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WEATHER Cloudy today,
high near 50; cloudy tonight,
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HITTING THE SKIDS The UK football team is struggling as it heads into battle with the Cincinnati Bearcats. Story, page 6.



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Saying goodbye

Campus remembers Rabin with midday ceremony

By Aaron O. Hall
Staff Writer

UK's Jewish community gathered yesterday in the Student Center's Free Speech Area to mourn the loss of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

About 50 people were present at the memorial, honoring the leader who spent most of his life as a warrior. "This gives faculty and students a chance to pay our respects and to reflect," said philosophy professor Daniel Frank. "Rabin was a warrior who turned to peace. We should remember him."

Program coordinator for the Jewish Student Union Daniel Caruthers said the ceremony gave students and faculty, who were unable to go to a synagogue, a place to mourn along with the people in Israel. "I wish I could be (in Israel)," said Caruthers, a native of the country.

Rabin was killed in Tel Aviv by an Israeli law student after a pro-peace rally. Yigal Amir, a 27-year-old law student was taken into custody.

Rabin's death came at a time when the Israelites and Palestinians were negotiating for peace. Already, Israel had made plans to withdraw their troops from West Bank.

Rabin's death may "rocket the peace process," said Caruthers, an exercise science major and member of UK's football team. "As a community, we have to emphasize peace. Peace is the real solution to the Middle East," he said.

Caruthers also said finger pointing

will not help the countries continue their peace efforts. Frank hopes that the new Prime Minister Shimon Peres will hold the same philosophies on peace that Rabin did.

"Rabin was a warrior," said Frank. "Peres is more of an idealist. One hopes he is a stable character."

History professor Jeremy Popkin reflected on what it was like living in Israel. He said that 20 years ago, there was protest in the Palestinian government and reluctance from Arabs for peace in the Middle East.

"Rabin knew it was time for peace," Popkin said.

He said that Rabin, who had been negotiating with the Palestinians, "paid with his life this weekend."

Although the death of the Prime Minister Rabin presents a new problem in negotiations between the two countries, Popkin told members of the Jewish community that they must still remain hopeful for peace and stability in Israel.

During an emotional speech, physics professor Moshe Elitzur, a native of Israel, said he felt tragedy was near due to the recent tone of Israeli newspapers.

Elitzur said there had been heated discourse at rallies and people were



HELENA HAU/Kentucky Staff

SHOW OF SUPPORT Dan Caruthers, president of the Jewish Student Union, bugs physics professor Moshe Elitzur during the ceremony.

talking openly about Rabin, saying he had violated the laws of Judaism. Two-weeks ago an Israeli paper called Rabin "a traitor and a murderer."

Elitzur said that people talking openly leads to violence and that the death of Rabin was due to irresponsible speech.

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President Clinton says peace process should continue. See story, page 2.

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Poll says student turnout may actually reach 60 percent. See story, page 2.

NEWSbytes

NATION Israel buries slain prime minister

JERUSALEM — A shaken world said its goodbyes yesterday to Yitzhak Rabin in a sun-washed pine grove, laying him to rest with the praise of presidents and the tears of a granddaughter.

The host of world leaders crowding into Mount Herzl cemetery was testimony to the authority of the slain prime minister, a warrior who looked beyond his years on the battlefield to make peace with some of Israel's most intractable enemies.

The dozens of dignitaries from the Arab world who put aside their most fundamental differences with Israel to attend his funeral proved how radically Rabin helped change the face of the Middle East.

New AIDS drug could be approved

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The drug 3TC should be approved as the first new initial therapy to treat AIDS since the original AIDS drug AZT, scientific advisers told the Food and Drug Administration on yesterday.

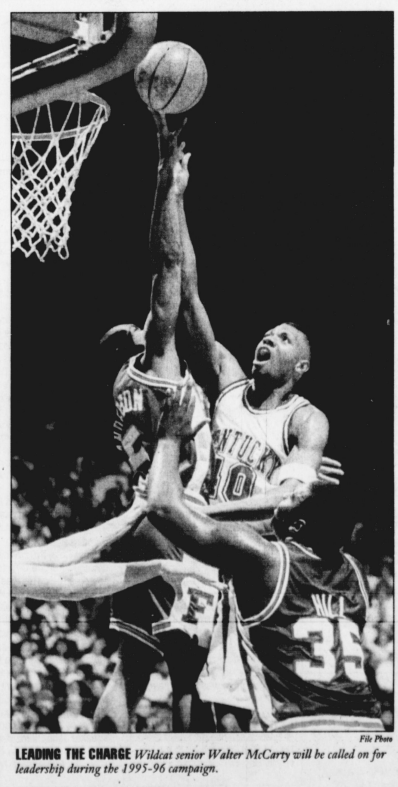
A combination of 3TC and AZT boosted the immune system of patients and lowered the amount of the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, in their blood.

NAMEdropping

Magic's movie house drawing crowds
LOS ANGELES — Magic Johnson's movie house is casting its spell on audiences. Four months after it opened in Los Angeles' riot-torn Crenshaw section, the 12-screen Magic Theatres has become one of the most successful complexes in the country.

Of 2,100 screens surveyed nationwide, Magic Theatres was second in revenue Oct. 10 and Oct. 17, according to Entertainment Data Inc. Ticket sales were helped on both dates by the premieres of "Dead Presidents" and "Devil in a Blue Dress," both of which had strong appeal in the mostly black community.

Compiled from wire reports.



LEADING THE CHARGE Wildcat senior Walter McCarty will be called on for leadership during the 1995-96 campaign.

It's time for basketball!

▼UK enters this season ranked number one in several preseason polls, including the Kentucky Kernel's.

▼The Cats open the exhibition season tonight at Rupp Arena against Cagiva Varese.

▼The Kernel previews the 1995-96 basketball season in a special basketball issue today.

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C Mark Pope	8.2	6.3
F Antonio Walker	7.8	4.5
F Ron Mercer	26.3	6.3

Reserves: Walter McCarty, 10.5 ppg, Derek Anderson, 15.0; Anthony Epps, 6.7; Jared Prickett, 6.7; Allen Edwards, 1.5; Cameron Mills, 1.3; Wayne Turner, 36.1; Oliver Simmons, 25.4; Nair Mohammed, 20.0.

Cagiva Varese (0-0)

Possible Starters:	Hgt:	Age:
G Jean Pirolessa	6'7"	25
G Andrea Meregalli	6'8"	21
C Richard Patruska	6'10"	26
F Francesco Vescozi	6'9"	21
F Bill Edwards	6'7"	24

Reserves: Daniele Bignozoli, 6'11"; Marco Malavasi, 6'4"; Domenico Moroni, 6'9"; Matteo Parricchi, 6'9"; Roberto Cazzanga, 6'9"; Giovanni Pastori, 6'8"; Enrico Ravaglia, 6'9".

TV: Channel 27, tape delay.

UK voters full of apathy

By John Duncan
Staff Writer

"Elections? What elections?" said Clay Gudgeff, a psychology freshman. Sound familiar? Are you anxiously waiting to cast your vote for the future governor of Kentucky, or are you just getting sick of seeing those commercials with the men slinging mud at each other?

For many college students, "Why should I care?" is the attitude. Be it family, religion or politics, the thirteenth generation (otherwise known as Generation X) is notorious for its care-free attitude toward life.

Today's elections are expected to have the usual low attendance, with practically no young adult participation.

According to the Governor's Media Department, only 12 percent of Kentucky's population between the ages 17 to 24 are registered to vote.

Media department officials also said that in a poll taken over last summer, only 28,000 of Lexington's estimated 79,000 inhabitants are registered to vote.

Oddly enough, a lot of students, as well as adults, have little idea about the platforms on which the two candidates, Forgy the republican and Patton the democrat are running on.

It seems that among the general public there is a lack of knowledge about the state's political activity, and little interest on their part in fixing it.

In fact, most people interviewed said that some people don't even care to read past the headline in the daily newspaper to see who will be in charge of the state.

"It says a lot about the mentality of people these days," said Ross Salyer, a freshman. "Our society, especially young people, don't seem to consider the potential effect that Tuesday's election could have on them."

Although some students do take interest in the elections, others really don't care what happens one way or the other.

"My theory is that people are so turned off by politics and it's past that they figure it's a lost cause. We just let someone else worry about it," Salyer said.

Many students from out of state don't take the governor's race seriously, and some don't even know that there is a race taking place.

"I'm an out of state student and I feel the politics of Kentucky are irrelevant to my time here," said Michael Russell, a business management junior.

Will the misconceptions about college students be destroyed after the elections? Will students actually go out and vote to make a change in the government and eventually, make the world a better place to live in?

Check back on Wednesday.

Greeks discuss internal problems

By Louise DuPont
Staff Writer

The UK greek community came together in record numbers last night to address major issues at the "Greek Step Up Symposium."

Outgoing Interfraternity Council President Todd Fisher told the crowd of about 1,500 students that there have been several violations of the Student Code of Conduct by greek organizations this year, including hazing, alcohol abuse and alcohol poisoning.

Because of these problems, Fisher said the greek community needs to re-evaluate itself. "This is not demanded by the Dean of Students' office, but it was organized by students," said Fisher, one of the co-organizers.

After several speakers, the students broke into 13 groups to discuss the issues. The groups focused on creating positive and greek activity on campus.

Some of the issues discussed included individual responsibility, academic commitment, campus and community relations and inter-greek unity.

UK President Charles Wethington gave his approval and support to the greek community. "It's impressive to see this number of students concerned with the welfare of the greek community," Wethington said.

Mindy MacNeil, who was a greek adviser for 16 years at several schools, addressed the students. "Think about why you are a member of your organization," MacNeil said.

Students reactions were mixed as to whether the conference was successful. "It will allow every member of the Greek system to have input," Panhellenic Council president Jane Ann Bardin said. "By having all the members come and speak their voices, all members will give input — not just officers and IFC and Panhellenic members."

Others said it was a necessary move. "I feel it's a huge step. These issues that concern

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Clinton mourns loss

By Barry Schweid
 Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Clinton bid farewell yesterday to Yitzhak Rabin, confident "his spirit lives on," and urged the assassinated prime minister's followers and critics to curb their rhetoric or risk deeper rifts in this torn society.

Joining with Arab, European and Israeli leaders, Clinton eulogized Rabin at his burial as "an inspiration" who laid down his life to secure Israel's future by making peace with the Palestinians.

"Now it falls to all of us who love peace, and all of us who loved him, to carry on the struggle to which he gave his life," Clinton said in a raspy voice. He wound up the tribute reciting in flawless Hebrew the last words of the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead.

Clinton noted that Jews this week are reading the biblical account of patriarch Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, Yitzhak, in obedience to the Lord's command.

"Now, God tests our faith even more terribly, for he has taken our Yitzhak," the president said.

Then, Clinton passed an hour with Ezer Weizman, the Israeli president whose political influence belies a largely ceremonial office, and went on to meetings with Shimon Peres, the acting prime minister, and two Arab leaders who have made peace with Israel, King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

Clinton is seeking their support to try to unlock the Israeli-Syrian peace talks, suspended since June, and to keep Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization on a track leading to negotiations next year over so-called final issues, including Jerusalem's future.

But in a period of mourning, Clinton did not focus on details and did not think it would be appropriate to try to sound them out, said U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk.

He said Clinton did receive a commitment from Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud coalition, that Likud would support the Mideast peace process.

Netanyahu later told Israeli reporters that he had emphasized the Likud had its own approach, however.

Peres told Clinton that he was committed to implementing the second phase of an autonomy agreement.



SADDED Physics professor Moshe Elitzur mourns with about 50 others gathered in the Free Speech Area yesterday.

Student turnout could be high

Staff report

About half of registered UK students will vote in today's elections.

According to a random survey of 329 students, 58.1 percent of registered students will cast their votes for governor.

Although 71.1 percent of the students surveyed are registered to vote, only 17.3 percent are registered in Lexington.

UK students can register in Kentucky after they begin school at UK, and this process automati-

cally cancels prior registration. The survey found that more than half of the students did not know about the process.

Half of the students not planning to vote said they would not vote because it was too inconvenient. Students said another reason they are not voting is because they don't know the issues. About 17 percent said they were uninformed about the elections.

More than 11 percent of the registered students said they do not care enough to vote or are disenchanted with the election.

The students also said they will not vote along party lines. More than 60 percent said they will vote for individual candidates.

Nicole Walker, a journalism senior who was a member of the upper-level journalism class that conducted the survey, said the students she talked to who were planning to vote were voting "for a reason." Mike Agin, UK Student Media Adviser, whose class conducted the survey from Oct. 26 to Oct. 30 said the student pollsters were stationed at various locations on the campus.

Greeks

Organizations search for new solutions

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Greeks are finally being brought

up to every member of the greek community," said John Beavin, Sigma Nu social fraternity president.

However, some said the conference lacked productivity in dealing with the issues.

"Problems are not being solved here, it's too disorganized," said Misty Morgan, a member of Delta Delta Delta social sorority.

Emily Melvin, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority, was a part of the group

"They are trying to tell us to adapt, but they aren't giving new ideas or solutions," Melvin said.

Lezell Lowe, president of the Nubian Council, said the meeting was a positive first step.

"It's a good start, getting all the Greeks to open their hearts and minds. Now, we have to get people to do more concerning these issues," he said.

Greeks not attending will be reported to their national chapter,

75 years ago ...

▲A thousand pasteboard megaphones were on sale at a University Bookstore for ten cents each. Freshmen were required to have one when they go to the football game.

▼The Popularity Contest winners were Mary Elizabeth Downing, Frances DeLong, Marnie Miller Woods, Isabel Dickey, Louise Connell and Margaret Smith.

▼Bible discussion groups began to be held on campus weekly. In attendance were 149 members of campus organizations. Kappa Alpha social fraternity held the honors for highest attendance.

50 years ago ...

▼The Interfraternity Council adopted a plan to have its representatives elected by the various fraternities rather than be appointed as in the past. The representative also no longer was required to be a president or vice president of the chapter.

▼A room-judging contest among the women's residence halls was held. The grand prize was an engraved loving cup.

25 years ago ...

▼Political science professor Gene Mason filed a complaint to the University Senate Committee about the

intimidation of student's freedom of expression. The charges stem from an FBI investigation of a comment made by Galewood Galbraith, a participant in one of Mason's classes. Galbraith predicted the bombing of buildings in Lexington as a reaction to the trial of Dr. Philip Crossen, who held a rock festival on his farm.

▼President Richard Nixon told his Cabinet and top advisers that the Vietnam War would be over by 1972.

▼UK's football team beat North Carolina State 27-2.

5 years ago ...

▼Cool Cats, the UK ice hockey club, defeated Purdue University with a score of 10-5. This was UK's first win in six tries against the Purdue team.

▼Former assistant basketball coach Dwayne Casey said he felt vindicated through an out-of-court settlement from any involvement in an alleged payoff that brought the UK basketball program sanctions from the NCAA.

▼Student Government Senator John Middleton wrote a resolution speaking out against flag-burning in response to the SAB-sponsored speaker Jello Biafra. It was rejected.

