

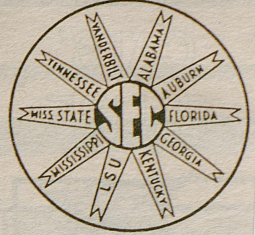
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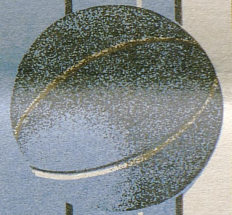
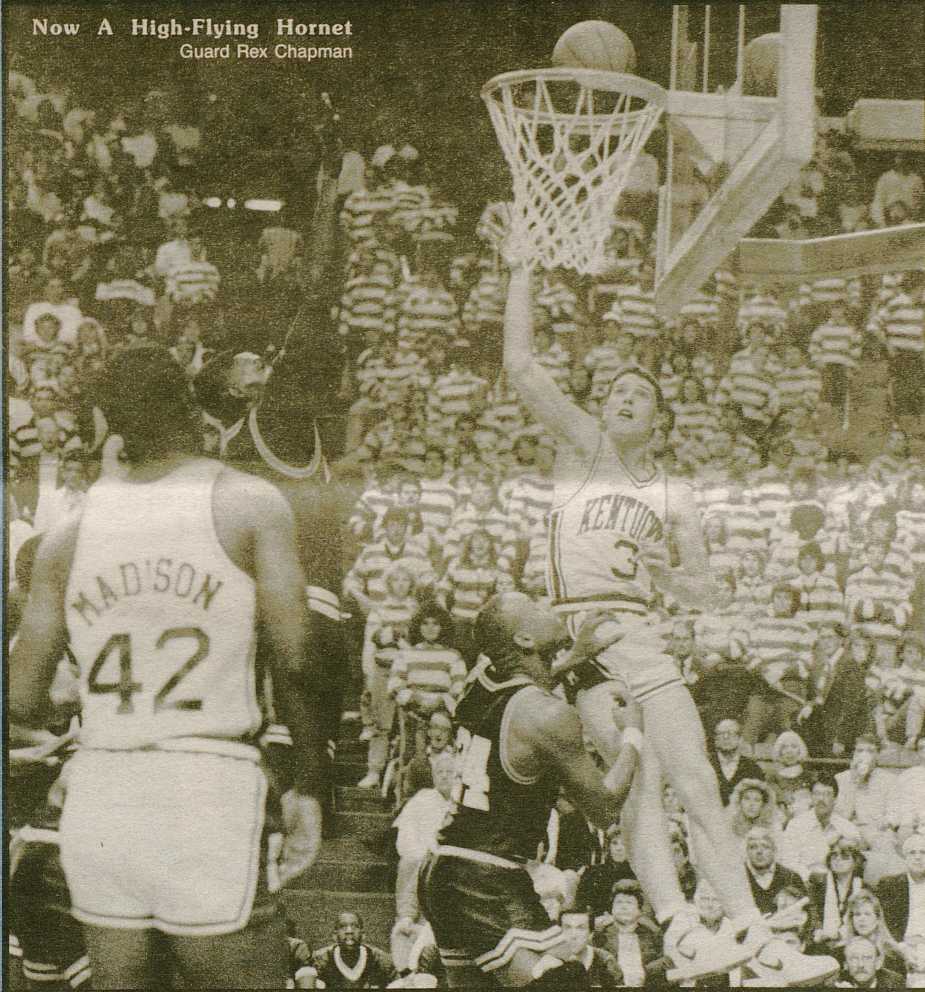
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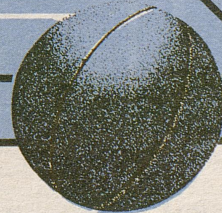
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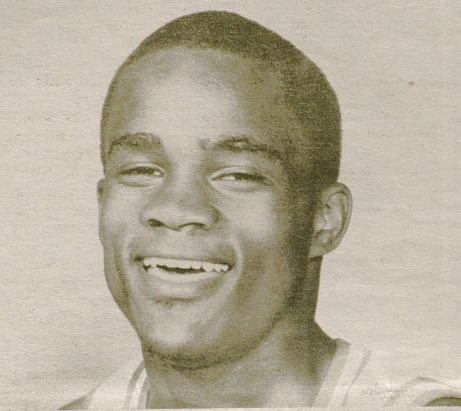
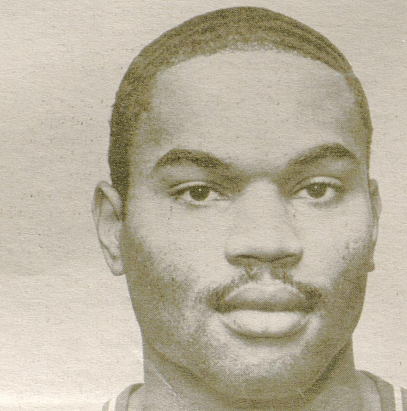
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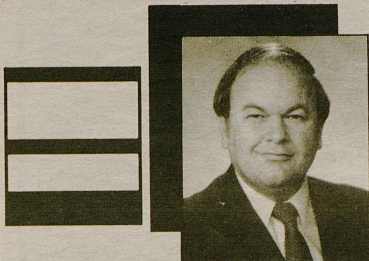
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To find out how former 'Cats (clockwise from top left) Rex Chapman, Rob Lock, Ed Davender and Winston Bennett did in the June 28 NBA draft, please turn to pages 4 and 5.

The Kentucky Prep All-Star Festival returns to Lexington's Memorial Coliseum July 15-17. For more information, including a tournament bracket, please turn to page 6.





OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

July Means Prep Recruiting Starting To Heat Up

The weekend of July 15 will once again provide Kentucky hoop fans with some of the best high school basketball as Eddie Ford stages his second Kentucky Prep All-Star Festival in Lexington.

Ford's project was a big hit last summer when he showcased the likes of Chris Jent, Don MacLean, Shawn Kemp, Sean Woods, Pat Graham, Chris Mills, Richie Farmer and Damon Bailey, among others during the three-day festival.

This year should be no different as Ford has entries from Georgia, South Carolina, Ohio, Arkansas, Tennessee, two from California and Indiana, among others.

As you can see from the list above, Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton and his staff recruited very nicely from the festival last season.

More on this event is listed inside this issue of TCP.

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Just as we were going to press on July 8, attorney Joe Bill Campbell filed a multi-million dollar libel suit on behalf of UK assistant coach Dwane Casey against the Emery Worldwide freight company.

The suit came at a time when rumors were engulfing Lexington that both the NCAA and the University of Kentucky were on the verge of nearing their conclusions of separate investigations into the alleged incident of a package containing \$1,000 was shipped by Casey to Claud Mills, father of UK signee Chris Mills.

There has been much speculation that the NCAA would wind up its investigation and make its decision known to UK sometime this month because of the impending eligibility of Mills.

At the same time, there have been widespread rumors that UK officials, namely president David Roselle, are prepared to make sweeping changes within the UK athletics program if Roselle's independent counsel should find any wrongdoing by any members of the basketball staff and/or athletics department.

Fueling that theory on was the speculation that Sutton might leave UK and take the head job at Kansas where Larry Brown won the national championship last spring.

When Brown announced his resignation, reporters quickly listed Sutton as a possible successor, but the UK coach answered "not really," when asked if he would be interested in the job.

Since then, Kansas has hired North Carolina assistant Roy Williams as the head coach. There are some who claim Sutton would have accepted the job had it been offered, considering the uncertainty of the UK program and his status here, but the UK boss has always insisted he is happy with the UK job.

Whether or not the Casey lawsuit will have any effect on the timetable of NCAA or UK action is unknown, but there are some close to Roselle who insist the UK president will take immediate and firm action if UK is hit with probation by the

NCAA.

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This is the biggest month of the year as far as college basketball recruiting is concerned, more so this summer than in the past because of a new NCAA recruiting period which limits college recruiters to just three weeks for evaluating prepsters in person.

The week of July 10-15 has coaches flocking to Princeton, N.J., where some 200 of the nation's finest will be competing at the Nike All-American Camp.

Sandwiched in and around the Nike event are camps put on by the super czars of the business, the B/C All-Star camps in Georgia and Indiana and Howard Garfinkel's Five-Star camps in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Kentucky's recruiting list is being secretly guarded this summer according to UK assistants, insinuating more or less, that a war between the coaching staff and media outlets has already been launched.

It apparently comes from what the coaches feel has been unfair reporting over UK's problems of the past three or four months.

Said one assistant, "We're not going to comment on anyone," referring to UK's recruiting this season.

Asked if two particular high school players would be playing in the Nike camp, Casey answered, "I really don't know. We don't even know who we're going to be recruiting. We haven't even sat down and made up our list yet."

Those comments were made on June 30. If the UK staff hadn't discussed recruiting by this time, they're in a whole lot of trouble for the future. I've got to believe the coaches had a very good idea of the people they'll be looking at this summer, but perhaps Casey's reaction was just a warning to the media: *No more favors here!* To a point, it's understandable Casey has been on an emotional rollercoaster, but...

I hesitate to admit it, but the conversation was with this reporter. Yes, it appears like it's going to be a long hot summer.

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Back to the above. It's obvious some people around the Kentucky program are irritated that local media types have not come swarming to their defense.

We said in our last issue it would be impossible, not to speak of being completely wrong, for us to accuse anyone of a wrongdoing we have no direct knowledge of. At the same time, I cannot in good faith and fairness to all, insist a person did not do something if I wasn't with him at the time.

It's no secret we have a warm spot for UK athletics or we wouldn't be publishing a sports weekly on the Wildcats, and we have no ties or loyalties to any other big-time university or coaches at other schools. But we'll not polish anyone's apple just to become an insider with them.

That's just not our style.

Having said that, let it be said that no one has been more supportive of UK athletic programs and officials than we have. But any decent news publication must be unbiased and fair, especially with you, the readers. That's the way it has been since we began publishing in September of 1976, and the way it will always be.

TCP has never been a puff sheet for UK as some of our critics would have you believe. When we have evidence someone has been wronged, we'll be the first to defend them. I would love to believe Kentucky is completely innocent of all charges, and they are innocent until proven guilty, but I'm not about to shoot off my mouth to say "such-and-such" is a lie when I have no evidence.

If this doesn't sit well with people I consider to be my friends, then so be it.

Thankfully, the court will now get to settle this once and for all. If there wasn't a \$1,000 in that package when it left the UK basketball office, Casey is going to be a mighty wealthy man and he certainly should be. He's entitled to every penny of the millions he'll get.

On the other hand, if there was a \$1,000 in that package when it left the UK basketball office, Roselle has no alternative but to take drastic action with the basketball program.

Such a stupid situation would demand it.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . Bad news on last year's recruiting front. **Sean Woods** missed the magic 700 score on his final SAT test and will not play in a Kentucky uniform this winter. His mother, **Vicki Williams**, told the *Louisville Courier-Journal* that Woods might now go the junior college route. . . No one is saying, but we have good sources which indicate that **Shawn Kemp** may have to follow the same direction. There had been no official announcement as of July 8, but sources close to the situation claim Kemp, too, failed his last test. Rumors persist that Sutton has been unable to persuade UK to admit Kemp without passing the test, a la the **Johnny Pittman** story of a year ago. Pittman, if you recall, was denied admission when he failed to qualify under the core curriculum section. Pittman ended up going to **Oklahoma State**, where he compiled a nifty 2.85 GPA his first year. If Kemp and Woods go the junior college route and if Mills is not permitted to enroll by the NCAA, then Kentucky's recruiting class (once hailed as one of the nation's top five) will be reduced to just **Richie Farmer**, the kid UK really didn't want in the first place. . . Former UK guard **Rex Chapman's** dream of competing in the Olympic Games is over, at least for now. Chapman was not among the finalists still competing for a spot on the 12-man roster that will compete in the '88 Summer Games in Seoul, South Korea. Chapman was deeply disappointed, but says he still

has hopes of playing in the 1992 Olympics, should the United States Olympic Committee allow professionals to compete. . . Our prayers go out to UK football player **David Scott** who was critically injured in an automobile wreck in Lexington a couple of weeks ago. Scott is in serious condition at UK's Chandler Medical Center. He underwent surgery for a lacerated liver, and also has serious head injuries and a broken left clavicle. . . Former UK coach **Joe B. Hall** is recuperating nicely at his home in Lexington after undergoing surgery in May.



Joe B. Hall

Joe B.'s hospital stay was about two weeks longer than anticipated when he developed an infection after surgery, but he's back at home now. You can write him at Beechwood Drive, Lexington, Ky. 40502. . . Reports out of the South have it that several SEC signees, including **Chris Jackson** won't be eligible. Jackson signed a grant with LSU, but his mother wouldn't co-sign it so Jackson reportedly is waiting till school starts and will then enroll without his mother's blessing. . . The recent decision by the SEC to ban any athlete who does not meet Proposition 48 by 1991 will have a tremendous impact on the quality of play in the SEC unless other conferences follow up. It'll be interesting to see if the league presidents reverse this decision before it becomes effective. . . Lexington is one of the four finalists for the SEC tournaments being planned for 1990, 1991 and 1992. The other finalists are Nashville, Birmingham and Orlando. The tourney next March will be staged in Knoxville. . . If Kentucky should be banned from post season play as part of any NCAA probation (if it should happen), we wonder if the SEC will force Jefferson-Pilot to live up to its original television pact or allow the network to renegotiate the deal, considering that its biggest television draw—Kentucky—won't be involved.

Charlotte Hornets Make Chapman Their First Pick; UK's Lock, Davender, Bennett All Selected In Third Round

For only the fifth time since the NBA began drafting college players in 1947, four players from the University of Kentucky were selected in the same draft. Rex Chapman, Rob Lock, Ed Davender and Winston Bennett became the latest foursome to earn that distinction when they were selected in June 28 draft.

In 1949, four members of UK's Fabulous Five—Alex Groza, Cliff Barker, Ralph Beard and Wah Wah Jones—were selected, all in the first round. In 1975, Kevin Grevey, Jimmy Dan Conner, Bob Guyette and Mike Flynn were drafted. In 1978, Rick Robey, Jack Givens, James Lee and Mike Phillips were selected. And in 1984, Dicky Beal, Sam Bowie, Jim Master, Melvin Turpin and Tom Heitz were taken.

Chapman, who completed his sophomore season at UK this past season and then indicated he would waive his final two years of eligibility and make himself available in the draft, was the first Wildcat selected. The expansion Charlotte Hornets, who will field a team for the first time during the 1988-89 season, took the Owensboro guard in the first round, making him the eighth player selected in the draft. Chapman was the first underclassman selected in the '88 draft, and was the third guard taken, behind Kansas State's Mitch Richmond (No. 5 by Golden State) and Bradley's Hersey Hawkins (No. 6 by Los Angeles Clippers).

It was no surprise that Chapman was among the first 10 players taken, but it was a surprise that he was selected by the Hornets. When it comes to building a franchise from the bottom up, conventional wisdom says to start with a quality big man. But Charlotte took Chapman—when centers Rony Seikaly, Will Perdue and Eric Leckner, among others, were still available—even though the club had already selected a pair of slick-shooting guards in Dell Curry and Kelly Tripuka in the earlier expansion draft.

"Rex Chapman signifies everything our franchise stands for... youth, excitement, explosiveness and talent," Charlotte general manager Carl Scheer told the *Associated Press*. "I think we have started with a great young player."

In the days after Chapman announced he was leaving Kentucky, speculation had it that he might go as high as second or third in the draft. Indiana, which had the second pick, and Philadelphia, which drafted third, both expressed interest in UK's leading scorer of the past two years. But the Pacers decided to go after center Rik Smits of Marist College, and the Sixers were apparently turned off by Chapman's poor performance at the Olympic Trials.

"To tell you the truth, the 76ers would have picked Rex had he not gone to the Olympic Trials and just hid. Just hid," Rex's father, Wayne Chapman, said.

Even so, neither King Rex nor his agent, Andrew Brandt, was too displeased.

"I'm not sure Charlotte expected Rex would still be available (for the eighth pick)," Brandt said. "But it certainly worked out really well for us. It gives Rex a chance to start fresh."

