Walker** broomed him and hired ex-Fordham coach **Hal Wissel**. Three years later both of them had moved along.

From the heights of the Final Four, UNCC has followed that with an annual renewal as a doormat team in the Sun Belt Conference.



Dave Bliss Could Be In Trouble In Dallas

This year, for the first time since 1977, new coach **Jeff Mullins** coaxed an 18-win season and seems to have the program, if not on a quick rise, certainly showing some improvement.

The moral of the story is this: In so many cases—UNCC, **Indiana State**, and before them **Western Kentucky**—there is a failure to take the moment and build from it. Instead of rededicating its efforts to be successful within its world, the particular school seems anxious to bask in the dying moment, or worse, begin to think they'll always be giants.

**Hank Raymonds**, the retiring athletic director at **Marquette**,

was asked about the Warriors' championship that year. He shook his head and said, "Probably the worst thing that ever happened because the standard has been set unrealistically high."

Words for the Cinderellas of 1987 to ponder. . .

What's with the all-out media assault on **Illinois' coach Lou Henson**? Both the print and broadcast media seemed to be double-teaming this guy in the closing weeks of the season, utilizing statistics to portray a coach who simply fell apart at the end of a close game. I would remind my brethren of just a few things here:

\*This Illinois program was in sad condition when Henson arrived in 1976 after coaching successfully at Hardin-Simmons and New Mexico State, where he had six NCAA teams and one Final Four entrant. He has coached the Illini to 20-plus win seasons ever year in this decade and five of them have appeared in the NCAA tournament.

Now, does this sound like a man who cannot coach in any situation?

\*Statistics can be very dangerous. To suit its purposes television selected game decided by five points or less to underscore its case. Why five? Why not two or one?

Two situations I'd like to use. In the game against Purdue, Il-



Give Illini's Henson A Break

linois executed perfectly down the stretch, scoring a pair of three-pointers in the closing 30 seconds to deadlock the game and send it to overtime. But if you watched the game you know that those six points should have given Illinois the win because a Purdue player had been given credit for a three-pointer when replays showed clearly that his foot was on the line a few seconds earlier. Now, is it Henson's fault that an official made a poor call? His team won the game by executing, but later left Assembly Hall with a "statistical" loss because of an official's error.

Second came the Illinois game against Indiana. Down two with 34 seconds to go, the Hoosiers called time and gathered around Knight to map out the strategy. Once back in play they moved the ball around and with the clock running out **Steve Alford** missed a long, forced, desperation shot.

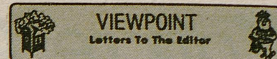
I just wonder how many of the writers and broadcasters had the courage to suggest some better coaching at the end of the game might have given Indiana the win? . . .

It's All-American time, and here's how my ballot reads:

**Kenny Smith** of North Carolina and Indiana's **Alford** in the backcourt. At the forwards I'm breaking the pattern a little, but give me **Dennis Hopson** of Ohio State and **Derrick McKey** of Alabama. In the middle, **David Robinson** of Navy is the best by a wide margin. Next issue, we'll talk about individual awards. . .

As I mentioned earlier, this is the opening week of tournament play, but deadlines preclude my having the advantage of even knowing how the NCAA pairings worked out. Nonetheless, I'm still comfortable with my choice for No. 1 now as I was last fall—North Carolina will win it all in New Orleans creating the remarkably ironic fact that the two most revered coaches in this era, **Dean Smith** and Knight, will have two championships, both won in the same city and five years apart. . .

**Michigan's** star guard **Gary Grant** is considered a big-time baseball prospect and will try out with the Wolverines this spring. Same story at **Kentucky** where **Richard Madison** got the green light from **Eddie Sutton** to play baseball, if he keeps his grades on an acceptable level. Both are serious pro prospects. . .



## Let's Play Carolina!

Dear Sir:

This may be my first and only letter to the editor, but I had to get this off my chest.

I was shocked to read that Cliff Hagan, athletics director (at UK), would think twice about playing North Carolina in the Tipoff Classic next November.

It is certainly a breach of the classic Wildcat basketball tradition, not to play in this prestigious game, and an honor to play one of the country's top teams, also with a tremendous tradition.

The late and great Adolph F. Rupp (der Baron) would take on all comers, and the almighty dollar was not given first consideration.

If UK isn't ready to meet North Carolina, then they will certainly benefit from the experience. Denny Crum's teams at Louisville get racked up early in the season, but manage to struggle back by tournament time.

If the UK basketball program wants to be treated like a class act, then it had better start responding to something other than its own selfish interests.

I realize that money might be a predominant factor in the program, but there is something like old-fashioned pride to consider, to continue to live up to the billing of one of the finest basketball programs in the land.

Coach Rupp would have been disappointed for UK not to have played in the Tipoff Classic, and so will many Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

E.L. Marvin Jr.  
Ashland, Kentucky

## Send Signee's Stats

Dear Sir:

I really love your paper and its articles.

The University of Kentucky basketball program is beginning to look up, with the signing of six recruits. During the next signing period the university is urging Jerome Harmon to sign. I was wondering if you could possibly send high school statistics on these seven players? It would be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Eissel  
Loretto, Kentucky

(Editor's note: Leon, we'll do better than that. We plan to run complete statistics on all six Kentucky recruits in an upcoming issue.)

## UK Fan From Mars

Dear Sir:

What is the story on Mike Scott? Is he good enough to play SEC basketball? If so, why has he not played more?

I live 23 miles due north of Pittsburgh. The reception from WLW is much, much better than it was from WSAZ. The fading factor was about 5 percent on WLW and 50 percent on WSAZ. Hats off to the 'Cats and WLW.

Orville W. Morris  
Mars, Pennsylvania

(Editor's note: The jury is still out on Mike Scott. Due to his one-year layoff, Scott hasn't been able to get back into basketball shape. Hence, his playing time has been limited.)

# You're Out!

## Big Ten Buckeyes Leave 'Cats Behind In Second Stanza On Their Way To A 91-77 Victory; Kentucky Finishes 18-11

It was a tough season. Everyone knew it would be. And it all came to an end in Atlanta on Friday evening when Kentucky duplicated its performance of one week earlier as the 'Cats dropped a 91-77 decision in the first round of the NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament.

Just as it had seven days earlier against Auburn in the SEC Tournament, the Wildcats fell behind at the half and then never caught up in the final 10 minutes as the Buckeyes put on a strong rush to advance in the 64-team field.

The victory sent Ohio State into the second round action against Georgetown which defeated Bucknell earlier.

Kentucky ends its season with an 18-11 mark, finishing up the year on a two-game losing streak. The 'Cats lost to Auburn in their first game of the Southeastern Conference Tournament on the same Atlanta court a week earlier.

"They played an outstanding game," said Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton of the Ohio State performance. "They didn't crack in the first half. In the second half we didn't shoot as well and we weren't as aggressive. I didn't think we attacked the press well at the beginning of the game."

Sutton also agreed that one of the big differences in the game was UK's inability to keep pace early in the second half.

### 'Cats Couldn't Stop Dennis 'The Menace' Hopson

The thorn in Kentucky's side was Ohio State's brilliant senior forward Dennis Hopson who exploded for 21 second-half points and a game-high 32 to pace the Ohio State attack.

"We didn't control Hopson," explained Sutton. "He's one of the most difficult players we've ever had to defend. We just didn't slow him down in the second stanza. He's a marvelous passer."

Hopson, who scored on only five of 10 field goal attempts in the first half, exploded for seven of nine field goals in the second half on his way to the brilliant 32-point exhibition.

Hopson admitted he was looking for his shot more in the second period. "Coach (Gary Williams) has told me to shoot the shot when I'm open," said Hopson. "When I got open I shot it and we went up by a couple. We weren't going to let it bother us if we got down. We were just going to come down and keep executing the offense until things went our way and that's what happened."

OSU coach Gary Williams singled out OSU's defense as a key reason for the win. "I thought we had a strong defensive effort and it was something we needed to win the game," summed up the Buckeye mentor. "We were constantly changing defenses to keep them off balance and execute our offense."

Williams said he felt it was in OSU's favor to keep the game in an uptempo mood. "It was very important to us to get the score into the 80s and up the tempo," Williams said at his post game press conference. "I liked where the score was at the half. We were headed toward the eighties and I thought that was what we needed."

### Buckeyes' Pressure Defense Kept Them In Game In 1st Half

While Hopson and a supporting cast of four other Buckeyes contributed double-figure scoring assistance, it was the 'Cats' inability to handle Ohio State's pressure defense in the early stages of the game which prevented the 'Cats from building up a big lead in the game's first half.

Kentucky scored some easy baskets in the early going, enjoyed leads of as much as five points (31-26 and 33-28), but one could see that the game was slowly getting away from the 'Cats as UK found itself in a run-and-gun game which Kentucky could not win.

Despite the 'Cats' early success, UK still found itself on the short end of a 42-40 halftime score as Curtis Wilson banked home a three-pointer to beat the buzzer.

The Wildcats appeared to have OSU on the ropes early in the first half after taking an early lead and Hopson appeared to be in foul trouble.

Hopson picked up his second personal foul at 14:09 and then collided with UK's Richard Madison when he drove the lane, but there was no whistle. A couple minutes later Hopson went over Blackmon's back for a rebound but there was no call. After the two near misses, Williams gave Hopson a rest before returning him to the lineup late in the half.

Ed Davender went coast-to-coast to tie the score at 42-42 to open the second half but Hopson answered with a field goal and free throw at 19:35 to put Ohio State in front for good.

The Buckeyes quickly moved in front by nine (55-46) at 15:04 as Jerry Francis connected on a short baseline jumper. All Kentucky could do after that was to make a couple mini-runs. Each time, the Buckeyes reponded with runs of their own.

Kentucky sliced the lead to five on three different occasions, but each time OSU came right back. After Rex Chapman's layup cut the score to 55-50, Francis put in a basket from five feet on a rebound shot for a seven-point lead.

Chapman, who had a terrible four-of-16 night from the field, got the 'Cats back within five on a three-pointer at 12:51 (58-53) but Jay Burson answered with a five-footer.

The Wildcats' last shot came with 7:45 remaining as Sutton went to the bench and put Derrick Miller in the lineup, hoping to get some outside scoring help. His second three-pointer sliced the score to 67-63 at that point, but Hopson answered with a long three-pointer from the baseline and Wilson hit a seven-footer to put the Buckeyes up by nine at 72-63 with 6:55 left.

OSU increased the margin to double-digits (76-65) at 5:00 when Rob Lock picked up his fourth personal foul and John Anderson hit a pair of free throws.

Kentucky never got closer than 11 the rest of the way and the Buckeyes led by as many as 17 in the final minute of play as the Wildcats jacked up shots from all over the court in the final five minutes.

Behind Hopson in scoring were Wilson with 19, Francis with 15, Burson with 11 and Anderson with 10.

Davender led the Wildcats' attack with 23 points on 7 of 13 from the field and seven of eight from the line.

Rob Lock turned in a 14-point, five-rebound job while Chapman was the only other double-figure scorer with 13 despite his four of 16 from the field.

Kentucky hit 48.3 percent from the field on 28 of 58 while OSU was a redhot 33 of 50 for 66 percent. OSU manhandled the 'Cats on the boards, to the tune of 32-23 before a crowd of 15,128 which must have included at least 3,000 no-shows.

For the 'Cats, it was the end of the line. Perhaps, Davender and Lock summed it up best.

"I believe our team came a long way this year after some injuries," said Lock. "We won some games that we shouldn't have won and those are the memories that we should remember—the big victories that we had this year."

Davender added, "It's really hard to say how we feel at this moment. You have to look at the bright side, that we made it to the NCAA Tournament, which was one of our goals at the beginning of the year."

### Buckeye-Wildcat Tidbits

For the 10th time this season, Kentucky lost a game after trailing at halftime. Ohio State led 42-40 at the halftime intermission. . . UK also kept another streak going.—The 'Cats have now lost three consecutive games in the Omni dating back to the Southeast Regional finals last season. **Dale Brown's** LSU club pulled the upset in that game on the way to the Final Four, and then **Sonny Smith** and **Auburn** defeated UK in this year's SEC Tournament held in the Omni. . . UK coach **Eddie Sutton**, commenting on the apparent jinx in Atlanta: "Next time they invite us to go play in a tournament in Atlanta, I think we'll decline because we've had three horrible experiences down there in less than a year," Sutton said. "It's a wonderful city, but our team certainly

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														Date: March 13/87 Site: Atlanta, Ga.				
VISITORS (Last Name, First)																		
No.	OHIO STATE	Team FG		3-PT FG		FT		FTA	Rebounds		PF	TP	A	T	BLK	S	MIN	
		FG	%	FG	%	FT	%		Off	Def								
32	Hopson, Dennis	f	12	19	1	2	7	8	2	4	6	3	32	5	1	0	1	36
44	Francis, Jerry	f	3	5	0	0	9	11	1	4	5	2	15	0	1	0	3	31
44	Anderson, John	c	4	5	0	0	2	2	2	4	2	10	0	1	0	0	30	
10	Wilson, Curtis	g	7	10	1	1	4	4	0	4	4	2	19	6	8	0	1	3
12	Burson, Jay	g	5	9	0	0	1	3	1	3	4	2	11	6	2	0	1	34
20	White, Tony	l	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	12
43	Wesson, Keith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
3	Loonax, Kip	l	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	2	1	0	0	0	15
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TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 17-28, 60.7% 2nd Half 16-22, 72.7% Game 33-50, 66.0%														Deadball				
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-2, 50.0% 2nd Half 1-1, 100.0% Game 2-3, 66.7%														Rebounds: 3				
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42	Madison, Richard	f	4	7	0	0	1	3	1	3	4	3	9	1	2	0	0	34
44	Lock, Rob	c	6	8	0	0	2	3	4	5	4	14	0	2	1	0	27	
3	Chapman, Rex	g	4	16	2	9	3	3	1	3	4	5	13	2	3	0	1	33
10	Blackmon, James	g	2	6	2	6	0	0	2	1	3	1	6	3	1	0	3	26
15	Davender, Ed	g	7	13	2	4	7	8	0	1	1	3	23	5	2	0	3	35
14	Andrews, Paul	l	3	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	6	1	1	0	2	20
30	Thomas, Irving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	2	9
55	Jenkins, Cedric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
4	Miller, Derrick	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	5
50	Scott, Mike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)										2	0	2						
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3-PT FG %: 1st Half 4-7, 57.1% 2nd Half 4-16, 25.0% Game 8-23, 34.8%														Rebounds: 0				
FT %: 1st Half 8-9, 88.9% 2nd Half 5-8, 62.5% Game 13-17, 76.5%																		
OFFICIALS: Jimmy Clark, Larry Lembo, Jim Garvey														SCORE BY PERIODS				
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### Hopson Nets 32; Buckeyes Hit 66 Percent From Field

has not had very good fortune when we've gone down there." . . . Despite Ohio State's pressure defense, Kentucky had less turnovers (17-14) than did the Buckeyes, and the 'Cats came up with four more steals (11-7).

# Walt Hirsch



## —All-SEC 1951—

HE WAS THE TEAM CAPTAIN OF THE '51 CATS' NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP... HOWEVER THE 6'-4" FORWARD WAS DECLARED INELIGIBLE FOR THAT MEET BECAUSE OF 4 SEASONS OF VARSITY PLAY!



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# Here's Hoping For Another Bash In Atlanta

Omni Offers Equal Chance To All Teams

If you throw a party, you want it to be the best party possible.

The Southeastern Conference Tournament has grown into a "cage party" since the SEC decided to renew the post-season affair in 1979.

The conference tourney had been played in Birmingham, Lexington and Nashville before coming to Atlanta this year. Here's one vote for bringing the tourney back to Atlanta soon.

The Omni has a true neutral floor and that offers an equal



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

chance to every team.

Atlanta is an oasis for the media because of its access and fans love the night life, restaurants, shops and lodging the city has to offer.

"This the best possible place to have the SEC Tournament," said former Kentucky coach Joe Hall, who worked the title game for ABC-TV. "I think the conference should move its offices here (from Birmingham).

"This is such an important area that it would be wise for the SEC to establish as much influence as possible here. The SEC shouldn't concede Atlanta to the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference)."

SEC basketball now belongs in the spotlight. Most experts agree that the SEC, not the Big Ten or ACC, was the nation's toughest conference from top to bottom this year. Some conferences may have had better teams but no conference could match the quantity of quality teams in the SEC.

The NCAA selection committee put Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Auburn and LSU in its 64-team field this year. No doubt the committee remembered last year when four SEC teams reached the final 16, three made the final eight and one went to Dallas for the Final Four.

"It is great that the Southeastern Conference is finally getting the recognition it deserves," said Auburn coach Sonny Smith. "I guess it is better late than never."

"Most people now realize just how good this conference is," said Georgia coach Hugh Durham. "We all beat up on each other that sometimes I think people in our area don't appreciate how tough our league really is."

The SEC tourney certainly showcased that competition. LSU, which tied Mississippi for sixth place in the final

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—Former Kentucky Coach Joe B. Hall

regular season SEC standings, fought its way into the final by knocking off Florida and Georgia.

Auburn avenged two regular season losses to Kentucky but then was given a knockout punch by champion Alabama in the semifinals.

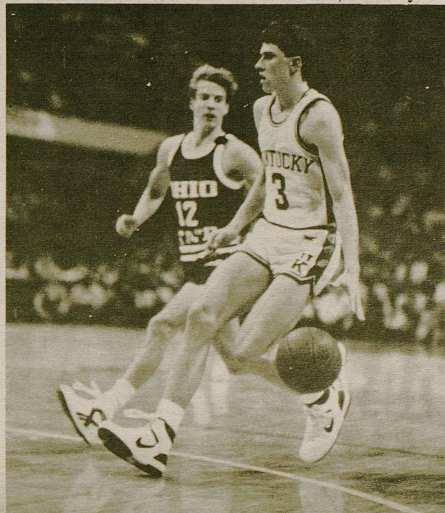
The tourney featured last-second heroics, dramatic comebacks and the craziness of LSU coach Dale Brown once again. Who else but Brown would go 48 hours without sleep to inspire his team.