—Compiled by Campus Editor April Hollon

Kids join in election

By Charles Cooper
 Staff Writer

Today is election day, and instead of the typical voters, kids are expected at the polls.

Kids Voting Kentucky is a program that allows children to vote with their parents in a mock election.

Kids Voting Kentucky is a non-profit organization that allows children from kindergarten to 12th grade learn about government by participating in the voting process.

The primary goal is to increase voter turn-out, because parents must vote before their kids can participate. And since experts expect an unusually low show at the polls this year, Kids Voting Kentucky could be even more beneficial to the election process than organizers originally thought.

"By allowing children to go to the polls and cast their vote we are also hoping to increase involvement by parents," said Marilyn Carter, executive director of the program.

"On Nov. 7, any student attending a public, private or home school in Fayette County can cast their vote along with their parents," Carter said.

However, the program also serves other purposes. Officials also hope to stimulate political discussion between parents and children, in turn teaching kids about politics.

"Kids Voting is designed to give children a hands-on, real-life experience in voting and the democratic process," Carter said.

The program provided Fayette County school teachers with a special curriculum from grades K-12, which includes homework assignments that involve family debates or discussions about candidates and teaches students how to acquire information and make decisions related to political topics.

Kids Voting Kentucky officials said there were nearly 7,000 participants in 1994 and they're expecting as many as 8,000 this year.

"We're expecting 50-100 percent increase in turn out this year," said Ann Garrity, assistant to the chancellor for community projects.

UK has adopted 37 of the 190 Kids Voting Kentucky precincts. Garrity, along with Lexington Mayor Penny Miller, research director of Kids Voting Kentucky, are in charge of the UK sites.

Film shows blood, lust

By Julie Anderson
Staff Critic

Finally, a sucking movie that doesn't. Vying for a different effect on an old theme is "Nadja," which opened this weekend at the Kentucky Theatre.

Using his personal touch, independent screenwriter and director Michael Almereyada has strayed from the horror and love of the Dracula storyline and focused on the lust and neurosis of the eternal nightwalker.

Born at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains by the Black Sea ("It's actually blue," says Nadja, played by Elina Lowensohn) are Nadja and her twin brother, Edgar (Jared Harris). During childbirth their mortal mother dies.

Their father, disheartened by the loss, raises the children with indifference. This sets the background for a dysfunctional Draculan family.

As a post-modern horror story, it is neither frightening nor written along the straight and narrow. Nadja draws blood from sucking both males and females, while her guilt ridden brother practices abstinence.

Lucy (Galaxy Craze) and her husband Jim (Martin Donovan) become interwoven into the Draculan curse when Nadja seduces Lucy. Jim fears they have more than therapy to endure.

Utilizing more syrupy blood, bi-sexual and



SEX, BLOOD AND VIDEOTAPE Writer and director Michael Almereyada is counting on killing 'em at the box offices with his innovative new vampire movie, "Nadja," which co-stars Peter Fonda (above).

neurotic behavior, a soap opera quality pervades through the film. As base as the description may sound, it is entertaining.

It should be marked, however, that even the most brutal of scenes were filmed suggestively so as not to let blood and flesh distract the viewer from the quagmire of the characters.

A daytime drama overtone coordinated with a campy screenplay and curious cinematography seduces the audience's empathy.

The producer of the film, David Lynch, either tainted the film with his own directorial schemes or selected to produce the film because of resemblance of the theme to his own stylistic approach.



MOVIEreview

★★★

"Nadja" stars Elina Lowensohn.

Deal turns up the Amps

By Robert Duffy
Assistant Arts Editor

Anyone planning to pick up the Amps debut album who expect it to sound anything like the Breeders will surely be disappointed.

"Pacer," the debut album from Kim Deal's new band (Deal uses the name Tammy Ampersand for the album) is a louder, noisier, crunchier Breeders on crack.

The opening track, "Pacer," is a happy-sounding song with a strange twist.

"Now I'd like to get back/I'd like to get to the other side/Just to think you were just passing by."

Like most of the songs on the album, "Pacer" has a lot of catchy hooks that will suck you into the album and not let you go.

The next tune, "Tipp City," is full of all the sonic guitar and screeching vocals you'll ever need in a song and more.

"You got me going, you got me going, oh yeah!" Deal screams as lead guitarist Nathan Farley jams away on his six string.

"I Am Decided" and "Mom's Drunk," the next two songs, are the weakest of the lot.

Lacking any special flair to them, they fall short of delivering anything memorable.

Next on the album is "Bragging Party," a song that could be played during the closing credits ran of tragic love story.

Its morose tone added with Luis Lerna's bassline brings to the listener a deeper shade of soul.

The best song on the disc is "Hoverin'," a song that Deal plays snare and has this funky echo on her voice. "We saw it all, but we don't remember nothing."

Its demented feel offers a different type of song to this otherwise happy-go-lucky album. "Straight, yeah we're straight, we get high on music."

"Full on Idle" is full of rage and emotion.

It's strange to hear Deal shout out lyrics (there's a difference between shouting and screaming, mind you) but it certainly is one of the more interesting songs on the album.

The next track, "Breaking the Split Screen Barrier," is full of musical spurts while Deal takes an ethereal quality to her voice.

The Amps go to a more tradi-



FIRST SPLASH The Amps, featuring Breeder and ex-Pixie Kim Deal, go in-fi on the group's debut album, "Pacer." The group is on tour with Sonic Youth.

made into a much shorter EP. There are several excellent tracks, but the you have to sift through the rest of their mediocre attempts to find them.

I had the opportunity to see the Amps live a few weeks ago when they opened up for Sonic Youth. They were great live. They really were.

Unfortunately that energy did not carry through on the album.

This album should have been

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Every year we say the same thing right around this time. If you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain about election results.

If you don't vote, you have every right to whine and gripe all you want. But it's not going to do you any good because you're stuck with who you get until the next election rolls around.

Plain and simple. In fact, we're not even going to encourage you to bother going to the polls at all. Just stay home and let people who give a damn decide the results.

After all, if you don't care enough, you probably don't know enough. And if you don't know enough, you're decision will be uninformed. And uninformed decisions are bad decisions. So let people who know a thing or two take care of everything.

This state has a 2-1 ratio of registered Democrats over Republicans. We endorsed Republican Larry Forgy, so if a whole mess of party-line Democrats decide not to show up

today, that suits us just fine.

In the past Kentuckians voted Democrat because it was a time-honored tradition to do so, even if it wasn't always a good idea. This time we definitely don't think it's a good idea. But then again, that's your call.

Political forecasters are predicting an all time low turnout for today's gubernatorial election. The lack of interest clearly isn't coming from the Republican side this year. So if you support Forgy, you've got nothing to lose.

But wait — what if Republicans decided to follow our advice as well?

If Republicans take this election for granted the way Democrats have taken the Governor's Mansion for generations now, they'll lose.

Sure, the statistics say a low turnout would be bad for Democrats, but think of the stakes on an individual basis. If you don't vote, no matter who you are and who you support, you put your candidate that much closer to defeat.

No pressure or anything, you've got all day to make up your mind.

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Generations to come will honor Yitzhak Rabin

To the editor:

A great leader is mourned.

Yitzhak Rabin, 73, was a gallant man and leader who brought the Middle East out of war and chaos into the reality of peace. From the independence of the state of Israel in 1948, the country had been consumed by wars of survival, which only made the word "peace" a dream for the nation. It was through the leadership of Prime Minister Rabin that the people of Israel could begin to envision peace.

The picture-perfect scene of Prime Minister Rabin and Yasser Arafat on the lawn of the White House last month with President

Clinton was indeed a dream come true for some, but a nightmare for others.

A great man and leader paid with his life to defend what he believed was the final solution to the many years of fighting that infected the region. A price that no one should pay to secure the lives of others.

As a leader, Rabin served many years as Israel's commanding general and in 1974 became Prime Minister for the first time after Golda Meir vacated the office.

He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as an honor for his greatness, along with Arafat and Shimon Peres for their dedication to the peace process. His was only one alternative left to a very long and troublesome dilemma and what peace, as hard as it may sound, was the only way for his nation to stop the constant bloodshed of its youth.

It is this occasion that brings back memories of the assassination of Anwar Saddat of Egypt. I was a young boy growing up in Israel as Saddat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin were paraded down the streets of Haifa in their struggle to bring peace between Israel and Egypt.

The mood of the two nations was, as it is today, one of finding a solution to war. Saddat, as well, paid with his life to ensure a dream of peace for tomorrow. It is a shame that these two leaders would not have the chance to see what their valiant efforts would bring to the people of the region.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a name that future generations in Israel will not soon forget. I surely will not.

Condemn no man and consider nothing impossible. For there is no man who does not have a future and there is nothing that does not have its hour. — The Talmud

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Rabin's strategy may get diluted by successor Peres

Trading land for peace may be the Israeli equivalent of trading arms for hostages, and Yitzhak Rabin's assassin claims that Jewish law forbade it.

But murdering your own prime minister doesn't exactly help you defeat the enemy.

The majority of Israelis, though deeply patriotic, aren't as concerned with a "Greater Israel" that maintains all its land holdings as they are with the lives of family and friends needlessly lost in attacks by violent Palestinian factions.

Unfortunately, their eagerness to move ahead with the peace process had the effect of sugar-coating a painful past, setting them up to see their dreams shattered by the reality of extreme and violent dissent from one of their own.

The risk now is that in their haste to explain and deal with this tragedy, the Israelis may oversimplify it as "right-wing extremism," as much of the international community already has.

Way back when peace-talks had first got underway, I couldn't help but get an uneasy feeling in my stomach while the rest of the world naively rejoiced over front-page photos of Rabin and Arafat shaking hands in Bill Clinton's greatest photo-op ever.

Middle East peace is not that simple.

But it would be equally naive and arrogant to flat out say Rabin was wrong to cut any deals with the Palestinians.

In the face of the brutality inflicted on his countryside by Arab terrorists, and with increasing technological advances toward weapons of mass destruction in the region, he didn't have much choice.

Rabin was a stern, cut-the-crap leader with a strong military background, and his keen diplomatic talents were a tool for defending Israel's interests, not for pandering to the opposition as some Jewish nationalists would claim.

Rabin had a different kind of peace plan up his sleeve that was drowned out on both sides of Israel's political spectrum by superficial songs of friendship with Arabs as well as angry cries of betrayal.

Friendship with Arabs was not out of the question, of course.

But past experience could not allow him to believe peace was attainable at a mere handshake or a land deal. His mission is unfinished, and many will try to carry it on who haven't the slightest idea how.

Some will likely prop up his Israeli assassin as a testament to the evils of patriotism and, oddly enough, as vindication for Arab extremists who this time weren't the culprits.

If such propaganda is taken seriously in the name of peace, Israeli nationalists will only be angered more, leaving the nation to suffer continued internal bleeding.

True peace in the Middle East rests on Israel's stability and neighboring countries' contentment with Israeli military strength and the aid of the United States. Arab contentment is a tough bargain. Giving away a small piece of the West Bank was a necessary act of strategy, not simple generosity.

Violent extremists and peace-loving utopians alike would have a hard time accepting that. But these are people who have a hard time accepting reality in general.

We should scrutinize the way Foreign Minister Shimon Peres handles the process now that he is Israel's prime minister. He supported Rabin in the peace effort, but it's no secret they were long-time political rivals before.

Peres has proposed controversial policies like appeasing Palestinians by kicking Jewish settlers out of the West Bank.

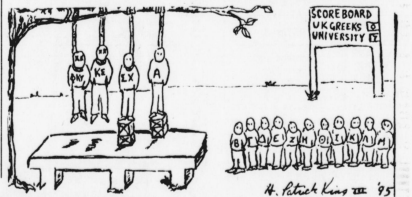
Many fear he will crack down on the Israeli right-wing while letting Arabs have their way. The hype over Rabin's assassin being an Israeli and not an Arab provides just such an opportunity.

But Rabin's assassin, 27-year old Yigal Amir, said he acted alone, not as part of a right-wing group.

Avital Shchar of the right-wing Likud party said the assassination was "the worst thing that has ever happened in this country" while Palestinians in Lebanon joyfully sang, "Rabin is dead! Rabin is dead!"

Does Peres really intend to alienate and anger Israel's most ardent patriots — including supporters of Yitzhak Rabin — while kissing up to the real extremists in the Arab world? Or is he as genuinely devoted to the interests of a united Israel as was his predecessor?

We'll have to wait and see.
Editorial Editor Matt Felice is a telecommunications junior.



Which is worse, the service or all the junk you get?

Ahhhh, the U.S. Postal Service. Some days it can be a true blessing while other days it can rival the curse of King Tut. Maybe it's not so much the service itself that is good or bad, but something or somebody has to be like Private Santiago and take the Code Red and be the scapegoat.

Yes, I confess that I actually look forward each day to opening up the old mailbox and retrieving my mail. Unfortunately, there are some days when this just does not happen.

Let me back up here. It is I that would laugh at the neighbor who would constantly berate us for inconsiderately parking one of our jalopies in front of her mailbox. Is it my fault that Mr. Right Hand Driver is too lazy to climb out of the Jeepmobile to get her mail in the box?

Well, technically it isn't. But my how the tide turned when I failed to get any mail because a car blocked the box.

Which brings me to my next point.

Many days the mail that comes to our address isn't even for any of the people that reside in our domicile. Of course, I really shouldn't complain. The circular file at our apartment doesn't seem to mind another Visa card application.

Granted, the picture I've painted so far looks more like a paint-by-numbers deal gone awry. But I haven't even gotten to the bills yet. Wouldn't it be nice to go an entire month without them? I



Ryan Flannery
Kernel Columnist

wouldn't lose any sleep if GTE decided to let me have a free month of phone calls. But since the chances of that happening are the same as Kentucky not shooting a three pointer tonight, I shall move on.

A chain letter I got said that if I printed out 20 copies of it and sent them out, a million bucks or a hefty dose of good luck would be coming my way.

On the contrary, since I failed to do so, I will probably contract Lyme disease or my hairline will start advancing down my face or I will inherit 4,000 used tires or something. God only knows what strange things may happen due to my disobedience.

OK, so maybe an occasional chain letter is not enough to have you screaming "Calgon ... take me away!!!" But consider that maybe after you've gotten several

hundred of those advertisements about pictures of missing people you will start talking to yourself. "If only that guy in my astronomy class had glasses and longer sideburns, he'd look a lot like Crazy Carney that kidnapped that little boy." Then again, maybe not.

Although the aforementioned pieces of mail thrill you about as much as another exercise machine infomercial, they can't compare to the frustration of expecting to receive a piece of mail only to be disappointed when the box is empty.

Of course, you're willing to believe that the mailman hasn't come yet (even though you can spot the Big Dipper in the night sky). And then you repeatedly venture out to the box thinking maybe he slipped it in there while you were on the phone or something.

Magnify this disappointment 10-fold when it's a letter from a special someone that you hope to get.

You have done your part and written them a letter. Certainly they will read yours, pen a heartfelt correspondence the same day and send it out before the mailman can get to the next mailbox.