It also gives him a chance to begin his pro career in friendlier surroundings. Had Chapman been the third player selected, it would have likely led to more money... but it would also mean that he would be at the mercy of the ruthless Philadelphia writers, generally regarded as the toughest in the NBA.

"There'll be a certain amount expected from me," he said, "but the fans will know the team needs time to develop. That should help."

While Chapman's placement in the draft was a mild surprise, the real shocker involved Lock. About the only chance most observers gave the 6-foot-11 redhead of catching on in the NBA was as a free agent. But he was not only drafted—he was the first player chosen in the third round, and the 51st overall by the Los Angeles Clippers—he went ahead of teammates Davender and Bennett, both members of UK's illustrious 1,000-point club and both projected to go as high as late in the first round or early in the second.

"I was surprised," Lock said. "You always hear the one thing you can't coach is size. I'm more blessed in size, they're more gifted in the skills for the game."

Davender and Bennett were both selected late in the third round—Davender 60th by the Washington Bullets, Bennett 64th by the Cleveland Cavaliers—a position in the draft where only 13 percent of those taken in the last 11 years have stuck around for four years or more.

Davender, who fought for national recognition and respect during his entire Wildcat career, said he wasn't bothered by the turn of events, even though he turned in one of the better performances from a point guard at an NBA-sponsored camp earlier this summer in Orlando, Fla.

"I prepared myself for anything," he said. "I didn't get my hopes up. I wanted to be able to roll with the punches."

Bennett, on the other hand, had anticipated being picked earlier. After rehabilitating a blown out knee and having a solid senior year, he had fared well at an NBA camp in Chicago.

"I was very disappointed I didn't go higher," Bennett said. "I thought I played very well in Chicago. I thought that helped me a lot."

SEC Leads Way With 12 Players Drafted

Thanks in large part to the four Wildcat players, and three from Auburn, 12 of the 75 players selected in the draft were from the Southeastern Conference, more than any other league.

Four SEC players were taken in the first round: Auburn's Chris Morris (No. 4 by New Jersey), Chapman (No. 8 by Charlotte), Georgia's Willie Anderson (No. 10 by San Antonio) and Will Perdue (No. 11 by Chicago).

Southeastern.....	12
Big Eight.....	7
Big Ten.....	6
Big East.....	5
Metro.....	5
Atlantic Coast.....	4
Independents.....	4
Pacific Coast.....	4
Pac-10.....	4
Southwest.....	4
Atlantic 10.....	2
Mid-American.....	2

Florida's Vernon Maxwell (No. 47 by Denver, then traded to San Antonio) and LSU's Jose Vargas (No. 49 by Dallas) were taken in the second round.

Third-round selections were: Lock (No. 51 by L.A. Clippers), LSU's Hernan Montenegro (No. 57 by Philadelphia), Auburn's Jeff Moore (No. 58 by Charlotte), Davender (No. 60 by Washington), Auburn's Mike Jones (No. 63 by Milwaukee) and Bennett (No. 64 by Cleveland).

Ohio Valley.....	2
Western Athletic.....	2
American South.....	1
East Coast.....	1
ECAC Metro.....	1
Missouri Valley.....	1
Sun Belt.....	1
West Coast Athletic.....	1
Others.....	
NCAA Division II.....	3
NAIA.....	2
Foreign.....	1

Round-by-round NBA selections

FIRST ROUND

- L.A. Clippers.....Danny Manning (6-10, F, Kansas)
- Indiana Pacers.....Rik Smits (7-4, C, Marist)
- Philadelphia 76ers.....x-Charles Smith (6-10, F, Pitt)
- New Jersey Nets.....Chris Morris (6-8, F, Auburn)
- Golden State Warriors.....Mitch Richmond (6-5, G, Kansas St.)
- L.A. Clippers.....y-Hersey Hawkins (6-3, G, Bradley)
- Phoenix Suns.....Tim Perry (6-9, F, Temple)
- Charlotte Hornets.....Rex Chapman (6-4, G, Kentucky)**
- Miami Heat.....Rony Seikaly (6-11, C-F, Syracuse)
- San Antonio Spurs.....Willie Anderson (6-7, G, Georgia)
- Chicago Bulls.....Will Perdue (6-11, C, Vanderbilt)
- Washington Bullets.....Harvey Grant (6-9, F, Oklahoma)
- Milwaukee Bucks.....Jeff Grayer (6-5, G, Iowa St.)
- Phoenix Suns.....Dan Majerle (6-6, F, Central Michigan)
- Seattle SuperSonics.....Gary Grant (6-3, G, Michigan)
- Houston Rockets.....Derrick Chievous (6-7, F, Missouri)
- Utah Jazz.....Eric Leckner (6-11, C, Wyoming)
- Sacramento Kings.....Ricky Berry (6-8, G, San Jose St.)
- New York Knicks.....Rod Strickland (6-3, G, DePaul)
- Miami Heat.....Kevin Edwards (6-3, G, DePaul)
- Portland Trail Blazers.....Mark Bryant (6-9, F, Seton Hall)
- Cleveland Cavaliers.....Randolph Keys (6-9, F, Southern Miss)
- Denver Nuggets.....Jerome Lane (6-6, F, Pitt)
- Boston Celtics.....Brian Shaw (6-6, G, Cal-Santa Barbara)
- L.A. Lakers.....David Rivers (6-0, G, Notre Dame)

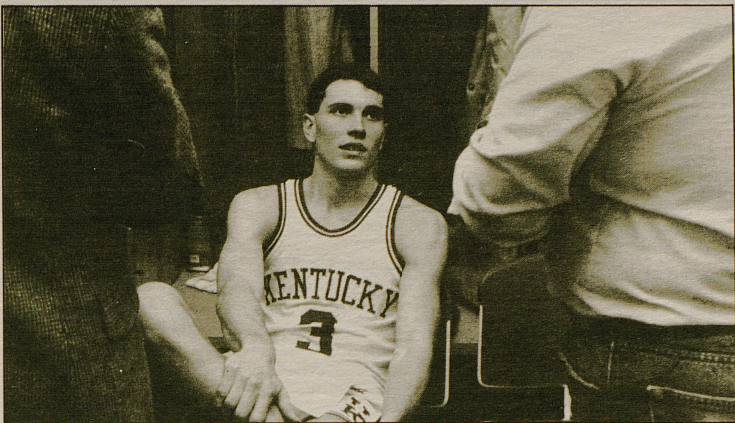
SECOND ROUND

- Portland Trail Blazers.....Rolando Ferreira (7-1, C, Houston)
- San Antonio Spurs.....Shelton Jones (6-9, F, St. John's)
- Phoenix Suns.....Andrew Lang (6-11, C, Arkansas)
- Sacramento Kings.....Vinny Del Negro (6-5, G, N.C. St.)
- Detroit Pistons.....Fennis Dembo (6-6, F, Wyoming)
- Philadelphia 76ers.....Everette Stephens (6-3, G, Purdue)
- New Jersey Nets.....Charles Shackelford (6-10, F, N.C. St.)
- Miami Heat.....Grant Long (6-8, F, Eastern Michigan)
- Charlotte Hornets.....Tom Tolbert (6-7, F, Arizona)
- Miami Heat.....Sylvester Gray (6-6, F, Memphis St.)
- Washington Bullets.....Ledell Eckles (6-5, G, New Orleans)
- New York Knicks.....Greg Butler (6-11, F-C, Stanford)
- Phoenix Suns.....Dean Garrett (6-10, F-C, Indiana)
- Milwaukee Bucks.....Tito Horford (7-1, C, Miami, Fla.)
- Miami Heat.....Orlando Graham (6-7, F, Auburn-Montgomery)
- Golden State Warriors.....Keith Smart (6-2, G, Indiana)
- Utah Jazz.....Jeff Moe (6-4, G, Iowa)
- Denver Nuggets.....Todd Mitchell (6-7, F, Purdue)
- Atlanta Hawks.....Anthony Taylor (6-4, G, Oregon)
- L.A. Clippers.....Tom Garrick (6-2, G, Rhode Island)
- Dallas Mavericks.....Morton Wiley (6-4, G, Long Beach St.)
- San Antonio Spurs.....zVernon Maxwell (6-5, G, Florida)
- Detroit Pistons.....Michael Williams (6-2, G, Baylor)
- Dallas Mavericks.....Jose Vargas (6-10, C, LSU)
- Phoenix Suns.....Steve Kerr (6-3, G, Arizona)

THIRD ROUND

- L.A. Clippers.....Rob Lock (6-11, C, Kentucky)**
- New Jersey Nets.....Derek Hamilton (6-6, F, Southern Miss)
- Portland Trail Blazers.....Anthony Mason (6-7, F, Tennessee St.)
- Atlanta Hawks.....Jorge Gonzalez (7-6, C, Argentine Nat'l Team)
- Phoenix Suns.....Rodney Johns (6-2, G, Grand Canyon, Colo.)
- San Antonio Spurs.....Barry Sumpter (7-0, C, Austin Peay)
- Philadelphia 76ers.....Hernan Montenegro (6-10, F, LSU)
- Charlotte Hornets.....Jeff Moore (6-7, F, Auburn)
- Miami Heat.....Nate Johnson (6-8, F, Tampa)
- Washington Bullets.....Ed Davender (6-3, G, Kentucky)**
- Indiana Pacers.....Herb Crook (6-7, F, Louisville)
- Chicago Bulls.....Derrick Lewis (6-7, F, Maryland)
- Milwaukee Bucks.....Mike Jones (6-7, F, Auburn)
- Cleveland Cavaliers.....Winston Bennett (6-7, F, Kentucky)**
- Seattle SuperSonics.....Corey Gaines (6-3, G, Loyola Marymount)
- Denver Nuggets.....Dwight Boyd (6-4, G, Memphis St.)
- Utah Jazz.....Ricky Grace (6-1, G, Oklahoma)
- Atlanta Hawks.....Darryl Middleton (6-9, F, Baylor)
- New York Knicks.....Phil Stinnie (6-8, F, Va. Commonwealth)
- Dallas Mavericks.....Jerry Johnson (5-11, G, Florida Southern)
- Portland Trail Blazers.....Craig Neal (6-5, G, Georgia Tech)
- Detroit Pistons.....Lee Johnson (6-9, F, Norfolk St.)
- Indiana Pacers.....Michael Anderson (5-11, G, Drexel)
- Boston Celtics.....Gerald Paddio (6-7, F-G, UNLV)
- San Antonio Spurs.....Archie Marshall (6-7, F, Kansas)

x-Smith was drafted by the 76ers, who traded his rights to the Clippers.
y-Hawkins was drafted by the Clippers, who traded his rights to the 76ers.
z-Maxwell was drafted by the Nuggets, who traded his rights to the Spurs.



REX CHAPMAN

Drafting team: Charlotte Hornets

Round taken: 1st (8th pick, overall)

Projected position: off guard

Chapman's reaction: "I haven't talked to anybody in Charlotte yet, but I understand it's a great and growing city."

"I'm starting to get comfortable with (my decision to go to NBA early). I'm glad I did it."

"I think I can play with them. I don't know if I can be a superstar for them from the beginning, but hopefully someday I can be."

ROB LOCK

Drafting team: Los Angeles Clippers

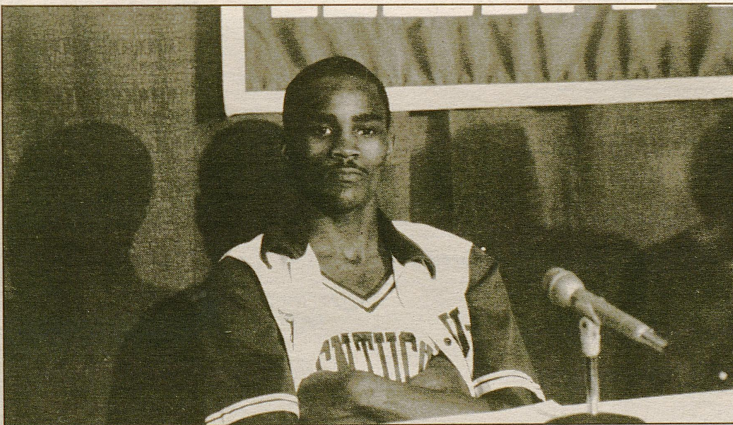
Round taken: 3rd (51st pick, overall)

Projected position: center

Lock's reaction: "I feel good, real good. A lot of people have said I shouldn't have even played at Kentucky. Now, to be drafted... it's kind of ironic. Satisfying. That made it all that much better."

"I was surprised. You always hear the one thing you can't coach is size. I'm more blessed with size. (Davender and Bennett) are more gifted in skills for the game."

"Usually, big people mature later. I haven't reached my peak. I'm definitely not through improving. That's probably why I went so high."



ED DAVENDER

Drafting team: Washington Bullets

Round taken: 3rd (60th pick, overall)

Projected position: point guard

Davender's reaction: "I prepared myself for anything. I didn't want to get my hopes up. I wanted to be able to roll with the punches."

"There's nothing I can do about (the fact that only 13 percent of third-round selections go on to have NBA careers). I know I can't chase a dream all my life."

Bullet assistant Bill Blair, on Davender: "We're sort of open at (the point position). So he's got a chance. It wasn't a throw-away pick at all."

WINSTON BENNETT

Drafting team: Cleveland Cavaliers

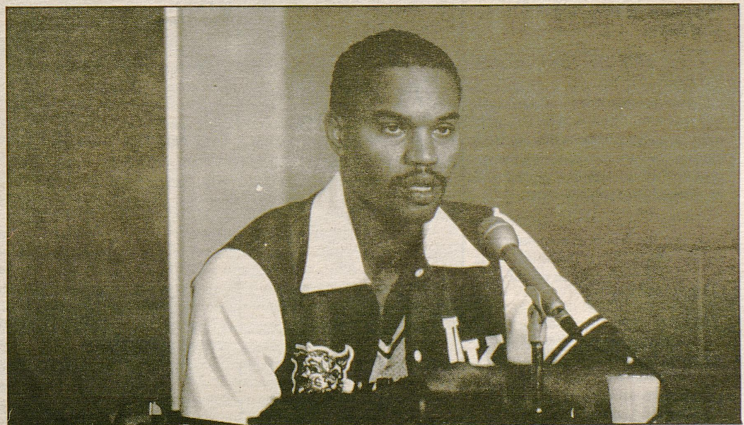
Round taken: 3rd (64th pick, overall)

Projected position: small forward

Bennett's reaction: "I was very disappointed I didn't go any higher. I thought I played well in Chicago (at an NBA camp). I thought that helped me a lot."

"(My agent, Norman Blass) will fill me in on what the Cavs expect of me and what I should be working on this summer."

"It seems I've been trying to prove myself since I've been playing basketball. I guess I'll have to do that again."



Second Annual Kentucky Prep All-Star Festival Set For Mid-July

Two teams from Kentucky will do battle with 14 others from around the country as the nation's top high school basketball talent returns to Lexington for the second-annual Kentucky Prep All-Star Festival July 15-17 at Memorial Coliseum.

The 16-team, single-elimination event gets underway at noon on Friday, July 15, and concludes with the championship game at noon on Sunday, July 17.

The Kentucky Junior All-Star Team, which recently completed a successful tour of Europe, will act as the Kentucky No. 1 entry. Two 5-foot-11 guards, Travis Ford of Madisonville-North Hopkins and Michael Allen of Lexington Bryan Station, will lead the way. Ford led the Junior All-Stars, who compiled a 6-1 record on the tour, with a 19.0-point per game average. Allen was the only other player to finish the tour averaging in double figures, with 12.0 ppg.

Kentucky will also have another team in the field, which includes two teams from California and Indiana, and one team each from Ohio, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Colorado, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida.

The tournament will be single-elimination, with the losers advancing into a loser's bracket. Each team is guaranteed of playing three games. Only players with high school eligibility remaining are eligible. Each team must have at least 10 players and no more than 12, and all must be from the same state. All games will be video taped and available to anyone interested at a cost of \$25 per game.

College coaches from coast-to-coast will be on hand to watch the country's best high school talent.

There are 12 games scheduled for Friday, 14 for Saturday and three for Sunday.

There will be an MVP selected for each game, a 12-man all-tournament team and a tournament MVP. Individual awards will be given to each player on the top four teams.