"The tournament ought to come to Atlanta at least every other year," said Hall. "This place is just a natural."

Plans have already been made for the 1988 tourney to be in Baton Rouge while the 1989 affair is slated for Knoxville. After that, Atlanta deserves another chance to host the big party.

IT CAME as no great surprise that Kentucky turned down an invitation to play North Carolina to open the 1987-88 season in the Tipoff Classic in Springfield, Mass.

Carolina figures to be loaded again next year. The Wildcats should also be stronger with the return of Winston Bennett and some talented recruits. However, Kentucky will



Chapman Now Eyes Pan Am Games

need time to blend its talent into a cohesive unit and facing a foe like North Carolina to open the season isn't easiest way to do that.

Still, the game would have been a great matchup between UK's Rex Chapman and Carolina's J.R. Reid, the nation's top two freshmen.

"Reid was surrounded by a lot of talented players this year, a luxury Rex didn't have," said Sutton. "One thing that really helped Rex, though, was that his father was a coach. A coach's son develops certain instincts and a hardness for knowing what it takes to win."

Both Chapman and Reid should be invited to the tryouts for this year's Pan America Games. Both should be on the team because they could be the stars of the 1988 Olympic team.

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SUTTON still marvels at the way Chapman handled all the fan and media attention that came his way in his first collegiate season.

"Rex averages more mail per day than our coaching staff," said Sutton. "I'm not sure how many freshmen, even here at Kentucky, have ever had to deal with that."

None have at UK. Chapman captured the fancy of fans all across the Bluegrass with his play this season.

Kyle Macy and Kenny Walker probably were the two most popular Wildcats in the last 10 years. Chapman's popularity may have already surpassed both.

"You just can't let what fans or the media says bother you," said Chapman. "I'm just an ordinary person playing basketball. I'm not special."

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MAKING THE NCAA tourney field was a major accomplishment for this year's Kentucky team.

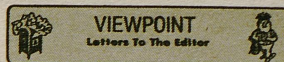
"When Winston Bennett went down a lot of people were ready to write us off," said Sutton. "I wasn't sure how many games we could win because I didn't realize the quality of our league would be so good."

"Of course, I'm not sure if you won the national title and went undefeated that you could please every fan."

Junior guard Ed Davender doesn't try to please everyone.

"You have to let the fans be fans and you be the player," said Davender. "Maybe some people were disappointed with our season but I wasn't."

"We overcame a lot of adversity and getting in the NCAA was a great reward for us."



## Get Off Eddie's Back

Dear Sir:

I would like to say that I have been shocked and bitterly disappointed with some of the verbal abuse coach Eddie Sutton has been getting lately. One man recently wrote in to *The Cats' Pause* saying he thought Sutton was not doing the job with getting the players motivated.

OK—so Kentucky hasn't been doing so hot this season. Why, they're not even in the Top Twenty. And (gasp!) they didn't even win the SEC.

Earth shattering stuff here.

I'll admit I've been extremely disappointed with this season. But, like many other Blue fans, I guess I was used to last season and I was expecting at least something close to a repeat. I see now that I was expecting too much. And, when the losses came, I suppose other Wildcat fans out there were as shocked as I was. And many were looking for someone to blame. Who more convenient than the coach? You all know it's happened before. . . just ask a certain Joe B. Hall.

Well, I'd like to point out a thing or two. Mainly that a team does not lose players the caliber of Kenny Walker, Roger Harden and Winston Bennett and bounce back the next season. Look at another Kentucky team that lost three starters (Louisville) and I think you'll see what I mean.

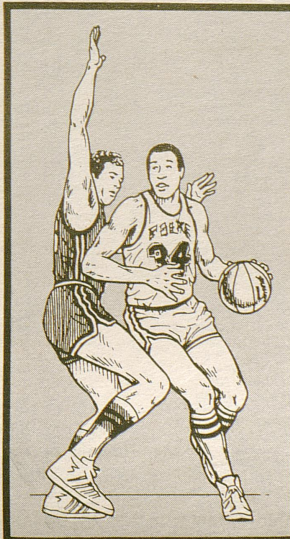
Not that Kentucky doesn't have other talent. Talent is not what Kentucky is lacking. More importantly, we're talking about the loss of leadership. When Kenny and Roger waved goodbye to the Big Blue and Winston made a surprise, season-long stop on the bench with a knee injury, Kentucky lost its leaders. How can a team excel without consistent leadership?

I conclude with a plea to all Wildcat fans to be PATIENT. Wait and see what happens. We've got an excellent recruiting class coming in next year. And Winston will be back, providing leadership. Rex Chapman, hey, he's sensational this year. . .

. . . And this season's not over yet. Kentucky has proven it can play with the big boys.

And most of all, lay off coach Sutton, alright? He's got enough pressure. I mean, he's got to coach a team whose fans expect a national championship every year. I'm sure that's no easy task. I'm sure that you'll all see soon enough that Kentucky's future is in capable hands.

Cliston Brown  
Lake Station, Indiana



# Top Returning Grid Players From Ohio Prep Ranks

NAME	HGT	WGT	POST	40Y	CPA	RATE	SCHOOL
DONALD ABBOTT	6-1	185	QB	4.9	3.7	4	Toledo Scott
ERIC ABBOTT	6-2	190	OT/DE	5.0	3.8	3/4	Col. Grandview Heights
HASSAN ABDULLAH	5-11	190	QB	4.7	2.4	3	Clv. West Lech
RAY ABRINE	5-5	155	WR	4.4	5	5	Lyndhurst Brush
SCOTT ALEXANDER	6-0	195	RB	4.8	3.0	2/3	Centerville
CHRIS ALLOWAY	5-8	155	DL			5	Berholz Springfield
JIM AMBURGEY	6-2	180	LB			4/5	Findlay Liberty-Benton
BRIAN AMISON	5-1	180	NG	4.5	4.0	4	Lorain Admiral King
ALEX ANAYA	5-9	245	NG			3	Clv. Cuyahoga Heights
RAY AURY	6-3	228	OL	5.0	2.75	3/4	Napoleon
MATT ANDERSON	5-11	185	RB	4.55	2.3	3	Akron Buchtel
DONK ANDRUC	5-10	170	RB/DB	4.7	3.0	4/5	Lisbon David Anderson
BRIAN ARMSTRONG	5-10	185	RB			4	Hilliard
DAN ARNO	5-10	170	DB	4.75	2.8	4	Hamilton Badin
JOE ARNO	6-0	190	TE/LB	5.0	2.9	4/5	Hamilton Badin
BRIAN ARNOLD	5-11	180	LB			4/5	Bloomdale Elmwood
DAVID ARTHUR	6-3	190	QB/DB	4.9	2.2	4	Canton South
BRIAN ASHBY	6-1	185	DB			3/4	North Canton Hoover
CHRIS ASHFORD	5-10	170	DB	4.6	3.0	4	Lancaster
TED AUERMAN	6-1	195	DE	4.7	1.9	2/3	Lancaster
RAY AURY	5-9	175	RB			3/4	Iol. Rodgers
ROONEY AYERS	5-10	179	RB/DB	4.6	2.2	3	Col. South
DAVE BAKER	6-3	175	QB	4.9	3.7	3/4	Lisbon David Anderson
DOUG BAKER	6-0	170	DB			2/3	Upper Sandusky
JASON BALOGH	6-0	195	RB	4.7	3.8	4	Menton
DAVE BALS	6-2	215	RB/WR	4.6	3.6	2/3	Willoughby South
DAVE BAME	6-1	180	RB/DB	4.7	1.7	4/6	Dola Hardin Northern
RAVE BARBER	5-9	150	K			3/4	Cin. Moeller
ERIC BARBER	6-0	195	TE			3/4	Mogadore
GLENN BARLOWE	6-2	245	OL/DL	5.1		3/4	Springfield Shawnee
SUBARI BARNES	5-9	160	SE			3/4	North Canton Hoover
TIM BARNETT	6-4	210	DL	5.1	2.5	3/4	Clv. St. Ignatius
DAN BARTTEL	6-0	195	SE	4.7	2.0	4/5	Middleburg Heights Midpark
MIKE BARTTELL	5-11	210	OL/DL	4.9	2.2	4/5	Coshocton
SCOTT BASINGER	6-0	165	DB			4/5	Bluffton
CHRIS BASS	6-0	230	OL	5.2	2.1	4/5	Dayton Meadowdale
PAT BAUMAN	6-0	200	LB/P	4.7	3.0	2/3	Cleveland Heights
OHIO BAUMAUER	6-1	205	WR	4.5	3.3	2/3	Bay Village Bay
DARRELL BEACHUM	5-10	205	RB/DB	4.6	2.0	3/4	Fremont Ross
DAN BEAVIDES	5-9	185	RB			4/5	Genoa Area
MITCH BENOIE	5-9	165	DB			4/5	Berholz Springfield
JACK BENNETT	6-3	185	SE	4.8	2.5	4/5	South Amherst
RICK BENNETT	6-3	193	DB	4.7	3.0	2	Cin. Moeller
MARCUS BENSON	6-1	180	LB			2/3	Alliance Marlington
STEVE BERNICKE	6-0	180	QB	4.9	3.0	3/4	Napoleon
TIM BERRY	5-10	215	NG	4.9		4/5	Col. East
SCOTT BEST	5-10	170	DE			5	Arlington
DAVE BIELINSKI	6-4	196	DB/WR	4.7	2.5	2/3	Garfield Heights Trinity
JEFF BLACK	5-10	160	P			3/4	Springfield North
STEVE BLACK	6-2	210	C/TE	4.9		4/5	Col. East
STEVE BLANKENSHIP	6-0	190	LB			3/4	Brookville
JEFF BLANTON	6-1	186	NG			3/4	Fremont St. Joseph
DAN BOBISH	6-2	235	RB/DE	4.9	2.5	3	Maple Heights
MATT BOBO	5-9	170	DL			4/5	Uniontown Lake
JOH BORN	6-0	190	OL/LB	4.8	2.9	5	Portsmouth Notre Dame
JOE BOSH	5-10	170	LB	5.0		5	Magnolia Sandy Valley
CHAD BOWMAN	6-2	195	TE/DE	5.0	2.8	5	Canton South
RICH BREWER	6-3	235	OL	5.1	2.4	3	Euclid
KEITH BREWSTER	6-3	205	TE			3/4	Bellefontaine
BOBBY BRICE	5-11	190	SE			3/4	Ironton
JAY BRICE	5-7	140	WR	4.7		4/5	Col. East
BRADY BRIGGS	5-11	195	OL			4/5	Tiffin Columbian
ROLLIN BRUSSMAN	5-10	240	DL	5.7		5	Springfield Shawnee
JAY BROVE	5-10	190	OL/LB	4.9	3.3	5	Lorain Catholic
BOBBY BROWN	5-6	160	RB			4/5	Trotwood-Madison
DOUG BROWN	5-9	165	DL			5	Kansas Lakota
KEVIN BROWN	6-1	175	LB			4/5	Genoa Area
KEVIN BROWN	5-8	145	QB	4.8		4/5	Lexington
MIKE BROWN	6-2	215	TE/LB	4.7		3/4	Col. East
MIKE BRUMFIELD	5-10	225	OL			4/5	Springfield North
BRIAN BUCK	5-11	180	LB			3/4	McComb
TOBIN BUCKNER	6-4	240	OL	5.2	3.4	3	Akron Buchtel
DERRICK BUFORD	6-2	210	RB	4.8	2.0	3/4	Springfield North
JAMES BULLOCK	6-4	247	DL			2/3	Massillon Washington
Lorenzo BURKE	5-11	200	C	5.0	3.4	4/5	Dayton Meadowdale
GARY BURTT	5-11	147	RB/DB	5.0		3/4	Massillon Tuslaw
SCOTT BURNELL	6-0	240	C			3/4	Massillon Perry
JIM BURNELL	5-8	140	WR			4/5	Howard East Knox
GARY BUTCHKO	6-2	210	OL/DL	4.8	4.0	2/3	Lorain Catholic
SCOTT BYCZYNSKI	5-8	170	NG			4/5	Tol. Bowsher
JIM BYNISKI	6-7	245	OL	5.0	2.4	2/3	Berea
JEFF CAIN	5-9	175	RB	4.9	2.75	4/5	Napoleon
DANI CALATRADVO	6-3	230	C	5.0	3.0	2/3	Panna Padua franciscan
LAMONT CALHOUN	5-10	185	RB			3/4	Cin. Princeton
KEN CARDAMAN	5-10	170	RB	4.7	3.3	3	Maple Heights
JERRY CARLOCK	6-0	195	RB/DB	4.7	2.8	3	Clv. St. Joseph
AL CAREY	6-0	175	RB	4.6		3	Groveport-Madison
TODD CARTE	6-0	190	OL	5.0		5	Hilliard
JOHN CARTER	6-2	195	TE			3/4	Wellsville
LEONARD CARTER	5-10	170	DB	4.7	2.3	4/5	Tol. Maconber
MIKE CARTER	5-10	160	DB	4.9	1.5	4/6	Lebanon
DOMINIC CATAZARDO	6-2	230	LB			3/4	Springfield Central Catholic
MATT CAZZARDI	6-2	195	TE	5.1	2.2	4/5	Lyndhurst Brush
CALVIN CECIL	5-10	230	DL	5.1		4/5	Col. Beechcroft
CHRIS CHACEY	5-11	185	K	5.0	2.7	2/3	Newark Licking Valley
FRANK CIACOTTI	6-1	205	DL	4.8	2.5	4/5	Middleburg Heights Midpark
JOHN CIANCINI	5-11	212	NG	4.9	2.2	3/4	Clv. Orange
JAMES CLARK	6-1	240	DE	4.8	2.0	3/4	Akron East
KIRBY CLARK	6-2	200	LB	4.76	3.7	3/4	Greenville
SCOTT CLAUSEN	5-8	155	RB	4.7	2.3	5	Wauson
CHRIS CLOFFELIER	6-2	190	DB			3/4	Tipp City Bethel
TODD CLOSSON	5-9	165	DB/LB			1/2	Delphos Jefferson
MIKE CLYMER	6-1	187	DL			4/5	Columbus Grove
JOE CLYMIRE	5-8	170	DB	5.0	3.9	5	Canton South
MARCUS COBB	5-10	165	RB	4.6		4/5	Col. Beechcroft
NICK COCHRAN	6-2	185	RB			2/3	Girard
ROB COCHRAN	6-2	180	LB	4.8	2.8	3	Akron Firestone
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JEFF COFFORTE	6-2	195	TE/DE	5.1	2.7	4/5	Col. DeSales
JOHN CORNELIUS	6-5	265	OL/DL	4.9		2/3	Bloomdale Elmood
DAVE CROSS	6-2	219	OL/P	5.0	1.68	3/6	Petersburg Springfield
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BILL COWNEY	5-11	185	TE	4.9		5	Lexington
ERIC CRABILL	6-2	185	TE/LB	4.85	2.25	5	Col. Grandview Heights
MATT CRABILL	5-11	170	DB	4.9	2.51	3/4	Urbana
BUSTER CRABTREE	6-3	220	LB	4.8		3/4	Waverly
JEFF CRABTREE	5-10	170	DE			4/5	Lucasville Valley
TODD CRAMER	6-0	185	RB/DE	4.7	2.8	3	Middleburg Heights Midpark
DAVID CREECH	6-0	255	OL/DL			3/4	Cin. Deer Park
CLAUDE CROUSE	6-0	180	DB			4/5	North Baltimore
TOM CUPP	5-9	150	DB			4/5	Bloomdale Elmwood
MATT CURRENT	6-2	205	LB	4.8	2.8	2/3	Middletown
TERRY CURRY	6-4	220	OL	5.0		4/5	Col. East
BRENT CUTHBERT	6-1	185	LB	4.7		3/4	Groveport-Madison
ROBERT DANIEL	6-1	195	OL	4.9	2.0	4/5	Dayton Meadowdale
TERRY DANIELS	6-1	190	LB			2/3	Alliance
BRIAN DAVIS	5-10	175	RB			3/4	Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant
BRUCE DAVIS	6-1	170	QB	4.7	2.8	2/3	Clv. Collinwood
CHAD DAVIS	4/5	155	DB			4/5	Piqua
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JIM DONAHUE	6-2	205	DL			3/4	Springfield Catholic Central
STEVIE DONATO	6-4	180	QB	4.9	3.1	3/4	Parma Heights Holy Name
SEAN DORSEY	6-3	280	OL	5.2	2.2	3/4	Lakewood St. Edwards
SEAN DOUGHERTY	5-11	200	OL	5.1	1.8	4/6	Lyndhurst Brush
TODD DOUTNAT	6-0	205	RB/P	4.6	2.8	2/3	Portsmouth Notre Dame
MARK DOWNEY	5-9	175	RB	4.5	2.2	4/5	Delphos Jefferson
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TIM DURKIN	5-11	220	C/DL	2.1		4/5	Dola Hardin Northern
JEFF DYER	6-2	190	TE/DB	4.8		3/4	North Robinson Colonel Crawford
MATT DZIERWA	5-10	170	P			3/4	Tol. St. Johns
JEFF EDMONSTON	6-1	185	RB			3/4	Newbury
KEVIN EDWARDS	6-1	192	DE	4.9	3.42	4/5	Petersburg Springfield
TOM EGAN	6-1	190	LB			2/3	Alliance
TIM EHRSMAN	6-1	190	QB	5.1		3/4	New Washington Buckeye Central
MATT EISEMAN	6-1	200	LB	4.7	3.0	3/4	Clv. St. Joseph
JACK ELGIN	6-1	185	QB	5.0	2.51	2/3	Col. DeSales
TERRY ELKO	6-3	185	TE	4.65	2.6	2/3	Berea
GARRY ELLIOTT	6-10	175	OL/LB	5.1	2.6	4/5	Canton South
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SHAWN EYBORN	5-9	225	OL	5.2	3.1	5	Lorain Catholic
JAMIE EVANS	6-3	275	DL	1.8		4/6	Dola Hardin Northern
JEFF EVANS	6-1	170	WR	4.8		4/5	Hilliard
MARCUS EVANS	6-4	220	TE	4.8	2.0	3/4	Cin. Forest Park
NORMAN EVANS	5-10	190	DB			4/5	McCluffey Upper Scioto Valley
DAVID FAGIAN	6-2	170	QB/DB	4.7	3.5	3/4	Lorain Admiral King
JOHN FABRIZIO	5-4	146	RB			5	Tiffin Calvert
BILL FANKHAUSER	6-0	248	LB			3/4	Minerva
NATHAN FANNIN	5-10	180	OL	5.1	3.1	4/5	North Robinson Colonel Crawford
STEVE FAUSER	5-10	170	RB	4.6	2.0	4/6	North Robinson Colonel Crawford
ERIC FAYE	5-10	170	QB	4.9	2.6	4/5	Oak Hill
DEAN FEATEL	5-11	175	DB			4/5	Groveport-Madison
HEATH FELDMAN	6-7	170	QB	5.0	3.3	4/5	Lyndhurst Brush
DAN FELMUS	5-11	176	LB			4/5	Cin. Moeller
SAM FERRACANE	6-3	215	OL/DE	4.8	3.0	3/4	Akron East
KEIF FETCH	6-1	205	LB	4.8		3/4	Hilliard
TIM FINK	6-3	235	OL	4.8	3.0	2/3	Clv. St. Joseph
TOM FINNEGAN	5-9	155	RB/DB			4/5	Crestline
CASEY FISHER	6-0	170	DB			4/5	Cin. Moeller
CHRIS FLOHR	6-3	200	DL	4.8			