So where is it? Are they waiting until next week to deliver it on purpose?

And is it just me, or do they digress back to the days of the Pony Express in order to deliver that compact disc selection? Exactly why is it that some things take 6-8 weeks to be delivered? There must be some warehouse where all packages are sent to sit for a month or so just in case they contain explosives or something.

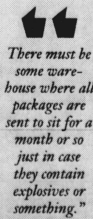
But all the anguish comes to a screeching halt when you finally get the new issue of Sports Illustrated.

Once you can sit back and peruse the latest sporting events all troubles seem to fade away. Likewise when your friend's letter arrives.

That is until tomorrow when the cycle begins again.

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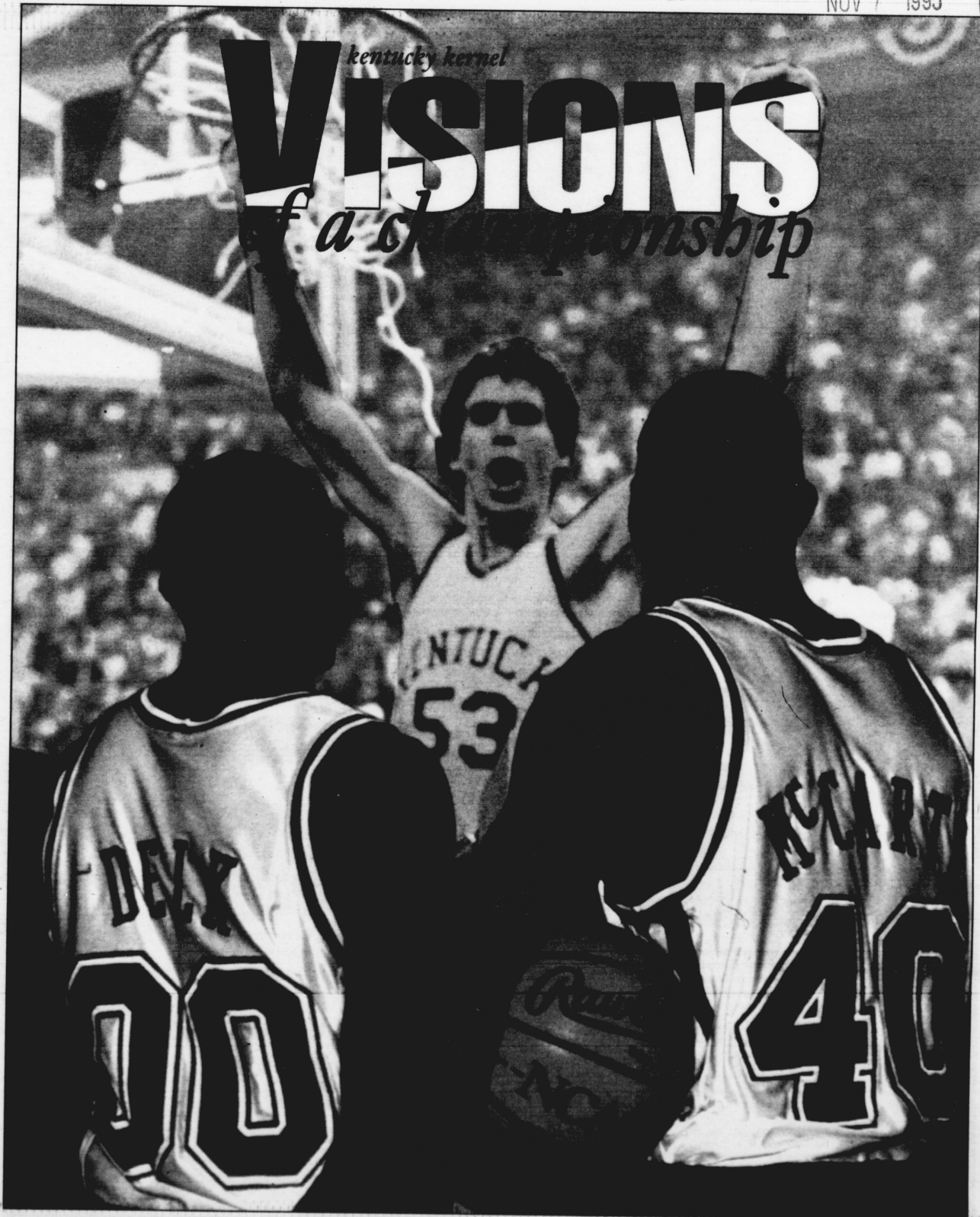
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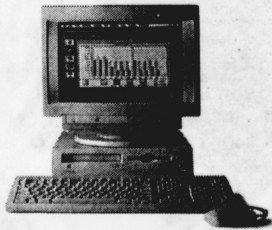




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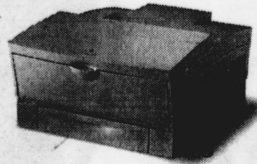
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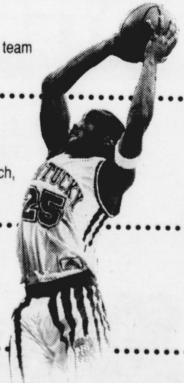
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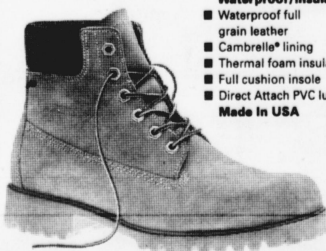
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Stepping in and shining

Frosh, transfer expected to excel

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

Aside from a Jamal Mashburn or an Antoine Walker, you don't often see players step into Rick Pitino's system and immediately excel.

This year may be much different, however, with two first-year Cats possibly opening the season as starters, while three others could have a significant impact.

These also aren't your typical newcomers, either. They include a transfer who starred in the Big Ten and two freshmen who act like veterans. They might make the difference in a year expected to bring glory to the Bluegrass.

The transfer

The last time Derek Anderson played in a college basketball game, O.J. Simpson still was just a former football star.

A knee injury kept Anderson out of the final seven games of his sophomore year at Ohio State. After surgery in March 1994, the Louisville native transferred to UK, meaning he had to sit out a year.

Even then, Anderson didn't practice much with the team because of academic problems.

"I'm so happy just to be in practice," Anderson said. "I'm finally back to being a college basketball player instead of just a college basketball spectator."

Anderson's play as a Buckeye impressed spectators, including UK coach Rick Pitino, who watched Anderson score 23 points against the Cats in the 1993 Maui Classic. Anderson, a second-team All Big Ten player in 1994, he won MVP honors at the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival.

During his year-and-a-half layover, he hit the books and the weights. A rail-thin 160 pounds after the '94 season, Anderson has added nearly 25 pounds.

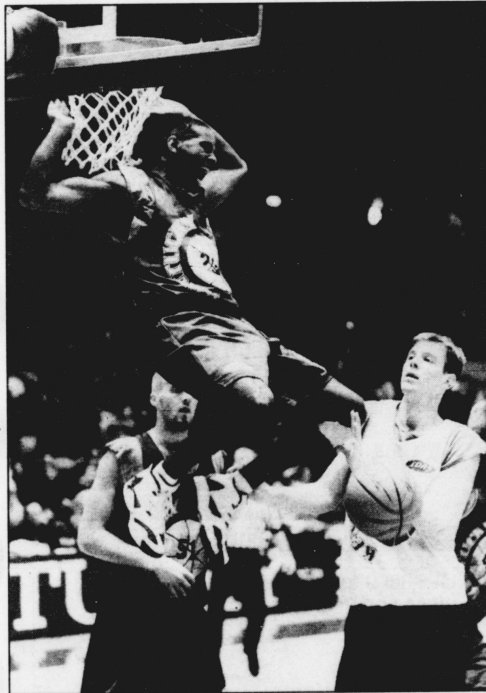
The versatile 6-foot-4 Anderson is battling Jeff Sheppard for the starting job at shooting guard. He could also see some minutes at small forward and possibly the point if needed.

"He's just everywhere," Pitino praised. "He's so tenacious on defense. For the way we play, he fits in as well as any player I've ever coached."

The freshmen

Most everybody knows about Ron Mercer (see story, facing page). But what about the other rookies?

First there's Wayne Turner, generally considered the nation's number two point guard



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STEPPING IN Derek Anderson could have an immediate impact this year.

prospect last year behind Georgia Tech's Stephon Marbury.

When Turner talks, you have to strain to hear him. But when he plays, you have no trouble noticing. Just ask Tony Delk, the Cats' best defensive player last season. In one of the season's first practices, Turner schooled Delk nine straight times.

Scoring comes easily to the lightning-quick Turner, who averaged 36 points a game for Beaver Country Day last year, including a 62-point outing. But for the Boston native to have an impact on this team, he'll have to prove that passing and leadership are key parts of Wayne's world.

To his credit, the 6-foot-2 guard was asked to do it all for his mediocre high school team, including jumping center to start the game. Here, he's ready to run the show, and he said in practice coaches have even been urging him to shoot more.

"Even though I was getting most of those points (in high school), we were losing," he said. "I'd rather score 10 points and win the game."

Making his job easier is a plethora of talent from which to choose, a new situation for him.

"In high school, I'd pass the ball to my two guard and he couldn't even handle the ball,"

Turner said. "And now I'm giving it to my center and he's dribbling up the court."

Nazr (pronounced NAH-Zee) Mohammed certainly will lead the team in two categories: most time name is butchered on "Cat Calls" and most nicknames. His monikers already include Naz, Nasty, Big Nasty and Big Z.

The Big Z has worked hard at becoming a smaller version, dropping 50 pounds since he tipped the scales at 300 last season. How'd he do it?

"Watching what I eat and the stepmaster," said the Chicagoan, who hopes to eliminate 10 more pounds from his 6-foot-10 body.

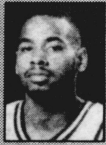
Pitino calls Mohammed a "long-term project."

"The major concern is running the floor," Pitino said. "(But) he's done remarkably well in a short period of time."

For Oliver Simmons, the first few practices proved difficult. Talented offensively, Simmons is weak on defense, a Pitino no-no.

Pitino praised Simmons' basketball intelligence but said the freshman from Nashville has played tentatively in practice. If Simmons can improve his defense and prove he can play at this level right away, Pitino said he'll be able to redshirt Jared Prickett.

New faces



Derek Anderson
6-4, 195 guard
Louisville, Ky.
Doss High
Transferred to UK
from Ohio State;
averaged 15 points,
4.9 rebounds and 4.9
assists as a sophomore
for the Buckeyes.

With three starters returning from last year's team, UK wasn't hurting for players coming into this season. But Rick Pitino got some of the best newcomers in the nation, signing a top five recruiting class. From transfer Derek Anderson, a star at Ohio State, to freshman Ron Mercer, the nation's top high school player a year ago, the new Cats are poised to make an immediate impact.



Ron Mercer
6-7, 208 forward
Nashville, Tenn.
Oak Hill (Va.)
Baird/Natsumith's
player of the year as
a high school senior;
averaged 26.1 points
per game for the
nation's top team.



Nazr Mohammed
6-10, 250 center
Chicago
Kenwood High

Didn't participate in organized basketball until his freshman year in high school; averaged 20 points per game as a senior.



Wayne Turner
6-2, 183 guard
Chestnut Hills, Mass.
Beaver Country Day
A McDonald's All-American last year; averaged 36.1 points and 10.1 assists per game; scored 62 points in one game.



Oliver Simmons
6-8, 208 forward
Nashville, Tenn.
David Lipscomb
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Super frosh

Humble attitude aids Mercer

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Ron Mercer is a special freshman. Granted, he can slash to the hole and shoot jump shots with skill beyond his mere 18 years. But what sets Mercer apart from other potentially great players is his attitude.

"He's real humble and low-key," forward Jared Prickett said. "You couldn't ask for a better player to have as a teammate."

When you're a newcomer on a team with many other potential NBA draft picks, humility is an important trait.

"He's not the man at Kentucky right now," said UK head coach Pitino, who plans to start Mercer at the three spot this season.

But that doesn't bother Mercer.

"The reason I came here was

because I didn't want a lot of pressure on me," he said. "Right now I don't feel any pressure. We have some stars and seniors that lead this team. I'm just going to go out there and play my role."

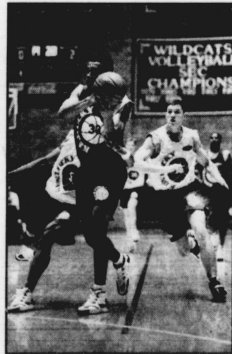
It seems the 6-foot-7 swingman from Nashville, Tenn., has all the skills and endurance to complement his mature attitude, which means he should be able to contribute immediately on the college level. Just listen to Pitino sound off on his newest star.

Mercer, the UK coach says, is a "good shooter," an "explosive jumper," he "goes to the hole with authority," he's "lightning fast" and a "good finisher."

Oh, and one more thing. "He has no major weaknesses," Pitino said.

Even though Mercer is from Nashville, he spent his final two years in high school at Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., a prep school known for producing some of the country's finest basketball talent.

Playing against the nation's best night in and night out has



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STANDOUT Freshman Ron Mercer already has been named a starter by UK coach Rick Pitino.

made Mercer's transition to college that much easier. Since arriving at UK, he's made some minor adjustments to his shot and worked on his defense.

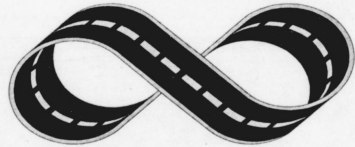
He doesn't even feel the pressure that comes from being one of the most highly-touted recruits in UK history.

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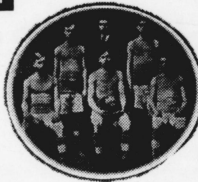
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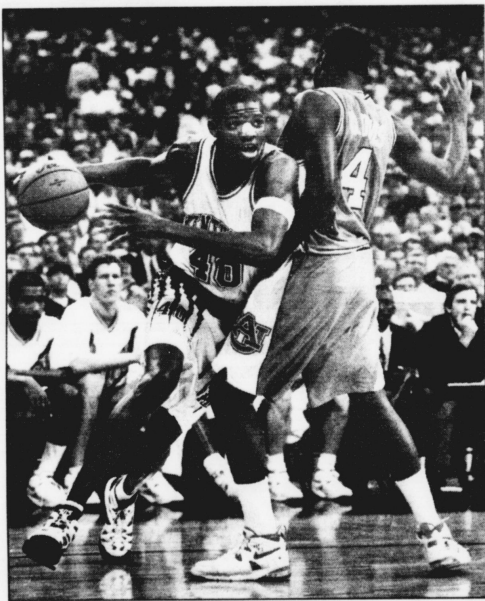
▼It would be another six years before State would record its first winning season, going 5-4 in 1908-09.



UK has had 35 All-Americans, chosen 53 times. The last five:
 Jamal Mashburn, 1993
 Kenny Walker, 1985, '86
 Melvin Turpin, 1984
 Sam Bowie, 1981
 Kyle Macy, 1979, '80

Trivia Test: Who was UK's first All-American?