The tournament will be played under the rules of the National High School Federation, with the following exceptions:

□ Each player must play in his team's games. A team must play a five-player unit during the first quarter and a totally different unit during the second quarter. Teams with 12 players must use a sixth player on each unit for at least three minutes during the quarter. There are no restrictions during the second half.

□ Each game will consist of four 10-minute quarters.

□ Two timeouts will be allowed each team per half. There will be no carryovers (a team can't save a timeout from the first half and use it during the second half). One additional timeout will be allowed for each overtime.

□ After a team on offense crosses midcourt, the defensive team *must* play man-to-man defense. Technical fouls for illegal defense will be called after the first warning.

The Red Roof Inn, New Circle & Nicholasville Road, ph. (606) 277-9400, will serve as tournament headquarters.

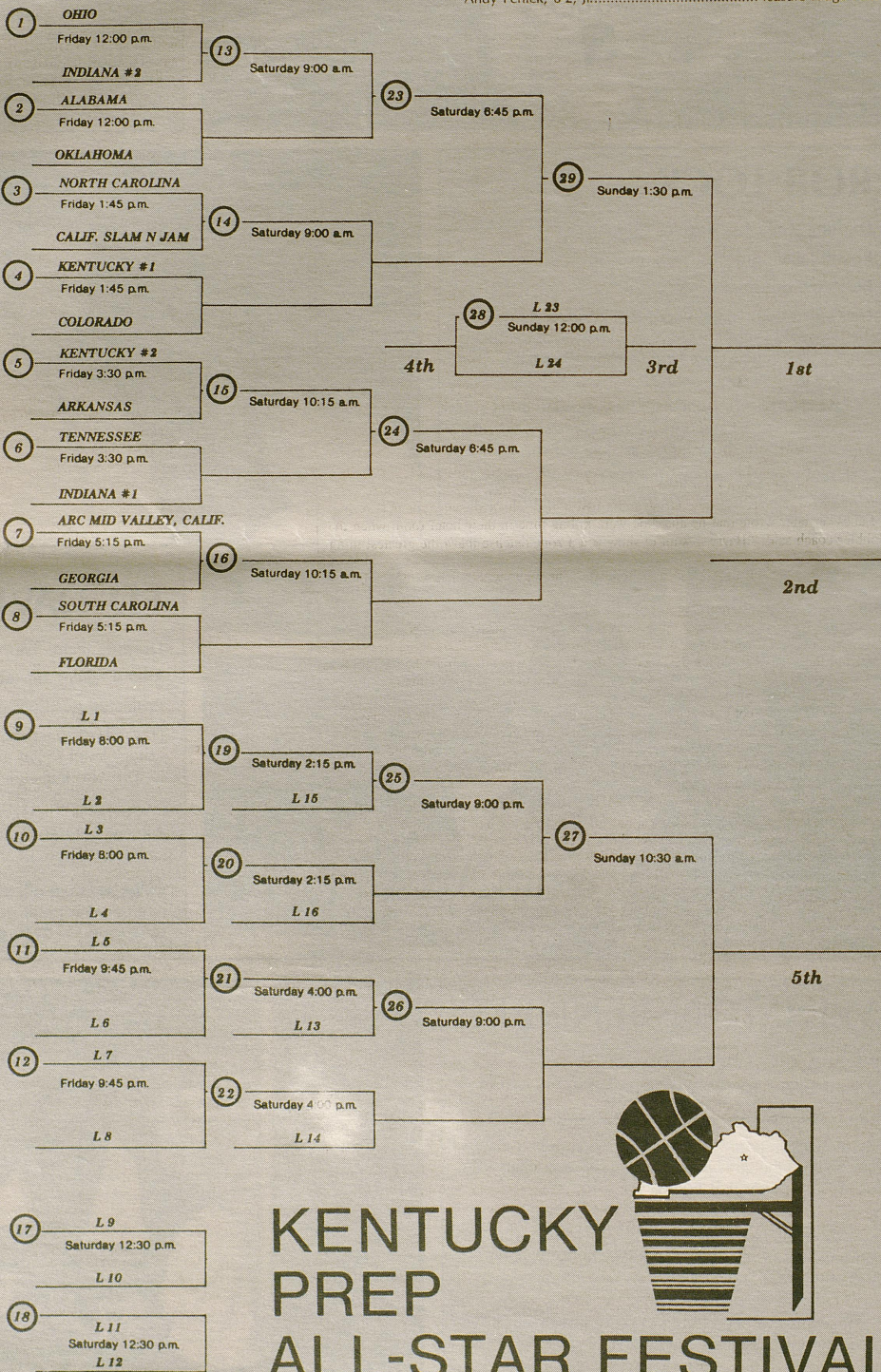
General admission tickets, good for each one-day session, will be available at Memorial Coliseum.

KENTUCKY NO. 1 ROSTER

Player, Ht., Yr.	High School
Jerry Hurt, 6-8, Sr.	Morgantown
Troy Smith, 6-8, Sr.	Fort Knox
Dan Hall, 6-7, Sr.	Marshall County
Travis Ziegler, 6-7, Sr.	Jeffersontown
Scott Sivills, 6-6, Sr.	Trigg County
Mike Burd, 6-3, Sr.	Hart County
Greg Franklin, 6-3, Sr.	Central City
Allen Tolley, 6-3, Sr.	Louisville Eastern
Travis Ford, 5-11, Sr.	Madisonville-North Hopkins
Mike Allen, 5-11, Sr.	Lexington Bryan Station

KENTUCKY NO. 2 ROSTER

Player, Yr., Ht.	High School
Keith Peel, 6-9, Jr.	Jessamine County
Dwayne Crittendon, 6-7, Sr.	Shelby County
Mike Hampton, 6-7, Sr.	Meade County
Jon Castleberry, 6-7, Sr.	Lexington Henry Clay
Jody Thompson, 6-5, Jr.	Feds Creek
Kelly Wells, 6-6, Jr.	Rowan County
Jerry Pelphrey, 6-5, Sr.	Paintsville
David Alexander, 6-2, Jr.	Hazard
Jeff Young, 6-0, Jr.	Adair County
Brett Eades, 6-0, Sr.	Paris
Arlando Johnson, 5-11, Jr.	Owensboro Apollo
Andy Penick, 6-2, Jr.	Pleasure Ridge Park



The Good Ol' 'Hyperbolic Paraboloid' Defense

In Other Words, Rupp's 1-3-1 Zone

The trap defense that Pat Riley's Los Angeles Lakers used so effectively at strategic moments during their 24-game marathon playoff route to a second consecutive NBA championship last month bears a striking resemblance to the 1-3-1 zone trap that helped put All-American forward Riley and his "Rupp's Runts" teammates into the 1966 NCAA



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist



championship final against Texas Western.

Although zone defenses are prohibited in the NBA, the rules do allow double-teaming the man with the ball, which clears the way for a trapping defense.

Of course, Wildcat coach Adolph Rupp, a noted hater of zone defenses, refused to call his trap a zone, referring to it instead as a "transitional and shifting man-to-man backed by a hyperbolic paraboloid between the ball and the basket."

RUPP SPRUNG THAT TERMINOLOGY on an unsuspecting press corps after surprising Ray Mears and Tennessee 66-57 with the defense in Knoxville during January of 1964. As the media sought further enlightenment, he explained that a paraboloid is "sort of a cone" and a hyperboloid is "one with one of the points cut off," while stratified means "in layers" and transitional means "changing."

Although Rupp said he and Lancaster "invented" the defense during a trip to Japan, he admitted that Lancaster got the idea from Chuck Noe, then coach at Virginia Tech, when those two roomed together during an East-West high school all-star game in Pikeville. Lancaster later wrote that he and Noe were killing time in their hotel room when the Gobbler coach said, "Harry, I want to show you a zone defense that's the greatest thing I've ever seen."

"You're wasting your time," Lancaster replied. "There's no way in hell Adolph will ever use it."

"But this zone is different," Noe said. "It has rules."

"In those days most zones were just areas of the floor," Lancaster recalled later. "You designated a zone for each player and instructed them not to let anybody score from their zone. But the 1-3-1 that Chuck designed for me that day was different. It had a rule for every player. It dictated exactly where each player was to go in every situation."

The Wildcat freshman team that year, dubbed the "Katzenjammer Kids" by Rupp, was led by the talented trio of Larry Conley, Mickey Gibson and Tom Kron. The Kittens practiced after the varsity each day and Rupp never hung around to watch the sessions. With the zone-hater home enjoying his pre-dinner bourbon, Lancaster started "fooling around" with the 1-3-1 in practice, following diagrams and rules written for him by Noe. He called Noe several times for clarifications.

THE KEY WAS HAVING A BIG GUARD AT THE POINT, and a clever forward on the right side, where he could trap after the other players had forced the opponents to go to the left. Kron, 6-foot-5, and Conley, 6-3, filled those positions, respectively.

The Kittens played their games as preliminaries to the varsity in those days. Rupp always went to the dressing room after watching the first half, which gave Lancaster an opportunity to experiment with the new defense during the second half. He later recalled that the Kittens were in the dressing room one night as the varsity prepared to leave and Rupp turned to him and said, "Harry, you were running a ---- zone out there tonight. You're just wasting our kids' time running that."

"I told him this zone was different," Lancaster said. "I told him there were rules for everything. I sent him all the diagrams the next day, but it was not mentioned again."

Tennessee was coached by Ray Mears, whose 1-3-1 slow-down offense had always given Rupp trouble. When the Volunteers came to Lexington on that January day in 1964, they were 10-2 overall and 3-0 in the conference. The Wildcats were 12-2 overall, but the two losses had come in four conference games.

Recognizing an opportunity, Lancaster suggested to Rupp, "If we go with that zone, it might force Tennessee to play at a faster tempo than they want to. Mears is smart as hell when he knows what you're going to do, but he can't adjust in a game. We'll take him by surprise."

LANCASTER WAS SURPRISED WHEN RUPP AGREED to use the defense. After the game, Mears kept his team in the dressing room for an extended period of time, when he finally emerged, he noted, "It was a good defense. That's all I'm going to say."

The Wildcats went back to the man-to-man the following game, but they resorted to the trap again at Knoxville, defeating the Vols 42-38 for the conference championship. Kron played a terrific game at the point.

Although the Wildcats had two exciting sophomores in Riley and Louie Dampier the following year, they fell on hard times and finished 15-10, worst record under Rupp up to that time. The addition of Thad Jaracz, a 6-5 sophomore, the following year completed the unit that was to be known as the "Runts."

With the 1-3-1 as the basic defense, Rupp and Lancaster stationed Kron on the point, Conley and Dampier on the wings with Jaracz in between, and Riley on the baseline. The team won 23 straight games before falling to Tennessee 69-62 in Knoxville. Then the 'Cats closed the season as No. 1 after defeating Tulane, 103-74.

Dampier scored 34 points and Riley 29 in an 86-79 win over Dayton and Riley repeated with 29 in an 84-77 win over Michigan in the Mideast Regional at Iowa City. Conley came down with the flu and did not practice prior to the Final Four at College Park, Md. He was still ill, but played in an 83-79 UK semifinal win over second-ranked Duke.

After some members of the staff stayed up with the ailing Conley, Wildcat hopes received another blow when Riley came up with an infected foot. He and the trainer had neglected to tell the coaching staff. Kentucky lost to Texas Western 83-79 in what was the toughest loss of Rupp's career.

PERSONAL NOTES: As a sports editor traveling with the Wildcats, I remember well the 1963-64 season, especially the fast start that had UK winning its first 10 games. After defeating Duke 81-79 on Terry Mobley's shot in the closing seconds of the Sugar Bowl tournament, the 'Cats had only a couple days at home before traveling South again, losing to Georgia Tech 76-67 and Vanderbilt 85-83. They lost only to Alabama and St. Louis in the remaining 13 games before losing to Ohio University and Loyola in the Mideast Regional at Minneapolis.

With the Tech game at Atlanta out of reach in the closing minutes, I suddenly noticed that UK had gone into a strange defense. Nothing was mentioned of the matter until the late Larry Boeck, then with the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, and I were walking up the long ramp to the elevated press box in the Vandy gym a couple of nights later.

"You know Larry," I said. "I could have sworn that was a zone defense that Rupp threw against Tech."

"No way," he replied. "Rupp would never use a zone defense."

While doing some research work in Kansas on Rupp and his old coach Phog Allen a dozen or so years ago, I came across a tidbit where Allen, also an opponent of the zone defense, was describing some type of new defense that really wasn't a zone. Allen's terminology then was remarkably close to the one that his prize pupil Rupp would use years later in describing the 1-3-1 trap.

Rupp was always collecting such tidbits, along with poems and clever sayings that he would save for an opportune time.



The halfcourt trap that Riley used to win his second consecutive NBA championship is strikingly similar to Rupp's "zone."

Pat and Louie were sophomores when the Wildcats lost to Florida, their sixth setback in 15 games, in January of 1965. We flew in a small plane from Gainesville to Athens, Ga., and were waiting for transportation into town when Pat asked me if it was true that Rupp had stated during the postgame press conference that this was the worst team he had ever coached.

"That's exactly what he said," I replied.

When we got to the motel, a team meeting was called immediately. The Wildcats then beat Georgia the following night, which was not a great feat in those days, and won four other SEC games before losing three in a row to Vanderbilt and Auburn on the road and Alabama at home. Then they beat UT and Alabama to finish 15-10. People around Lexington were starting to say Rupp was slipping. That was the year before the "Runts" restored him to the throne for the time being.

Pat Riley stops by the Coliseum every summer to say hello to old friends and others in the athletic department. I always seem to be on vacation at the time. I hope I'm around this year because I want to ask him how he felt being a member of what Rupp termed his worst team up to that time and then being a member of a team that was the toast of the city, state and nation the following year. (I won't mention the 13-13 year of 1966-67)

I also remember looking for "Shive" (the late Bernie Shively) in College Park after the Duke game so we could get going on our traditional card game. He was in Conley's room, helping put up a croop tent.

I also saw Riley's foot in the locker room after the Texas Western game and it was really not a pleasant sight. It took a lot of courage to play with that painful ailment.