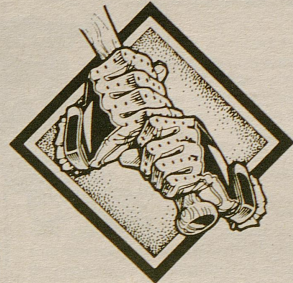
# Seventh Annual University of Kentucky Wildcat Baseball Camp 1987



Assistant John Butler



Head Coach Keith Madison



### PARENTAL AND PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE

PHYSICIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN:** I have examined the heart action, blood pressure, and general physiological condition of the aforementioned camper and believe him to be physically fit to participate in all sports except \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT:** In accordance with the rules of the **WILDCAT BASEBALL CAMP**, I hereby give my consent for the aforementioned camper to participate in the following activities NOT MARKED OUT: Baseball, basketball, football, track, swimming, volleyball, and related minor camping activities. If at any time it is necessary for the aforementioned camper to receive outside or professional medical attention, I hereby give my consent to the camp to secure the services of whatever physical or medical facility they select and to provide or secure whatever transportation is deemed necessary.

I will not hold the camp responsible for any benefits beyond their camp medical insurance program and will secure adequate family insurance coverage if additional protection is desired.

CAMP YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: No camper will be permitted to leave the camp without written consent from his parents/guardians.

### WILDCAT BASEBALL CAMP APPLICATION

Fill out, detach and mail (along with check for deposit or total amount due, made out to):  
WILDCAT BASEBALL CAMP MEMORIAL COLISEUM LEXINGTON, KY. 40506

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ last first nickname AGE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ street city state zip

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ home business (mother/dad) in case of emergency

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ last first

I would like to room with (if any-overnight only) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL TUITION (check appropriate box)  
SESSION ATTENDING (check appropriate box)

EXPENSES SEND  
I am enclosing my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I am enclosing my full payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I realize upon arrival at camp I owe \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL ME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR MY FRIENDS.

- \$220.00 Overnight Camp June 21 through June 26
- \$ 70.00 Day Camp June 15 through June 19 Morning: Ages 9-12
- \$ 70.00 Day Camp June 15 through June 19 Afternoon: Age 13 to Sr. in High School

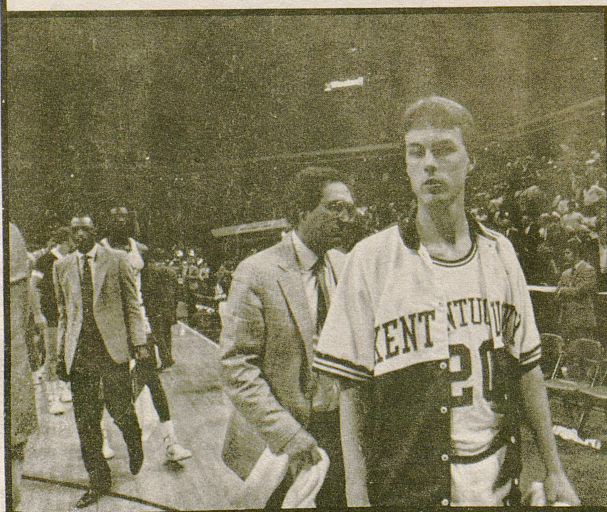
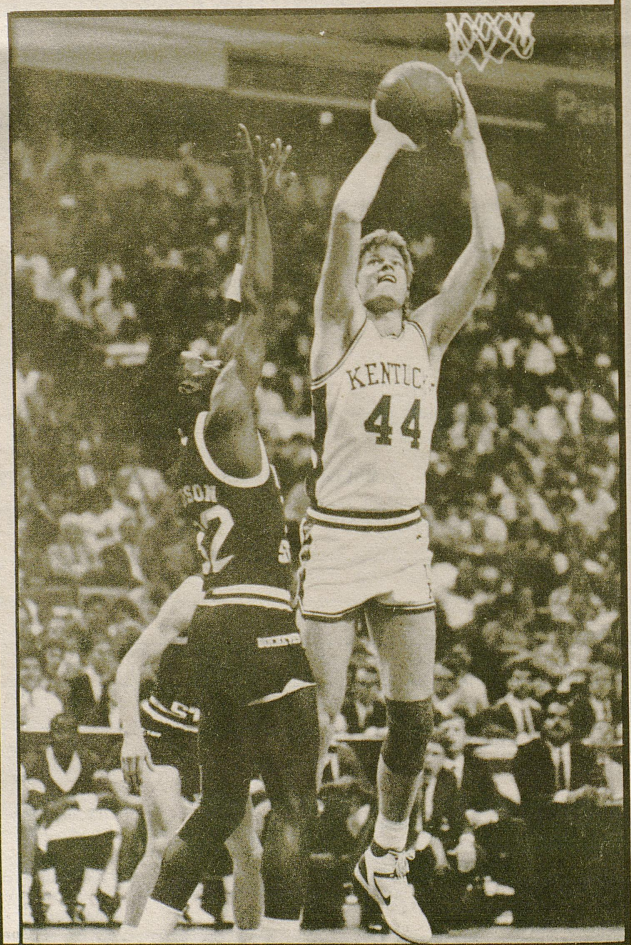
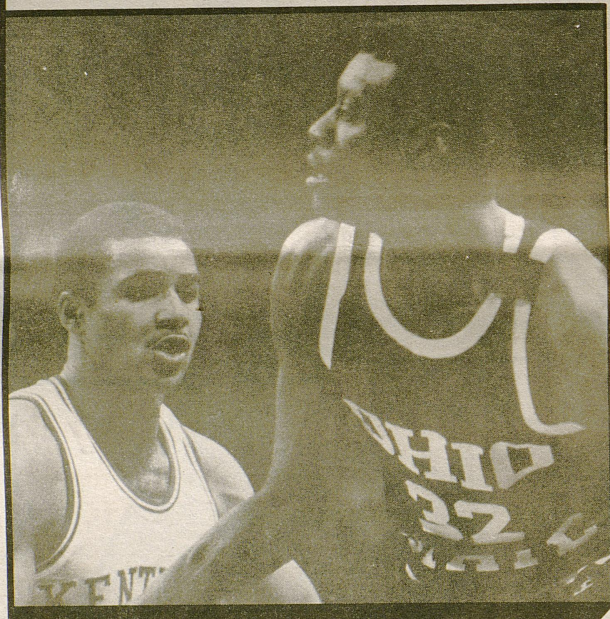
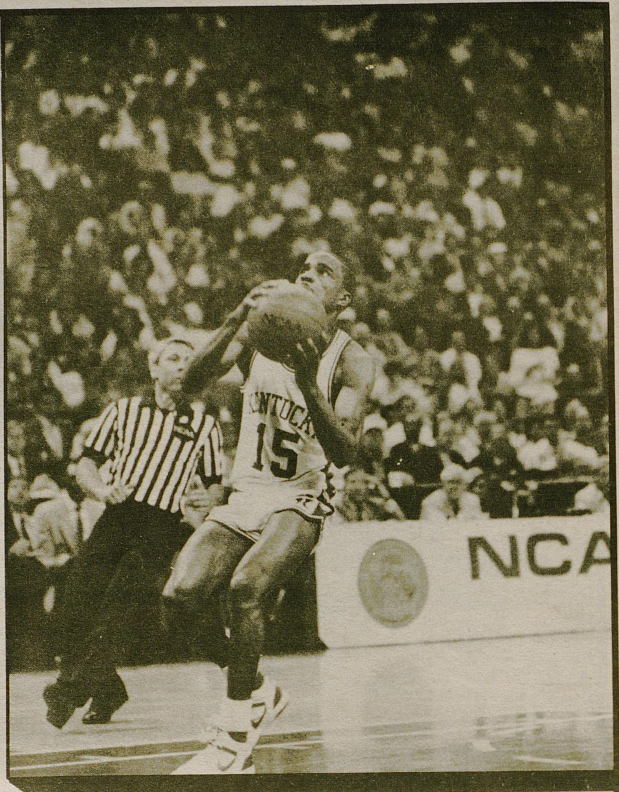
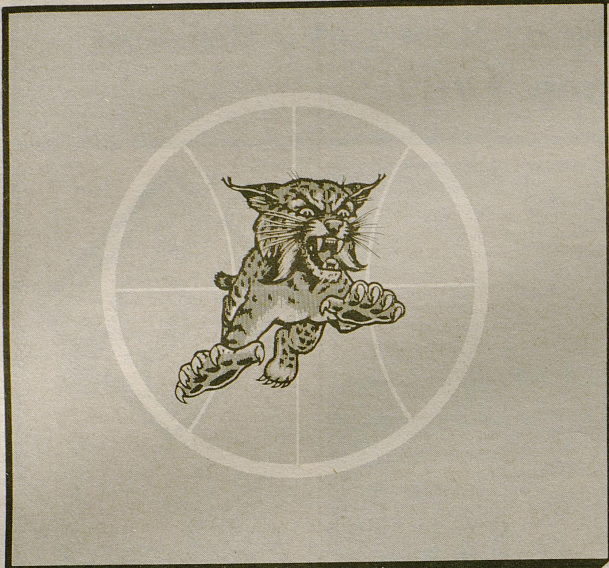
Fill out and mail now with the deposit. Due to limited camp size, applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

**CAMP SESSIONS**  
June 15 - June 19 Day Camp  
June 21 - June 26 Overnight Camp

Dear Parents and Campers:  
The Wildcat Baseball Camp is designed to allow the camper the opportunity to grow as a young man physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. Our major camp goal will be to stress the fundamentals of baseball which will allow the camper to build his confidence to secure a strong foundation and emotional attitude upon. Our camp will also stress the importance of positive mental and emotional attitudes which are not only beneficial to athletes, but which are also beneficial to all walks of life. Friends and family will have the opportunity to be with the camper and to see him in action. Campers will be able to live with many new faces and coaches and instructors throughout the camper's stay. Through the camper's exposure to the many faces of the camp—movies, speakers, nightly small group rap sessions with a coach, video taping of each camper's play, and many other activities as well as baseball—the camper will leave with fundamentals beneficial not only to baseball but conductive to his positive growth patterns into adulthood. We feel we can offer the very best instruction and guidance to improve your son's baseball skills. Be a part of a full week of fun and excitement at the University of Kentucky.

Sincerely,  
Keith Madison  
John Butler

**WILDCAT BASEBALL CAMP**  
Memorial Coliseum  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0019



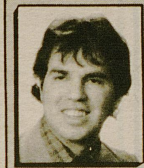
# UK Quarterback Situation Up For Grabs

UK Staff Looks For QB This Spring

It's during this time of year when the true bounce of basketballs become somewhat deflated and bound no more. While basketballs are gathered into various nap sacks for off-season hibernation, the unusual, not to forget unpredictable spiral and also wobbly antics of footballs begin to fill the air.

Next week, March 25, Kentucky is scheduled to kickoff spring practice. And while the hopes of a bright 1987 season began with winter workouts, it's spring ball which just might draw a clear picture for the '87 football campaign.

Probably Kentucky's biggest concern this spring is finding a



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Cats' Pause Columnist

replacement for Bill Ransdell, UK's most prolific passer of all-time. Last year alone he threw for 1,610 yards on 151 connections out of 256 attempts. Seventeen all-time UK marks now are held by one "Little Bill" Ransdell.

How would you like to have to fill this guy's shoes?

According to assistant Jerry Eisaman, five or six quarterbacks could get the nod as next year's starter. However...

"If we were going to play today Kevin (Dooley) would probably be our quarterback, because of the experience he has," said Eisaman, UK's offensive coordinator. "He has started some games and has won some games for us."

In 1985 against Clemson, Dooley was sent in to take over for Ransdell, who received a jolting hit on the initial play from scrimmage. Ransdell suffered a punctured lung along with a fractured rib. The then-junior from Elizabethtown wouldn't return until three and a half games later against Georgia in Athens.

While Ransdell was on the mend, Dooley guided the 'Cats to wins over Clemson and Mississippi State. He passed for 142 yards and one touchdown against the ACC team, hitting on 15 of 23 attempts. While the next week he was even more effective—16 of 31 for 261 yards and one touchdown.

Dooley, with two "Ws" under his belt, and his team had LSU next on their list, but in the Tigers' own backyard.

Backyard nothin'! LSU's field compared favorably to one of the swamps you would expect to find in the Bayou state. And on this dreary, raining evening in Baton Rouge, Dooley, whose main quality is mobility, could do no right. Matter of fact, nor could backups Bill Allen or Tim Jones.

Kentucky's 10-0 setback dealt a gigantic blow to Dooley's confidence. A week later in Georgia, the results were similar to the LSU contest. That is, no points. While UK's defense held the Dawgs to only 10 points, its offense, under the guidance of Dooley, drew blanks for two quarters.

To start the second half the redshirt freshman was then benched in favor of Ransdell, whose ribs were heavily wrapped. Kentucky was held scoreless in the third stanza and lost the ballgame "Between the Hedges" 26-6.

A season and a half later, Dooley along with four other prospects will see what they can show the coaching staff this spring in hopes of gaining the top spot at quarterback.

"We think that the talent is pretty even there," Eisaman said. Along with Dooley and Allen, other Wildcats in the hunt for the quarterback slot this spring are Chuck Broughton, Eric Green and junior college transfer Glenn Fohr.

According to Eisaman there are five talented quarterbacks to pick from. The problem, though, is a lack of experience.

When Claiborne and his staff came to Kentucky the quarterback position was adequately filled by Randy Jenkins. Once Jenkins finished his eligibility it became apparent that Ransdell would take over. Now who do you turn to? Huh?

"We've always had the quarterbacks kinda lined up when we were at Maryland," the UK assistant added. "We would bring along a sophomore and they would just step right in. We were hoping we could do that with Broughton (last year), but then Chuck got hurt and we were having to rely on Kevin to go in there for Bill when anything went wrong."

Broughton, who certainly would stand tall and mighty in the pocket (6-foot-4, 224 pounds), bruised his shoulder last season and was never really the same. Entering this spring, trainer Al Green says Broughton "has not complained in a long time" about the injury and is ready to go. The same should hold true for four other

raw QBs gunning for the No. 1 slot.

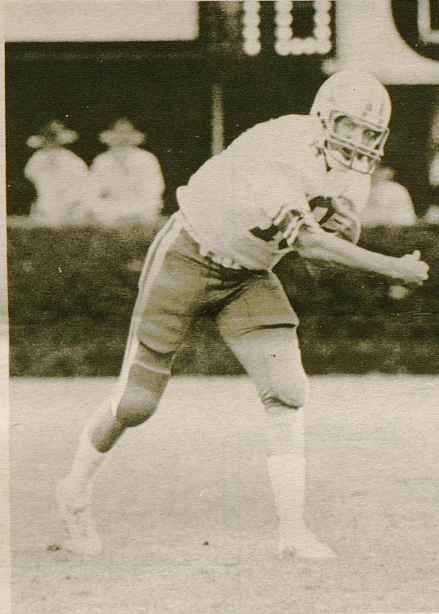
"It's just a lack of game experience is what we're hurting at that position," Eisaman said. "The potential is there; we've got the kids who can do it. Now we're going to see who rises to the top and gets the job done."

Going back to last season... it would have been difficult to put one of the reserve signal callers in the heat of a battle. Being 5-5-1, you realize that there were an equal amount of good times as well as bad. Overall, the second and third stringers' opportunities were far and few between.