A: Basil Haydn, (pictured right) in 1921



File photo

LOTTERY PICK? Scouts love Walter McCarty's game. At 6-10, he's too big for small forwards to guard and too quick for big forwards to handle.

Potential pros fill UK roster

By Brett Dawson
 Senior Staff Writer

When Rick Pitino came to UK from the NBA's New York Knicks six years ago, many thought he soon would turn the Wildcats into an NBA factory, churning out All-Stars left and right.

But in his six seasons as UK basketball coach, Pitino has had only one first-round draftee to go with one second-rounder. In all likelihood, he'll match his total number of draft picks in next June's draft alone.

That's when seniors Walter McCarty and Tony Delk figure to join Jamal Mashburn and Rodney Dent as Pitino players picked by the big league.

"They both have a very good shot at being drafted," said Marty Blake, the director of scouting for the NBA. "They're among the top 50 or 60 guys in the college game right now, and both of them are very, very draftable players."

McCarty especially looks like a safe bet to go big-time. The 6-foot-10 forward/center is drawing comparisons left and right to a player quite familiar to UK fans.

"Walter is a Robert Horry-type player," said Mashburn, now in his third season with the Dallas Mavericks. "If he can average 20 points and 10 rebounds this year, I think you'll see him go very high in the draft."

Pitino considers McCarty a future lottery pick, and he'll get little argument from at least one NBA type who's seen the Evansville, Ind., native play.

"I love his game — he handles the ball well, he can shoot, he can do a lot of things," said Donnie Walsh, president of the Indiana Pacers. "I think he's going to be one hell of an NBA player."

Walsh, too, sees McCarty cut in the mold of Horry, the Houston Rocket who made a name for himself when he caught fire in last season's playoffs.

"Horry handles the ball real well, and McCarty can do that, but McCarty can shoot the ball, which Horry's only added recently," Walsh said. "I don't think Horry was that kind of shooter in college."

There are few players in the league who, at McCarty's height, play a perimeter game. That could be a benefit to McCarty, who could present nightmarish matchup problems in the zone-less NBA — he's too quick for bigger power forwards and too tall for quicker small forwards.

"I think I can play like Robert Horry or maybe Derrick McKey," McCarty said. "I've got a lot of confidence in what I can do, but I don't want to let that go to my head. I want to go out and do what I need to do to hopefully be a top 10 pick."

For Delk to make one big move, from college to pro hoops, he'll have to first master another one — from shooting guard to point guard.

The consensus is Delk, who stands 6-foot-1, will have to learn to handle and pass the rock better to make the NBA.

It's not an easy transition. "He's going from being a shooter to being a guy who sets up things for other people," Walsh said. "Unless he's like (former Detroit shooting guard) Vinnie Johnson and is strong enough to defend bigger guards."

Though it will require a change in his outlook on basketball, Delk can make the move to point guard if he finds the right motivation, Pitino said. And the right motivation might be the promise of a full wallet.

"If you have an opportunity to make a million or two a year," Pitino said, "I think you can change your personality."

The UK coach likens Delk to the Atlanta Hawks' Mookie Blaylock, a scorer in college at the University of Oklahoma who learned to distribute the ball and has become one of the Eastern Conference's top point guards.

"I like that comparison a lot," Delk said. "Mookie's one of the guards I like the most in the NBA. His chances were slim, and he had to learn his position, but you can see he's gotten better at it."

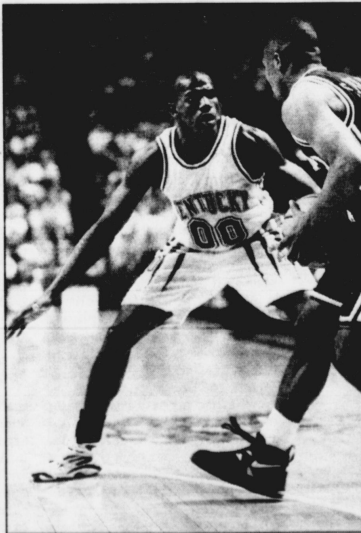
"I think the same things could happen for me if I keep working hard."

Walsh, though he doesn't go so far as to compare Delk to Blaylock, thinks Delk has the intangibles it will take to play at the next level.

"He's got a lot of heart, and I love that about him," Walsh said. "I think that alone gives him a shot at making it." And he's not the only one. There are plenty of other potential NBA players on the Cats' roster to keep NBA scouts busy, said Blake, who makes it a policy not to individually discuss underclassmen.

"I think (Mark) Pope will have a chance at the NBA," he said. "He'll get invited to the post-season camps. I know because I do the inviting."

"I think Kentucky has at least six, probably seven pro prospects on that team, the rest of whom I'd rather not name."



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FIRST-ROUNDER? Scouts think Tony Delk has a shot at the NBA. Rick Pitino likens him to Mookie Blaylock.

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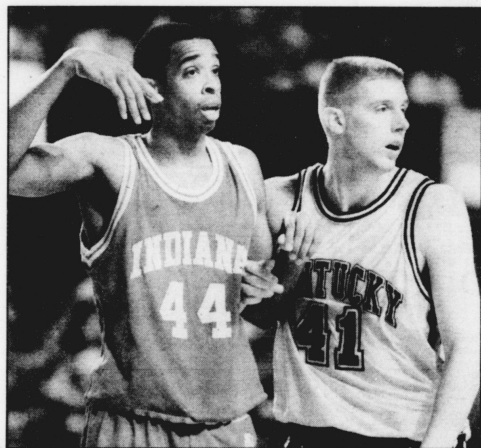
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DON'T TOUCH Senior Mark Pope should see significant action at center if he can stay out of foul trouble.

Big man solution: Two heads better than one

By Lance Williams
Editor in Chief

Coach Rick Pitino thinks he has found the center UK has been missing the last couple of years.

On offense, this new big man is quick enough to give opposing centers nightmares with his quickness and shooting range. And on defense, he has enough strength and size to challenge almost anyone in the paint.

The center's name: Walter Walker — or is it Antoine McCarty?

Actually, it's Pitino's newest invention to try and combat the void in the middle.

Pitino will move 6-foot-10 senior Walter McCarty to center on offense, and let 6-foot-8 sophomore Antoine Walker take the opponent's center on defense, at least to start.

Remember that 6-foot-10 Mark Pope, a part-time starter last year, is not out of the equation. His knack for getting quick fouls when he starts means he will be called on later in the game — especially in the last few minutes.

"I played more when I didn't start than when I did start," Pope said.

At first, McCarty said he was nervous about the move to center, but he said he now welcomes the change.

"Right now, I'm pretty confident at the position. ... I'm not really worried about facing a guy that is much bigger or stronger than me," McCarty said.

Walker, who will draw the defensive assignment on the

opposing center, said the change can make everyone better.

"We're going to have to help everybody out," Walker said. "Everyone that plays the four or five spot knows that we are going to have to play against guys that are bigger and stronger."

Pitino, though, is worried about UK's players being out-manned. He said the opponents will have to adjust to UK's style of play.

"You watch Derek Anderson post up at the two-guard spot, and you watch Ron Mercer post up, and you watch Tony Delk post up at the one spot, and Antoine Walker post up, and the good thing about it, you can bring your big people ... away from the basket, and they may be — percentage-wise — your best three-point shooters," Pitino said.

"You try to check Derek Anderson in the low post and you've got a long night. The same thing's true with Mercer and Delk, so we've got some things going offensively that we think are unique."

Although the frontcourt starters are set, the bench is another situation.

Senior forward Jared Prickett has asked to redshirt this year, because of knee surgery and the quality of players ahead of him.

Pitino said, however, that freshman Oliver Simmons must be ready to handle playing right away before redshirting Prickett would be an option.

Then there's freshman center Nazr Mohammed, who is having to adjust to the quick tempo of Pitino's style of play.

Pope hopes he finishes, not fouls

By Shannon Hart
Staff Writer

Banging under the basket for a rebound or draining a three isn't Mark Pope's favorite part of the game of basketball.

It's "when the refs don't call any fouls," he said.

As a junior, Pope committed a total of 96 fouls, second on the team behind hackster Andre Riddick. Twelve times last year, he received at least four fouls.

Pope continued to live up to his foul-prone reputation during the Wildcats' Italian tour.

"In Italy, the moment he left the locker room, he had two fouls," Coach Rick Pitino said.

This prompted Pitino to name senior Walter McCarty as the starting center, with Pope contributing off the bench.

But he's not complaining.

"The great thing about our team is that we don't have to worry about any of that stuff," he said. "You just come in and play and fill whatever role is

41 Mark Pope 6-10 • center

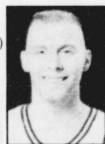


Mark Pope • sr. Bellevue, Wash. (Newport/ Washington)

Points	19
3pt goals	2
Rebounds	11
Assists	3
Blocks	5
Steals	5

CAREER HIGHS

YEAR	94-95
G-S	33-8
FG-A	89-173
PCT	51.4
3FG-A	21-44
PCT	47.7
FT-A	72-99
PCT	72.7
REB-AVG	207-6.3
A	29
BS	38
S	24
TP-AVG	271-8.2



We need Mark Pope on the floor that last seven minutes of the game."

Rick Pitino
UK head coach

available. If that means coming off the bench, that's great."

Starting McCarty will prevent Pope from getting into early foul trouble, Pitino said.

"Mark, by starting, never gets to play much in the first half," he said. "What we're trying to do is stop him from getting three fouls per half."

Pope, who led the team in rebounds last year, also was named the team's Mr. Hustle. But his leadership abilities were evident long before that.

A transfer from Washington, Pope was named a co-captain before playing a minute in a UK

uniform. He's a co-captain again this season.

An academic All-American who has his sights set on law school rather than the NBA, Pope is active in UK's Fellowship of Christian Athletes. So it isn't surprising he's taking the backup role in stride.

"Walter's a heck of a player," Pope said. "He's earned that spot."

Although Pope won't start, he will finish.

"We need Mark Pope that last seven minutes of the game," Pitino said. "We need him on the court."

Bulk makes McCarty 'The Man'

By Shannon Hart
Staff Writer

What a difference 60 pounds can make.

As a 6-foot-9, 168-pound freshman, senior Walter McCarty could have gone the way of Aminu Timberlake or Andre Riddick — a player just too skinny to be a force in the paint.

Instead, he has transformed into a 230-pound, aggressive inside player, and instead of the moniker "too skinny," McCarty is being labeled "potential lottery pick."

"I always felt Walter McCarty, in high school, was an outstanding prospect," Pitino said. "I think anybody who watched Walter play in high school knew if he could gain the weight, he would become outstanding."

A forward the past two seasons, McCarty will play center this year. And although he wasn't too keen on the idea in the beginning, McCarty said the added strength has helped him feel comfortable with the switch.

"I can handle it better now (than I could have in the past)," he said. "At first I wasn't too

40 Walter McCarty 6-10 • center



Walter McCarty • sr. Evansville, Ind. (Harrison)

Points	24
3pt goals	4
Rebounds	11
Assists	4
Blocks	3
Steals	4

CAREER HIGHS

YEAR	93-94	94-95
G-S	34-10	33-27
FG-A	72-153	128-251
PCT	47.1	51
3FG-A	19-50	28-77
PCT	38.0	36.4
FT-A	31-56	61-84
PCT	55.4	72.6
REB-AVG	131-3.9	185-5.6
A	39	50
BS	19	38
S	20	27
TP-AVG	194-5.7	345-10.5



receptive ... but I've gotten a lot of confidence through practice. I'm not worried about going up against anybody much bigger."

In addition to his weight gain, McCarty also has developed into a more vocal leader.

Somewhat shy as a sophomore, McCarty and the rest of the team looked to the senior Travis Ford, Jeff Brassow and Gimel Martinez for guidance.

"We had other people (to be leaders)," McCarty said. "My junior year I still wasn't really ready to be a leader. But being a senior, I think it's my duty to step up and do that."

McCarty honed his leadership abilities while the team played in Italy this summer.

"When we played in Italy, I

became a more vocal leader," McCarty said. "I think the guys will go to me a lot more."

Pitino and McCarty both think McCarty's game is much like that of the Houston Rockets' Robert Horry.

"I've watched Horry play a lot," McCarty said. "I see myself playing like him."

"Here's a young man ... who is now 228 (pounds), and runs like no other 6-9 and a half, 6-10 player I've seen, and he's going to get better," Pitino said of McCarty.

"If you're a pro team and you're looking for a player where, three or four years down the road, could be an outstanding one in that league, then Walter McCarty's the man."



UK's All-Time Team
(Selected by the Kernel)
G Kyle Macy (1978-80)
G Ralph Beard (1946-49)
F Jamal Mashburn (1991-93)
F Dan Issel (1968-70)
C Alex Groza (1945-49)



Trivia Test: Who was UK's coach before Adolph Rupp?
A: John Mauer, who went 40-14 from 1927-30

THE WILDCAT TRADITION

▼ Adolph Rupp (right), who played his college basketball under Phog Allen at Kansas, began his coaching career at UK in 1930-31, going 15-3 that season.
▼ Rupp coached at UK for 41 seasons, averaging 21 wins per year while winning four NCAA titles and 18 SEC crowns.
▼ "The Baron of the Bluegrass" won an NCAA-record 876 games, losing just 190 times.



All-Time Leading Scorers

1. Dan Issel (2,138 points)
2. Kenny Walker (2,080)
3. Jack Givens (2,038)
4. Jamal Mashburn (1,843)
5. Kevin Grevey (1,801)
6. Cotton Nash (1,770)

Trivia Test: Who is UK's all-time leading rebounder?
A: Dan Issel (right), who had 1,078 rebounds in his career



Pitino must juggle 'Noah's Ark team'

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

Eans may not see some of the Cats' best games this season.

That's because the most intense matchups might not take place in front of thousands at Rupp Arena on gameday. Rather, they could develop in front of a handful of coaches at Memorial Coliseum during afternoon blue-white scrimmages.

After stockpiling more weapons than a Cold War superpower, Coach Rick Pitino controls one of the deepest rosters in the nation.

"I like the cupboard to be full," Pitino said.

His is so well stocked that college basketball's resident lunatic, Dick Vitale, has brazenly suggested the Cats could field two Top 25 teams this year.

Of course there's only one Big Blue machine, and there are only 200 minutes of playing time to distribute among 12 or more talented athletes. Forget North Carolina and Arkansas. Many experts speculate that the Cats could be their own worst enemy this year.

One such prediction appears in *ESPN College Basketball* magazine, which ranked UK second behind Kansas in its preseason poll.

"How do you keep a Noah's Ark team — two of everything — happy and cohesive?" asked the magazine. "It is a problem coaches say they love to have, but we think it keeps Kentucky from winning it all this year. ... Team chemistry, not X's and O's, is Pitino's toughest challenge."

Pitino, however, does not see things that way. In fact, he said personality conflicts are the least of his worries.

"The chemistry is as good as it's ever been here," said the seventh-year head coach. "It's completely out of my mind."

Numbers game

Still, Pitino will have to do some juggling in order to give everyone adequate playing time.