ALL STAR SPORTS REPORT

BOB GIBBONS' TOP 35 COLLEGE RECRUITING CLASSES

School	Signees	Comments	School	Signees	Comments	
1. UNLV	7	A sensational class with DAVID BUTLER (JC #1), MOSES SCURRY (JC #14), GEORGE ACKLES (JC #36), EVRICK GRAY (#16), ANTOINE DAVISON (#57), BOBBY JOYCE (#67) and MATT OTHICK (#83). Three top 40 JC's and four top 100 preps constitute a recruiting bonanza. Gray, Davison and Joyce all may be non-qualifiers, and all could be farmed out to a junior college or NAIA school. Tark's recruiting is so advanced that he now deals in "futures" much like a commodities broker. Interestingly, Vegas is one of several (Georgetown is another) who have discovered the advantages of placing a budding star in an NAIA school for one year. He then transfers and sits out a year. The big advantages are the youngster plays as a freshman, can practice with the team during his redshirt or sitout year and he still has three years of eligibility, rather than two for JUCO transfers.	10. DEPAUL	6	SAM CASSELL (#63), DAVID BOOTH (#66), CURTIS PRICE (#78), STEPHEN HOWARD (#134), GILBERT MILLER (JC #30) and walk-on CHUCK MURPHY (*). The Blue Demons filled their primary needs and got the guards to replace Hot Rod Strickland.	
2. MICHIGAN ST.	7	MATT STEIGENGA (#9), MIKE PELOWSKI (#17), JON ZULAF (#100), MARK MONTGOMERY (#107), PARISH HICKMAN (#133), KIRK BAKER (JC #13) and JEFF CASLER (JC #60). This is Jud Heathcote's best class since he landed the Magic man. After ranking third in November, the Spartans added two probable starters, top 60 JC's Baker and Casler this spring.	11. ARKANSAS	8	LEE MAYBERRY (#12), TODD DAY (#29), OLIVER MILLER (#127), MAURICE CANNON (#194), DARRELL HAWKINS (#238), WARREN LINN (N/R), MICHAEL HOGUE (N/R) and LENZIE HOWELL (JC *). Nolan Richardson recruited the best backcourt duo in the Southwest Conference, and possibly the nation.	
3. SYRACUSE	6	BILLY OWENS (#2), DAVID JOHNSON (#32), TONY SCOTT (#73), RICHARD MANNING (#122), DAVE SIOCK (#206) and MIKE HOPKINS (*). The Orangemen got it done early, and have now zeroed in on their top prospects for next year.	12. OKLAHOMA ST.	7	BYRON HOUSTON (#43), DARWYN ALEXANDER (#140), CEDRIC MACKYEON (#211), COREY WILLIAMS (#218), SHAWN DAVIS (**), ANTHONY JONES (JC #20) and VAUGHN McDADE (JC *). Leonard Hamilton (and Johnny Pittman) can hardly wait for next season.	
4. ST. JOHN'S	6	MALIK SEALY (#7), ROBERT WERDANN (#22), CHUCK SPROLING (#47), JASON BUCHANAN (#110), BARRY MILHAVEN (JC *) and TERENCE MULLIN (*). Looie's loaded and looking to liquidate Big East foes.	13. LSU	7	STANLEY ROBERTS (#4), HAROLD BOUDREAUX (#54), MAURICE WILLIAMSON (#106), KEVIN MOSES (#143), SCOTT GULDSETH (**), VERNELL SINGLETON (*) and STEVE COOK (*). If CHRIS JACKSON (#15) enrolls next fall, move the Tigers up to No. 3.	
5. OKLAHOMA	6	HERMAN HENRY (JC #12), MICHAEL HARRIS (JC #22) and WILLIAM DAVIS (JC #43) are Tubbs' latest JUCO hotshots. Talented preppers include ROLAND WARE (#94), BRIAN SALLIER (#112) and TERRY EVANS (**). Wild Billy still stockpiles despite his contention that "Prop 48 has ruined recruiting."	14. NOTRE DAME	5	LaPHONSO ELLIS (#11), ELMER BENNETT (#48), KEITH TOWER (#79), DAIMON SWEET (#85) and KEITH ADKINS (#51). With four top 100 signees, Irish hopes are soaring.	
6. KENTUCKY	4	SHAWN KEMP (#3), CHRIS MILLS (#8), RICHIE FARMER (#50) and SEAN WOODS (#88). Despite all the turmoil, the 'Cats' recruiting shines as brightly as ever. Kemp has yet to pass Prop 48 and according to published reports, Woods will not. We cannot predict what will happen with Mills. Their only sure-fire recruit is Farmer, who in our opinion is 1988's version of Scott Skiles.	15. AUBURN	7	COREY WALKER (#76), ROBERT McKIE (#99), RONNIE BATTLE (#158), CRAIG WALKER (**), REGGIE GALLON (**), KEVIN ARDISTER (JC #54), KIRT HANKTON (JC *). Ol' Sonny Smith successfully stocks up.	
7. GEORGETOWN	5	ALONZO MOURNING (#1), MILTON BELL (#39), HENRY HALL (#154), RONNIE THOMPSON (*) and DIKEMBE MUTOMBO. Mourning is The Man; Thompson has The Plan. Let it be written: the Hoyas are unquestionably the Beasts of the East, and ultimately, the nation.	16. WYOMING	13	Almost too many to count, much less list. DERRICK TURNER (JC #21), CLINT BEAN (JC #42), KENNY SMITH (JC #61), McINTYRE (JC *), BARNETT (JC), TRAVIS BUTLER (#81), TIM BREAUX (#200), LONNIE JONES (**), MICHAEL BROWN (**), REGGIE SLATER (*), TIM REMME (*), SANDERS (N/R), STUBBLEFIELD (N/R). Mercifully, some won't make it.	
8. FLORIDA	7	STACEY POOLE (#34), CESAR PORTILLO (#40), JOHNNY WALKER (#46), JOSE RAMOS (#138), KELLY McKINNON (#249), TIM TURNER (*) and BRIAN HOGAN (*). The Gators gobbled up Florida's best talent.	17. ALABAMA	5	DAVID BENOIT (JC #4), ROBERT HORRY (#37), ANTHONY LAWRENCE (#115), KENNETH RICE (#153), MARCUS WEBB (**). Everything but a point guard.	
9. PURDUE	5	LOREN CLYBURN (#28), WOODY AUSTIN (#82), CRAIG RILEY (#89), KEITH STEWART (#116) and CHARLES WHITE (JC #32). Keady & Co. scrambled, but scored.	18. GEORGIA	6	LITTERIAL GREEN (#27), TOMMY GAINES (#52), MIKE GREEN (#111), ARLANDO BENNETT (#119), SEBASTIAN NEAL (**), REGINALD TINCH (**). The Dogs hope a few will qualify.	
			19. OHIO STATE	5	MARK BAKER (#20), BILL ROBINSON (#65), CHRIS JENT (#72), JAMAAL BROWN (#162), STEVE HALL (**). The Buckeyes have had consecutive top 20 classes, which definitely brings "good luck."	
			20. NEBRASKA	5	DAPREIS OWENS (#41), CARL HAYES (#74), LEWIS GETER (#152), ERIC DOLEZAL (#174) and RAY RICHARDSON (JC #37). Danny Nee reaped a bountiful harvest.	
			21. ARIZONA		22. KANSAS	23. DUKE
			24. IOWA		25. UCLA	26. SETON HALL
			27. MISSOURI		28. LOUISVILLE	29. SOUTH CAROLINA
			30. TENNESSEE		31. BALL STATE	32. VILLANOVA
			33. KANSAS STATE		34. TEMPLE	35. NORTHWESTERN INDIANA, MARYLAND

Note: Number following each player constitutes ranking in top 250. **Means player is ranked from 251-350. *Means player is ranked from 351-750. N/R means player is unranked.

Sean Sutton Determined To Improve Shooting

Returning Players Back Rex's Decision

No youngster enjoyed playing basketball more than Sean Sutton. Most days he spent three, four or even five hours playing basketball to develop his skills.

Sutton, though, never took time just to shoot. He enjoyed playing too much to spend time by himself working on an outside jump shot.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist



"I regret that every day now," said the University of Kentucky sophomore point guard. "I never liked to just go out and shoot. I got a great thrill out of playing and at the time no one, including my dad, could make me understand why it was important to develop an outside shot."

Last season he found out the hard way why he needed an accurate outside shot. UK opponents often left Sutton uncovered from 15-18 feet but he lacked the confidence to take the shot.

"I'm not a good shooter and admit it," said Sutton, who was in Danville Monday along with teammate Eric Manuel to speak at the fifth annual Jim Master Basketball Camp at Boyle County High School. "I was reluctant to shoot last year. It was very painful for me not to have the confidence to take the shot. I told myself when the season ended that I would never let that happen again."

That's why he shoots 400 jump shots and 100 free throws per day this summer at Memorial Coliseum. He's also lifting weights four times per week and stretching twice a day to increase his flexibility.

"I have got to improve on my shooting and I intend to do that," said Sutton, the son of UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "I just have to develop more confidence and better concentration on my shot."

"I've dedicated myself to be the best player I can be. I only have three years left at UK and I don't want to walk away with the feeling that I wish I had done more to make us successful. I'm going all out to be the best I can be. If our team falls short of our goals, I'll still know I did all I possibly could."

The 6-1 Sutton averaged seven minutes and 1.3 points per game last year and was used mainly to give Ed Davender a rest. He shot only 35.7 percent from the field and 54.3 percent at the foul line.

Next season he must dramatically improve those marks because of Davender's graduation and Rex Chapman's decision to turn pro. Either Sutton or freshman Sean Woods, who may now meet NCAA academic requirements to be eligible next season, will have to run the club during the 1988-89 campaign.

"My goal is to bring a national championship to Kentucky," said Sutton. "That's my dream and I chase that dream every day. I know I have to contribute more next season but I'm confident I can do that."

He knows not everyone shares that opinion. Some UK fans still aren't convinced he can guide a top team and feel he got his scholarship only because he was the coach's son.

"People see what they want to see," said the UK guard. "Some see Sean Sutton as a good player. Others see him only as the son of the Kentucky coach. I've learned to accept that and not worry about it."

"It hurt me at first to be thought of just as the coach's son. It just wasn't fair. But now I just go out and play. In time I'll be able to change the minds of some people but others won't change even if I average 20 points per game. I just have to ignore what people say and play basketball."

"I know not everyone will be able to think of me just as a player and not the coach's son. But I hope the majority of people can by the time I leave Kentucky." Sutton had no problems playing under his father last season. Instead, his biggest adjustment was learning to stay ready on the bench.

"It was the first time I had ever had to come in cold and play," said Sutton. "A lot of times I never got in the flow of the game. Instead of trying to make something happen, I was playing to try and avoid mistakes. You can't be successful doing that."

"Playing under my father was no problem. I enjoyed it and it was all I thought it would be. I just wish we could have won the national championship. That would have meant a lot to all of us."

KENTUCKY'S returning players wish nothing but the best for Rex Chapman in the National Basketball Association.

"Rex is a great player and I feel fortunate to have played with him one year," said sophomore guard Sean Sutton after Chapman decided to give up his last two years at UK to play for pay in the NBA.

"I can't say if Rex was right or wrong in his decision. Only Rex knows that. I

know a lot of people in the state are bitter but I'm not. He did a lot for Kentucky and Kentucky did a lot for Rex. I wish him nothing but the best."

Redshirt freshman John Pelphrey feels almost the same way. "No one but Rex can decide if he made the right choice or not," said Pelphrey. "Personally, I didn't think he was ready to face the rugged NBA schedule. It's really physical and I think Rex could have used another year of college."

"But he's the greatest basketball player I have been around and I really enjoyed playing one year with him. He made his decision and everyone should accept that."

ERIC MANUEL knows the departure of Chapman puts pressure on him to score



Manuel Must Take On Role Of Scorer For 1988-89 Season

more points next season. However, that's a challenge the sophomore welcomes.

"I look forward to scoring more and doing more things for our team," said Manuel. "I'm working on different things to make myself a better player because I know a lot is going to be expected of me."

"Any player, though, would like to have an opportunity to lead a team. I feel like that is a role I can handle and I want to do whatever I can to help us win."

FORMER WILDCAT Jim Master recently held his fifth basketball camp in Danville, Ky., and had 156 youngsters in attendance.

Master has become a popular source of information on the Kentucky program. He writes a column on UK for a weekly publication, does television and radio comments on UK and may have his own special weekly TV show during the 1988-89 season.

"I do feel like I can offer different insights into Kentucky," said Master. "I know what it is like to play for Kentucky and what the players go through. I'm still able to get out and play basketball with the players some and that helps me see how they are developing."

"All this gives me a chance to stay close to the UK program and I really enjoy that. Being able to share some information with others is just one way I can pay back everyone who supported me while I was at UK."



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Wondering What Could Happen In UK Probe?

Answer Might Be Found In Austin, Texas

People and things.

As the NCAA wound down its investigation of the University of Kentucky basketball program. A probe of another big time college sports program a year ago comes to mind.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist



It is only conjecture of course, but the case could give UK fans an inkling of what might happen if Kentucky is found guilty of misdeeds.

A year ago this month the NCAA found University of Texas football guilty of 38 rules violations and meted out two years probation, the loss of five scholarships, and a reduction in the number of on-campus visits by prospects this year. But there was an interesting (and progressive) proviso built in that could have more than passing interest for UK President David Roselle if Wildcat basketball receives bad news from the NCAA.

Because Texas president William Cunningham "cleaned up" 13 of the infractions, established other good faith changes, including a new emphasis on academic responsibility by student-athletes, and set up a yearly meeting with athletic department officials to monitor how things are being run, the NCAA reduced UT's probation to one year.

And one of Cunningham's edicts was a letter of reprimand to boosters and staffers involved in violations.

Where UK is concerned, the NCAA investigation rates as a "negative" that could be turned into a positive. President Roselle, if he hasn't already done so, might give William Cunningham a telephone call.

WOODS, KEMP SPEAK UP

Considering how close-mouthed University of Kentucky basketball officials have been in recent weeks, recruits Sean Woods and Shawn Kemp were lucid enough following the Hoosiers' June 18 victory over the Kentucky all-stars at Freedom Hall.

Woods criticized his high school coach Howard Renner for telling reporters last month that Woods had not passed his core curriculum courses.

"That was a misprint," Woods said. "I've passed all my courses. Coach and me didn't get along after the season was over. But I didn't think he would do something like that."

Woods said he intended to head for Lexington after the all-star series to begin working out. He said he has every expectation of being enrolled for the fall semester.

Kemp was still waiting to hear results from his latest ACT examination. What are his plans if the 6-10 star does not meet Proposition 48 requirements?

"Will he go to another school? 'Nope,'" he said. "I have my mind set on Kentucky and that's it."

Kemp may be showing some signs of maturity off the court to match his skills on it. "I've learned that the little things I can do can help my team more than the flashy stuff," he said. "I think I've gotten a bad rap about the way I play sometimes. It goes back to the way I played when I was younger."

Kemp also confided that he regrets missing the opportunity to play at least one season with Rex Chapman. "Yeah, Rex and me would have made quite a combo, but I think he made the right decision turning pro. I don't blame him."

"But," Kemp added, "Sean (Woods) and me will be quite a combo too."

The view from here is that all things considered, Kemp is a better player physically than much touted Alonzo Mourning. The difference is that Mourning is more mature in areas coaches appreciate most - poise, discipline and self control.

UK FANS: The "ifs"

- If Woods is right about his grades ...
 - If Kemp qualifies under Prop 48 ...
 - And if the NCAA treads lightly on Kentucky...
- Then the (on floor) future for the Wildcats looks to be far from bleak

OTHER VIEWS

• Woods is a nice talent, better overall than Ed Davender when he was a rookie at UK. Woods, at 6-2, has the size and tools to be an outstanding playmaker. He is quick, poised, an excellent leaper, good ball handler,

especially in the open court, has good shooting range (we will see about his discipline), and he has just a touch of cockiness.

• Most everything said and written about Kemp is true. Billy Owens (Syracuse) and Mourning (Georgetown) notwithstanding, Kemp has the physical skills to be college freshman of the year in 1988-89.

CHEERS 'N JEERS

Cheers to UK football coach Jerry Claiborne's system - 90.5 percent (19 of 21) scholarship football players who enrolled in the fall of 1982 have received their college degree. The national average is 50.3

Jeers to Oakland A's outfielder Dave Parker who said he intends to button his lip, but he said Pete Rose "is just another guy. He won two batting titles, so did I. He won two MVP Awards, so did I. To me Pete is irrelevant."

Cheers to NBA vice president for operations Rod Thorn and Hank Nichols, the NCAA's coordinator of basketball officials. With NBA expansion coming, Thorn said he will recruit from the referee pool in the college ranks. In turn that will create opportunities to move up for younger college referees.

Among those are these Kentuckians - Ken Cox and Jake Bell of Lexington. Roger Cross of Brandenburg and Leo Peckenpaugh of Henderson.

College officials make between \$250 and \$800 per game.

Jeers to Indiana Coach Bob Knight who violated NCAA rules last month, albeit a minor one, but a rule nevertheless that UK's Dwane Casey was criticized for during the NCAA investigation - discussing for publication a high school prospect.

Knight gave his impressions of prepster Damon Bailey to an Indianapolis reporter. "I think he (Bailey) can be as good as Jerry West," Knight said. "And I told West that. This kid has a great disposition to play. As good as I ever saw. He never gets upset."

NBA PLAYOFFS/TV

Much ado has been made of the Lakers-Pistons NBA championship series and CBS-Television reported last week that Game 7 set a ratings record, 21.2 percent for a basketball game.

However, the 21.2 share still rates behind five NCAA championship games, including the 1975 UCLA-Kentucky game, 21.3. Best ever? The 1979 Michigan State-Indiana State final, 24.1.

THEY SAID IT

• **Cawood Ledford**, voice of University of Kentucky sports was characteristically humble last week when, after being honored by Sigma Delta Chi in Louisville for his contributions to journalism, said, "I didn't go into this business with the idea of winning prizes. I think a person has been blessed when he gets to work at something he enjoys. I've always enjoyed my work. It's been fun."