Did the possibilities of bringing in one of the reserves ever come up?

"We had close games which went down to the wire," replied Eisaman. "Sometimes we would be behind by a touchdown or so; we were having to play catchup. It's hard to take a guy off the bench and put him in there and let him pull you out without experience."

"Bill had so much experience and had been through so much. There was maybe one or two games where we got a chance to put



## Today, Dooley Would Get Starting Nod

a couple of young ones in. But they just killed the clock. It wasn't a situation when they had to throw. You don't really mature doing that."

On the other hand...

"They've matured; they've all been here two or three years. It's not like we've got rookie quarterbacks who have never done anything. They've been through several spring practices and we're encouraged in that sense. It's not as thin as it looks."

In 1987 Kentucky faces six teams which participated in bowl games last season. So, not to worry anybody or anything but... a leader must emerge from the quarterback slot this spring.

Eisaman, though, feels "confident" that he'll find the right man.

"Other than actual game experience, they've been around a little bit and know what it's about. It's just different when you go out into the stadium, put on the silks, and you're hitting on other people."

"I have confidence. I think we'll find one or two that will come to the top. We always have."

### Notes Of Interest

Had freshman **Paul Winter** not suffered a knee injury at the end of the season, a sixth quarterback also would have been involved for a possible shot at quarterback this spring. But according to UK trainer **Al Green**, Winter will be held back from spring ball. Winter's injury required surgery. The 6-foot-2, 218-pound Newburgh, N.Y., product didn't receive his injury on the gridiron. . . . Some other bad news is that junior-to-be tight end **Joe Curry** will not participate in spring drills. He's still recovering from a fourth operation on his left knee. Said Green, "Joe will be out this

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## Take It Inside, Eddie

Dear Sir:

After watching Kentucky play LSU and Georgia, I have noticed the following about the Big Blue:

1. In both games I feel that coach Eddie Sutton was outcoached by his counterparts Dale Brown and Hugh Durham. Several times they were able to adjust their lineups so that they enjoyed an advantage over Kentucky's lineup. I understand that Kentucky has a thin bench, but a coach must be able to overcome it by using his coaching knowledge and ability.

2. Furthermore, both opposing coaches were able to motivate their players to play with intensity and hustle. In both (UK) losses, the opposing players displayed more hustle and desire to win than did the Kentucky players.

3. Because of this lack of hustle, Kentucky looks tired and flat. In both games Kentucky played well for short periods of the first half but then played old and stale in the second half.

4. Kentucky does not appear to have an offensive gameplan. Very often a Kentucky player will take a poor shot because of a lack of offensive movement and the result is a layup for the other team. Despite all its ballyhoo, Kentucky does not have a great outside shooting team, in fact it is very average. This is not because we do not have good outside shooters but it is a direct result of an inconsistent offense.

A solution to some of Kentucky's problems, ironically, is to use some of former coach Joe Hall's coaching methods. Kentucky desperately needs to develop an inside game. I feel that Kentucky's inside people can mount an effective inside game if given the chance. Therefore, Kentucky must go inside until it hurts the other team. Once the inside game is established then Kentucky's guards will have open jumpshots and their shooting percentages will increase. Then, and only then, will Kentucky have a complete offensive package. This combined with some hustle and intensity will allow Kentucky to become a winning team again.

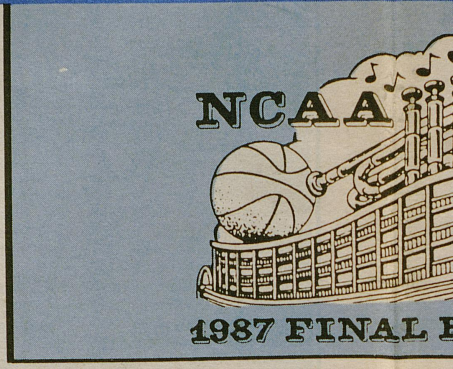
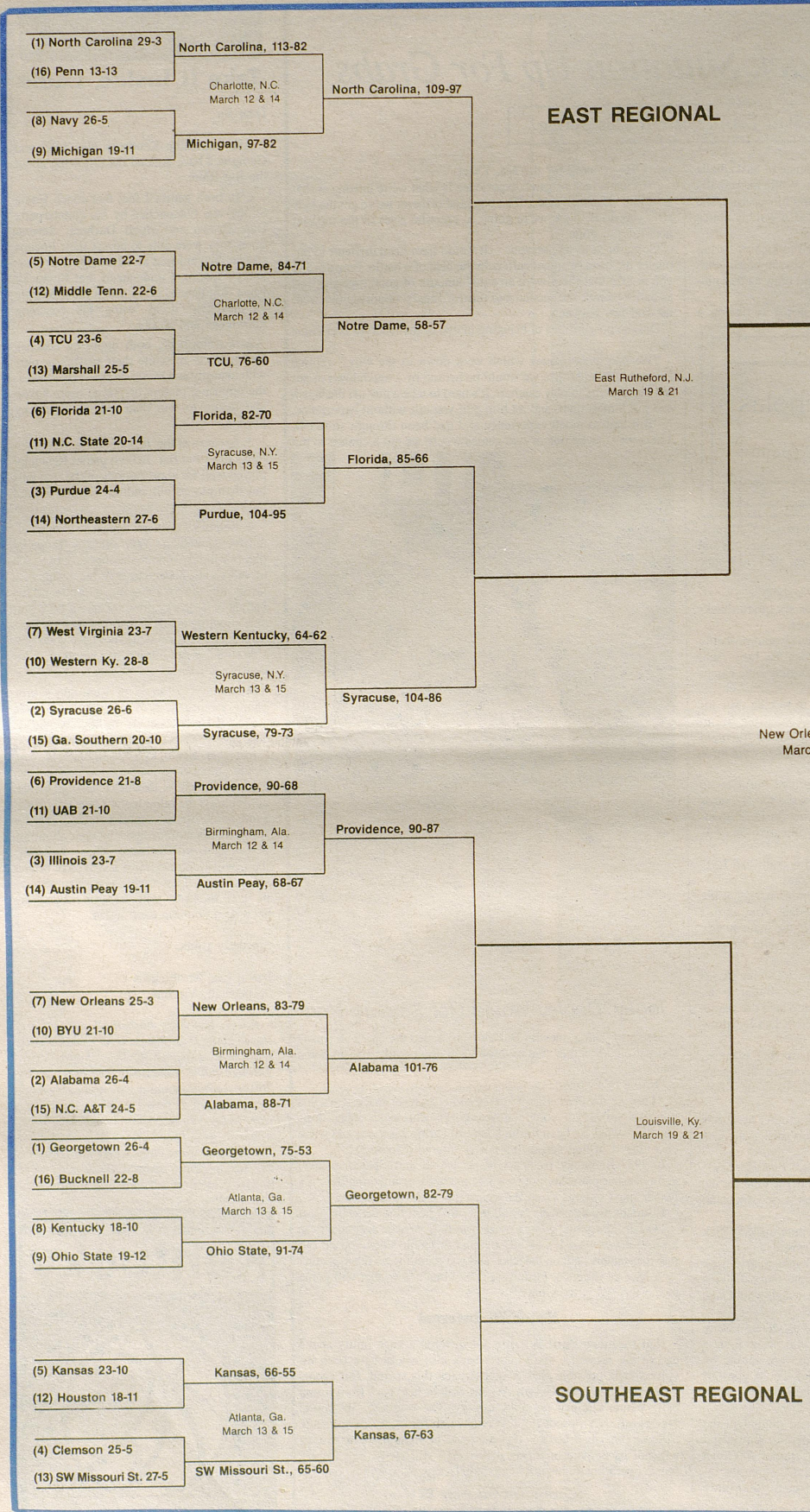
Sincerely yours,

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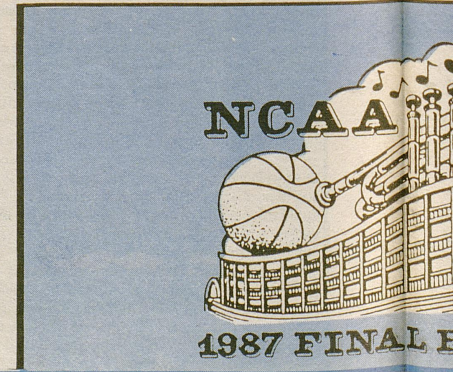
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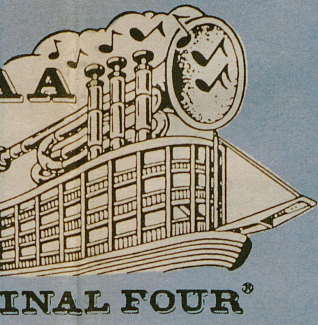
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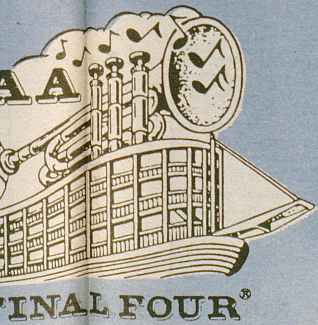


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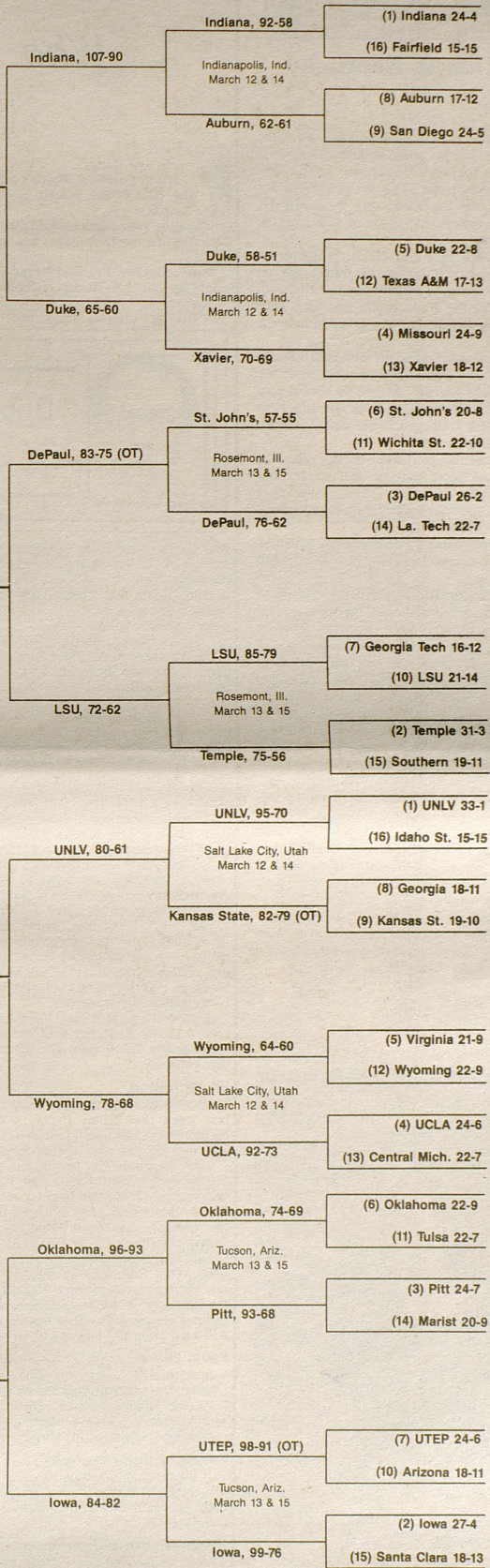
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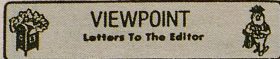
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## This Is Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I know coach Eddie Sutton has one of the best records in college basketball but this is not the Southwest Conference. This is Kentucky, this is the SEC, this is where teams come after the 'Cats every game. This is where seasons are made by defeating the Wildcats.

A coach once told me after a disappointing season, "If you have the animals you can have a circus." I thought that was true until watching the Wildcats play this year. They had the animals but they failed to have the circus.

The season started off with coach Sutton telling us "Wait until next year," and "We have help coming." Maybe we should have waited until next year. After watching Kentucky lose to Georgia for the second time this year I almost got sick.

I never thought I'd see the day when the Wildcats would walk the ball up the floor practically the whole game, make 10-15 passes and force a shot before the 45-second clock expired.

I never thought I'd see the day when the Wildcats would be last in the league in foul shooting.

I never thought I'd see the day when the Wildcats would be near the bottom in rebounding and several other statistics.

Oh, sure. The 'Cats are number one in scoring defense, but so was Tennessee under Ray Mears when the Vols walked the ball up and played deliberate ball instead of basketball, so this statistic is deceiving.

I know they had problems early in the year but how many teams actually go over seven or eight deep? Especially if those seven or eight players are so-called "All-Americans."

Believe me when I say I'm a Kentucky fan. To prove it I continue to watch the 'Cats or listen to them on the radio; but if this is the style of basketball I have to "wait till next year" to see, then the "help on the way" is going to be as disappointing as this year's team has been.

I think the coaching staff, as well as the players, should look at the name on the front of their jersey and realize where they are and what the name represents.

Still hopeful,

Danny Duvall  
Bowling Green, Kentucky



Eddie Sutton

## Who To Pick In The NCAAs?

Nobody's Finer Than Carolina, Sutton Says

People and things.

North Carolina. There's a team worth a wager to win the NCAA this season, according to Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton.

"Carolina's the team I would pick," Sutton said last week. "I think they're the best team, day in and day out, in the game today."

What about No. 1 ranked Nevada Las Vegas? And will the 3-point line make the Runnin' Rebels more of a threat to win the NCAA?

"I wouldn't give them any more of a chance than any other



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

year just because of the 3-point shot," Sutton said, adding, "I don't think the 3-point shot is going to have any more impact on the tournament than it's had on the regular season. It is going to help a team that's behind have a chance to catch up at the end of a game."

An arguable point.

I always liked Al McGuire's theorem on the NCAAs. "For a team to make it to the Final Four it will have to win at least one game at the free throw line and win one, maybe two games by two points or less."

If McGuire is right, then the three-point basket is going to have a major impact on who wins the national title next month. Basketball fans might even see a dream match, like football's Fiesta Bowl, where No. 1 Miami played No. 2 Penn State.

Playing for the NCAA championship? How would UNLV versus North Carolina sound?

**Kentucky's season**

It's been exciting for one that was dubbed "better get Kentucky this year or else..."

"We've probably won some games we shouldn't have and we've lost some that maybe we shouldn't have," Sutton said.

But, Kentucky fans have to be awfully happy with 18-9 (regular season) including a blowout against Louisville and wins over nationally ranked Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma.

The things I like best about this team are its intelligence, listen-ability (to the coaches), execution and that special quality — someone to step forward and hit the big shot, get the big rebound. Kudos to The Kid, Rex Chapman, Richard Madison, and the young man who would be player of the year if I was voting, Ed Davender.

If good teams win the close ones, the UK is that too. The record shows Kentucky was 7-2 in games decided by five or fewer points this season. The Wildcats have won the last six in this category.

**UK recruiting**

University of Kentucky's chief recruiter Dwane Casey said last week that Elliot Perry, a 6-0 playmaker guard from Memphis Treadwell High School, visited Lexington last week-end, but will probably sign with Memphis State.

"But we would like to sign one point guard prospect before calling it a season," Casey said. "If we sign any more players this year we would like to get a point guard since Ed Davender will graduate next year. With Ed being gone after next season the only point guard we would have would be Sean (Sutton)."

And UK Coach Eddie Sutton has already said he intends to redshirt his son next season.

If young Sutton is redshirted it will leave UK with 15 scholarships for 15 players. But the party might not be over yet for UK. John Pittman, the 7-footer from Rosenberg, Tex. still has not passed his college boards and a wager here is that he will be a Prop 48 "sit out" at UK next year.

**Kevin Ellery**

Incidentally, Casey expressed happiness for the Washington County star's success this season and signing with Notre Dame.

"Kevin made a super choice in Notre Dame," the UK recruiter said. "He's a bigtime player who's going into the right kind of situation for him. Notre Dame is right for Kevin."

**Kentucky Mr(s) escape?**

If Washington County's Kevin Ellery wins the title Kentucky Mr. Basketball, it will mark a first for our state — having lost both Mr. Football (Frank Jacobs) and Mr. Basketball to Notre Dame.

**Hollowell out at Henderson**

Veteran football coach Mojo Hollowell is out at Henderson County High School. According to Mark Veal of the *Henderson*

*Gleaner* Hollowell will be officially let go Mar. 16.

In 21 years at Union County and Henderson County, Hollowell's record was 208-113-7. In the last six seasons at Henderson County his teams were 11-1, 8-3, 7-4, 8-3, 6-2 and 8-3.

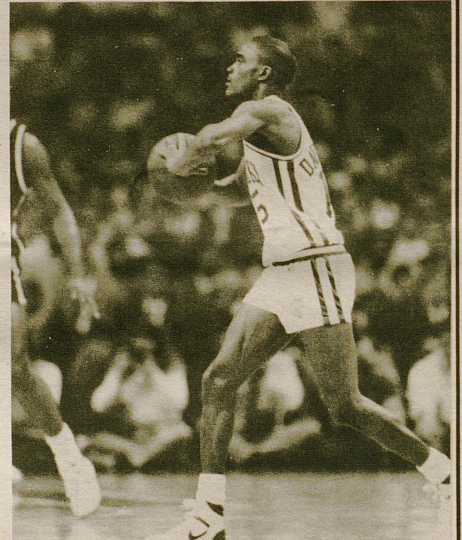
Hollowell intended to stay on at Henderson County for one more season, he said.