The Tony Delk dilemma illustrates the problem. If Pitino sticks by his decision to move the senior to point guard, that leaves the seasoned Anthony Epps and freshman phenom Wayne Turner both on the bench. And if Delk switches back to shooting guard, that means former Ohio State star Derek Anderson and returning starter Jeff Sheppard must sit.

"It's a tough job," Delk said of Pitino's plight. "(But) he's the person who watches us three to four hours a day, so when it comes down to the starting lineup or who to put in at crunch time, I think he'll make good decisions."

On many top-ranked teams, conflict arises over who'll start. But Pitino's philosophy — frequent substitution, designed to wear down his opponents — makes starting lineups irrelevant.

"Look at the team last year, for example," said senior Mark Pope. "Antoine Walker was the MVP of the SEC Tournament, and he didn't start a game. Coach is going to give guys their time and opportunities."

Pope could have used himself as an example. Though he didn't start in 25 of the team's 33 games, he logged more minutes than starting center Andre Riddick.

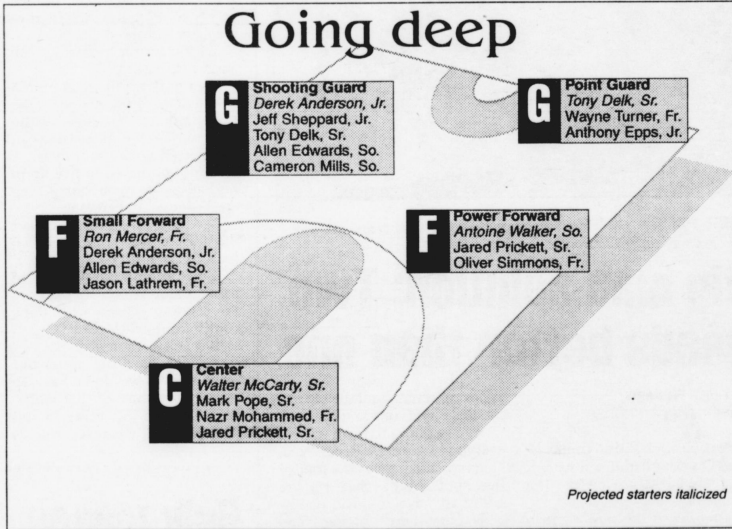
Of course, there are still too many players for the time available. Pitino had a similar problem last season, and by April he was so frustrated he decided to create a junior varsity team. He also decided that he would limit the playing rotation this season to eight or nine, and would consider redshirting up to four players.

Recently he has backed down somewhat from that stance. In his first news conference this year, Pitino said he'll probably use a nine- or 10-man rotation and may not redshirt anyone.

"I think this could be a season that people may want to be a part of," he explains.

Monster mesh

What fans fear is a situation



similar to North Carolina's in 1993-94.

That season the Tar Heels were defending champs with nearly everyone back, plus newcomers Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace, both NBA lottery picks this past June.

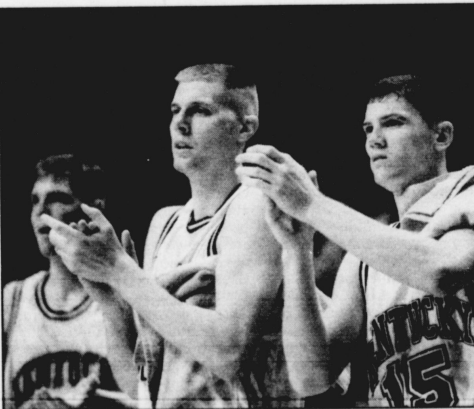
Instead of dominating as many thought they would, the Heels fell apart, largely because the team was divided over playing time. UNC lost to Boston College in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

For now, at least, team tiffs are not a concern here.

"The whole team's friends," said freshman Oliver Simmons.

Cases in point: Simmons and Ron Mercer have known each other since seventh grade. Delk and Walter McCarty have roomed together since freshman year and are practically inseparable. Roomies Pope and Jeff Sheppard, both deeply religious young men who have formed a bond off the court, spent a summer biking together.

The players, who hail from nine different states, were divided into pockets of friendships before their summer exhibition tour of Italy. As the Cats played cards into the wee hours of the night, teased each other and searched for fast food, they grew closer as a team.



COHESIVE CATS Mark Pope (left) and Jeff Sheppard cheer on the team from the bench. The Cats' chemistry is a key this season.

"One night, we stayed up 'til five or six in the morning, watching the Mike Tyson fight," junior Anthony Epps recalled.

Those experiences carried over when the Cats came home. "We all go out together, go bowling," Epps said. "It's tough to get Mark and Jeff to go out because they're kind of different, but if you say bowling to them, or playing spades, they'll jump

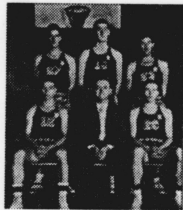
right in." This closeness amazes Pitino, and it makes him confident the team will stick together even when competition for playing time heats up.

"I've always had great kids here at Kentucky, but I've never seen a group from top to bottom like this," Pitino said. "This is something you write home about."

- NCAA Champions**
1. 1947-48 (Won 36, lost 3)
 2. 1948-49 (32-2)
 3. 1950-51 (32-2)
 4. 1957-58 (23-6)
 5. 1977-78 (30-2)

Trivia Test: What was UK's worst-ever finish?

A: The 1926-27 team finished 3-13



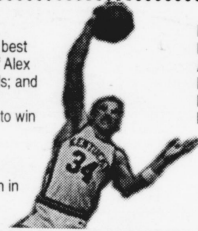
THE WILDCAT TRADITION

▼UK's greatest team, and one of college basketball's best ever, was the 1947-48 Fabulous Five (left), composed of Alex Groza at center; Ralph Beard and Kenny Rollins at guards; and "Wah Wah" Jones and Cliff Barke at forwards.

▼The team finished 36-3 and defeated Baylor 58-42 to win the school's first NCAA title.

▼The Fabulous Five also competed as a unit in the Olympics, winning the gold for the Americans.

▼Losing only Rollins, the team won the NCAA title again in 1949, finishing 32-2.



Single-game records

Points: Dan Issel (53) in 1970

Rebounds: Bob Burrow (34) in 1955

Assists: Travis Ford (15) in 1993

FG attempts: Bill Spivey (42) in 1950

FGs made: Dan Issel (23) in 1970

FG pct: Rodney Dent (12-12) 1993

Trivia Test: Who holds the career record for free throws attempted?

A: Kenny Walker (left), who attempted 733 in 132 career games

Emotional leader

UK's options abound in clutch

Clutch player



Walter McCarty

By Lance Williams
Editor in Chief

It's been a nagging question since the college days of Jamal Mashburn — Who's the go-to guy for the Wildcats?

Since Mashburn's departure, there really hasn't been an answer, and the quick answer this year is pretty much the same — there really isn't one.

A go-to player usually provides an emotional spark that keeps teammates excited, handles plays in the clutch and takes control of what happens on the court.

There's no one on this squad who can do that, but Coach Rick Pitino is confident there are players who can fill the role of a go-to-player, depending on the need and the situation.

What about an emotional leader?

"I think Walter McCarty is the emotional leader of this basketball team," Pitino said. "Great leader."

And it's a role the senior and potential NBA first-round pick is happy about and willing to take.

"I take a lot of pride in being the emotional leader," McCarty said. "I'm really proud and I think that a lot of guys look to me for leadership on this team."

Emotional leader. Check.

Next, a go-to player is usually someone who can be counted on in the clutch to make the big plays.

Guard Anthony Epps and center Mark Pope fill that role. Pitino already has said he wants those two players on the court in the last three or four minutes of the game.

Clutch players. Check.

The next quality is usually someone who understands the team, and leads the action on the court with a cool head and quick hands.

That could be senior point guard Tony Delk, who is confident about his role as team leader on the court.

"I'm the point guard, and I'll have the ball when the time comes."

He said his experience on the court is what he hopes will help him make the right decisions.

Floor leader. Check.

So, it seems like the major elements for a go-to man are there, but can the players put it together down the stretch?

"Everybody is a go-to guy," senior Jared Prickett said. "A lot of people will be stepping up and surprising people."

Players are skeptical about comments that the lack of a go-to man has hindered the Wildcats in the big games.

"We had problems last year, but I don't think that was one of them," Pope said.

There are always the intangibles and the players who may be able to surprise people.

Sophomore Antoine Walker and freshman Ron Mercer are two players who could have big impacts for UK this season.

It's early, so a complete leader could emerge by the end of the season, and some think it's necessary.

"I think we're just trying to find a leader on the team," Walker said.

"When you have this much talent, it's easy to get relaxed. We need someone out there who can get us up."



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Redshirting a possibility for Prickett

By Jill Erwin
Staff Writer

Of the four seniors on this year's team, Jared Prickett is the fourth.

Walter McCarty, Tony Delk and Mark Pope get the hoopla and are the team's three captains this season, while Prickett stands on the fringe of the senior scene.

"I guess I'm left out a little bit," he said.

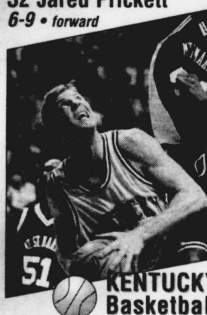
That's something Prickett, who could redshirt this season, may have to get used to.

Prickett underwent surgery in June for a bone growth in his knee. The surgery limited his playing time and effectiveness during the Cats' trip to Italy this summer.

"I really didn't have time to work on my game over the summer, which really cost me," he said.

Because of the injury and the number of talented players in the frontcourt, Prickett asked UK coach Rick Pitino if he could sit

32 Jared Prickett
6-9 • forward



KENTUCKY Basketball

Jared Prickett • sr.
Fairmont, W. Va.
(Fairmont West)

CAREER HIGHS	Points	22
	3pt. goals	1
	Rebounds	20
	Assists	6
	Blocks	3
Steals	7	

YEAR	92-93	93-94	94-95
G-S	34-12	33-25	33-5
FG-A	71-146	104-217	91-171
PCT	48.6	47.9	53.2
3FG-A	2-17	1-14	2-8
PCT	11.8	7.1	25.0
FT-A	44-65	63-108	37-62
PCT	67.7	58.3	59.7
REB-AVG	155-4.6	232-7.0	157-4.8
A	56	80	56
BS	11	15	16
S	34	47	39
TP-AVG	188-5.5	272-8.2	221-6.7

this season out.

"Coach and I have talked about it all summer pretty much," said the 6-foot-9 West Virginian. "I think it would benefit me in the long run if I did (redshirt)."

But the decision is "still up in the air," Prickett said, while Pitino waits to see if freshman Oliver Simmons is ready to fill the backup power forward role.

"If he decides that I shouldn't be redshirted, then I'm going to go out there and play, and I'm going to do my best," Prickett said.

But would he regret not play-

ing on what could be a national championship team?

"I really wouldn't feel I missed out," he said. "I feel like a big part of this team, going out here and battling with Mark Pope, Walter, and Antoine (Walker) every day."

Though he shot 53 percent from the floor last year, most of his shots were in the paint. This summer, Prickett worked mostly on his long-range jump shot, something he plans to focus on if redshirted.

"All you gotta do is shoot," he said. "If you just shoot the ball a lot, it's gonna come."



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Sheppard made best of offseason

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

Competition for a position can make a player work twice as hard in order to get better. This can in turn make both players and the team improve.

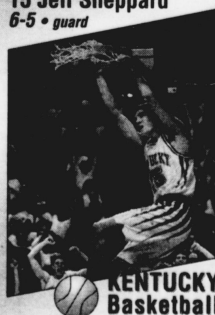
Just ask Jeff Sheppard. With the addition of multi-talented Derek Anderson to the UK basketball team, Sheppard knew he had to improve his game in the offseason if he wanted to return to the starting lineup this season.

"I worked real hard this summer," he said. "We played a lot of ball together as a team, we went to Italy together and we got a lot of practice together. So automatically that should make me better."

UK coach Rick Pitino has moved Sheppard back to two guard, where he will battle Ohio State transfer Anderson. Thus far, both are making a solid case for the starting job.

"(The battle for the two-guard spot) is probably the best battle on the team," Pitino said. "Both (Sheppard and Anderson)

15 Jeff Sheppard
6-5 • guard



KENTUCKY Basketball

Jeff Sheppard • jr.
Peachtree City, Ga.
(McIntosh)

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	3pt. goals	5
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	Assists	7
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Steals	5	

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3FG-A	7-19	28-78
PCT	36.8	35.9
FT-A	20-31	49-65
PCT	64.5	75.4
REB-AVG	24-0.8	75-2.3
A	30	89
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know they are going to play."

The junior from Peachtree City, Ga., said the competition with Anderson has been good for both players.

"I think we'll make each other better players," Sheppard said.

Even though Sheppard has improved his game, he insists he is the same basic player Cat fans saw on the court last season.

"Hopefully I'm a little bit stronger and a little bit better," he said.

Sheppard said that he spent the summer putting up hundreds of shots in the hopes of improving his outside game.

"I can't worry about shooting," he said.

"I just have to shoot when I'm

open. If they go in, they go in. That's coach's philosophy also, you can't worry about missing shots."

Sheppard thinks he still has to improve a lot before he can be a complete player.

"I want to keep getting better in every aspect of my game," Sheppard said. "My defense is starting to get a lot better."

Sheppard showed many times last season his incredible athletic ability. He also has possibly the best jumping ability on the team.

"Jeff Sheppard is a talented player," Pitino said.

But Sheppard said for fans not to expect many cartwheel dunks like the one he performed during Midnight Madness.

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It's been 17 years since the Wildcats won a national championship — a long drought for a program considered among the nation's elite. But with one of the country's best recruiting classes added to nine returning players from last year's 28-5 team, coaches, fans and players understandably have:

HIGH HOPES

By Brett Dawson, Senior Staff Writer
Photos by James Crisp

Mirror, mirror

<p>1974-75</p> <p>With an outstanding freshman class (Jack Givens, Rick Robey, Mike Phillips, James Lee) the Cats advanced to the NCAA championship game.</p>	<p>1993-94</p> <p>With an outstanding freshman class (Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Jared Prickett and Rodrick Rhodes) the Cats advanced to the Final Four.</p>
<p>1975-76</p> <p>Sophomore-laden team lost starting big man (Rick Robey) to injury after 12 games. Despite a disappointing season, (missing the NCAA Tournament), the Cats finished strong, winning the NIT to go 20-10.</p>	<p>1993-94</p> <p>Sophomore-laden team lost starting big man (Rodney Dent) to injury after 11 games. Despite a disappointing finish (second-round NCAA exit), the Cats finished strong, winning the SEC Tournament to go 27-7.</p>
<p>1976-77</p> <p>With only two seniors (Larry Johnson and Merion Haskins), the junior-dominated squad went 26-4, losing to North Carolina in NCAA Elite Eight.</p>	<p>1994-95</p> <p>With only two seniors (Andre Riddick and Chris Harrison), the junior-dominated squad went 28-5, losing to North Carolina in NCAA Elite Eight.</p>
<p>1977-78</p> <p>Returning four seniors and adding a transfer guard (Kyle Macy), the Cats were ranked No. 1 to start the season. They finished 30-2 and won the NCAA title.</p>	<p>1995-96</p> <p>Returning four seniors and adding a transfer guard (Derek Anderson), the Cats are ranked by many as the No. 1 team to start the season.</p>

BRIAN BENNETT Kernel staff

Rick Pitino knows pressure.