• **Billy Packer**, basketball analyst for CBS Sports, advocates letting a high school basketball player who has signed an NCAA national letter of intent out of the contract if the college coach he signed with leaves for another job.

Packer's idea came to mind recently when Notre Dame University assistant coach John Shumate's name surfaced as a candidate to succeed Dave Bliss at SMU.

Back in January Packer pointed out that a prime reason 6-9 LaPhonso Ellis signed with Notre Dame was because of assurances that Shumate would be an assistant at South Bend for as long as Ellis was there.

"How can a coach promise something like that?" Packer asked rhetorically. "There's no way Shumate is going to pass up a chance at a head coaching job someplace if he feels right about it. So then, where does that leave a kid like Ellis?"

• **Curry Kirkpatrick** of Sports Illustrated is co-authoring a book with ABC-TV basketball analyst Dick Vitale. As part of the project Kirkpatrick went on the road with Vitale last season.

"I spent a week with him and it took me four weeks to recover," Kirkpatrick said.

The book is due out in the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

• Henderson County High School's **Curtis Turley**, coach of the Kentucky all-stars in the series with Indiana, is one of the bright high school coaches on the rise in the state.

How well thought of is Turley?

"I never thought I'd find another coach as good as Gary French (E'town High)," Gayle Ecton, superintendent of Henderson County Schools, said last week. "But I believe I have. Curtis is as good as there is."

Ecton was superintendent of Elizabethtown Independent Schools until

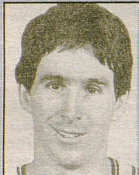
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Reactions To Rex Chapman's D

Basketball VIPs Share Mixed Views On Subject Of King Rex's Departure

Following Rex Chapman's decision to waive his final two years of eligibility at Kentucky and make himself available for the NBA draft, *The Cats' Pause* solicited some observations from various members of the college basketball community—former players, current coaches and officials, broadcasters. Here is what they had to say:

Rick Robey, former Kentucky Wildcat and NBA player:



"Personally, I would have liked him to stay here so I could have gotten to watch him play for two more years. Down deep I can see why he made the decision. I think he's going to be a great pro player. It's kinda hard to turn down the type of dollar figures that he's going to be receiving to play professional ball. He can always come back and get his education. I hope the best for him and hopefully he'll be successful. It's a different type of game which I think is going to benefit Rex because he's a wide-open type player. He passes well and he's going to have the freedom that sometimes college doesn't give you. His talents will really shine once he's able to open up his game—very similar to Michael Jordan when he played at North Carolina. Michael was a great college player, but he's a greater pro player because he was able to open his talents up. I think Rex is that type of player."

Dan Issel, former Wildcat, ABA and NBA player:



"My reaction is that it's his decision to make and he made it. I wish him the best. It doesn't do any good for me to speculate if it was a good decision or a bad decision. It was his decision and he made it and I hope it turns out well for him. He obviously loves the game. I don't think the added schedule is going to bother him as long as you enjoy playing the game, and he obviously does. The biggest adjustment for him is going to be the adjustment that everyone has to make, that is in high school you play against an outstanding player maybe twice a year, in college you play against an outstanding player every third or fourth game and in the pros you play against an outstanding player every night. He's not going to be any different than any other person in that he is going to have to learn to play against people that are just as good as he is."

Sam Bowie, former Wildcat and current member of the Portland Trail Blazers:



"He's a very talented individual, there's no question about that. I assume it was awful difficult to turn down the type of money that he's going to be guaranteed. I don't know if the little incident where he fell—hurt his back—made him look at things from a different perspective. He's had two great years at the University of Kentucky. He's probably one of the most popular players

to ever come through there. I had anticipated that he maybe leaving after his junior year. When you look at a guy like Rex, everyone in the NBA knows about Rex Chapman. You'd be surprised how many NBA players sit around the hotel rooms and just watch the college basketball games. So, everyone in the league knows about Rex Chapman—how talented he is, what he's capable of doing, what he likes to do. It'll be a big stepping stone for him but at the same time I personally think that it will be something that Rex will be able to deal with. Now, if it comes his first year then that's all the better. But if it doesn't, he will come around because Rex Chapman can play the game of basketball."

Hugh Durham, head basketball coach at Georgia:



"In a way I was surprised that he went as early as he did. That was my first reaction. I'm not going to second-guess one way or the other as to what's best for Rex; he's got to evaluate that along with his family.

They're (the ones) that have to evaluate it and make the decisions. Naturally, I was surprised. Not many Kentucky players have ever gone, I think he's the second one, so it comes as a surprise. His biggest adjustment is that he's going to be close to 20 years old playing against people that are 27, 28 and 30. Strength factor is going to be an adjustment. The normal adjustment you run into—whether you're a senior or a sophomore—that is the number of games. We (colleges) start Oct. 15, but approximately the first of December or the latter part of November. We play two games a week on the average. We play roughly 30 before the NCAA tournament, so you're looking at 14 or 15 weeks where you play an average of two games a week. Now all of a sudden those guys are playing a 100-plus games, playing three seasons in one. He's got all the tools—size, quickness, jumping ability, and great hands. He's excellent as far as just basketball smarts. He anticipates and understands basketball. He's got all the tools it takes. It's just going to be a matter of time. I was surprised when he went hardship but I would be equally surprised if he doesn't make. How quickly? I don't know, because of the strength factor."

Jack "Goose" Givens, former Wildcat and NBA player:



"I was a little bit surprised that he decided to do it. I think the four years of college experience is good. But, you know, Rex is a great ballplayer. I know that he thought about it a great deal

before he made that decision. I hope that he feels comfortable with his decision and I think he'll do quite well in the NBA. I don't know if it will be this year or next year but as soon as he gets adjusted, learns the game, gets used to the schedule and the travel and all of the other things that go along with it, I think he's going to do quite well. The level of competition on a night-in, night-out basis takes a lot of getting used. The main thing is the scheduling and the mental fatigue that comes along with it—the games, being on the road, having to travel so much, playing 82 ballgames a season not counting including the postseason and preseason games. It's tough on the mind. I just think the mental part of it is just as important as the physical part of

- CHAPMAN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE A SOPHOMORE**
- * Finished with 1,073 career points.
 - * Led team in scoring (19.0 ppg), steals (53), three-point shots made (66 of 159), second in assists (117) and third in blocked shots (16).
 - * MVP in the 1988 SEC tournament. In three games (109 minutes) he scored 62 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished out nine assists.
 - * MVP for the 1987-88 Kentucky Wildcats.
 - * First-team All-SEC selection.
 - * Scored 76 points in three NCAA tournament games.
 - * Netted career-high 30 points against Villanova, his last game for UK.
 - * Extended string of double figure games to 47 straight.
 - * Led team in classroom, too, with a spring semester GPA of 3.75.

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Sutton Wishes Chapman Well

What follows are some of UK coach Eddie Sutton's comments from his press conference held just hours after Chapman's May 13 announcement:

Question: What are your general thoughts about Rex Chapman's decision to trade the rest of his Kentucky career for an opportunity to play in the NBA?

Eddie Sutton: Speaking for the coaching staff, and I'm sure I speak for most of the people of Kentucky, I think we're all disappointed that the decision was made. But that was a decision that he and his family have thought about all week long. I wish him the very best. I enjoyed the two years coaching him. He's a tremendous basketball player and person, and he is gonna be missed. I hope that he has a very successful career in the NBA. I had the opportunity on Monday (May 9) to speak with Rex and his parents, and discuss with them that all I could do was give my opinion: the pros and cons of returning to UK or going into the NBA. I personally think it's a much bigger jump to go from college into the NBA than it is to make the adjustment from high school to college basketball. You look at the length of the schedule, you look at the travel aspect. . . it's a business. You don't have maybe the feeling of the coaching staffs and even teammates, because it is a business. So you always question whether physically. . . mentally. . . emotionally, a young man is ready. We talked about these things. I did not talk to Rex again until this morning when he called me and told me of his decision. I did speak with his father (Wayne Chapman) late last night after I returned from Mayfield, where we had been attending an alumni-booster outing. At that time they had not made a decision, and they indicated they would call me before any decision was made (public), which they did. And I appreciate that, because I think Rex really enjoyed his two years at Kentucky. As I said earlier, I wish him the very best and I hope he has a great career in the NBA.

Question: How close do you think he is, mentally and physically, to being ready to play in the NBA?

Eddie Sutton: Well, I don't coach in the NBA, and all I can judge it on is in talking to players that played for me that are now in the NBA. I think it will be a tough adjustment. I would hope he is drafted by a team that is well established, like the Lakers or the Celtics, where he doesn't have to be rushed into action and they can bring him along. I think that would be very important in his development. If they expect too much too soon, then I think that could be frustrating for him, but he's a great athlete and a great basketball player, and there's no doubt he'll be drafted very high.

Question: Coach, when you were talking about a tough adjustment, were you referring to physically playing in the NBA, or the mental aspect—the road trips, the hotels?

Eddie Sutton: I think both. I think that physically, mentally, emotionally—that all is a big adjustment, even for players that have played four years on the collegiate level. You look at the (small) number of players that immediately jump in there and have a big impact on their team. And that's why I hope that he is drafted by an established ballclub, one of the top teams in the league, I think that would make it a lot easier for him.

Question: Did you come right out and tell him that you thought it would be a bad decision if he decided to come out?

Eddie Sutton: No, I did not do that. I did try to point out the pros and cons. As I told him, I did not want to be part of that decision-making process, but I would give my opinion, because I have great warmth for Rex. As you all know, when players

come in they become a part of my family like they were our own children. But ultimately and your parents are the ones that have to and mostly you, because it's your life. You have to live with that decision. You're not be with you next year when you're playing gonna be there on your own."

Question: Why do you think he decided

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. I think a difficult decision for him, because he certainly is here at the University of Kentucky. I can't know whether it was the financial gains of early, I don't know whether that entered into just be strictly speculation on my part to

Question: Coach, do you think the current situation into the Wildcat program had anything to do with the decision?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. In his role to the wire services), he indicated that it did come up in our discussions.

Question: Eddie, there's always speculation of a personality problem between you and Rex. We had all the discussion about shot selection.

Eddie Sutton: No. No, not at all. I think that experience. I think Rex was very happy of Kentucky, and I think he was very pleased with the decision he made to come here.

Question: Do you think it had anything to do with Ed Davender was leaving, and several other players had made friendships with during his career?

Eddie Sutton: I don't think so. I think all of them are very close to Rex. I have a lot of them. I talked to Sean (Sutton) last evening and he was the possibility that he would be leaving. I talked to Derrick (Miller), and they're the I think both of them were very disappointed. But they feel like we do—we wish him the best and does great next year. And we'll all be there rooting for that ballclub.

Question: How much of a blow is this to you as a player of Rex's ability and magnitude?

Eddie Sutton: Well, I don't think it makes or winning any easier. I don't think any pro player like Rex without suffering some. But before, many times when you go through a or you lose a player to injury or you have draft like he's doing, other players step forward and take responsibility and the opportunity and they'll be there. Basketball has always been something special. It's a game that's hard to win. It's a game that's able to survive. And it will again. We just have to deal with them, how they do react. And those guys that might not had an opportunity now they will. We'll take a very positive attitude.

Question: When you talked with Rex, did you talk about the investigation? Didn't that come up?

Eddie Sutton: No. . . on Monday we talked. We didn't talk about it very long at all. It was Olympic Games, and we pretty much talked about it—the physical aspect, the mental and

Decision To Jump To NBA

CHAPMAN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE A FRESHMAN

- * SEC Freshman of the Year.
- * National All-Freshman team (Al McGuire's).
- * Second-team All-SEC.
- * All-District team, as chosen by United States Basketball Writers.
- * One of only a handful of UK freshmen to lead 'Cats in scoring.
- * Starter in 28 of 29 games.
- * Paced UK in assists, dishing out 103.
- * Most celebrated performance was his 26-point effort in Wildcats' stunning 85-51 upset over Louisville at Freedom Hall. Also netted 26, his freshman-high, against rivals, Indiana and Tennessee.
- * Following summer was selected to the silver-winning Pan American team, where he was one of the USA's top scorers.

Well On NBA Career

...a part of my family, and we treat them ... children. But ultimately, I said, "You ... the ones that have to make that decision, ... use it's your life. You're the one that will ... decision. You're mother and dad will not ... when you're playing in the NBA, you're ... your own."

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Question: Coach, you said right at the end of March, when Rex said he might go pro the year after this one, you felt very strongly that he should stick around this season. And yet you said that you really didn't try to influence the decision?

Eddie Sutton: No. I told you I gave my opinion. And my opinion was that I thought he would be better off staying for at least another year and maturing. And that's my opinion. And I think he certainly respected that, and his family did. But they were the ones that had to make the decision.

Question: How did he break the news to you?

Eddie Sutton: You would have to have mixed emotions. And knowing Rex as I do, I think he did have this morning. It's probably a tough decision to make, and then have to call. And I admire him and his courage for doing that. He said, "Coach, we've decided I'm gonna put my name in the NBA draft." And I said, "I can't talk you out of it, can I?" He said no, and I said, "Well, I won't." And again I told him how much I enjoyed coaching him the two years he was here and he certainly had done a lot for Kentucky's basketball program during that two-year period.

Question: Given Chapman's absence, and all of the graduations, will this be the most inexperienced team you've ever coached?

Eddie Sutton: Well, there are still a lot of question marks, because even the incoming freshmen, we don't know for sure if they're gonna pass Proposition 48. But it will be a very young basketball team. I guess when you really look at the makeup of the 1988-89 squad, it probably is the youngest group of people that I've ever coached. But I look forward to that. That's a challenge. And they'll be eager to play, and eager to learn.

Question: What do you say to those hundreds of thousands of fans out there who say: First the investigation and now Rex leaves, what next?

Eddie Sutton: Both of those I have no control over, so I don't know what I can say other than to say, "When the going gets tough, the tough have gotta get going. We've got to remain very optimistic and work together, it's a team game. We need your backing and support more than ever before." And I've gotten that. Everywhere I've been, and all the correspondence that comes into my office—the phone calls, the letters—people have been very supportive.

Question: Did you and Rex ever discuss the role that he may be playing for younger kids, and an example he may be setting here?

Eddie Sutton: We had talked about this maybe a couple of weeks ago when he was in my office, how important I thought it was for him to be a leader by example, and to be very supportive of his younger teammates. And he accepted that, he said, "Well, I'm looking forward to that." In the pickup games, I asked him a couple of days after that how they were going and he said, "Fine." So he would have had a role of leadership because I think all of the players would have looked to him for leadership.

Question: How surprised were you?

Eddie Sutton: I was surprised, but after having visited with them on Monday and then again last night with his father, I knew they were very serious about this and they had taken considerable amount of time in making what they thought was the right decision for Rex. I was surprised, and certainly very disappointed because I would have liked to have had the opportunity to coach him for another season.

it. It's just as difficult to get used to. I think Rex will do well. Rex is a great player, a great athlete and can do some tremendous things with the basketball. It's a big step. I hope that he made the right decision."

Dick Vitale, basketball analyst for ABC



and ESPN: "I spoke to Rex on the phone right after it happened; he knows my feelings. My feelings are that I think that many of the kids out there need to finish their collegiate days just to mature as people. Going into the

NBA they have to learn part of their life: no longer are they the option, No. 1; no longer is everything designed for them; no longer is everybody doing things for you; and being mature enough to handle the pressures of travel. Then the big problems arrives. Many of them don't get a lot of PT, playing time. They have to deal with a lot of cash in their pocket and a lot of idle time. That's when kids really lose confidence and develop other problems. I hope that doesn't happen to Rex. I know he's financially going to be probably taken care of. I just, personally, would have preferred him to naturally stay in school. I guess I'm prejudiced and look at it a little differently than most people."

Joe Dean, athletic director at Louisiana



State: "Well, I was disappointed. I hated to see him do it, because I'm a Southeastern Conference guy and I like to see our great players stay in this league. I don't like to see them leave. I'm selfish, I

wanted to watch him play. I wanted to see him come to Baton Rouge because I knew we'd fill the house. So, I hated to see him leave. I was disappointed, very much. His youth may be a little of a negative factor for him but he'll grow up fast. He's a talent, he can play in that league. He will be a great player (in the NBA), I don't think there's any question about that. I'm just going to miss him, I'm going to miss him a lot. There's no question about that. I wish him well."