**Readers (Write) right**

John Luckett of Elizabethtown writes: "On two occasions this season, specifically games against LSU and Georgia, you pulled no punches in pointing out how Eddie Sutton was unquestionably *outcoached*. I watched the games and felt the same way so I thought that your comments were relevant, dare I say fair. So much for your uncompromising assessment of Kentucky's mentor.

"Now to Louisville and their 'Great Helmsman,' Denny Crum's coaching ability is firmly established and only an idiot or a rabid UofL hater would refuse to list him in the same company with Bobby Knight or Dean Smith (ugh!). One phrase puts him with these two giants of the game: 'two national championships.' But even with his lofty accomplishments, one thing is crystal clear, he ain't perfect.

"This year, Crum has taken a defending national championship club that included high school All-Americans Kevin Walls, Felton Spencer, Pervis Ellison, Kenny Payne and Tony



Columnist Says Davender Is UK's MVP

Kimbrow (as well as highly touted Herb Crook, Mark McSwain and Keith Williams), against innumerable inferior opponents. He has consistently fielded a mediocre (or worse) team from this vast collection of talent. A 17-13 record has resulted and poor coaching to some degree, has to be responsible. Not a time this season have you measured Crum by the same yardstick you use on Sutton or his predecessor Joe Hall.

"Poor old Joe, if he had had Louisville's talent and the way it has performed, he would have received his regular crucifixion from you press boys.

"Your only comment concerning Crum's performance this year was in your March 2nd column: "with all due respect to Denny Crum." Horse bleep! An excellent coach has made obvious year long blunders in his handling of a team containing awesome talent.

"Treat Crum as you would a UK coach. Take the gloves off, let him have it. Contrary to popular belief, Denny is no sacred cow and does (if infrequently) make mistakes. These years Cardinal performance is proof of that.

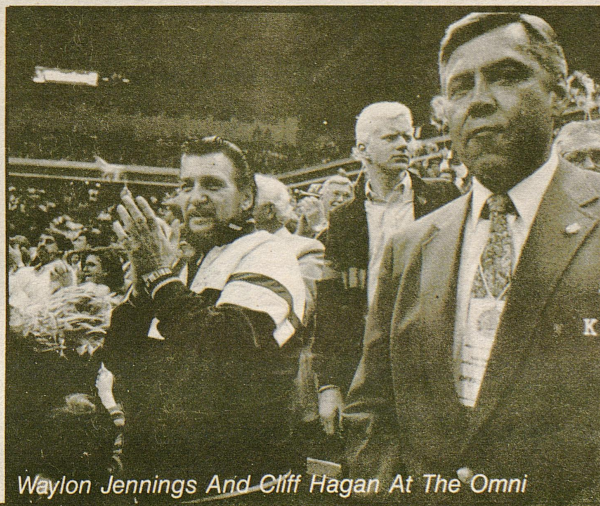
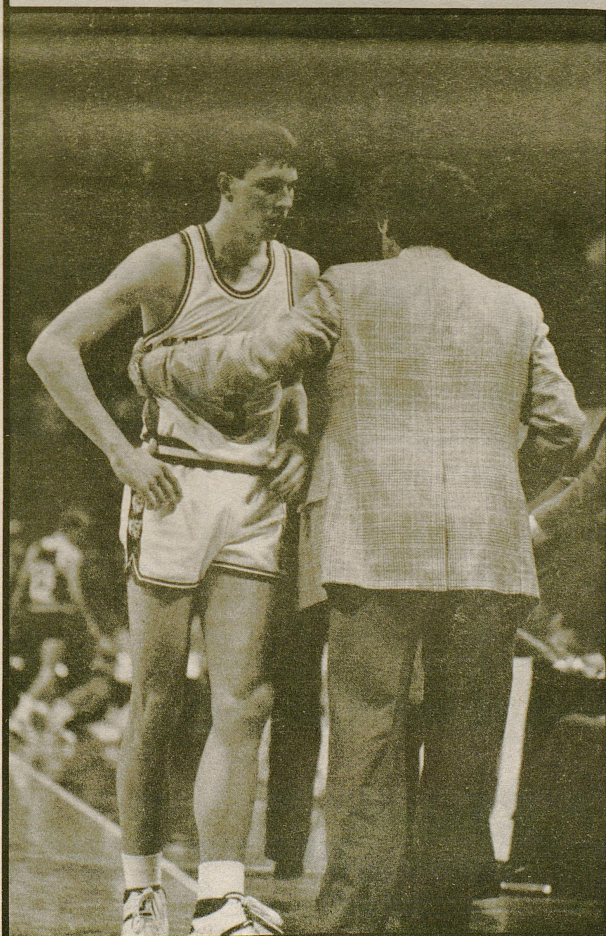
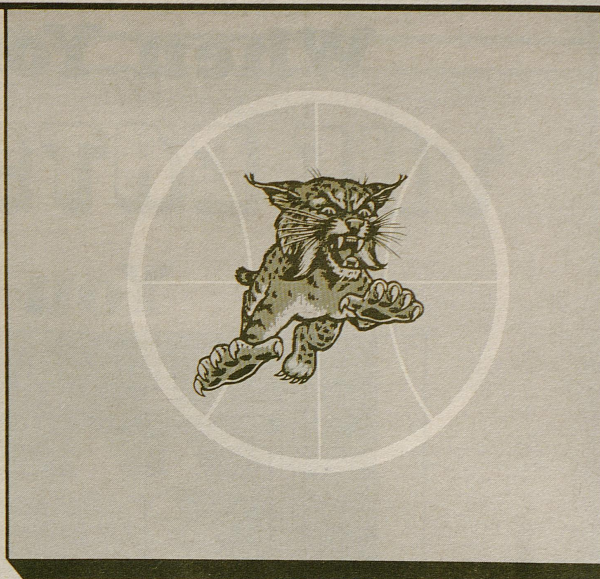
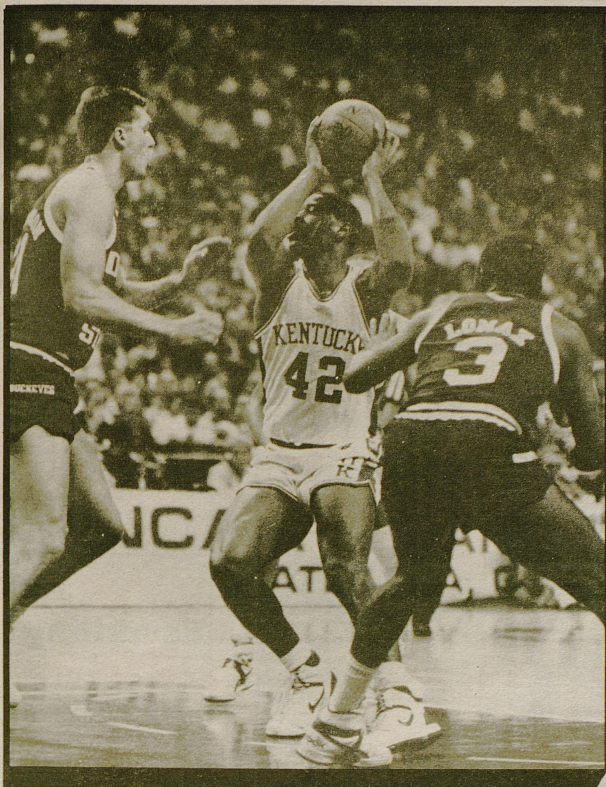
Comment It was puzzling to note how long it took coach Crum to realize Tony Kimbro cannot play guard and to recognize the merits of starting senior Chris West over Kevin Walls and freshman Craig Hawley. Thank you for writing.

■ Virginia Harvley of Sonora, Ky. wrote last week to protest NBC-Television's decision to put a live microphone on LSU Coach Dale Brown during the Kentucky game Feb. 21 in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Harvley watched the game along with two young fans.

"It's inexcusable that anyone would allow a known potty mouth to be on the business end of a mike," she wrote. "Following the second (Brown) outburst I had to turn the (TV)

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Waylon Jennings And Cliff Hagan At The Omni

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### The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

Ohio's Top Returning Prep Players

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### Kentucky Jr. All-Star Selections Announced

The 1987 Kentucky High School Junior All-Star basketball team has been selected, it was announced last week. The team will be touring and playing in West Germany, Holland and Iceland.

The team also will play in a 16-team tournament in Lexington, July 2-5. This tournament will be for all-star teams from other states. The Kentucky team also will compete in the 32-team Las Vegas High School All-Star Invitational in late July.

Player selections were based upon their character, their ability to function on a team, as well as their athletic ability, a spokesman said.

In making the announcement, director Eddie Ford of Madisonville said, "Our 1987 team appears to be an outstanding group of student/athletes. I am sure they will represent our state in a manner in which we will all be proud. As youth ambassadors of Kentucky, each member will benefit from this tremendous experience both culturally and personally. This being the fifth year for a Kentucky team to take this tour, I have been extremely proud and honored to have had the opportunity to have been associated with so many outstanding young men."

#### 1987 Kentucky Jr. All-Stars

Name	Ht.	School
Scott Boley	6-7	Larue County
Chris Bowles	6-8	North Hopkins
Doug Johnson	6-6	Bardstown
Mike Gray	6-5	Caldwell County
Kip Ellington	6-4	Graves County
James Brewer	6-4	Bardstown
Richie Farmer	6-0	Clay County
Scott Arnold	6-1	Williamstown
Greg Napier	6-3	Hazard
Keith Adkins	6-2	Paintsville
Brandon Baker	6-2	East Carter

### Tigers Top UK 5-0, Take Two Of Three In Weekend Series

LSU's Dan Kite hurled a five-hit shutout and Craig Faulkner had three hits, including a home run, as the Louisiana State Tigers defeated the Kentucky Bat Cats 5-0 to take the rubber match of the three-game weekend series.

The win gives LSU an 11-4 record overall and a 3-2 slate in the SEC. Kentucky drops to 9-3 and 1-2.

Kite, now 3-1 on the year, was in control all the way. Kentucky never seriously threatened until the sixth inning when Bobby Olinick led off with a double. But Olinick was stranded as Kite got the next three batters out in order.

UK had runners on the corners with one out in the bottom of the ninth, but Kite retired the last two men he faced to post his first complete game of the season.

Faulkner gave Kite all the runs he would need in the second inning, when he hit a two-run homer to put LSU on the scoreboard. The 6-5, 240-pound catcher added a run-scoring double down the right field line in the fourth.

LSU added a pair of insurance runs in the ninth. Richie Vasquez led off with a pinch-hit walk. Mike Papajohn singled between short and third to advance pinch-runner Terry Belle to second. Pete Bush tried to move the runners over with a bunt, and reached when UK pitcher Vince Tyra's throw to third was high. One out later, Andy Galy hit into a fielder's choice to score Belle. Papajohn stole home to account for the final run.

Doug Sutton, who started and worked the first five innings, suffered his first loss of the year to even his record at 1-1.

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## All Things Considered, 18-11's Darn Good

'Cats Overcame Lot Of Roadblocks In '87

An 18-11 record, a third-place finish in the SEC and back-to-back losses in the last two games of the season. Not exactly what you normally expect out of the Kentucky Wildcats.

But what people don't seem to understand is that this was not a normal season for Eddie Sutton and his ballclub. Far from it. Given all the crippling injuries UK faced—Winston Bennett, who would have been the heart and soul of this year's club, lost for the season, Cedric Jenkins hindered all season with the effects of a stress fracture in his foot, Paul Andrews out of action for an extended period with a knee injury—it's my opinion that Kentucky did about

to make it into the (NCAA) tournament and do well in the SEC tournament. We didn't do that (perform well in the SEC tourney) but we still made the main goal, to make it into the NCAA. So



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

as well as it could have possibly done. From where I sit, finishing in a third-place tie in what was arguably the nation's toughest conference is quite an accomplishment.

#### In Commonwealth, Good's Not Good Enough

But around these parts, that's simply not good enough. Doing your best just doesn't cut it.

In the Bluegrass, if Kentucky doesn't win the regular-season SEC crown and the league tournament, if the 'Cats don't receive a high seeding in the NCAAs and advance to the Final Four, then there are a lot of fans out there who are ready to form a lynch mob and hang each and every Wildcat from the highest tree.

Of all the mail that has come through our office in the last month or so, a good percentage of it (including two letters to the editor in this week's *Viewpoint* section) has been critical of Sutton and the way his squad has performed this season. Irate fans from all across the country have written in to voice their displeasure at the way things have gone this year. People have criticized Sutton for his bench coaching. Knocked him for his game preparation. Been upset because they felt the players haven't given their best effort. Said they were ashamed to watch the team play.

"You can't really get into that, you just have to let the fans be the fans and you be the player," Ed Davender said when asked to comment on how some fans have reacted to this season's events. "You just have to look at it that way and go out and do your job. You can't impress everybody. You're not gonna please everybody, so you just have to go out and try to please yourself."

The junior guard from Brooklyn then went on to give his own assessment of the season.

"It's been very satisfying, there's no doubt about that. We had a lot of adversity at the beginning of the year as far as injuries and



Sutton Proud Of UK's Accomplishments

freshmen coming in, things like that," Davender said at a press conference prior to Kentucky's game against Ohio State in the Southeast Regional. "But we overcame a lot of that and it's just a great reward being able to play in the NCAA tournament.

"I think we've come a long way. We've beaten a lot of quality teams. We didn't do as well as we should have done, it's no secret. But we have had a successful season, we made it to the NCAA. And that was one of our main goals at the beginning of the year—



UK Overachieved, Even Without Bennett

I think we've come a long way and it's a very rewarding feeling knowing that your playing in the tournament."

#### '87 Highlights Outweigh Disappointments

Even though Kentucky came up short against the Buckeyes in Atlanta, losing 91-74 to end the season, the 'Cats still did enough to make 1986-87 a satisfying year:

\*UK went into Louisville in December and beat up on Denny Crum's defending national champions, handing the Cards an 84-51 loss.

\*In late January, Naismith Award winner David Robinson and his Navy team sailed into Rupp Arena ranked as the No. 18 team in the nation. Robinson got 45, but UK defeated the Middies 80-69.

\*Alabama won the SEC regular-race by a whopping four-game margin, but Kentucky went down to Tuscaloosa in February and gave Wimp Sanderson's club its only homecourt conference setback of the season, a 70-69 come-from-behind thriller.

\*Four days later, back in the friendly confines of Rupp Arena, UK overcame a 10-point deficit in the final 1:13 of regulation, and then coasted to a 91-84 win in overtime.

\*And then on the final weekend of the regular-season, Kentucky got last-second shots from Rex Chapman and Richard Madison to beat Ole Miss and Oklahoma and erase any doubts that the 'Cats would be left in Lexington during the NCAAs.

After getting off to a 1-3 start in conference play UK put things together to finish the SEC slate at 10-8, tying them with Georgia for third-place in a league that sent eight teams to post-season play, six of them in the NCAA tournament. And in case you people who still insist that the SEC is a football league didn't happen to notice, for the second straight time three SEC teams—Alabama, Florida and LSU—were included in the NCAA's Sweet 16.

In a rebuilding year Kentucky won 18 ballgames against a schedule that was rated the nation's toughest by *USA Today's* Jeff Sagarin, a computer whiz who has been compiling such figures for 20 years. And the 'Cats held their own against teams that made the NCAA playoffs, going 8-8 against foes that made the 64-team tourney. All that while basically relying on only six players.

"Well first of all, winning 18 ballgames, I think that has to be credit to the young men that represent the University of Kentucky," Sutton said at his last week's press conference at Wildcat Lodge. "They certainly have done everything that the coaching staff has asked. I'm pleased and very proud of our ballclub that they were able to accomplish this without someone like Winston. And if we would have had Winston, we might have won four of five more ballgames."

Rather than sit back and pout when Bennett went down, the team stuck together and earned an eighth straight bid to the NCAA's big show.

"I don't think you can knock our season," said Andrews after he had played the final game of his college career. "Everybody played hard and we got an NCAA bid. That's what we wanted." But unfortunately, that wasn't enough for a good many UK fans.