The on-court kind is his trademark, a smothering defense that rattles his opponents and gets his team and its fans supercharged.

Pitino and off-court pressure go way back as well. The seventh-year UK basketball coach has turned struggling programs into winners everywhere he's been — including pressure-cooker situations like the New York Knicks and UK.

So when Pitino hears that he's supposed to feel the heat this year more than ever as he prepares to lead the most talented UK team he's had, the Wildcats' coach shrugs it off.

"I felt a lot more pressure when I had to play Jonathan Davis and Richie (Farmer), John Pelphrey (Deron) Feldhaus and those guys," Pitino said. "I don't feel a lot of pressure with the basketball team we have now. Pressure is when you don't have a bench, you don't have much quickness, you're short and you're slow."

That certainly isn't a problem with this squad. Pitino has player-for-player the most talented team in the nation. But with that talent come lofty expectations, higher even than during average years in Lexington.

Nothing short of a title, it seems, will be enough for UK fans, who haven't celebrated one in 17 years. The demand for a championship hasn't been this great since 1978, when Cat fans had endured a 20-year drought without an NCAA crown.

That year, the preseason No. 1 Cats cut down the nets in March.

A glimpse into the past

Cat fans were growing restless with Joe B. Hall by 1978. Things had not been shaping up the way Adolph Rupp's successor had planned, with UK missing the NCAA Tournament in 1976.

But in '77, Hall's team advanced to the Elite Eight. And with a stacked deck returning, plus transfer guard Kyle Macy, expectations were racing.

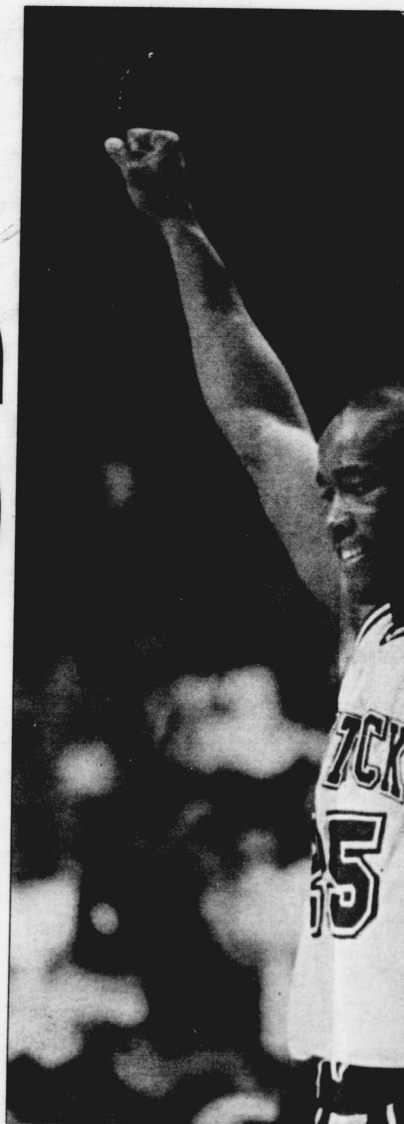
The season that ensued was nicknamed "The Season Without Joy" by sportswriters who saw a UK team so focused it didn't take time to savor its sensational run to a title-game victory over Duke. Not so, Macy said.

"We were a focused team, sure, and we had a definite goal in mind," he said. "But I think we enjoyed the season. When you win that many games and you win the tournament, that's something you enjoy, and still do to this day."

The comparisons between that UK team and this one are obvious. But the similarities to past teams aren't limited to those in UK history.

Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian can draw comparisons between this UK squad and his UNLV teams in 1990 and '91, two of the most talented teams ever assembled. The Runnin' Rebels lost to Duke in 1991 after winning the title in 1990.

"They're much deeper than we were," Tarkanian said of this Cat crew. "I think they are much more talented."



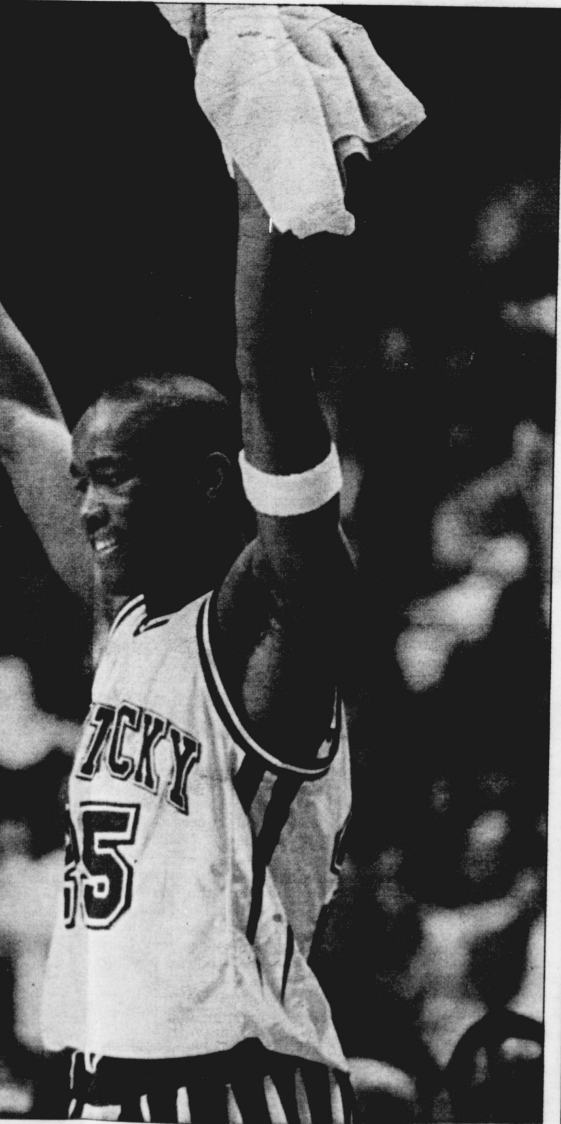
More talented than a team that had Larry Johnson and Merion Haskins? Too talented, perhaps? In that regard, UK could be compared to North Carolina's 1994 team, a defending champ with every one of its starters a host of talented freshmen.

But more than anything, the current Cats will be stacked with talent. Macy, now the color commentator for the radio broadcasts, said this team's talent level stacks up against the nation's much the way his team's did. And then there's the talent level of the team's fans.

"There's definitely a similarity as far as the expectation of two teams," Macy said. "But I think as a player you put that on yourself. You want to win a championship as badly as any player in the world."

Accepting expectations

That doesn't mean it's easy for players to deal with the attention that comes from its fans. The best way to do so, Macy said, is to have those high hopes, but to parlay them into something you can use. "It's a matter of using that as motivation, to get you ready for the days you don't feel like practicing, to find some way to get through when you're having an off day," he said. "Those are the days that you have to be prepared for."



I think that Kentucky this year has potentially the best team ever in the history of college basketball. You look at their roster; it's frightening.

— Jerry Tarkanian,
Fresno State head coach



The question is what about PT — playing time and chemistry. If they have that, watch out, because the Cats of Lexington will be cutting the nets down.

— Dick Vitale,
College basketball announcer, ESPN/ABC



We're not going to worry about what people are saying. We're going out there to win a national championship.

— Antoine Walker,
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onship team has to do."

And, as the UK players know, there are worse fates than being favored to win a national championship.

"We can't let (the pressure) affect us negatively, we have to make it positive," forward Antoine Walker said. "It's good to be No. 1, it's good to have expectations put on you. That's the situation we want to be put in."

And why not? Isn't it better to be picked to be picked to win it all than to be picked last in the Southeastern Conference?

What coach wouldn't want to have a team so loaded he could, as Pitino has, toss about the idea of redshirting a player like Jared Prickett, who started in a Final Four? They all would, of course. But if they did, they'd have people saying things like this about them:

"I think that Kentucky this year has potentially the best team ever in the history of college basketball," Tarkanian said. "You look at their roster, it's frightening."

No pressure.

Visions of the future

It's possible, though, that this team might not even be capable of

putting pressure on itself.

It was only last season, after all, when Pitino said the player of today doesn't do that sort of thing, that today's athlete plays the game, then heads out to hit the nightclubs.

"A lot of people are putting pressure on us," said Walter McCarty, the player Pitino calls his team's emotional leader. "But we don't feel any of that. We just go out and play ball."

In 1995-96, that will be the challenge.

To just play ball.

"We aren't going to worry about what people are saying," Walker said. "We're going out there to win a national championship."

As they try, the comparisons will rage — to the powerhouse squads at UNLV and Arkansas in recent years, to North Carolina's overstocked 1994 team and, most of all, to the Cats' predecessors from '78 — UK's last national championship team.

"I don't know that '78 team didn't have any fun, but I think they did so while maintaining their focus," senior Mark Pope said. "That's what every team has to do.

That's what will set apart a national champion."

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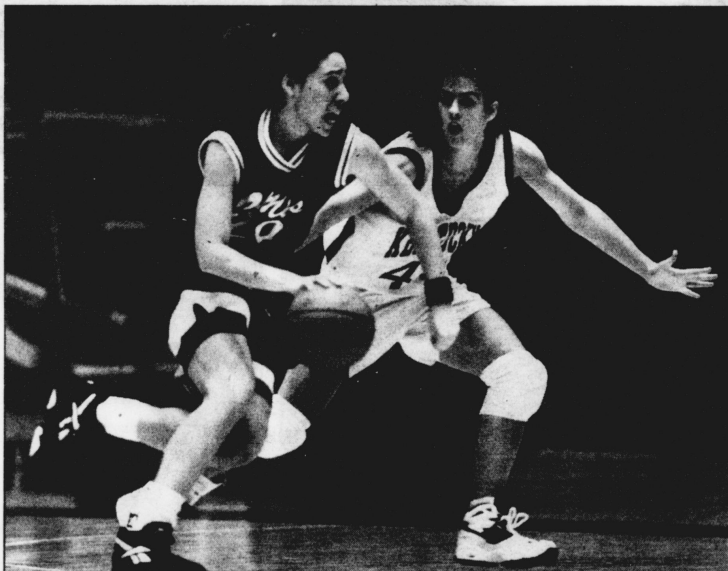
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SENIOR LEADER Guard Julie Swarens-Beickman is one of only two seniors on the UK women's basketball team. The squad has six freshmen, including two walk-ons, on its roster.

Youth greets Locke-Mattox

First-year coach replaces Fanning

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

People are expecting great things from the women's basketball team under first-year coach Bernadette Locke-Mattox.

They might have to wait a little while.

Locke-Mattox, a former assistant under Rick Pitino, takes over a program that finished 14-14 last season, has not made the NCAA Tournament since the 1990-91 season and plays in the Southeastern Conference, arguably the nation's toughest conference.

And as Locke-Mattox looks at this year's roster, she sees young, relatively-unproven talent.

This year's team features more freshmen (six) than juniors and seniors combined (four).

Christina Jansen and Julie Swarens-Beickman are the lone returning seniors.

"They're all young," Locke-Mattox said. "I've got a nucleus and hopefully, together, they will all step up."

Locke-Mattox replaces Sharon Fanning, who now coaches at Mississippi State. Fanning's contract was not renewed following

the end of the 1994-95 campaign. Locke-Mattox brings excitement and energy to the team, as well as the experience she has picked up by coaching under Pitino for four years.

"I'll take (Pitino's) philosophy in as much as I can," Locke-Mattox said. "But understand that I'm not Coach Pitino."

The Cats don't return any double figure scorers from last year's team. The leading returning scorer is Jansen, who averaged 6.8 points a game as a junior.

Sophomore center Kim Denkins will be called on to replace Karri Koach, who was second on the team in scoring last season behind All-SEC performer Stacey Reed.

But Denkins has some experience under her belt.

She started seven games at power forward at the end of last season, averaging 5.4 points and 5.4 rebounds per contest.

Other key returnees include Vonda Jackson, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, who averaged 5 points per game last season, and sophomore Shaunda Roberts, who was fifth on the squad in scoring with 6.5 points per game.

The Cats boast a talented group of freshmen, which could see significant playing time. Tiffany Wait, Arkansas' Miss Basketball last season and Marcia Webb, a 6-foot-2 forward from

Lexington are two possible impact players.

"It's really early to tell who is going to step in because they're just learning," Locke-Mattox said. "They're learning the style, they're learning the system and physically just getting in shape."

Locke-Mattox said that she is looking for hard work and hustle from her squad as they battle through the problems posed by inexperience.

"I expect them to give 110 percent every time they take the court," she said.

Locke-Mattox thinks the team has to set their goals modestly at the beginning of the year because she is trying to install a very up-tempo style of play.

"This year, we are just going to go out and have fun," Locke-Mattox said.

"We're going to lay the basics for what we want to build on. Hopefully, we'll make it fun for the fans also."

Despite the concerns, the players seem ready to build for the future, too.

"We are going to go out and play as hard as we can," Jansen said. "As long as we give it our all each time out, then that is all that matters."

"We're not expecting anything great, but if everybody keeps working hard, you don't know what could happen."

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Freshman Wait is 'rare talent'

By Stephen Trimble
Senior Staff Writer

Some athletes rely on their talent. Others depend on hard work to make the team. Then there are players like UK women's basketball freshman Tiffany Wait.

"She's a rare talent. She has just a great work ethic and loads of talent," said James Boley, her former coach at Lake Hamilton High School in Hot Springs, Ark., where Wait was a three-sport star.



Wait

Those qualities produced these prep school commodities:

▼Named Miss Arkansas Basketball her senior year, averaging 24 points and nine rebounds per game;

▼Led her team to a 30-1 record and a first-ever state championship her senior year;

▼Chosen all-state and all-conference three consecutive seasons.

"She's probably the most complete basketball player I've ever coached," said Boley, who showed praise on his former star during a 20-minute phone interview recently.

"She's the best (female) athlete I've ever seen go through here," said Boley, who is starting his 35th year at the rural school, which lies about eight miles outside Hot Springs. "She was Miss Do-Everything."

More importantly, Boley said, tougher competition seems to bring out the best in her.

In one game against a team from the state's best class 4A school, defenders double-teamed her. Lake Hamilton won 55-37. Wait finished with 19 points and about 15 assists, Boley said.

Wait, a 5-foot-10 small forward/guard, is one of four heralded freshman playing this season for new coach Bernadette Locke-Mattox.

Locke-Mattox is reserving judgement on Wait, who was recruited by former UK coach Sharon Fanning, until she sees her perform on the court. "I never saw her play in high school. I just had the opportunity to watch her a couple weeks in practice," Locke-Mattox said. "She's a freshman. Freshman are freshman."

Unlike Bryan Station High School standout Marcia Webb, who signed with UK after Locke-Mattox was named coach, Wait signed with the Wildcats early last year.

The only UK game she saw last year was in Fayetteville when Arkansas beat the Cats 62-56.