Ed Murphy, head basketball coach at



Mississippi: "It's a tough one. On one hand, you know, it will be a lot easier to play Kentucky without him; they're no longer favored to win the league. In that sense it's better on all of us. But overall, it isn't

because he's a great, great player. He's a class kid. I think that he would have been Player of the Year (SEC) and probably he might of had a chance at National Player of the Year. That would have been very good for our league, even though it would have been a lot tougher to play Kentucky. So, I really have mixed-emotions about it. I hate to see him go even though he's so hard to defend. I probably feel a little differently than a lot of coaches about this kind of thing, and not Rex in particular, but a kid leaving in general. There is no real concrete reason for a kid who is going to be drafted in the first round and is going to get a no-cut contract to stay in college. You can make all the arguments you want to, but the fact of the matter is that you

can't stay in college one more or two more years and tack on one or two more years on to your program. You can't do that. When you get to be, say 40, you're not going to play anymore. A kid whose locked into a surefire first-round draft choice, sure-fire no-cut contract... there are no tangible reasons to stay in college. This kid would have been Player of the Year in the conference, first-team All-American... all of these things. But those are not tangible things. Aside from improving his position in the draft, from a money standpoint there is no reason to stay. You can talk about the value of a degree at the University of Kentucky, Ole Miss or anywhere else, but when you start talking about \$400,000 a year you can have my degree, I'll give it to you. So, I don't blame Isaiah Thomas and I don't blame Rex. I don't blame any kid that goes who is a locked-in, first-round draft choice and that is going to get a no-cut contract. I can understand that. I don't think I'd have a problem with that even if it was my own player, because he can't play an extra year. He's going to get nothin' that year he plays for me and he's going to get \$400,000 or whatever that year he plays in the pros. I can't blame anybody. Objectively, coaches move for the same reason. I can talk about all the aesthetic things about coaching in the Southeastern Conference. One of the main reasons that I'm here is that it pays three times as much as Delta State, three or four times as much.

That's important! There's no point in kidding around about it. I can do things for my family that I didn't think I would ever be able to do. A lot of times these kids are criticized, but the fact of the matter is that it's a business decision. Most other people would make it the same way. If he would leave Kentucky, he would leave anywhere. Here he is the greatest player in the greatest program in the United States and he's leaving. Well, it has to be a business decision. What other reason could there be? He was at the No. 1 spot in college basketball. He's a great kid and I hope he does well.

C.M. Newton, former UK player and

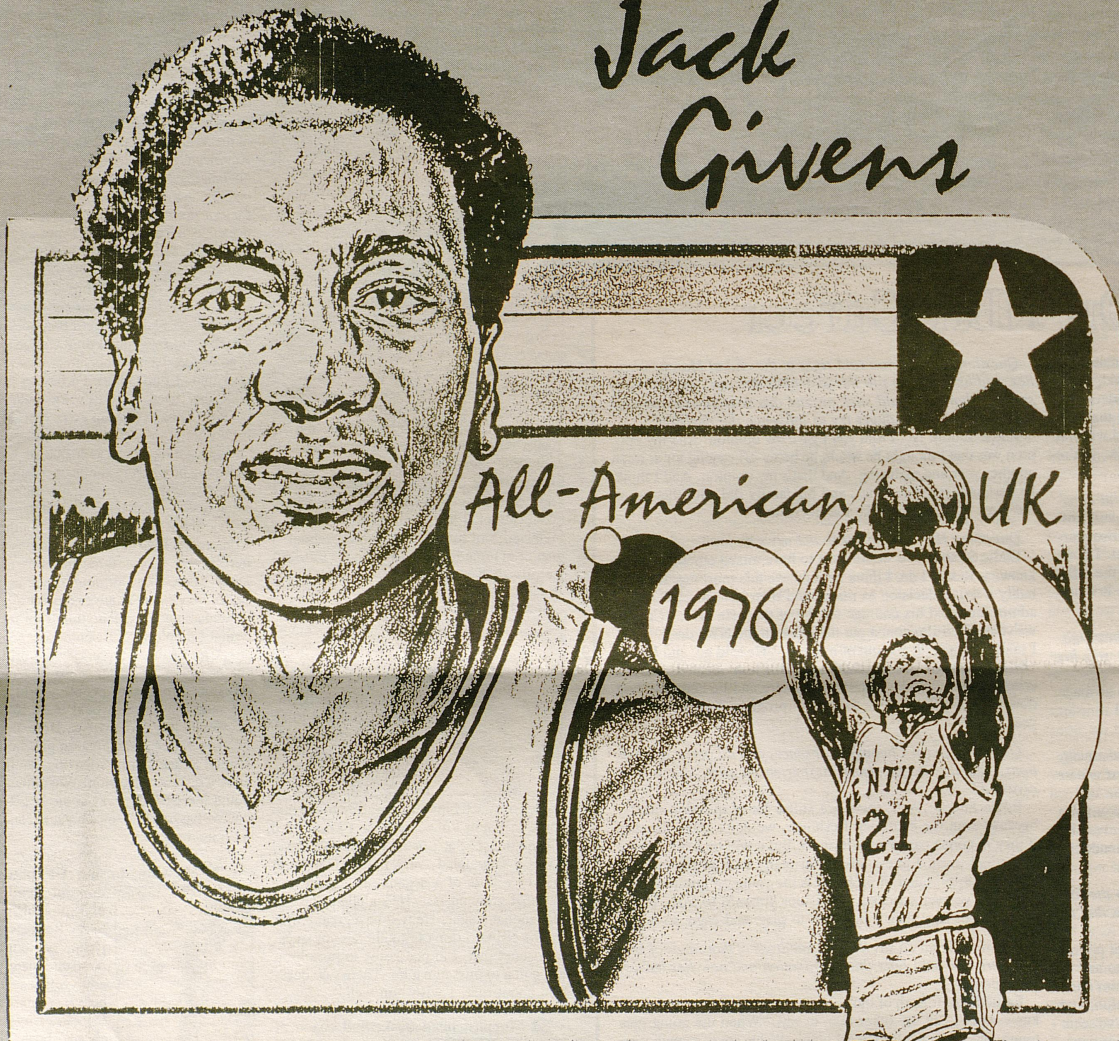


current head coach at Vanderbilt: "I hate to see Rex leave at this point, personally. Of course, I hate to see any youngster leave before school's out. My feelings have always been that if you're good at playing

professional basketball you'll play it five or six years. That leaves you 35 years to earn a living. In college, I'm not talking about the degree as much the experience that kinda prepares you to make that living for that 35 years. In my mind, I'm not sure going hardship is a good thing. That's generally. In Rex's case, he has to answer that specifically—if it's the right time or not. I just hate to see him leave the league. He's good for it and good for Kentucky. I'd rather he still be here (playing in the SEC). His adjustment will be the level of play; it's a different game. There's a tremendous adjustment you have in the number of games, schedule. And of course, the isolation that professional athletics brings you. You've been on a college team and now you're much more isolated. There are tremendous adjustments. Yet, I'm sure Rex and his folks have thought through this and obviously think that he can make that adjustment. I sure wish ol' Rex well, I think the world of him. We had tried to recruit him and had gotten to know him. I hope things go well for him."

Flash From The Past

Jack Givens



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Football Might Be Just Around The Corner...

...But Basketball Is Still King In Bluegrass

THE FIRST SOUNDS of shoulder pads crunching and helmets bashing are upon us, but the talk of the town in this Big Blue city still turns to roundball.

Rex Chapman is now a Hornet, having been made the first draft pick in the



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist



history of the NBA expansion franchise in Charlotte and eighth selection overall in the draft.

Center Rob Lock, guard Ed Davender and forward Winston Bennett were all third-round draft picks, while forwards Cedric Jenkins and Richard Madison were not selected. Each will have a chance at signing as a free agent, however.

Getting nabbed by the Hornets may have been the best thing that could have happened to Chapman. It should take a lot of the pressure of having to make a name for himself with an established club off his back.

As with many expansion teams, the starting roles are up for grabs and expectations are low. The new guys almost always spend their first few years in the cellar.

Rex was projected to go as high as third in the draft, to the Philadelphia 76ers who are starving for a shooting guard. But the Sixers went with Bradley's Hersey Hawkins, who led the nation in scoring last season and may be able to immediately step into their lineup and make a difference.

I TEND TO think that Chapman is at least a year or two away from competing for a starting role on the NBA level. However, who knows what can happen with an expansion squad such as Charlotte. The Hornets have amassed a wealth of guards — most notably Dell Curry — and Rex could end up just about anywhere, even starting. He might also make good trade bait.

The Hornets may choose — or be forced to choose — Chapman's fate in the same manner as Eddie Sutton did at the University of Kentucky: put him on the floor and let him get his experience with the clock running. Expansion teams have to go with youth and plan for the future.

And while I would not even presume that Rex doesn't have the skills necessary to make it in the NBA, I do doubt his physical and mental maturity. Chapman was too good of an athlete to ride the bench in any college program, but the NBA is made of men, not boys. That will probably translate into a substitute role during Chapman's first couple of seasons.

It was this lack of maturity that probably kept Chapman from going earlier in the draft. As far as the Sixers are concerned, they needed help immediately and Hawkins was probably their best bet at filling that bill.

HAWKINS WAS A senior and a scorer, while Chapman was probably the best "pure" shooter in the pot but only a sophomore. I'm not saying that Hawkins will be a whiz if he gets the starting call from the Sixers this fall, but I think he stands a better chance than 20-year-old Rex of filling that role this season. Some have said that Rex's status in the draft has taken a nosedive recently because of his poor showings during the Olympic Trials.

Bull. A player is a player. If he isn't talented, he won't stand out among the best of the best. If he is talented, he can either get lost in the shuffle or simply have a bad night.

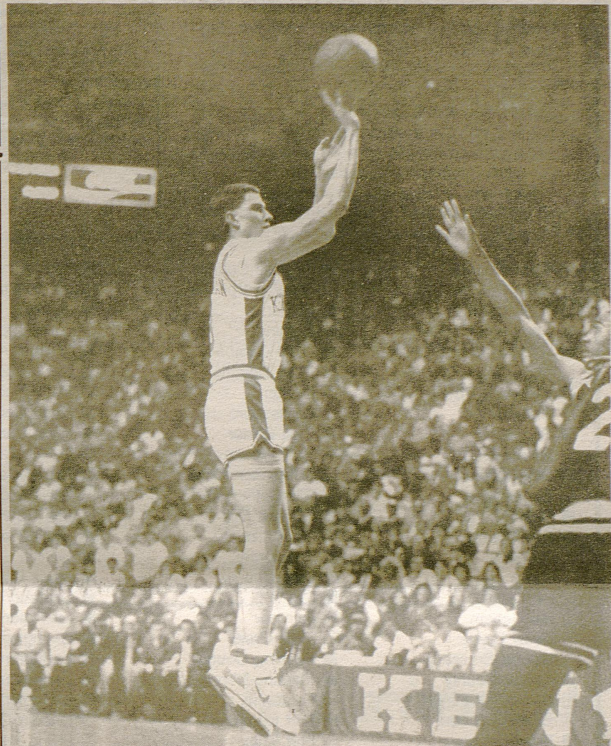
What I'm saying is that you can't judge Rex's skills and potential solely on the basis of his Olympic efforts. He made his name and strutted his stuff during his two seasons at UK and that is what the pros were looking at.

Basically, after the Clippers took the best player in the country, Danny Manning, the NBA draft resembled a swap meet with teams drafting or trading by position and not talent. Indiana may have thought that Rex was the best player available after Manning, but the Pacers needed a big man and that dropped Chapman back another notch and so forth.

IT MAY TAKE a while, but Chapman will realize sooner or later that he may be in a very good position with the Hornets. He may be disappointed in not getting picked higher, but then a sophomore going eighth in the draft isn't too shabby-looking on a resume. He may also wish that a contending team had selected him, but that would have probably meant bench time and plenty of it. Right now, Chapman is in the cabbird's seat with little expected of him or his team so it will be difficult to disappoint his legion of Big Blue followers.

No one really believes that an expansion team will get out of the cellar for three or four years at least. Therefore, the pressure of playing for a winning team will not be there.

Also, no one really expects a rookie to immediately move into an NBA starting lineup and start making a difference. But Chapman may have a chance to



Chapman And The Hornets: A Match Made In Heaven

do just that because Charlotte is one of only a handful of teams needing help wherever they can get it.

Even if he doesn't start, Rex should see plenty of playing time for the Hornets — everyone should. If you have no past experience to go by, all of the players need a chance to prove their worth.

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IN OTHER NEWS just out, Host Communications of Lexington, which has had a hand in broadcasting UK sports for many years, has just announced that it is studying the possibility of offering some Kentucky football and basketball games on a pay-per-view basis.

The company is due to report its findings to UK administrators at the end of July and, if the report is favorable, broadcasting could begin with the 1989-90 season.

The study is somewhat modeled on the program in use at LSU, which was carried by 50 cable television stations and generated more than \$200,000 for the school athletics program last year.

LSU charged \$20 per game for four football games last season and had an average of 12,000 fans sign up. About 1,500 fans paid between \$8-12 to watch five basketball games. The prices are going up this year to \$30 and \$10-12.

Host is currently surveying the various cable companies in Kentucky to determine what the potential market would be for such programming.

A HOST OFFICIAL, citing the popularity of the UKIT championship game which drew 66 percent of all the television viewers in Lexington and 32 percent in Louisville, called the system "a more practical way of expanding your market than building onto your stadium."

UK currently has plans to "bowl-in" one end of Commonwealth Stadium, which would increase its seating capacity from 58,000 to 72,000 fans.

Implemented at UK, the system would work just the opposite of the one at LSU, which has made the lion's share of its money on the strength of the Tiger football program. UK would have to emphasize basketball, for which home game tickets are next to impossible to obtain.

But where does this leave Joe Fan? Digging deeper and deeper into his

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We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students. So, the staff of *The Cats' Pause* is starting a program we call "Big Blue Penetration."

Below, we have listed all the high schools in the state of Kentucky, and it is our aim to give every high school student in the commonwealth the opportunity to read *The Cats' Pause* by making the paper available to every high school library in the state. In order to accomplish this, it will be up to our subscribers to carry out "Big Blue Penetration" during the coming months.

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Last Year, SEC Produced Most Pro Players

Auburn Led Way With Eight Draftees

If you want your kid to have the best chance of becoming a pro football player, make him a defensive back at Auburn in the Southeastern Conference. That's this past year. This year, who knows? More players were drafted from Auburn than any other SEC school.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist



The SEC tied with the Big Ten for most players selected by NFL teams. And defensive players were most frequently chosen.

IN THE MAIN, THE BEST CONFERENCE TEAMS had the most players drafted. Auburn won the league championship and was also the champion of the draft. Eight Auburn players were selected.

LSU finished second in the Southeastern Conference race and finished second in the draft, as well, with seven selections.

Tennessee was third, both on the field and in number of players drafted by the pros. The Vols moved six players into the play-for-pay world.

The middle-bracket SEC teams were also in the middle, draft-wise. Georgia, Alabama and Florida held down the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place positions in the final standings. Georgia had two draft selections and Alabama had three, but Florida saw four Gators go to the pros.

The bottom four—Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss and Mississippi State—did both bet-

ter than and, about as, expected.

"Better than" were Kentucky with four drafted players and Ole Miss with three. "About as" were Vanderbilt with two and Mississippi State with one.

OBVIOUSLY, THE NUMBER OF SENIORS on your favorite team had much to do with the number of its players selected. But there must be some correlation when the three best teams in the SEC also have the most players with the ability to play pro football.

As for the conferences themselves, there was only one major surprise. While the experts had said all along that 1987 was an off year for the Southwest Conference, no one expected a league with Texas, Texas A&M, Arkansas and others always considered to be football powerhouses to have a total of only 13 players drafted. Even the lightly-regarded Atlantic Coast Conference had 18 kids selected.

The big boys were the SEC, the Big Ten and the Pac 10. These three conferences are generally considered to be college football's top leagues, and the draft confirmed it. The SEC and the Big Ten each had 40 players drafted. The Pac 10 had 38.