# Ohio's Top Returning Prep Players

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CHRIS SCHLACHTER	6-2	205	RB	4.8	2/3	Defiance Ayersville
JIM SCHOTT	6-1	195	LB/OL	5.2	3.25	4/5 Caldwell
MIKE SCHUMACHER	5-10	165	RB	4.6	2.1	1/2 Garfield Heights Trinity
MIKE SEEBER	6-0	175	RB	4.65	2.0	4/6 Hamilton Badin
RICK SEMERARD	6-1	225	OL/DL	5.2	3.28	3/4 Col. DeSales
CHRIS SESTILLI	6-3	255	TE	5.0	3.1	1/2 Lakewood St. Edwards
BRIAN SEYBERT	6-0	185	RB	4.7	2.9	4/5 North Robinson Colonel Crawford
MARK SHAFER	5-9	150	DB			4/5 Lafayette Allen East
BRAD SHAFORD	6-3	260	OL/DL			3/4 Cin. Greenhills
MIKE SHARP	6-0	290	DL			3/4 Springfield North
ROB SHAWPER	5-11	180	RB/DB	5.0	4.0	4/5 Zanesville
TROY SHAWPER	5-10	170	RB/DB	4.6	2.5	4/5 North Robinson Colonel Crawford
PAUL SHERRICK	6-7	285	OL	5.2	2.9	1/2 Middletown
BRYAN SIDEL	6-1	210	C	5.3	1.9	4/6 Tol. Macomber
STEVE SIEDENTHALER	6-0	177	DB	4.6		2/3 Massillon Washington
ORVILLE SIMONS	6-0	165	RB			4/5 Southington Chalker
TOM SKELLY	6-2	205	DE	4.7	2.8	3/4 Bay Village Bay
STEVE SKIDMORE	6-1	190	RB	4.6	3.0	3/4 Alliance Marlinton
PAT SKINNER	5-9	173	K			1/2 Tol. St. Francis
EDWARD SMITH	6-0	180	QB	4.4	2.2	3/4 Akron East
JASON SMITH	6-1	175	DE	5.1	1.97	5/6 Magnolia Gandy Valley
JUDD SMITH	5-10	175	LB			3/4 Clv. Cuyahoga Heights
MARTIN SMITH	6-3	265	OL/DL	5.4	2.3	3/4 Canton South
ANDREW SNOW	6-0	180	RB	4.5	2.2	2/3 Middletown
MARCEL SORTI	6-1	275	DL/DL	5.1	2.1	3 Parma Heights Holy Name
ERIC SPARKS	5-11	175	LB/OL	4.8	3.6	4/5 North Robinson Colonel Crawford
RYAN SPARKS	5-11	180	DL	4.8	3.6	4/5 North Robinson Colonel Crawford
CHARLES SPENCER	6-0	185	LB			3/4 Ironton
BILL SPOOR	6-1	175	WR			3/4 Cin. Moeller
DAN SPRIGGS	5-9	155	DB			4/5 Bellefontaine
TOOD SPURGEON	6-1	228	OL/DL	5.1	2.4	4/5 Napoleon
LEN STAHL	5-10	165	DB	4.7	3.0	3/4 Centerville
JUDD STANLEY	5-8	195	LB			4/5 Springfield North
CHAD STRATTON	6-2	220	OL/LB	4.7	3.0	2/3 Lancaster
DAVID SULLIVAN	6-0	200	LB	5.0		3/4 Massillon Tuslaw
DAVE SWAGGER	6-1	217	DL			3/4 Massillon Jackson
CHRIS SWEATT	6-2	250	DL	5.2	2.5	2/3 Middletown
JEFF SYONER	5-9	160	RB/DB	4.4		1/2 Col. East
JIM TADEN	5-11	185	RB	5.0	2.5	4/5 South Amherst
DAVE TATE						North Canton Hoover
GREG TERRY	6-2	175	RB			3/4 Hamilton
TOM THIEL	6-5	227	OL	4.9	3.4	3 Cin. Moeller
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SCOTT TORNBURG	6-0	195	LB	4.8	3.2	3/4 Centerville
SHAWN TROUT	6-0	205	RB	4.8	2.4	2/3 Kenton
BRIAN TURNER	5-8	160	RB	4.7		4/5 Zanesville Maysville
LESTER TURNER	6-0	180	DE	4.9	2.0	3/4 Springfield Shawnee
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SHAWN VERDEN	6-1	170	QB	4.5	2.5	3/4 Col. DeSales
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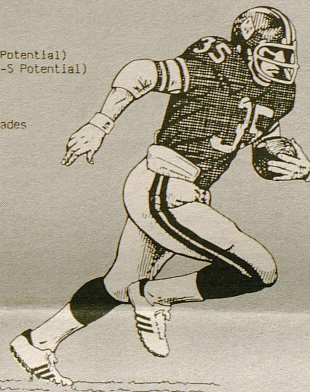
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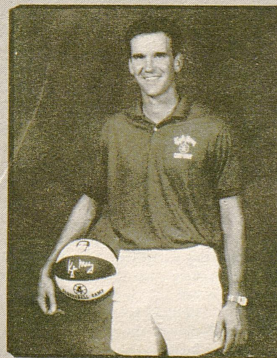
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**LSU 5-0 Over Bat Cats**  
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Keith Madison's Bat Cats earned a split of their double-header with visiting LSU over the weekend, winning the opener 7-2, while losing the nightcap 8-4.

In the first game at UK's Shively Field, Wildcat pitcher Matt Coleman had a rough first inning against the nation's No. 5 team, but battled back to limit the opposition to only three hits on the day.

LSU touched up Coleman for one run in the first-inning. The Tigers could have sent the UK pitcher to an early shower as they left the bases loaded.

Kentucky grabbed the lead in the bottom of the first when Bat Cat John Marshall delivered a two-out, two-run single. In the second frame the hosts upped the count to 4-1 following a two-run home run by Terry Shumpert.

Shumpert added more insurance tallies with a two-RBI single in the fourth. Sam Taylor knocked in UK's final run with a seventh-inning double.

The Bat Cats missed a golden opportunity to sweep the Tigers.

Kentucky had to have its eyes on a sweep, leading 4-1 after three innings. But LSU had other things on its mind. Six Tigers crossed the plate in the top of the fourth. The big shots in this inning were back-to-back homers by Rob Hartwig and Jack Voight. The former was a three-run blast.

While LSU couldn't send Coleman, 3-0, to an early exit in the first outting, the Tigers' fourth-inning in the nightcap chased UK's Tom Deller to an untimely bath.

The loss leaves Deller with a 1-1 mark.

**Oscar Combs**

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My Final Four pick: Florida in a big upset in the East. Alabama by a point over Georgetown in the Southeast. Indiana survives both Bobby Knight and Dale Brown for the Midwest and UNLV runs and guns a close one over Iowa in the West.

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Hats off to Austin Peay and head coach Lake Kelly for their outstanding play in the NCAA Southeast Regional at Birmingham last week.

Kelly, the former UK assistant who has revived the dead at Austin Peay, upset Big Ten power Illinois and had Providence on the ropes before falling in overtime.

The Governors shocked some so-called experts and ESPN's Vitale kept making smart remarks about the Gobs, but it was Austin Peay which had the last laugh.

To say Kelly and his Gobs earned their success would be an understatement. And it certainly was great to see a nice guy like Lake Kelly get some credit long due him.

Mark it down, it won't be long before some big-time school comes calling.

By the way, the Ohio Valley Conference also had the last laugh at some of the critics who suggested that it should not have had two invitations to the NAAs.

Middle Tennessee did lose by 13 points to Notre Dame, but MTSU and APSU proved they belong in this field.

And the real injustice to the league came when Max Good and his Eastern Kentucky Colonels were passed over by the NIT selection committee.

Good, who did an outstanding job at EKV this season, was another victim of the snub routine.

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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . The Kentucky-North Carolina matchup in the annual Naimsmith Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic is off. UK officials announced last week that the Wildcats have declined the invitation because UK feels such a test would be too soon for the team which will feature a large number of newcomers. UK also cited the loss of an exhibition game which could cost UK about \$50,000. Both counts are true, but the truth is that coach Eddie Sutton doesn't want to risk his team getting demoralized with a lopsided loss to open the season . . . Guess who's coming to town next year? Lexington Lafayette product Jeff Mullins, who went on to achieve All-America honors at Duke, will bring his North Carolina-Charlotte team to the an-

nual UKIT next December. UNCC was one of the pleasant surprises in the Sunbelt Conference this season . . . With the loss to Ohio State last Friday, Kentucky is now 0-5 against the Buckeyes in NCAA Tournament play . . . Kentucky fans could only dream what effect a couple of big-time NCAA tourney players would have had on the Wildcats had they been in UK uniforms this season. Playing a vital role in Kansas' drive to the final 16 is point guard Kevin Pritchard. Pritchard was heavily recruited by UK last season, but seemed to lose steam when UK signed Rex Chapman. Kentucky got back in the race and appeared to have an outside shot at Pritchard, but the Tulsa, Okla., product eventually signed with the Jayhawks. Another dandy who almost signed with UK out of junior college was forward Chris Blocker who eventually signed with UTEP and worked his magic for coach Don Haskins. And the third member who has been sensational this season is Oklahoma's Harvey Grant, the junior college transfer who first committed to Kentucky but later went to the Sooners after he got into a scrap with the law and UK suggested that he should make plans to attend another school . . . This year's 18-11 mark broke Sutton's 10-year streak of winning 20 or more games. Sutton won at least 20 of more games his last nine consecutive seasons at Arkansas and his first year at Kentucky . . . With just two weekends left of NCAA basketball, the obvious winners in the great conference debate are the SEC and the Big East. Each has three teams remaining in the event. The ACC and the Big Ten each had six invitations, but only two clubs—Indiana and Iowa (Big Ten) and North Carolina and Duke (ACC)—remain from each conference.

The Big Eight also has two clubs—Kansas and Oklahoma—left . . . Interestingly, all four No. 1 seeds are still in the hunt despite the many upsets of this NCAA event. The No. 1 seeds are North Carolina (East), Georgetown (Southeast), Indiana (Midwest) and UNLV (West) . . . The 1986-87 season may be history, but Eddie Sutton said after his club's loss to Ohio State that the Wildcats will take advantage of an NCAA regulation which says schools may practice until the championship game of the NCAA has been played. With that in mind, Sutton said he probably would have a few practices between the Friday finale with Ohio State and the NCAA title game on March 30. Sutton indicated he would probably give the team a few days off this week and then put the charges through a few sessions next week. Who says the Big Blue has to wait until Oct. 15 and *Midnight Madness*?

**KENTUCKY**

**Nick Nicholas**

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spring and probably will not practice with the team again until the fall. He had another arthroscopic surgery (during the season) done where they smooth out the articular cartilage. So, it's kinda like wet cement—they rough it up and let it bleed so that it'll heal. What he needs is rest and not aggravation. He'll take off all this spring, rehabilitate some more this summer, get in shape, and rejoin the team in the fall." . . . Green said that other than the loss of Curry and Winter the team is set to go for spring practice. . . . A couple of days before Kentucky's 28-9 loss at Tennessee last season, Al Baker told *TCP* he would be moved to fullback. However, according to Jerry Eisaman it wouldn't be a full-time change. "What we would like to do is to get some of our tailbacks to learn the position, like (Marc) Logan did last year," said Eisaman. "It made Logan a tougher and better football player. But the way (Andy) Murray's been working and has been coming along, he's going to make a real fine fullback. But it would help if Baker could learn the fullback spot. We don't want to get him between two positions where he could become confused. Sometimes it hurts a kid to play two positions." . . . Last Wednesday, UK held its annual Pro Day. This is a day when pro scouts can come in and take a look-see at some of the seniors-to-be as well as seniors on last year's squad. It's also a good time for Jerry Claiborne to do some checking up of his own. All the Wildcats are weighed in and then their bench press, squat, clean lift, vertical jump, shuttle run, bench jump, dips, chinups, and times in the 40 and 440 are recorded. Some of the top Wildcat marks on the day belonged to: senior-to-be Dermontti Dawson, bench pressing 450 pounds; junior-to-be Brad Sellers, dips 71 and chinups 39; senior-to-be Mark Higgs, and junior-to-be David Johnson and Ivy Joe Hunter all had times of 4.4 in the 40-yard dash. Eleven 'Cats were listed bench pressing 400 pounds or more. . . . Winners of my "Runaway Locomotive" award belong to Dawson and Baker. While Dawson can bench 450 pounds he can also run the 40-yard sprint in a time of 4.7. Baker, meanwhile, can bench press 400 pounds and can blaze the 40 in a time of 4.5 seconds. Others who receive strong consideration are: Craig Benzinger (420 pounds on the bench press, 4.6/40), and Jerry Reese (405 pounds on the bench press; 4.8/40). How would you like to be run over by these guys? . . . One of the pro scouts on hand was Lide Huggins, a member of the AFC champion Denver Broncos organization. Lide told *TCP* that he's looking for "the biggest, fastest, meanest and toughest football players you can find. But that doesn't always work out that way. That's why there's better fishermen than others—that you can fish in the same pond and in the big lakes. Some people can catch fish and some can't. That's why we come here (Pro Days throughout many college campuses) and get confirmed measurables. That gives us an idea that there are some fish here or not some fish here." Okay Lide, who are you fishing for here at the ole UK fishin' hole? "Without divulging what I'm trying to do or put that kind of pressure on an upcoming senior," answered Huggins, "I'm looking at some of the guys who run fast and some of the big guys." I'll betcha a dozen minnows that Huggins had and still has his eyes on Dermontti Dawson. . . . Recently, rumors about former Wildcat safety/punter Paul Calhoun getting a tryout with the Cincinnati Bengals were floating around the UK football office. However, Calhoun, a two-time All-SEC performer, said that never did materialize as the AFC Central team already has six punters on its list for tryouts. Currently Calhoun is enjoying an occupation as an investigator for the Attorney General's office in Frankfort. But what if an opportunity happens to pop up? Calhoun said he might jump at the chance to play pro ball but "being out for three years, it gets harder each year."



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**Bob Watkins**

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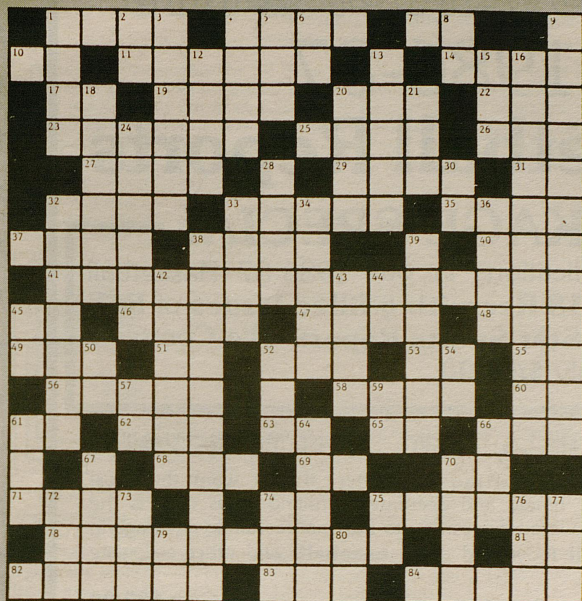
sound off. At halftime I realized my little buddies were lip reading, so I was forced to turn the game off entirely. One of the little boys here informed me his Mom didn't allow him to watch TV when people were using dirty words. I suppose each of these 10-11 year olds had heard Brown's phrases, but they had not heard a college basketball coach use them. The trashy bleep had no business on national television with his gutter act. And any game official who allows such an act to continue is just as "no class" as Brown is.

"Brown is a certifiable nut and should be fired. LSU has no place in the SEC anyway."

**Parting shot**  
Tim Babb, basketball coach at John Carroll University, gets my vote for best criticism on the length of the basketball season. "I love the game. I love my mother-in-law too, but I wouldn't think of living with her for six months."  
And so it goes.

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



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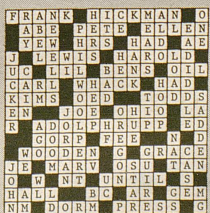
ACROSS

- 1 1st name of "Bear" of '80s Cats
- 4 "Aggie"
- 7 Initials of '30s Cat John; "Twisty"
- 10 Initials of '66 Across
- 11 Moans
- 14 Furniture piece
- 17 SEC school abbr.
- 19 "Cox's" won it all in '58
- 20 Abbr. for "Federal Aviation Agency"
- 22 Pen point
- 23 Namesakes of '42 Down
- 25 Mike Phillips
- 26 In same conference as UAB and VCU
- 27 Artist's colors
- 29 Poems
- 31 Initials of '30s Cat letterman Lawrence
- 32 European mountains
- 33 Team recovery
- 35 Alone
- 37 "The Baron"
- 38 The \_\_\_ book
- 40 In conference with Marist and Wagner
- 41 Game to Cats in '72
- 45 Initials of old-time Cat Underwood; "Cowboy"
- 46 "The Man In The Brown Suit"
- 47 See 27 Across
- 48 "\_\_\_ the glass"
- 49 Abbr. for an auto maker
- 51 Initials of former Cat Parker
- 52 Abbr. for "synonym"
- 53 See 74 Across
- 55 Roman numeral for letterman years for C. T. "Turkey" Hughes
- 56 Bird homes
- 58 Festive
- 60 Abbr. for "vice versa"
- 61 Initials of 4 Across
- 62 See 61 Down
- 63 Initials of '64 Down
- 65 Initials of former Cat Flynn
- 66 Givens and \_\_\_; "Silk and Steel"
- 68 Pecan or cashew
- 69 "He put it \_\_\_ at the buzzer"
- 70 Double zero
- 71 Public uprising
- 74 Initials of a Cat coach
- 75 Wallace Jones
- 78 Bowie and Turpin
- 81 Act
- 82 Namesakes of "Sky"
- 83 "A good shooting \_\_\_"
- 84 Jack Givens

DOWN

- 1 "Big \_\_\_"
- 2 Abbr. for "Egypt"
- 3 Paths
- 4 Namesakes of one of 78 Across
- 5 One selected at random
- 6 Initials of former Cat Stamper
- 8 Initials of football coach Shula
- 9 Groza, Beard, Rollins, Jones & Barker
- 12 Minerals
- 13 \_\_\_ Pool: "Moose"
- 15 Beate mate
- 16 Hatton, Cox, Crigler, Smith & Beck
- 18 First name of 46 Across
- 20 Bone-head
- 21 Era
- 24 Melvin Turpin
- 28 See 4 Across
- 30 Abbr. for a baseball position
- 32 \_\_\_ highlight is the start of the hoop season
- 33 "Coach of the Century"
- 34 \_\_\_ Edwards: "Big Boy"
- 36 Bread spread
- 38 Riley, Dampier, Jaracz, Conley & Kron
- 39 Pronoun
- 42 "Fast Eddie"
- 43 Rick Robey
- 44 Big Ten state abbr.
- 45 Initials of "Baby Magic"
- 50 Pronoun
- 52 Cry
- 54 \_\_\_ Boies, early Cat A.D., was known as "Daddy"
- 57 West coast city abbr.
- 59 Not PM
- 61 "He was 6-\_\_\_-6 at the line"
- 64 Bill \_\_\_ was known as "The Littl'st Wildcat"
- 66 The \_\_\_ post
- 67 City
- 70 Big Ten state
- 72 Suffix for "native"
- 73 Can material
- 74 Sheep
- 75 Initials of '40s Cat Schu
- 76 Commercials
- 77 Garden tool
- 79 NIT state abbr.
- 80 Initials of former Cat Embry

Last Week's Answers



# Meet The Press

Sutton Said He Was Pleased With Wildcats As They Prepared To Enter NCAA Tournament Play In Atlanta

By Mike Estep

Looking at the menu for last week's press conference at Wildcat Lodge, most people had their minds on the main course—UK's first round game with Ohio State in the NCAA tournament. But there was still room for a few of these appetizing tidbits:



**Something special:** Kentucky has taken part in the NCAA tournament a record 32 times, and current UK coach Eddie Sutton has guided his teams into the postseason event 11 consecutive years, but the coach said its still something special to be included in the tourney field.