But still, "Tiffany was really impressed with the program at Kentucky," Boley said.

But she credited UK's coaches, not coaches, as her attraction to Lexington.

A pharmacy major, Wait liked the prestige of UK's program.

At Arkansas, where she also was heavily recruited, the pharmacy program was based off-campus.

Wait also gave some thought to signing with Stephen F. Austin University and Louisiana Tech before agreeing to be a Wildcat.

She said she thinks she made the right decision.

Locke-Mattox has pumped enthusiasm into her players, including Wait.

"She's great," said Wait, in her unassuming manner.

"I just really like her. I'm just glad to have a chance to play."



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1995-96 Women's Basketball Team

The coach

▼After taking a one-year hiatus from coaching, Bernadette Locke-Mattox returns to coach the UK women's basketball team. Locke-Mattox was an assistant under men's coach Rick Pitino for three seasons before taking a job in the UK athletics department.



Locke-Mattox

The players

▼Senior Christina Jansen is the only player on the Wildcat squad with significant game experience. Jansen averaged 6.8 points per game last season from her point guard spot. Kim Denkins, a sophomore center, is the returning force in the middle. Denkins averaged 5.4 points a game last year.

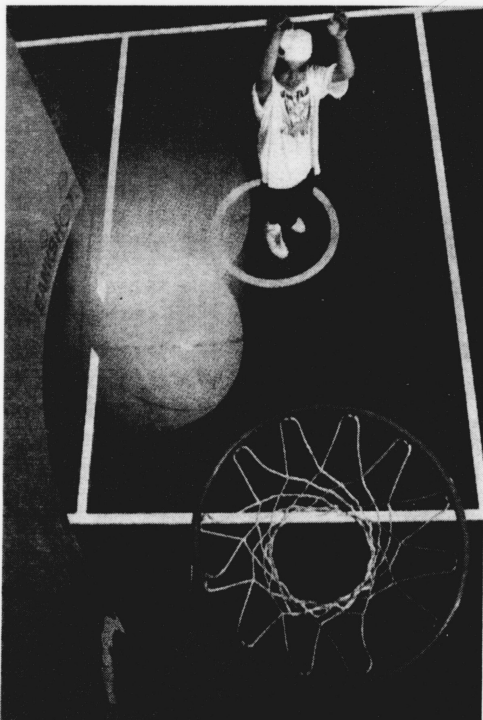


Jansen

Outlook

▼The Cats finished last season with a 14-14 overall record, but the team lost most of its scoring and experience, including All-SEC guard Stacey Reed and second-leading scorer Karri Koach. For the Cats to better last year's record, Locke-Mattox will have to find someone to score points and lead the team. One problem, the squad has only two seniors and six freshmen.

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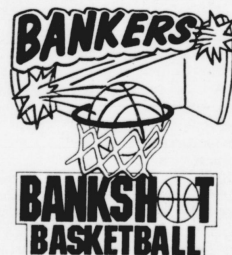
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Edwards adjusting to his role

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Maybe Allen Edwards just needed a change of scenery.

The 6-foot-5 guard saw little game action during his freshman season, but a summer's worth of work in a variety of locales apparently has improved Edwards' all-around game.

He averaged 12 points and eight assists per contest on the Cats' tour of Italy and was named MVP of the tour by UK head coach Rick Pitino.

"I think a lot of (people) questioned whether Allen could play at Kentucky," Pitino said. "But I think before he's through you'll see a great ball player."

To prepare for the Cats' tour of Italy in mid-August, Edwards returned home and worked out at the University of Miami, where his brother Steve is a senior guard.

Joining the Edwards brothers for the informal workouts were other players on the Hurricane basketball team and several

3 Allen Edwards
6-5 • guard



Allen Edwards • so.

Miami
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CAREER HIGHS	Points	8
	3pt. goals	1
	Rebounds	4
	Assists	4
	Blocks	0
	Steals	1

YEAR 94-95

G-S	23-0
FG-A	13-30
PCT	43.3
3FG-A	5-12
PCT	41.7
FT-A	4-6
PCT	66.7
REB-AVG	13-0.6
A	14
BS	0
S	4
TP-AVG	35-1.5



Allen was the MVP of the Italy trip.

Rick Pitino
UK head coach

members of the NBA's Miami Heat, including Glenn Rice.

Before the Italy trip, Pitino considered redshirting Edwards due to the glut of talent on the Wildcat roster. For someone like Edwards, who was used to contributing, sitting out a season was not a pleasant prospect.

Faced with this dilemma, Edwards sought the advice of Shakey Rodriguez, his high school coach at Miami Senior. Rodriguez advised his former star not to redshirt.

"I just wanted to keep my options open," Edwards said. "If I redshirted and then decided to transfer I'd lose two whole years."

Instead of getting discouraged, Edwards used the Italy trip to show Pitino what he could do on the court. Edwards proved his worth.

"He's too valuable, and he can play two positions," Pitino said. "I would like to redshirt him, but I'm not sure I can take that value off the basketball team."

For now at least, Edwards is content with his role coming off the bench.

"I'm just going to be there for the team," said Edwards, who switched his number from 22 to three this season. "Some players' roles may be greater than others, but if we win everyone should be happy."

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Pressure no worry for Epps

By Michael Day
Staff Writer

If the Cats are involved in a nail-biter this season, Coach Rick Pitino knows exactly how to cope with the situation.

"In the final three or four minutes," Pitino said, "we want Anthony Epps on the floor."

Epps displayed his last-minute court savvy in the Southeastern Conference Tournament championship game versus Arkansas last year.

In the final 19 seconds of overtime, Epps grabbed a steal and eventually hit the two winning free throws to complete the Cat's historic 9-point comeback in the extra period.

The 6-foot-2 point guard simply rises to the occasion in pressure situations.

"I believe that is the time to shine," said the junior from Marion County. "That's my job, to go out there and make big plays."

This year's squad has a multi-

25 Anthony Epps
6-2 • guard

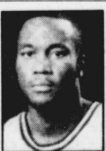


Anthony Epps • jr.
Lebanon, Ky.
(Marion County)

CAREER HIGHS	Points	15
	3pt. goals	3
	Rebounds	7
	Assists	13
	Blocks	1
	Steals	5

YEAR 93-94

G-S	32-0	33-6
FG-A	23-52	60-145
PCT	44.2	41.4
3FG-A	11-28	32-80
PCT	39.3	40.0
FT-A	7-13	58-80
PCT	53.8	85.0
REB-AVG	22-0.7	70-2.1
A	38	138
BS	0	1
S	16	45
TP-AVG	64-2.0	220-6.7



tude of talent at the point guard position.

Competing along with Epps, there's senior Tony Delk, whom Pitino has said will start, and highly-touted freshman Wayne Turner.

"Two of the three will play," Pitino said.

Pitino has recently hedged about his decision to put Delk at the point. But if Delk does play there, it may leave Epps out in the cold, despite some productive numbers last season. Though he only started eight games, he still led the team in assists (138) and free throw

shooting (85 percent). He also led the Cats in assists during the tour of Italy this summer with 18.

"I think I've proven the past couple of years that I can play that position," Epps said.

Although the competition will be tough at the point, Epps isn't concerned with playing time. His only concern is bettering the team.

"A player like myself, I have to come out and work hard in practice," he said. "Even if I don't get to play a lot of minutes, it's just making Tony and Wayne a lot better."



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Trivia Test: What's the largest crowd to ever see a UK game?

A: 64,151 saw UK lose to Michigan on April 3, 1993 in the Superdome



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▼In 1990-91, a year before retiring, the Harlan County native became the only non-player or coach to have his jersey retired.

Some Cats may wear red

By Stephen Trimble
Senior Staff Writer

Life on UK's basketball team lately has resembled more a role-playing experiment than a roundball game.

UK coach Rick Pitino has given his players an Italian restaurant-sized menu of roles to play on his team.

The menu:

▼Option A: The most popular pick. This package allows players to stay on the roster the whole season, swipe some playing minutes whenever possible, and have a shot at a national title.

Starters and potential starters like Derek Anderson, Jeff Sheppard, Anthony Epps and Wayne Turner are all for this one.

▼Option B: This is not quite so popular. In fact, frowns appear on the player's faces when this option is posed. Typically, they shake their head to the left and right and say something like what freshman Nazr Mohammed said:

"Junior Varsity?" His eyes roll and his expression becomes indignant.

"It probably would give me some extra experience, but I'm thinking more about the varsity team right now," Mohammed said.

Nevertheless, Pitino has formed a JV squad. Freshman walk-on Jason Lathrem already has been designated for this squad. Other varsity players like sophomore walk-on Cameron Mills grudgingly expect to get some JV minutes as well.

"I didn't like the idea at first," said Mills. "You feel like you're being pushed off onto JV."

Note: Those who wind up with this option still are eligible for the first option. That is, they can play on both varsity and junior varsity teams.

▼Option C: Depending on whom you ask, this option — to stay home at Wildcat Lodge on game nights and hear people always say you're wearing some sort of red shirt all the time — is either favorable or repugnant.

Should you ask senior forward/center Jared Prickett, this is the ideal. In fact, he personally asked Pitino for the privilege of redshirting, which means to sit out one season without losing

eligibility for that year.

Prickett had a tough summer recovering from knee surgery. Meanwhile, teammates and fellow big men Mark Pope and Walter McCarty stayed healthy and improved. On this year's UK squad, that leaves precious few minutes for a third-stringer.

"(Redshirting) benefits me, and it benefits Walter and Mark so they can get some more playing time," Prickett said.

However, Pitino won't make a decision on redshirting his red-haired senior until he's sure another redhead — freshman Oliver Simmons — can step in for Prickett.

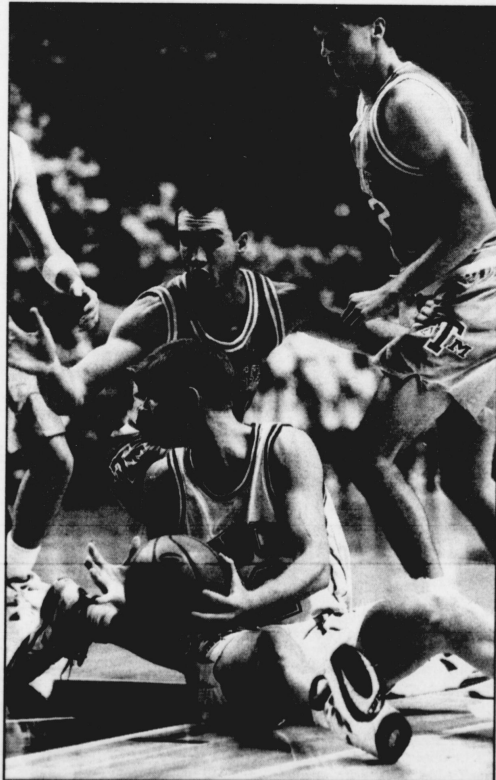
"That's the plan for me," Simmons said. "Right now I'm doing really good."

But if you ask converted small forward/shooting guard Allen Edwards, a red jersey does not look attractive at all. He wants a blue and white one.

But Edwards said he'll wait until the last week of preseason practice to make his decision. He gets a lot of pressure from his family and friends in Miami to stay on the team, he said.

"Everybody back home is telling me not to (redshirt)," he said.

"But I'm a grown man now. I'll make my own decisions."



HAVE A SEAT Jared Prickett might do a lot of sitting this year if he gets his way. The senior has asked Rick Pitino for a redshirt season.

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 3. UK 100, LSU 95, 2/15/90
 4. UK 99, LSU 95, 2/15/94
 5. Michigan 81, UK 78 (ot), 3/3/93

Trivia Test: Which team snapped UK's 129-game home winning streak?
 A: Georgia Tech, who beat the Cats 59-58 on Jan. 8, 1955

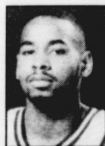
Guards abound for UK

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Players like Auburn's Moochie Norris and Louisville's DeJuan Wheat are typical point guards. Their primary role is to distribute the basketball and get other players involved in the offense.

UK doesn't have a stereotypical floor general on its roster, so head coach Rick Pitino decided to split up the responsibility of running the Cats' motion offense.

"More than likely we'll start out with Derek (Anderson) and Tony (Delk), and they'll alternate bringing the ball up in the two-guard set," said Pitino, whose squad has been without a true point guard since Travis Ford ran the team in 1993.



Anderson



Delk

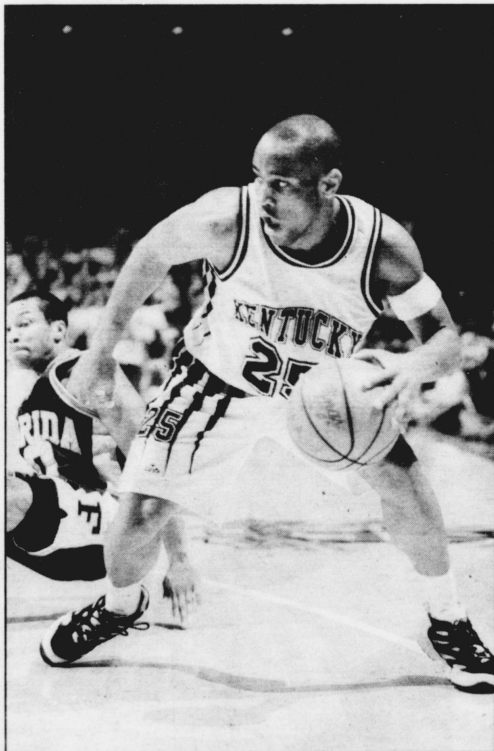
Anderson, a junior, is probably a more explosive player than Delk, and at 6-foot-4 he also can score in a variety of ways.

Neither player is a true point guard, but that doesn't worry Pitino.

After all, nearly every player on the Cats' roster for forwards Jared Prickett and Antoine Walker to center Walter McCarty are capable of bringing the ball up the court.

"When you run a motion offense, positions are really unimportant," Pitino said. "We don't have the type of basketball team where you characterize people as a one, two or three."

What do the two players think



JOSEPH REY AU Kernel contributor

MR. CLUTCH Even though Rick Pitino plans to start Tony Delk and Derek Anderson at the two guard spots, the UK coach said he wants point guard Anthony Epps on the floor when the game is on the line.

of their newfound roles?

"Derek really looks up the court and gets everybody involved," Delk said. "Derek brings a lot of enthusiasm to the table and that gets me going."

"Tony and I play great together," said Anderson, who transferred from Ohio State after his sophomore season. "We're a great little combo. I look to him for help and he looks to me."

The Cats have plenty of reserve talent in the backcourt. High-flying Jeff Sheppard, who started 27 games last season, should battle for playing time along with clutch performer Anthony Epps.

Wayne Turner, a talented freshman out of Chestnut Hills, Mass., also could see significant

action by year's end.

The 6-foot-2 Turner was recruited out of high school as a point guard and could be the closest thing the Cats have to a genuine distributor.

Only one problem. Turner also likes to score points.