As for positions, there were 63 defensive backs selected and 44 linebackers. Forty running backs were picked and a like number of wide receivers. Other positions actively drafted included offensive tackles and nose tackles, 18 each; defensive tackles, 15; quarterbacks, 12; kickers, six; punters, six; centers, four, and kick returners, 1.

THE VALUE OF POSTSEASON PLAY was emphasized in a post-draft press release from the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Executive director Eric Tillman pointed out that 38 of the 72 players who appeared in this year's game were drafted by the pros, seven of them in the first round. Twelve more Senior Bowl players were taken in the second round.

That's quite a record.

All-American teams reflect a great deal of regional preference in the voting. Southerners have a tendency to lean toward Southerners. Big Ten voters favor Big Ten players. If you're from the West you can count on Pac 10 support.

But when the pros hold their vote to talent, and that's really what the draft is, they are unaffected by outside considerations. They ask only two questions: Can the kid play? How much does he want?

Come to think of it, some colleges ask the same questions.

This Year, SEC To Produce More Excitement

Seven-Game League Schedule An Improvement

This 1988 season is the first of an increase in required conference football games for Southeastern Conference members in 35 years.

It is an exciting perk for the loyal SEC fans who have followed their respective teams in search of the most-thrilling competition possible.



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist



The SEC football fathers took 20 years, from 1933-1953, to determine a set number of head-to-head games to qualify for the championship: six for the 12-team league in the time of 10-game overall schedules.

NOBODY WANTED TO PLAY EVERYBODY ELSE within a few years, the round-robin theory of an SEC family. But after Georgia Tech and Tulane resigned, in 1964 and 1966, respectively, commissioner Bernie Moore got agreement on a round-robin plan. It had the 10 members playing five basic teams every year and the other four teams one at a time, home and home, so within eight years every team played every other member twice.

In 1973, commissioner Boyd McWhorter began an attempt to extend the round-robin schedule's effectiveness. He recommended adding one game more to the 5-1 plan, to a 5-2 system, whereby each meets the same basic opponents every year, but plays the other four two per year. The result is seven SEC games per year, with all teams meeting twice in two years, on an 11-game overall schedule.

It's more than just turning the screw to tighten the SEC race. Only one champion since

1974 has won by more than one game at final standings: Georgia in 1982 cleared LSU 6-0-0 to 4-1-1.

In 1988, NOW, there are 10 more head-to-head SEC games, 70 instead of 60, and 10 fewer outside games, 40 rather than 50, by which members often seek relief from the family furnace room.

FOR THE FOUR OUTSIDE GAMES, most are scheduling teams of other major conferences and dropping one of the lesser-rated teams, which increases the overall strength of schedule. Fewer rest stops from September to December.

An example: Alabama, on its outside schedule, plays Texas A&M, Temple and Penn State, with only Southwest Louisiana of the lower classification. The Tide dropped Southern Miss and Memphis State (which beat them 13-10). Notre Dame is off this schedule, too, but Texas A&M, who waxed the Irish, replaces them.

LSU plays Texas A&M, Ohio State and Miami, with traditional rival Tulane. The Tigers dropped Cal. St.-Fullerton and Rice. Tennessee swapped Colorado State, Louisville and California for Memphis State and Washington State. But Georgia traded Clemson, Virginia and Oregon State for William & Mary and TCU. And Auburn dropped Texas and Georgia Tech to add Akron. At Florida, Miami is off with Tulsa, Temple and Cal. St.-Fullerton, while Memphis State, Montana State and Indiana State are on.

THE LOWER FOUR OF THE 1987 RACE tended to simply drop a lesser-rated team. Mississippi State and Ole Miss both dropped Southwest Louisiana. Kentucky changed Utah State, Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Ohio University for Central Michigan, Kent State and Southern Illinois. Vanderbilt swapped Tulane and Maryland for Army.

Suddenly, this 1988 schedule offers new contests for national attention. Kicking off with Georgia-Tennessee Sept. 3 on ESPN. Following on Sept. 17 with Alabama-Texas A&M and Tennessee-LSU, and Nov. 9 LSU-Miami.

Along with the regular SEC rivalries and the previously-scheduled national games—Alabama-Penn State, Auburn-North Carolina, Florida-Florida State, Georgia-South Carolina, LSU-Ohio State, Ole Miss-Arkansas, Tennessee-Boston College and Vanderbilt-Duke—the SEC will compete with the best.

It could be that this long-suffering summer drought in the SEC area will produce a bumper crop of fine football for out autumn enjoyment.

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The Bottom Line On UK Athletics

Can Football 'Cats Be Optimistic About '88?

Likins, Garber predict the Auburns, LSUs and Alabamas will light fire in team's eyes

By Nick Nicholas

Never before has Jerry Claiborne and his staff taken on such a challenge.

Not only is the Kentucky contingent trying to shake off three consecutive subpar seasons, but also awaiting on the horizon is a demanding schedule that includes Auburn, Indiana, Alabama, LSU, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee.

Those "Super Seven" are an attractive lot. Last season all seven concluded their schedule with a bowl appearance, not to mention a combined win-loss mark of 58-22-4.

"It's a big challenge," said assistant coach Dave Likins. "It's the toughest schedule we've ever had, I'm sure, since we've been here.

"The addition of the seventh (SEC) game does make it tougher, because an SEC team is going to be tougher than some of the other teams that we've had in there in place of them. It's just time to roll your sleeves up and go to work."

Impressive is something UK hasn't been when talking about on-the-field performance. Its combined record of 15-17-1 has not been a hit with the fans of the commonwealth. This year with its offensive unit plagued with an inexperienced interior line, Kentucky will be hard pressed to change its tune in 1988.

Meanwhile, the Claud Mills-Dwane Casey-Emery caper and Rex Chapman's decision to leave the university have controlled summer headlines, thus draining attention away from UK's football program.

Talk of Wildcat football can't be too far away.

"The one thing we learned last year," pondered Likins, "is that physically we were not out of any ballgame we played in until the very end, except for maybe the LSU game (34-9). If anything good came out of last year it's that our kids know we can play with anybody."

"I'm very optimistic about the season."

Two months all but remain until the season kicks off against Central Michigan. As August replaces July, it'll be nearly time to welcome 23 freshmen to camp. That means full-scale practices can't be too far behind.

And just three days into September, the Wildcats and Chippewas will play for keeps at Commonwealth Stadium. Then it's off to Auburn. . .Bloomington. . .back home to face little-known Kent State, well-known Alabama

Get the picture?

To refresh your memory, Auburn, which tied Syracuse in last year's Sugar Bowl, returns II starters.

Indiana came within one win of a Big Ten title. Fifteen first-stringers are back to see if IU can retrieve what Michigan State pulled from its grasp a year ago.

"Bama? Well, Alabama always draws attention. Add Heisman Trophy candidate Bobby Humphrey (6-foot-11, 187-pound tailback) along with 17 other starters and the Tuscaloosa faithful will be expecting nothing shy of superb.

After Humphrey and the Crimson Tide roll out of Lexington, the Wildcat staff will have two weeks to prepare for its second invasion to LSU in as many years. Again, the 'Cats will eye a legitimate Heisman candidate—quarterback Tommy Hodson. So you ask, what bullies are left?

To answer your question: defense-minded Georgia, an up-and-coming Vanderbilt with talented Eric Jones at the controls, Florida (you know, Emmitt Smith's team) and Tennessee (remember back Reggie Cobb?).



Dave Likins



Chip Garber



UK Coaches Quick To Point Out That '88 Schedule Is Toughest Ever

"Really, I think it's to our advantage this year to have that type of schedule," said Garber. "Because if we do win a couple of those big games it's going to put us in the conference race and put us in a bowl picture.

"I think we've got good players. I'll put our first 22 up against anybody in the conference. Depth is what hurts Kentucky, year in and year out. We just don't have the depth the Auburns, the Alabamas, Floridas, Tennessees have.

"We've just got to make do with what we have. Our kids will fight; they'll fight from the beginning till the end. That's all we can ask of them."

Oblivious to pressure from Kentucky fans, both assistants say they are anxious to play one of the country's most difficult schedules. If they're eager, then one must assume the players are as hungry.

"I'm sure we have one of the toughest schedules in the country, but that's really what it's all about," Likins said. "I think your players get excited about having a schedule like that. From what I've seen over at workouts, they're gearin' up for it."

Wildcat Notes

The trial of suspended Wildcat **Dee Smith**, arrested on cocaine charges earlier in the year, has been pushed back. His future and playing status at the University of Kentucky still remain a mystery. . .Former Wildcats **Dermontti Dawson**, **Jerry Reese**, **Mark**

Higgs and **Greg Kunkel** are having good summers, in regard to their chances of hooking up with their respective pro clubs. Recently, a Dallas official told UK assistant Chip Garber that Higgs was clocked as the fastest rookie in the Cowboy camp. . .One Wildcat from last year's team who did not fare well in the 'Big D' was **Jeff Kremer**. Kremer, last year's leading tackler on the squad, has been released by Dallas. . .Remember **John Shannon**? Well, according to reports in Wildcat Land, the former 'Cat defensive guard is doing well in his quest to make the Chicago Bears. . .Six-foot-four, 261-pound offensive guard **Tony Mills** has decided not to play for the 'Cats this season. He was hampered much of his career because of injuries. Mills, though, will remain at the university. . .About the SEC race, Garber said: "I'd hate to try to pick someone and say 'they're the team to beat.' I don't know if any coach in the conference can do that right now." . .Some UK fans might say there's more pressure on the Wildcat coaching staff this year, while others' expectations are not high because of the Wildcats' schedule. Here's Garber's reaction: "There's always pressure on you as a coach—within yourself to do as well as you can. I don't think we're looking at any pressure from the fans. Every season we step out on the field we're going for that conference championship, whether we have 18 out of 22 starters coming back or

whether we have eight of 22. That's our job. I think that's the job of any coaching staff—to prepare their team to winning the conference championship every year". . .**Dave Likins**, who works with UK's defensive ends, is happy about hosting Central Michigan the week prior to playing at Auburn. "You can't call it a tune-up game," said Likins, "it's a game we've got to win. I certainly can't look past them to Auburn, especially not at this stage. If I start doing that then the kids start doing it. I'd rather not open with Auburn, but with Central Michigan. They're a good football team. But, they're not Auburn."

1988 Kentucky Schedule 'The Toughest To Date'

Sept. 3	Central Mich.	1:30 EDT
Sept. 10	at Auburn	2:30 EDT
Sept. 17	at Indiana	1:00 EDT
Sept. 24	Kent State	1:30 EDT
Oct. 1	Alabama	1:30 EDT
Oct. 8	Open Date	
Oct 15	at LSU	8:00 EDT
Oct 22	Georgia	7:30 EDT
Oct 29	Southern Ill.	7:30 EST
Nov. 5	Vanderbilt	6:30 EST
Nov. 12	Florida	1:30 EST
Nov. 19	at Tennessee	1:00 EST

*Note—Last year's UK opponents combined for a .613 winning percentage.

Bob Watkins

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moving to Henderson two years ago.

•Ken McBride, a 6-5 senior-to-be basketball player at East Hardin High School, is expected to be perhaps the premier player in the Pak 7 Conference next season and a bona fide candidate for all-state honors.

So it was intriguing recently when an allegation was made by an East Hardin fan that a booster from another local high school had made overtures to McBride that it would be in the youngster's best interests to transfer to "his" high school to play his final season of basketball.

If true, the allegation is tampering or recruiting and is wrong. If the allegation has any merit, and the operative word here is "if," then the Kentucky High School Athletics Association should be contacted officially and information supplied to Associate Commissioner Billy Wise.

Otherwise, it's a wink and a head shake and business as usual.

•Sign of the times? Fairdale High School coach Stan Hardin says the King of The Bluegrass prep basketball tournament at Fairdale is becoming the (most) prestigious basketball event in the state.

And I don't hear many comments to the contrary. In fact, Larry Cheatham, coach at Fort Knox High, a team that will be in the 16-team field at "the King" next winter, says, "I'd rather play in the Bluegrass than the Louisville Invitational Tournament."

•Need a high school basketball coach? Jimmy Voight, boys basketball coach at Talihina High in Oklahoma, wants to ply his trade in the Bluegrass state.

"I'm a native Kentuckian and I'm very interested in finding a position back home in Kentucky," Voight writes.

Voight says he has six years experience to offer, three at the college level, three with preps. Last year's Talihina High team won its district tournament and lost in the regional title contest.

If anyone would like to communicate with him, write to Jimmy Voight at P.O. Box 301, Talihina, Okla. 74571.

•Jeff Lendon, soccer coach at Montgomery County High School, would like to see the state media endorse and publish a weekly high school soccer poll like those on basketball, football and baseball.

Is there enough fan interest?

If you think a weekly prep soccer poll is a good idea, let me hear from you.

PARTING SHOTS

Rufus Hadley, sparring partner for Mike Tyson tells Pat Putnam of Sports Illustrated what it's like working with the heavyweight champion.

"One moment he is out there somewhere and you feel safe and the next thing he's in your face, so sudden it's scary. And he's hitting you upside your head. And when he hits you, man, he changes the taste in your mouth."

And so it goes.

If you have a point of view you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Kentucky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740.

Dan Brandenburg

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pocket in order to catch a glimpse of the Cats on the tube?

I think pay-for-view programming of UK sports is a bad idea with little chance of ever obtaining the success LSU has reaped. It will also leave many disgruntled fans in its wake, especially those who are accustomed to seeing practically every game on TV.

CURRENTLY, ALMOST EVERY UK basketball and football game is televised on either a live or delayed basis. In order for the pay-per-view to work, several of the normally-televised contests will have to be pulled from the schedule so they can be sold on an individual game basis.

And those games would not be against Mississippi State, either. It makes sense to sell the games against the most popular opponents, such as Louisville and Indiana, which are not being shown nationally.

This system will not work with UK football because the Cats can't fill up Commonwealth as it is. Why pay, say, \$30 to watch a game on TV when you could buy two tickets and see it in person for the same money? This is especially true when you're used to watching the game on TV for free.

As far as basketball is concerned, every UK game — home and away, with the exception of two or three per season — is on TV. No one is going to be happy about paying to watch their beloved Cats on television when it's always been free in the past.

I'M SURE THERE would be a few people laying out the bucks, but the folk with the most money are usually the ones with tickets, as well. And if Joe Fan doesn't have the money or connections to get tickets, who says he will be able to afford the pay-per-view cost either?

The big-bucks folks, who shell out thousands every year to support UK athletics, are going to see the games one way or another. Every ticket has its price.

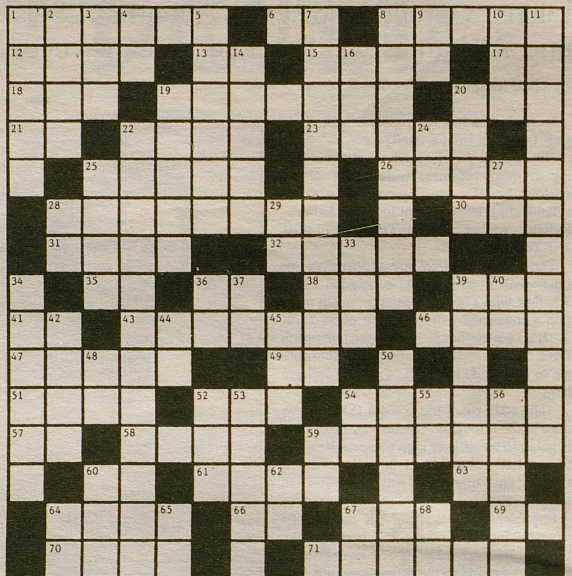
The people that are going to be left out in the cold are the ones who plan their whole season around the one game they are able to attend. These are the same people who would kill to see Podunk U. in action as long as they were playing the Big Blue. Podunk is better than nothing, right? Anything to see Kentucky play, right?

These people also make up UK's grassroots support; where the love of the Big Blue begins. You know, "Don't make any plans, honey; UK is on TV tonight."

Expanding the market for UK sports should not be done at the expense of these fans.