"The NCAA is always a special time," Sutton said to tip off his weekly press luncheon, "it's certainly special for all the 64 teams because at this point every coach across America is telling squad, 'With a few good bounces our way and if everything goes the way we want it to, we may wind up in New Orleans (for the Final Four).'"

"And the road to the Final Four is always an exciting one. I've been to most of the major sporting events and in my opinion, the Final Four probably is the best. I think there's more excitement on that Saturday afternoon when those four teams march in."

Sutton said he can remember the feeling

of excitement about playing Ohio State, but we were excited that we were one of the 64 teams that would be in the tourney field."

**1987 - Not a bad year:** Sutton was asked to look back on the regular season and give his assessment of the team's play. The coach said he was pleased with the effort his club gave and the progress it made after being plagued with all the injuries early in the year. "Well first of all, winning 18 ballgames, I think that has to be credit to the young men that represent the University of Kentucky," Sutton said. "They certainly have done everything that the coaching staff has asked."

"I really believe had we been able to play Winston (Bennett) this year, he would have helped us not only in the contests themselves, but he would have helped us so much in practice, making his teammates better. When he went down I think all of our hearts dropped a little."

But Sutton said his 'Cats regrouped and surprised a lot of observers.

"A lot of people were ready to write us off and did not foresee us doing very well," he said. "I'm not sure if we went undefeated and won the national title we would please every fan, but I think that can be said of a lot of places."

"I wasn't sure how many games we would win because I wasn't sure how tough all our games would be. I didn't realize the quality



Sutton Happy UK Could Shine At Times Without Star

he had when was an NCAA tournament participant as a player at Oklahoma State, and said this year's team is excited to be in the tourney.

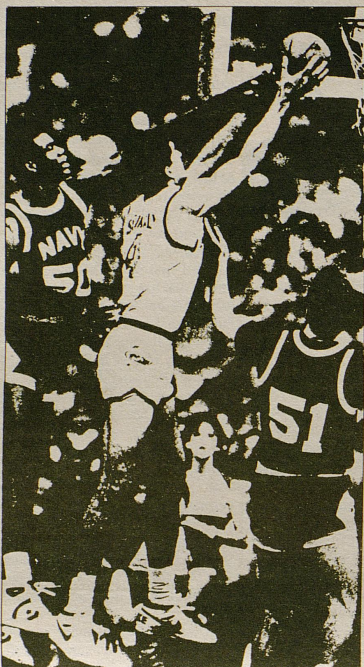
"I can remember, I guess it's been 29 years ago, how important that NCAA was for me as a player," Sutton said. "And it's been that way the times I've been fortunate as a coach to get into it. And I think there is an air of excitement. All young people like Christmas, I love it, but I love the time of the year when the NCAA (tournament) rolls around."

"When CBS came on and made the (tour-

of our league would be quite as good as it turned out to be.

"I'm pleased and very proud of our ballclub that they were able to accomplish this without someone like Winston. And if we would have had Winston, we might have won four of five more ballgames. But we didn't have Winston, and then right after that Cedric Jenkins went down and Paul Andrews was out for a while. So I hope that the majority of our fans are pleased with the season."





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# Houser Expects '87 To Be Year For 'Cats

Predicts Winning Record, Bowl Game

For two years in a row now, the UK football team has failed to post a winning record. Critics pointed to not winning the close games, which they say can be attributed to a lethargic offense. However, one reason that has been overlooked has been the lack of a consistent pass rush. Because Kentucky employs a wide-tackle-six defensive scheme, the Wildcats must make up for the lack of players in the secondary with a hard charging pass rush if they expect to be successful.

One player who believes he can supply that much needed pass rush is sophomore defensive guard Doug Houser.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I know I can rush the quarterback," said Houser. "I have the long arms where I can get around the offensive lineman. I think my pass rush is my best asset."

Although not a starter last season, Houser did average fifteen plays a game as a redshirt freshman. And for his first year on the collegiate level, the 6-foot-2, 250-pound defensive guard was for the most part, pleased with his performance.

"I think I accomplished a little bit more than I expected," Houser explained. "I knew my position and I guess I played alright. I feel like I will do a lot better this year."

In UK's defensive set, the guard position is one of the toughest to play because two offensive guards and the center are matched up against the two defensive guards. It's especially hard then, as Houser will attest to, to get any kind of a rush on the quarterback.

"It's really tough because you usually get double-teamed most of the time," Houser said. "Either you or the other guard is going to have two linemen on him. So, half the time you're double-teamed."

One way to compensate for that is do a lot of stunting along the line of scrimmage. By executing these maneuvers, the defensive linemen have a better chance of confusing their offensive counterparts.

"We run switches between the guards where I go one way and the other guard comes around me," Houser explained. "We also switch with the tackles sometimes. We run a lot of different variations."

This season, UK returns most of its starters on the defensive line. With returnees that include John Shannon, Jerry Reece, Jay Dortch, Carwell Gardner and Vic Adams, this unit will be one of the Wildcats' deepest and most experienced areas of the team. In fact, Houser believes the line might be one of the squad's strong points.

And the Aliquippa, Pa., native thinks more talent will be added immediately when highly-regarded recruit Jerry Bell arrives from Louisville DeSales.

"I think the line will look pretty good," Houser said. "We have Jerry Bell coming in and he looks like he could definitely help us. I think it will be one of the keys to our defense."

Already the UK coaching staff is tinkering with the idea of moving Shannon from his starting tackle spot to one of the guards. But Houser doesn't seem to be threatened by the switch.

"It doesn't worry me," Houser said with an air of confidence.

"I'm just going to do the best I can. I'm not worried about it. I believe I'll start this year. I know I can get the job done. I've got the size to play against all of the teams we play."

Confidence is something Houser isn't short of. As a first team All-Midwestern Athletic Conference and honorable mention all-state selection during his prep days in Pennsylvania, Houser played in one of the toughest prep leagues in the country. That league, the WPIAL, is one of the hotbeds for high school football talent. Because of the intense competition he faced there, the UK sophomore was able to step up and be better prepared to play in the SEC.

"The Southeastern Conference is one of the top three leagues in the nation," Houser said, "but I also know the WPIAL is one of the top three high school leagues in the nation. So, I have confidence in myself because I've played against quality competition."

During his senior year at Central High School in Aliquippa, there was a quite a bit of jockeying among college recruiters for Houser's services. But when it came time to sign the dotted line, the youngest member of the Houser household chose Kentucky over Syracuse, N.C. State and SEC foe Ole Miss.

"I figured this program was on its way up," said Houser, who has two older sisters and one older brother. "I liked the competitive schedule they played. I also liked the coaches, the campus and the people. It was really a nice school to go to."

But if he had the opportunity to relive his high school career again, Houser says he would put more emphasis on football. Although he was pleased with his schoolboy efforts, Houser thinks his transition to college football would have been much smoother had he concentrated more in high school.

"As I look back on it, I could have played a lot better," said Houser, who says he constantly received encouragement from his high school coach Same LeFaso, and his father. "If I had been more serious about it, I would have been better prepared for college football."

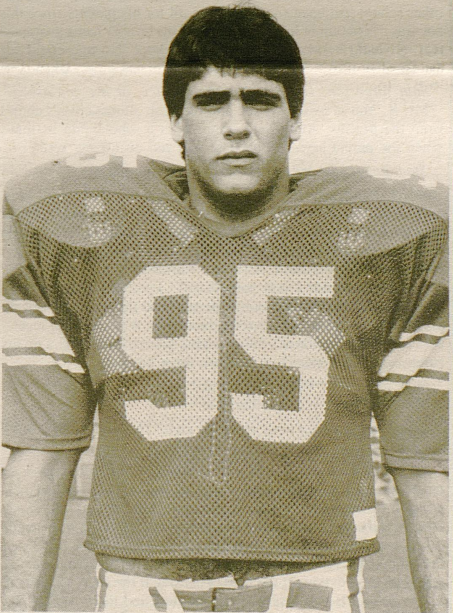
"My first year at UK was when I really took football seriously," Houser added. "I then started working hard in the weight room."

Nowadays, Houser says the Wildcats have been working hard during the winter workout sessions held at Shively Sports Center. Because the team disappointed many UK followers last year by not making a postseason bowl appearance, he thinks there is an extra incentive among his teammates to work harder during the off-season.

"Yeah, there's more incentive to work hard when you know you should have won more games and you didn't," said Houser, who as a business major earned a 3.0 grade point average last semester. "That makes you work harder to show people you're a much better team."

Hard work is exactly what the Kentucky club will have to undertake as spring practice draws near. According to Houser, coach Jerry Claiborne has indicated the team should be prepared for the "lively" spring practice sessions.

"It's going to be pretty physical," Houser said. "I think if we



UK Defensive Guard Doug Houser

can stay away from injuries during the spring we should have a good season."

A good season is what Claiborne definitely needs as he enters his sixth year at the Wildcat helm. Already some UK critics want the program to immediately post some winning seasons instead of mediocre ones. However, Houser believes Claiborne is not at fault for UK's shortcomings the past two years.

"He's a good coach," Houser said. "If we lose a game it's not his fault. He usually blames himself because he says we weren't prepared."

"I think after this year he is going to prove what a good coach he is," Houser said, assessing Claiborne—who carries a 163-105 lifetime coaching record, good enough to be in the top 10 nationally, into the coming season. "We're going to have a good season next year and go to a bowl game. He's doing things for us like raising money for the new (Nutter) training center. So, we must in turn win games for him."

# Wildcat Gymnasts Hit 2nd-Best Mark; Lucas Breaks Record

Kentucky's 182.2 score Saturday (March 7) against LSU at UK's Memorial Coliseum was the second highest in the school's history. The all-time team high was set the weekend before at Memorial Coliseum as the 'Cats racked up 183.55 points in routing Eastern Michigan and Iowa State.

The Lady Kat gymnasts are scheduled for one more meet before the Southeastern Conference championships, which will be held in Athens, Ga., on March 28.

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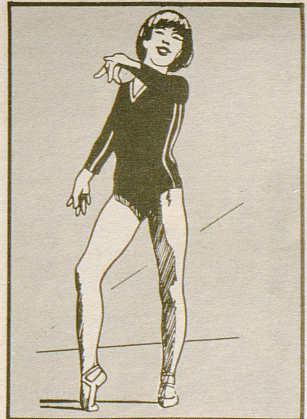
Kendall Lucas' 9.55 on the uneven bars against the Lady Tigers set an all-time UK individual record. She broke freshman Su Su Seaman's mark of 9.5 set only moments before. Seaman's performance broke the mark of 9.4 that Lucas established March 9, 1985. With Lucas' 9.55, all of Kentucky individual best marks now stand at a 9.5 or better.

The Wildcats' 464 is also a Kentucky best. It ties the 464 this year's gymnasts set at Auburn Feb. 22. The previous UK team mark was a 456.5 set March 12, 1986. Kentucky now has broken two all-time individual bests in 1987. Lucas broke the UK floor record Feb. 28 with her 9.6. It marked the second time that she took the record from a teammate who had just broken a record that had not been touched in two seasons.

Lucas' 9.6 in floor competition broke Theresa Schneider's 9.55 that she set Feb. 28. Both times Lucas regained her own record as Seaman and Schneider both broke two-year records that belonged to Lucas. UK also has established three all-time highs in 1987.

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Seaman posted a UK season high of 37.3 to take the all-around honors against LSU. The Tigers' Angie Topham was second with a 37.25. UK's Kendall Lucas was third at 37.2. No Kentucky gymnast had scored a 37.0 or better before Saturday. The UK all-time record is held by Lucas, a 37.4 which she set March 20, 1985.



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In Kentucky's final home meet the Lady Kats scored a school-record point total with a 184-176.8 victory over Southeast Missouri State. The meet was held last Thursday at Memorial Coliseum.

Kentucky's previous record was 183.55, which happened this season (Feb. 28).

Kendall Lucas produced a 9.6 in the floor exercise, tying her school record. The UK junior also tied her school-record 9.55 mark in the uneven bars.

Lady Kat freshman Su Su Seaman was high finisher in the all-around category, scoring a 37.1.

## UK Recruit Manuel Selected To Play In McDonald's Prep All-American Game

Last Wednesday Kentucky signee Eric Manuel was selected to the roster of the 1987 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team. He joins other familiar high school players such as: Jay Edwards of Marion, Ind. (Indiana), Sean Higgins of Los Angeles (Michigan), Elliot Perry of Memphis (Undecided), Marcus Liberty of Chicago (Illinois), and Dennis Scott of Falls Church, Va. (Undecided).

Manuel, a 6-6 guard, is a product of Southwest High School in Macon, Ga., which is coached by Don Richardson.

The East-West contest will be played on April 12 at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

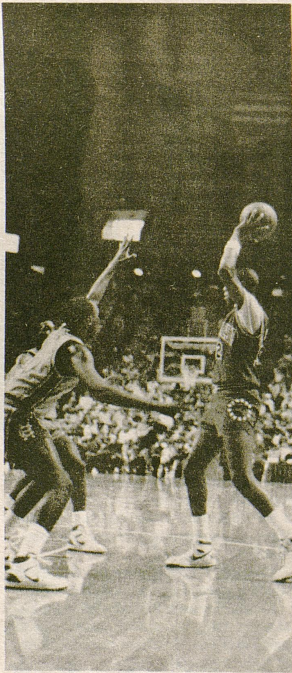
### McDonald's high school All-America teams

#### EAST SQUAD

Perry Carter, 6-8, 230, forward, Pittsfield, Me.; Chris Corchiani, 6-0, guard, Haleah, Fla.; John Crotty, 6-1, 165, guard, Lincroft, N.J.; Greg Koubek, 6-6, 187, forward, Clifton Park, N.Y.; **Eric Manuel, 6-6, 205, guard, Macon, Ga.**; Bobby Martin, 6-9, 210, center-forward, Atlantic City, N.J.; Rodney Monroe, 6-3, 170, guard, Hagerstown, Md.; King Rice, 6-0, 185, guard, Binghamton, N.Y.; Dennis Scott, 6-6, 212, forward, Falls Church, Va.; Brian Shorter, 6-7, 220, forward, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; Elmore Spencer, 6-11, 268, center, Atlanta, Anthony Tucker, 6-8, 205, forward, Washington, D.C.; David White, 6-6, 225, forward, St. Petersburg, Fla.

#### WEST SQUAD

Jay Edwards, 6-4, 170, guard, Marion, Ind.; Jerome Harmon, 6-4, 188, guard, Gary, Ind.; Bill Heppner, 6-9, 220, center-forward, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Sean Higgins, 6-8, 190, forward, Los Angeles; Larry Johnson, 6-7, 230, forward, Dallas; Treg Lee, 6-9, 218, forward, Cleveland; Marcus Liberty, 6-8, 205, forward, Chicago; Mark Macon, 6-4, 185, guard, Saginaw, Mich.; Mike Maddox, 6-8, 190, forward, Oklahoma City; Elliott Perry, 6-0, 155, guard, Memphis, Tenn.; LaBradford Smith, 6-4, 185, guard, Bay City, Texas; Brian Williams, 6-10, 210, center, Santa Monica, Calif.



Eric Manuel

## Detailing Recruiting Irregularities

Former SEC Coach Talks About Cheating

I can't tell you the man's name. I promised I wouldn't. I'm not going to even hint at his identity. I promised that, too.

But you have my word that this interview is with a former coach who was a recruiter for several major schools, including one in the Southeastern Conference. He's no longer in coaching or recruiting.

He's was not lily-white. He took advantage, but he never got caught. We talked about recruiting during the recent SEC tournament.

Here's the interview with the man we'll call "Mr. X":

*Stan Torgerson: What with the SMU situation, plus all the other*



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

*schools who have been nailed for illegal recruiting, I must ask, is everyone breaking the rules?*

Mr. X: Are you kidding? I don't know of a single school that's not breaking the rules in one way or another.

*Stan Torgerson: That's not what many schools say.*

Mr. X: Oh, come on! I once went for a kid against an ACC school with a great reputation for honesty. The boy was a top five player in his state and I really thought I had a chance to sign him. Then one of our alumni called me and told me we were out of it. The other school had been supplying fuel oil for his parents since this boy was a sophomore in high school and his brother had a guarantee that he would be accepted in medical school. No one could say that the other coach was involved. The alumni had simply taken over.

*Stan Torgerson: Do you offer the goodies, or are you asked?*

Mr. X: You're usually asked and the push almost always comes from the parents. After you explain what a scholarship is, that's when the parent says, "What else can you do for my son?"

*Stan Torgerson: What's the easiest way to cheat?*

Mr. X: Summertime jobs. Special jobs made available to athletes. One of the top basketball schools in the country got every one of their players a summertime job paying over \$10,000. Who could recruit against that situation? Another school always started their pitch with "We will show you that the lowest summertime job any of our players had last year paid \$8,000." I placed a kid on a summer job with one of our alumni one year and the boss actually expected him to do manual labor for the money. A week later I received a call from the player's father saying his boy had blisters on his hands and didn't want him to work there anymore.

*Stan Torgerson: What did you do?*

Mr. X: I found him another job.