"Wayne has a difficult time communicating on the basketball court," Pitino said. "He's a young man who averaged 40 points a game on a very weak basketball team where he was the rebounder, the shot blocker and the scorer. Now his job is to call out the plays and get people in it. He finds that difficult."

Still the UK coach likes what he's seen of the former Mr. Basketball in Massachusetts.

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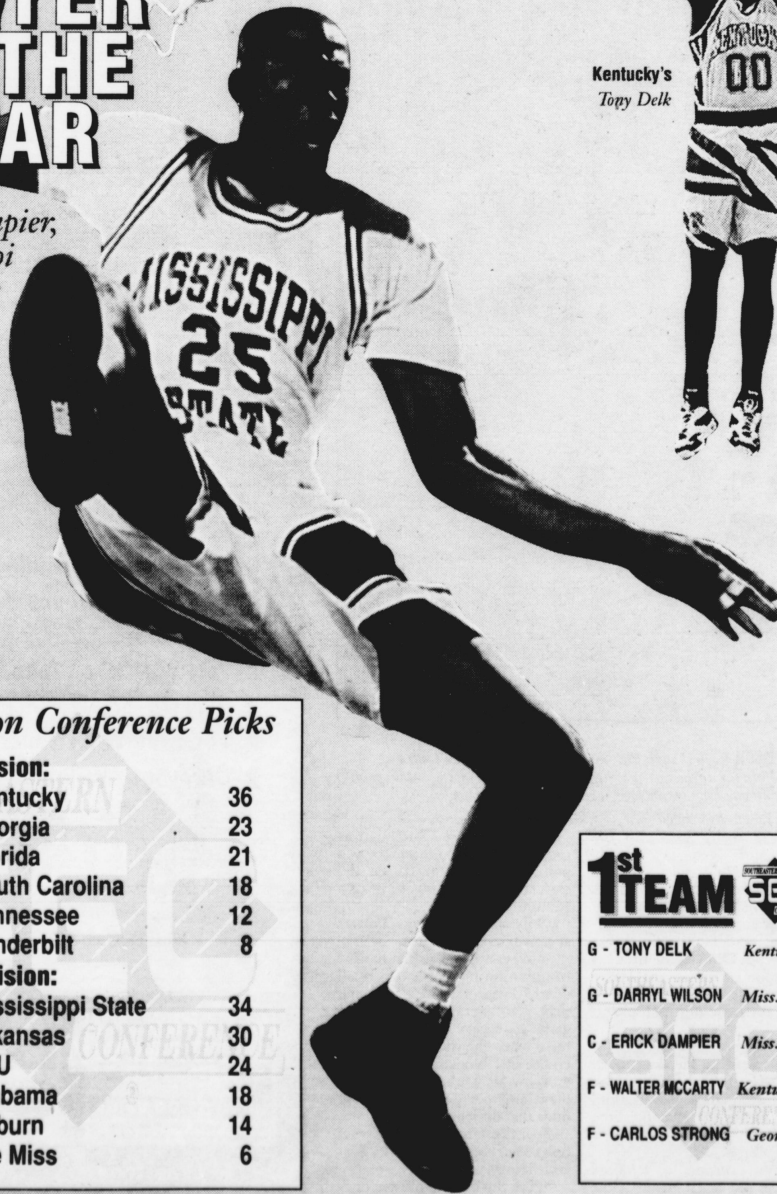
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Nolan Richardson, *Arkansas*

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Dametri Hill, *Florida*

Most Underrated Player:
Darryl Wilson, *Miss. St.*

Surprise Team:
LSU

Disappointing Team:
Arkansas, Florida

Top NBA Prospect:
Walter McCarty, *Kentucky*



*Louisiana State's
Ronnie Henderson*

Preseason Conference Picks

Eastern Division:

- 1. Kentucky 36
- 2. Georgia 23
- 3. Florida 21
- 4. South Carolina 18
- 5. Tennessee 12
- 6. Vanderbilt 8

Western Division:

- 1. Mississippi State 34
- 2. Arkansas 30
- 3. LSU 24
- 4. Alabama 18
- 5. Auburn 14
- 6. Ole Miss 6

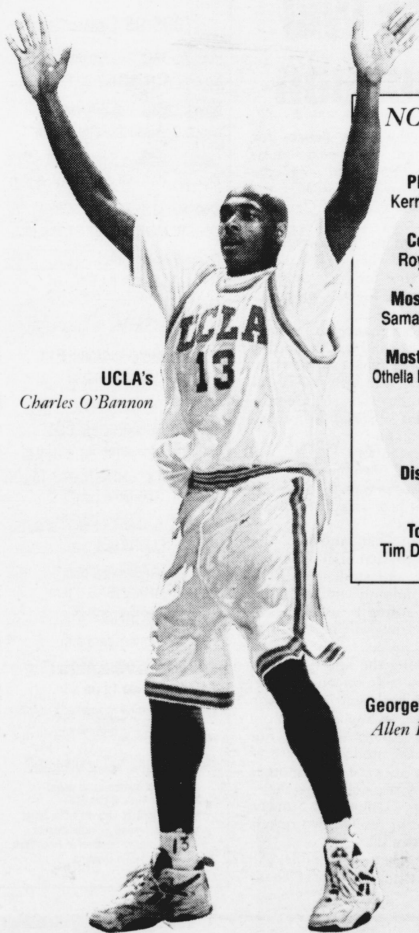
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- G - DARRYL WILSON *Miss. St.*
- C - ERICK DAMPIER *Miss. St.*
- F - WALTER MCCARTY *Kentucky*
- F - CARLOS STRONG *Georgia*

2nd TEAM SEC

- G - RONNIE HENDERSON *LSU*
- G - DEREK ANDERSON *Kentucky*
- C - STEVE HAMER *Tennessee*
- F - DAMETRI HILL *Florida*
- F - ANTOINE WALKER *Kentucky*

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Kerry Kittles, Villanova

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Roy Williams, Kansas

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Samaki Walker, Louisville

Most Underrated Player:
Othella Harrington, Georgetown

Surprise Team:
Michigan

Disappointing Team:
Louisville

Top NBA Prospect:
Tim Duncan, Wake Forest



Georgetown's
Allen Iverson

Kernel Preseason Top 25

1. Kentucky	150
2. Kansas	144
3. Georgetown	132
4. Villanova	131
5. Massachusetts	120
6. UCLA	120
7. Connecticut	107
8. Maryland	97
8. Mississippi State	97
10. Louisville	95
11. Arkansas	79
11. Memphis	79
13. Wake Forest	69
14. Iowa	68
15. Virginia	63
16. Cincinnati	58
17. Purdue	52
18. Utah	50
19. Georgia Tech	43
20. Michigan	37
21. North Carolina	32
22. Stanford	24
23. Tulane	23
24. Indiana	17
25. Georgia	16

NCAA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kerry Kittles,
Villanova

1st TEAM NCAA

- G - JACQUES VAUGHN Kansas
- G - RAY ALLEN Connecticut
- C - TIM DUNCAN Wake Forest
- F - KERRY KITTLES Villanova
- F - MARCUS CAMBY UMass

2nd TEAM NCAA

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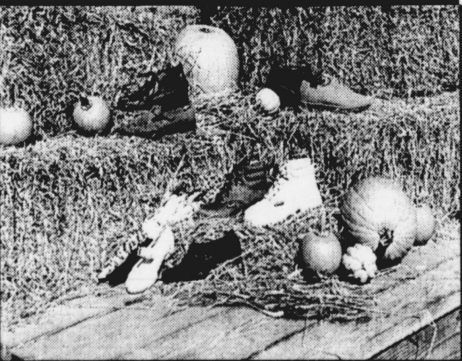
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Student tickets will cost \$5 this season

Staff report

With one exception, the process for attaining Wildcat basketball tickets is pretty much the same this year.

You'll need \$5 with your validated student ID to get a ticket. The \$5 addition came this summer when UK's Ticket Board voted to charge the fee for student tickets in lieu of an increase in all students' activity fees.

However, that decision may be reversed for next season.

In a Student Government Association referendum last month, 81 percent of the 747 students voting favored an increase in the student activity fee more than a \$5 charge per ticket.

SGA President Shea Chaney said even though it is too late to change the policy for this year, SGA is working to have it changed for next year because of the response of the students to the referendum.

SGA is meeting with UK President Charles Wethington and Athletics Director C.M. Newton in the next couple weeks to discuss the possibility of increasing the fee as opposed to the ticket charge.

"We're working on a compromise as to what is to be considered a reasonable fee increase," Chaney said. "Right now we're looking at an increase between \$8 and \$15 per semester."

Chaney said after the fee increase is agreed on, it will be

taken to the SGA Senate for endorsement. Early next semester, the proposal will go to the Athletics Board. And in May, the University's Board of Trustees will make the final vote.

"It's hard to (support) a fee increase, but when 81 percent of students vote for it, it must be something they support," Chaney said.

The next chance to get student tickets will be at the lottery Dec. 3 when you can purchase tickets for games against Wisconsin-Green Bay (Dec. 6); Georgia Tech (Dec. 9); and Morehead State (Dec. 16).

The next lottery Dec. 10, will be for the Louisville (Dec. 23) and Mississippi (Jan. 6) games.

This is how a typical lottery process goes:

Between 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. the doors to Memorial Coliseum will open and students will be handed randomly shuffled numbers. According to usual procedure, students will be called in numerical order.

Following the lottery, tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting at noon until 4 p.m. on Sundays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays. For most games, students may present their ID card with another and receive two tickets together.

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Nov. 17	ATH/JACT. 7:30 P.M. (EX.)
Nov. 29	Maryland 7:30 p.m.*
Nov. 28	Massachusetts 9 p.m.**
Dec. 2	Indiana 3 p.m.^
Dec. 6	WIS.-GREEN BAY 8 p.m.
Dec. 9	GEORGIA TECH 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	MOREHEAD ST. 8 p.m.
Dec. 19	MARSHALL 8 p.m.
Dec. 23	LOUISVILLE 3 p.m.
Dec. 27	Rider 7 p.m.**
Dec. 29	St. Johns or Iowa TBA**
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Jan. 13	TENNESSEE 7:30
Jan. 16	Louisiana St. 9:30 p.m.
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Jan. 27	S. CAROLINA 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	FLORIDA 1 p.m.
Feb. 7	Vanderbilt 8 p.m.
Feb. 11	ARKANSAS 3 p.m.
Feb. 14	GEORGIA 8 p.m.
Feb. 17	Tennessee 3 p.m.
Feb. 20	ALABAMA 9:30 p.m.
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By Rob Herbst
Staff Writer

If there's ever been a definition of shooting guard, it's Tony Delk.

But this year, the senior has been asked to redefine himself by playing point guard, a position that he tried and failed at three years ago.

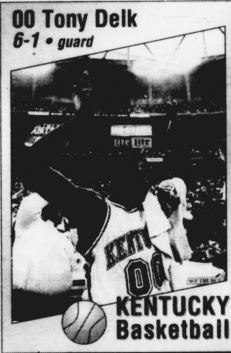
Coach Rick Pitino has tabbed his leading scorer as the starting point guard this season, a move intended to prepare Delk for the NBA.

"I'm having a great time in college right now but I do think about the NBA," said Delk, who at 6-foot-1 may be considered too small to play off guard in the pros. "It's what motivates me."

Pitino said the laid-back Delk can be a player in the mold of the Atlanta Hawks' Mookie Blaylock, but only if he learns to play with ferocity.

"He has to take his personality, look out there and say 'I've got to be energy man,'" Pitino said.

Delk not only will have to



00 Tony Delk
6-1 • guard

Tony Delk • sr.
Brownsville, Tenn.
(Haywood)

Points	31
3pt. goals	7
Rebounds	10
Assists	5
Blocks	3
Steals	4



YEAR	92-93	93-94	94-95
G-S	30-3	34-34	33-33
FG-A	47-104	200-440	207-433
PCT	45.2	45.5	47.8
3FG-A	18-51	92-254	77-197
PCT	35.3	37.5	39.1
FT-A	24-33	69-108	60-89
PCT	72.7	63.9	67.4
REB-AVG	57-1.9	153-4.5	110-3.3
A	22	59	65
BS	3	21	9
S	17	64	53
TP-AVG	136-4.5	564-16.6	551-16.7

change his personality but also his mentality.

He's used to coming off screens and having the ball delivered; now he'll have to do the delivering.

"I have to know the plays and also the personnel," he said. "Certain guys like the ball in certain positions, and that's something I have to get used to right now."

Pitino experimented with Delk at the point his freshman year with less than glamorous results.

That year, Delk had only three more assists than turnovers and was eventually switched back to shooting guard.

Since then, Delk has led the team in scoring each season. Last year, Delk was fourth on the team in assists.

But don't expect a decrease in Delk's scoring average just because he's the point guard.

"I'm supposed to take the role as a scorer," Delk said.

It's a role he's played well. Delk enters this season 26th on UK's all-time list and if he has a typical year, he should end his career as the top-scoring guard in school history.

Though he may struggle to adjust early on, Delk puts a positive light on his situation this year.

"I can only get better."

Walker has big summer, gets bigger

By Michael Day
Staff Writer

Was the 1995 Southeastern Conference Tournament a coming-out party for Antoine Walker?

The sophomore forward followed up his tournament MVP performance in March with an outstanding summer. He led the U.S. Olympic Festival team in scoring and rebounding, and he averaged 20 points and eight rebounds during the Cats' Italian tour.

"My game has gotten a lot better," Walker said. "We'll be able to judge my performance this season by how I played this summer."

Over the summer, the former skinny freshman added muscle to his upper body and now tips the scales at 225.

"Antoine is much stronger. That's very noticeable," Coach Rick Pitino said.

"That has helped his game in the low post."

Because of Walker's added



24 Antoine Walker
6-8 • forward

Antoine Walker • so.
Chicago
(Mt. Carmel)

Points	23
3pt. goals	3
Rebounds	10
Assists	6
Blocks	2
Steals	3



YEAR	94-95
G-S	33-2
FG-A	95-227
PCT	41.9
3FG-A	17-55
PCT	30.9
FT-A	52-73
PCT	71.2
REB-AVG	148-4.5
A	47
BS	8
S	28
TP-AVG	259-7.8

Antoine is much stronger. That has helped his game in the low post.

Rick Pitino
UK head coach

bulk, he, not starting center Walter McCarty, may be asked to guard opposing centers.

Guarding centers will be an adjustment for Walker. Last year, Walker missed out on a lot of playing time at the beginning of the year because his defensive skills weren't good enough to play in Pitino's system.

Over the summer, though, Walker helped guard the opposition's big men on his undersized Olympic Festival team.

"I have no problem with matching up with opposing centers," Walker said.

"We've got 6 (foot)10 guys who can run and jump and are

going to have to help each other out on defense."

Walker will battle players like McCarty, Ron Mercer, Jared Prickett and Mark Pope for playing time.

"Everybody is out here fighting for a position right now," he said.

"We're going at it everyday, working hard, competing, trying to make the job as easy as possible."

But the decision for Pitino could be made a little easier if Walker's defense is improved.

"I have to be able to rebound with the big guys," Walker said. "That's my role this year."

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