*Stan Torgerson: But what about the cars? The public thinks that's the number one way of buying an athlete.*

Mr. X: Not true. A new car is too obvious, although I do remember a slick deal a friend of mine pulled. He had this kid locked up if he could get him a car. So he told the boy to tell School B he would come there if they would arrange financing so he could buy a car. The alumni worked out a deal with a bank to finance the automobile. As soon as the kid bought the car, my friend's school gave him cash to pay off the note. That way if the NCAA checked, it was School B that arranged the car deal and there was no way to trace the purchase back to School A. Naturally, the boy signed with School A. Sometimes a school will give a kid enough money to buy a used car. Then each year he trades up. An alumni dealer allows him an inflated amount on the used car. By the time the player is a senior he drives away in a brand new car.

*Stan Torgerson: But you said cars were overrated as inducements.*

Mr. X: They are. It's much more common to do things for the parents. For example, upgrade their housing. Pay their rent. Provide them with free groceries for four years. Get them new appliances.

*Stan Torgerson: What are we really talking about, total package?*

Mr. X: Fifty thousand dollars over four years in not uncommon for a really good player. That's cash, merchandise, clothes, money, things for the home, the works.

*Stan Torgerson: That's a bundle.*

Mr. X: Yes, but it's growing because in recent years there's another hand out—the high school coach's.

*Stan Torgerson: The high school coach?*

Mr. X: You got it. Look, the mother is the one most important influence on any boy when he is selecting a school. The high school coach is the second most important. A lot of high school coaches read about a college coach getting \$50,000 on a shoe contract and they say to themselves, "Why should he get it all while I get nothing?" So the high school coach indicates that he will use his clout with a star player if the university does something in return. I know of one coach who drives both a new van and a new Cadillac as a result of having two great players sign with the right schools.

*Stan Torgerson: I was told a number of years ago that one high school coach told various schools that it would cost them \$10,000 if he put his star player on a plane for an official visit and that the gamble was worth it because the boy's signature would almost guarantee an NCAA championship. Is that true?*

Mr. X: Yes, but for various reasons which I'd prefer not to mention, the youngster never went to college. But the coach still had the money because the player made four or five visits, cash in advance.

*Stan Torgerson: From all the things you've said I'm getting the impression that money is everything.*

Mr. X: It may sound that way, but it's really not. The best recruiter I've ever known, and he worked for an SEC school, used to say that there was a key to every player. He could find those keys and that's what made him successful. Sometimes it was the mother. Sometimes it was the father. Or the coach. Perhaps it was the boy's education. Sometimes the "goodies" we've talked about. If you miss the key, the contact point, you're through. My friend worked on

*"After You Explain What A Scholarship Is, That's When The Parent Says, 'What Else Can You Do For My Son?'"*

—Mr. X

school principals, the guidance counselors, even the cheerleaders because he never knew which person would put in the right word that would swing the kid his way.

*Stan Torgerson: I'm really appalled at some of this. Isn't there a way in God's green world to stop cheating?*

Mr. X: Sure. If a player or coach is caught for any serious violation, the recruiting rules put them out—permanently. It's a disgrace to basketball when a school such as Tulane drops the sport. If an English professor does something illegal or immoral they don't drop English at the school. They fire the professor. That's the way it should be in athletics. Most of the athletic directors know what's happening. They just look the other way.

Of course the recruiters are getting more clever. One coach I know always waits a month or two before turning in his expense accounts. Then he alters the dates of his travels so that if the NCAA claims that he was in such-and-such a town on such-and-such a date making illegal contact with a prospect, he can pull out his expense account and say, "Oh, no! Look, it shows right here I was in the other end of the state on that date, it couldn't have been me."

But it's true we're getting more cheating now, not less, because we're recruiting more players from lower economical levels. Penalties against schools don't work. Fire a few coaches or ban players and you'll get their attention.

But I am in favor of providing transportation to school in the fall and home in the spring, plus something each month for spending money. These kids are paying for their scholarship many times over with their performance. They know how much money the school is taking in. The rules won't let them work during the school year if they are on scholarship. A few years ago they even lost the \$15 per month laundry money they had been given until that time. That's why kids get tied up with agents. The agent gets the kid because it can be a hush-hush deal and the boy gets some spending money. I'm not saying that if the schools can legally give players monthly allowances within reason it will eliminate agents getting to underclassmen, but it certainly would help. Herschel Walker gave up his last year of eligibility for all that money and revealed he had an agent as a junior in school. Many people said, "What a shame!" Well, that was a lot of bull. What was Hershel to do? He needed money and someone offered him a bundle. The system was one of the reasons he listened to his agent when he was still an underclassman, and by the NCAA rules, was not supposed to be involved.

*Stan Torgerson: I gather you're telling me that we may be able to make the system better but we can't make it perfect.*

Mr. X: Well, let me ask you a question. Could you ever stop everyone from cheating on their income tax?

*Stan Torgerson: No.*

Mr. X: That answers it right there.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Four Years Ago

\*The Kentucky Wildcats avenged an earlier defeat by outlasting the Indiana Hoosiers 64-59 in the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional held in Knoxville. Kentucky lost to Indiana by three points in their December meeting. It was an intense defensive struggle. Indiana moved out in front early, but UK shadowed them, never falling behind by more than three. At the midway point of the first half, the 'Cats grabbed the lead on a Melvin Turpin slam dunk, and the two teams traded baskets from that point on, with UK clinging to a three-point advantage at the half. UK's defense went to work in the second half, holding star forward Randy Wittman scoreless for the first seven minutes of the second half, and during that stretch, the Wildcats jumped out to a 10-point lead. Indiana got within two, however, and it took clutch free throw shooting in the end to seal

the victory. Turpin led Kentucky with 16 points.

\*It was **THE GAME**. The long-awaited matchup between the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville finally took place in the finals of the Midwest Regional of the NCAA tournament, with the winner to move on to the Final Four in Albuquerque. It was a very intense and exciting game and was well worth the wait. Kentucky executed its game plan to perfection in the first half, shooting 62 percent and turning the ball over just four times. UK took a 13-point advantage into the dressing room at the break. But in the second half, Louisville's press began to bother UK, as the 'Cats committed several turnovers. Kentucky lost the lead with 11:40 to go, but eventually settled down and was able to even the score. With :17 left to play, UK called timeout with the score tied at 60. After putting the ball back into play,

Kentucky's Dirk Minniefield saw an opening and drove to the basket. His layup appeared to be partially blocked and wouldn't go down. The Cards claimed the rebound and Lancaster Gordon put U of L on top with a 10-foot jumper with :10 to go. UK showed its heart and Jim Master hit a 12-footer from the left corner as the buzzer sounded to send the game into overtime. The Cards continued to apply their fullcourt pressure in the OT, reeled off 14 straight points before the Kentucky players knew what hit them, and coasted to the 80-68 win. UK finished the season with a 23-8 record.

## Six Years Ago

\*The SEC tournament will be played in Lexington's Rupp Arena next year, league officials announced last week. The tournament has been played in Birmingham since its renewal three years ago and it was also announced the tourney will return to Birmingham in 1983.

\*Unranked Simon Kenton became the first Ninth Region Team ever to win the Kentucky State High School Basketball Tournament, defeating Mason County 70-63 before 21,287 Rupp Arena fans, the largest crowd ever to watch a high school game. Tourney MVP and future Kentucky Wildcat Troy McKinley scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Simon Kenton. Virgie's Todd May, who would also go on the play for the 'Cats, had an outstanding tournament.

## Seven Years Ago

\*A Kyle Macy jump shot from 17 feet out was off target and Kentucky couldn't get another shot off as the 'Cats' NCAA hopes went down the drain in a 55-54 Midwest Regional loss to Duke in a game played in Rupp Arena. Kentucky dug itself into an early hole and trailed the Blue Devils by 14 points (37-23) at the half. But behind junior Fred Cowan, who scored a game-high 26 points, UK rallied back furiously. The 'Cats finally tied the score at 54 when Cowan scored. Duke's Gene Banks appeared to lose the ball out of bounds but a foul was called on UK's Derrick Hord. Banks hit one of the two foul shots for what proved to be the winning margin. Kentucky hit only 40 percent of its shots and committed 17 turnovers. Cowan was the only Wildcat in double figures and center Sam Bowie was limited to only nine minutes of action due to foul problems. Kentucky finished the year at 29-6.

\*In a week when Kentucky was eliminated from NCAA play, the 'Cats did receive some good news when Indiana prep All-American Jim Master announced that he will attend Kentucky next year. Master said he chose Kentucky over Notre Dame in a decision that went down to the wire. The top candidate for Mr. Basketball honors in the Hoosier state, the 6-4 Master averaged 27.8 points a game for Harding High School in Fort Wayne.

## Ten Years Ago

\*Kentucky guard Truman Claytor was sensational as UK downed the VMI Keydets 93-78 in the NCAA tournament in College Park, Md. The sophomore scorched the nets for 29 points. But the game was not without its anxious moments. UK led only 44-41 at the half and VMI came back to tie the score before Kentucky put on a rally that proved to be the difference. For the game, the 'Cats converted on 39 of 65 field goal attempts for 60 percent. Jack Givens followed Claytor in scoring for UK with 26. James Lee and Mike Phillips were also in double digits with 12 and 10 points respectively. Ron Carter scored 28 points and hauled in 10 boards for VMI.

\*The North Carolina Tar Heels hit all 16 of their second-half foul shots and used their

patented four-corners delay game to defeat Kentucky 79-72 in the finals of the NCAA Regional played in College Park. The Wildcats fell behind by 15 in the first half, and still trailed by a dozen at intermission. With guard John Kuester directing traffic, Carolina stalled most of the second half and finished the game hitting 33 of 36 free throws, including 21 of 22 by Kuester and Steve Kraficis. Kentucky slowly chipped away at the lead in the second half and pulled within one point on Rick Robey's three-point play with 1:32 to go. Twenty seconds later UK guard Larry Johnson collided with Kuester and was whistled for the foul. Kuester hit both freebies and after Jack Givens pulled up short on a jumper, UK's fate was sealed when Kraficis sank two shots from the line. Givens led Kentucky with 26 points. Rick Robey added 15 and Mike Phillips had 12. Walter Davis scored 21 for UNC. Kuester had 19 and Mike O'Koren finished with 14. Kentucky had five more field goals than Carolina on 23 more attempts. The game ended in controversy when Robey fouled out with five seconds left and Carolina coach Dean Smith reportedly shouted obscenities at Robey.

## Seventeen Years Ago

\*The Kentucky Colonels had signed former UK basketball star Dan Issel for approximately \$1.4 million in salary, bonuses and deferred payments. The ABA team also signed Issel's teammate Mike Pratt for an estimated \$400,000. The deal rivals the \$1.4 million paid Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) by the Milwaukee Bucks as the largest amount ever paid an athlete.

\*Five Kentucky players were named to the all-time All-SEC team selected by 14 veteran observers and conducted by the *Lexington Herald*. Dan Issel, Cliff Hagan, Ralph Beard, Frank Ramsey and Alex Groza were all named from UK. Adolph Rupp of UK was named the coach. Other players selected to the team were Bob Pettit, Pete Maravich, Bailey Howell, Clyde Lee, Bernie Nehen and Jerry Harper.

## Thirty Years Ago

\*The Michigan State Spartans came from 12 points down to trounce Kentucky 80-68 in the finals of the NCAA Midwest Regionals played at UK's Memorial Coliseum. Kentucky led 47-39 at the half but was outscored 45-21 for the rest of the game, as the 'Cats could connect on just eight of 35 shots in the final 20 minutes. Jack Quiggle led State with 22 points. Gerry Calvert paced Kentucky with 18 points, one more than sophomore Johnny Cox. Vern Hatton scored 15. The defeat ended Kentucky's season at 23-5, far better than even the most optimistic fans expected at the start of the year.

## Thirty One Years Ago

\*Three-time NCAA winner Kentucky will again represent the SEC in the NCAA tournament. The 'Cats failed to win the conference for the first time since 1943, but champion Alabama has all five starters ineligible for tourney play because they are fourth-year players. Coach Johnny Dee and his players decided to let UK go to the NCAA. It will be Kentucky's eighth appearance.

## Thirty Two Years Ago

\*Quarterback Bob Hardy led the Blues to a 28-7 triumph over the Whites before approximately 10,000 fans at Stoll Field for the annual spring intra-squad game. The win gave backfield coach Ernal Allen sweet revenge over line coach Buckshot Underwood, who had won the last two outings. Hardy ran for two scores and passed for another.

# Wildcat Quiz

## Regular-Season Statistics

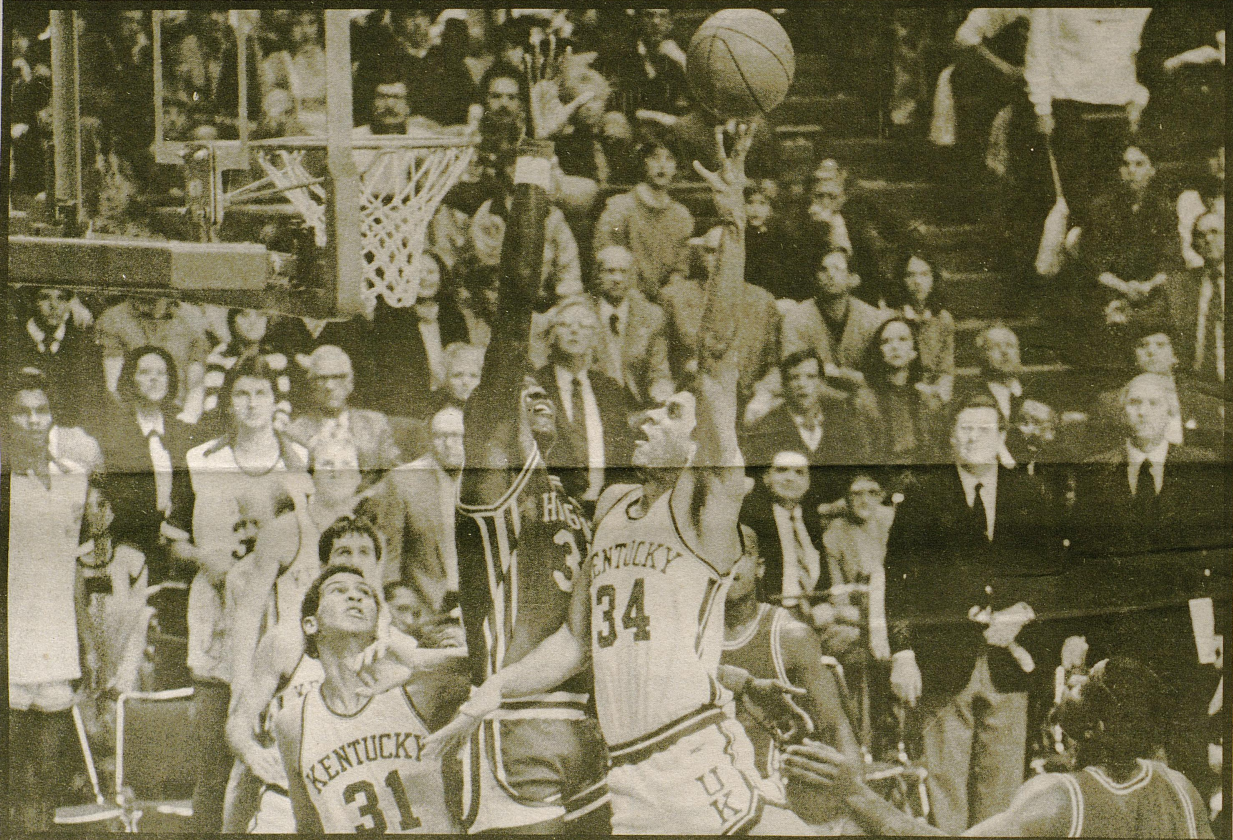
- What Kentucky player started all 27 regular-season games this year?  
a) Rex Chapman  
b) Richard Madison  
c) Ed Davender  
d) James Blackmon
- What Wildcat ended the regular season with the best field goal percentage?  
a) Richard Madison  
b) Rob Lock  
c) Irv Thomas  
d) James Blackmon
- Who was UK's assist leader heading in to the SEC tournament?  
a) Rex Chapman  
b) Ed Davender  
c) James Blackmon  
d) Paul Andrews
- What Kentucky player blocked the most shots this season?  
a) Irv Thomas  
b) Richard Madison  
c) Rob Lock  
d) Rex Chapman
- What 'Cat logged the most minutes on the court this year?  
a) Rex Chapman  
b) Ed Davender  
c) James Blackmon  
d) Richard Madison
- Who was the team leader in rebounds?  
a) Rob Lock  
b) Irv Thomas  
c) Cedric Jenkins  
d) Richard Madison
- What UK player committed the most personal fouls?  
a) Mike Scott  
b) Richard Madison  
c) Irv Thomas  
d) Rob Lock
- How many NCAA tournament teams did UK play this year?  
a) six  
b) seven  
c) nine  
d) 10
- Which Kentucky player had the best shooting percentage from behind the three-point stripe?  
a) Rex Chapman  
b) Ed Davender  
c) Paul Andrews  
d) Derrick Miller
- Who led UK in steals this season?  
a) Rex Chapman  
b) Ed Davender  
c) James Blackmon  
d) Richard Madison



## Answers

1. Ed Davender (912 minutes)
2. Rob Lock (55.4 percent)
3. Rex Chapman (97 assists)
4. Rob Lock (30 blocked shots)
5. Ed Davender (912 minutes)
6. Richard Madison (206 rebounds)
7. Rob Lock (87 personal fouls)
8. nine
9. Paul Andrews (11, 100 percent)
10. James Blackmon (46 steals)

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