T C P C R O S S W O R D P U Z Z L E

By Dan Kruckeberg



THE CATS IN THE PROS

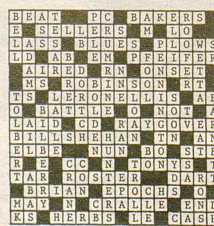
ACROSS

- 1 Former Cat/long-time Portland standout
- 6 Initials of 22 Across
- 8 Art
- 12 Lucian Whitaker _____ a 3-game appearance in the NBA
- 13 Initials of 25 Across
- 15 Dutch cheese
- 17 3rd and 4th of the five
- 18 Tax folks
- 19 Early-'50s Celtic Bob
- 20 Cincy's baseball strongboy, "Big ____"
- 21 Initials of '71-'72 Atlanta Hawk
- 22 Played for St. Louis, Seattle and the Colonels
- 23 With L. Bird on NBA champion team
- 25 Scored 16.8 ppg in '50-'51 pro season
- 26 What Laurel called Hardy
- 28 Averaged 30+ ppg for '71-'72 Colonels
- 30 Conclude
- 31 Intellect
- 32 Killed
- 35 Baseballer Cobb
- 36 Initials of '67-'68 Colonel Larry
- 38 The _____ of March
- 39 First name of 21 Across
- 40 Initials of collegiate coach of Bucks' Moncrief
- 43 _____ pro team was '54-'55 Milwaukee
- 46 _____ would have been proud of Riley's coaching in LA
- 47 Ode, from '61-'69
- 49 Abbr. for "Nova Scotia"
- 51 Paul was with Rochester in early-'50s
- 52 Issel was a scoring _____ at both UK and in the pros
- 54 Specimen
- 57 Grevey played the Bullet's squad
- 58 Auditorium in St. Louis was home for C.H. for 10 great seasons
- 59 His best scoring year was '69-'70 when he averaged almost 26 a game
- 60 Former Cat C. _____rderber
- 61 Steadfast
- 63 Continent abbr.
- 64 Played for '58-'59 NY team
- 66 Initials of 50 Down
- 67 Collegiate conference
- 69 Initials of Laker Pat
- 70 Played for LA, SF and the Colonels
- 71 _____ ABA experience came with Indy

DOWN

- 1 Scored 18.4 ppg in '65-'66 pro season
- 2 Ballpark item during rain delays
- 3 Namesakes of former Cat Beck
- 4 Double vowel
- 5 Turnovers
- 7 With Chicago and Boston in the pros
- 8 Cat turned Trail Blazer
- 9 Initials of 20 Down
- 10 Abner
- 11 Big Colonel scorer
- 14 Musical groups
- 16 Twoome
- 19 Plat
- 20 1st name of an '87 guard of the Bulls
- 22 Overhead railway
- 23 Lure
- 27 Abbr. for state where Groza, Barker, Wah Wah, etc. played pro ball
- 28 Initials of '86-'87 NBA guard who played for coach Hall's Cats
- 29 Initials of a Cat mentor
- 33 Commercial
- 34 1st name of Cat/'59-'61 Philadelphia pro
- 36 Initials of former Celtic Lou
- 37 Initials of early Cat All-American Carey
- 39 #54 of the Cavaliers
- 40 '30s Cat standout Bernard _____per
- 42 Anon
- 44 Former UL standout Wilcheck
- 45 Larry Johnson played _____ season at Buffalo
- 48 Biblical for "you"
- 50 Member of 7 NBA champion teams
- 52 Abbr. for "Amer. Expeditionary Force"
- 53 24.8 ppg for '59-'60 Hawks
- 54 Abbr. for NBA city where L.D. played in late-'70s
- 55 Initials of '70-'72 Colonel Mike
- 56 Jump
- 59 Initials of #14 of the Cavaliers
- 60 By way of
- 62 Initials of 23 Across
- 64 Abbr. for "bank note"
- 65 Baseball's AL feature
- 67 Initials of former Cat Shelby
- 68 Initials of 70 Across

Last Month's Answers



Former All-American Talks About UK Football

Says Claiborne, 'Cats Are On Right Track

The University of Kentucky has produced only 21 All-Americans in its long football history.

That's a rather low figure in the SEC, when you consider that other "glamour" schools like Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, etc., all have produced around 50 to 60 All-Americans



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each.

So, being an All-American at UK is indeed quite an achievement, as the school does not have the reputation of being a "football factory."

As UK football fans know, especially the older ones, Ray Correll, now a successful businessman in his hometown of Somerset, is one of UK's former All-Americans. He is in elite company along with other ex-Wildcat greats Bob Gain, Babe Parilli, Doug Moseley, Steve Meilinger, Howard Schnellenberger and Lou Michaels, to name a few.

Correll received the coveted honor in 1953 as a senior, while playing defensive guard on legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's last team at UK. He was also co-captain (with Tommy Adkins) of that squad which finished with a 7-2-1 worksheet and a Gator Bowl invitation (which the Wildcats declined). Besides being selected an All-American, Correll was All-SEC and received the *Atlanta Constitution* award for being the best lineman in the SEC, all in 1953. After his senior year, Correll played in three all-star games—the Senior Bowl, the East-West Shrine game and the Coaches' All-American game.

During that time, Correll—who was drafted by the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers but didn't play in the pros as he entered the U.S. Army—was also named to the all-time Cotton Bowl team (1937-52 era) by a committee. He helped the Wildcats capture the 1952 Cotton Bowl classic, beating Texas Christian 20-7. This was to be Kentucky's last bowl appearance until 1976, when it defeated North Carolina in the Peach Bowl.

Recently, the 57-year-old Correll took a break from work to discuss football—present and past—at his office in Somerset.

Here are some of his thoughts:

The Cats' Pause: The Wildcats face a very tough schedule this fall. How will they do?

Ray Correll: I'd like to see them win six (games), but they've got their hands full. I think if they could win six, they'd have a pretty good season. From what I saw in the paper, (Jerry Claiborne) recruited the biggest bunch of athletes I have ever seen at Kentucky. I think there were possibly only two that were under 200 pounds, and there were six or seven 245-, 275- and 290-pound (recruits). Of course, it may take a year or two for them to be playing a major role in the program, but I feel that Jerry is on his way to being a winner in the SEC (again). You have a lot of people complaining about him, but when you look at the overall program and the job he's done, I don't know of anyone else that could have done any better or as well. We're just on the verge, and maybe in two or three years, we'll be in the top five in the SEC.

Jerry Claiborne, bless his heart, has had a tough time (the last few years). But I'll tell you one thing—he teaches people what life's all about. He's a hard worker and he's well-educated. He's smart. He's clean. He's a good Christian man. He has really brought the athletic program up, as far as football is concerned. It's in better shape, overall. Scholastically, Kentucky comes out ahead in the SEC. I'd like to see him do better (on the field), but he's done an adequate job. I think very highly of him as a coach and as a teacher. Most of all, I like the example he sets.

TCP: Should UK expand the 58,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium, which is ranked seventh in the S.C. in terms of seating capacity?

Correll: I honestly feel that they need to expand it. No doubt, the people at the university know from the surveys they've taken, that they need to expand.

TCP: How much bigger?

Correll: I think they ought to go to 75,000 seats, and I think we'll fill them, if we have a respectable team.

TCP: Why can't UK have consistent, winning teams like it did during your college days during the early 1950s? What is the problem?

Correll: The problem, I think, is that we're not getting enough quality players. We're getting "in-between" players, while Indiana, Ohio State and Tennessee are getting one or two of our top high school players (in the state). Two or three players can make a difference in a ball club. One player even can make a lot of difference. Recruiters from other schools will say, "Why go to Kentucky and not be a winner? We're better." That hurts us. But this new building (the \$6 million E.J. Nutter Football Training Center) that they have done is going to help us an awful lot.

TCP: Tell us about coach Bryant. Was he very strict?

Correll: Yes, he was very strict. Of course, he set the example for us. He was tough. I can recall one instance where a fellow came in late for a meeting. Coach Bryant says to the young man, "Did you know what time the meeting was?" He said, "Yes, sir."

Then coach Bryant asked, "Do you have any excuse?" The player said, "No, sir." Coach

then walked over and hugged him and said, "Young man, if you wait until the meeting is over, we'll get you home, because we got you up here. If not, we wish you the best." So, I never saw the kid again. (Bryant) did not put up with tardiness. You knew that you had to be on time. Now, if you had a good excuse, he would accept it.

He had rules, and sometimes, the players would break them. Sometimes one would drink beer. But while I was at Kentucky, I never saw a football player drunk. Overall, he expected you to be a gentleman. That's what he tried to instill in us, to be gentlemen whether it was out on the field or in the classroom. Those grades also had to stay up.



Ray Correll, An All-American Defensive Guard For UK In 1953

TCP: What was Jerry Claiborne like when he was a young assistant at UK under Bryant in 1952 and 1953? Did he work with you a lot?

Correll: Jerry was a good student and he also had a good football mind. Jerry worked with the defensive backs and ends, so of course, I didn't have much contact with him (on the practice field).

But he was a tutor for us. I can recall that a particular English course was so hard for me in my sophomore year, that I considered quitting. I thought, "Well, I'll play a good (spring) game and tear their heads off, and then I'm going to quit."

But it didn't happen that way. After the Blue-White game, I went over to the room and I studied that English. Then, all at once, I felt somebody's presence. I turned around and looked, and there stood coach Bryant.

He said, "Little Man," he always called me that—"you played one hell of a ballgame. But how are your grades?" I said, "They're all good except for English."

Coach said, "Well, Jerry Claiborne can help you. He's an English major. I'll send him over and we'll get that worked out."

"Now, you're my No. 1 guard. If you're not in shape when you come back this fall, you're going to be in a hospital."

So, he let you know who was the boss. But he was always good to me. I never asked him for anything that I didn't get.

Like Weather, Gridiron's Street & Smith Is Hot

Says UK Could Dominate. . . If Not In SEC

They're out. Some of the annual college football magazines have already been distributed to area newsstands. While in the comfort of an air-conditioned room, sitting down with one of these publications is a great way to kill time during the recent heat wave.

Anyway, for area pigskin buffs, it's also the time of year to toss around those traditional



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heated backyard arguments. You know the ones.

"Who will have the best team in the Southeastern Conference crown? . . . in the country?" And, in Kentucky the most often asked question usually is directed at the Wildcats. For instance: Will this be the year for the 'Cats to turn things around?

If you're a Big Blue fan you might want to take a look at *The Sporting News*, which for the past few years has published both college football and basketball magazines. And with each edition, *TSN* seems to be getting better and better. This year's 1988 preview has an abundance of glossy pictures in addition to interesting articles on some of the players that make college football something special.

One of the more interesting features in this year's magazine is the 'Best & Worst' section, which relates to each major conference in the country. This section of the publication digs into the nuts and bolts of each particular league race.

As far as Kentucky fans are concerned, the Wildcats received one favorable and one negative response. On the positive side, *TSN* has UK listed as one of the programs on the rise, along with Alabama and Mississippi State.

Its reasoning? According to the magazine, it notes that if Kentucky were in any other conference besides the SEC it would have a legitimate chance to compete for most of the league championships throughout the nation.

True.

Place the Wildcats in the ACC and let's see how many back-to-back bowl games coach Jerry Claiborne can put together. In fact, in 1985 UK completely demoralized ACC power Clemson (26-7) in Commonwealth Stadium.

IT DOESN'T TAKE A HEAVYWEIGHT TO FIGURE OUT that by competing against the likes of Georgia, LSU, Florida and Tennessee every year pales in comparison to Duke, Wake Forest, N. C. State and Virginia. Or better yet, how about putting UK in the WAC, Pac-10 or even the SWC during its down cycle within the past five years, and see how the school would fare?

Kentucky has come close to reaching the upper half of the SEC standings when you keep in mind that last year's squad lost to Georgia by three points and was just a yard shy of defeating Tennessee.

It's just a thought. . . but if they were placed in a weaker environment then the Cats' record would be vastly different.

The one negative comment was fired at senior running back Ivy Joe Hunter. The magazine listed the UK back as one of the most overrated players in the conference.

Sure, the talented back from Gainesville, Fla., has shown flashes of brilliance during his career. Let's not forget that nagging injuries and poor showings in big games the past two seasons which have kept him from living up to his potential. It seems like for every 'big' game he plays in, Hunter is either out of action because of a nagging injury or turns in a poor effort.

With only a senior year remaining to change matters, Hunter must accept it and try to overcome the obstacles.

The other 'most overrated' player listed was Auburn safety man Carlos Cheatam.

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Tight end Charlie Darrington, defensive tackle Oliver Barnett, and safety Ron Robinson were mentioned as some of the most underrated players in the league while offensive tackle Mike Pfeifer made first team All-Conference. The Kentucky stars on the 'Horizon' section listed running back Al Baker and defensive tackle Jerry Bell. However, UK was not mentioned as having some of the best units in the league as far as a breakdown by

position on both offense and defense.

FINALLY, THE PUBLICATION PREDICTED THE WILDCATS will finish ninth in the conference race, which is one spot higher than what *Athlon* forecasted. The magazine said Jerry Claiborne's teams always come well-prepared and will battle to the end.

Some of the more interesting listings found elsewhere in the 'Best & Worst' section had Bill Curry, Galen Hall, and Rocky Felker as being the most underrated coaches. All three were cited as having up-and-coming programs. Georgia's Vince Dooley was voted as the best coach in the SEC while Pat Dye was selected to be the most overrated coach in the league.

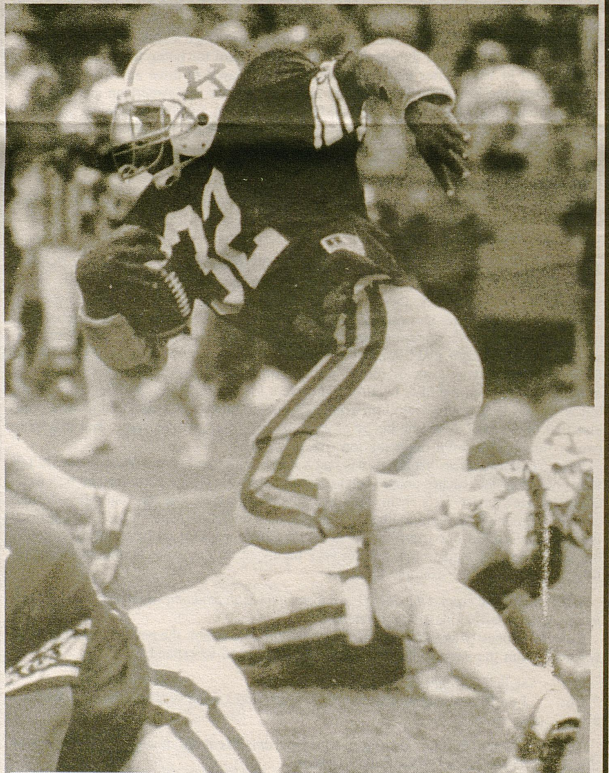
Although it's fun to speculate during the summer months, league battles are not fought in July and August. For Kentucky's sake maybe all this negative hubbub can somehow light a fire under a program that in the last three seasons has found itself circling in mediocrity.

This year's team is facing one of the toughest schedules during this decade. So, maybe the Wildcats can sneak up on a few unsuspecting foes during the 1988 season.

And while those heated backyard discussions continue, UK fans can only argue against the so-called experts of *TSN* and others. . . hoping they're wrong about their beloved 'Cats.

UK Notebook

Former Kentucky great **Dan Issel** has taken a front office position with the NBA's Denver Nuggets. Issel, who moved to Lexington to enter the horse business, will work in the player development department with the Nuggets. He still plans to keep his hand in the horse industry. . . **Bill Ransdell**, who led Kentucky to its last bowl appearance, reported to the Tampa Bay training camp earlier this month. Ransdell will battle three other signal callers



One Last Shot For Ivy Joe Hunter To Target Potential

for the backup position behind starting quarterback Vinnie Testeverde. . . Former Kentucky guard **Reggie Warford** was recently involved in an automobile accident in Lexington. Warford was treated for injuries at a Lexington hospital then released. Warford is in the process of a suit against the *Lexington Herald-Leader* for libel. The suit was brought about when the paper reported Warford offered money to a high school prep star when he was an assistant at Pittsburgh. Warford believes he and his lawyer have a strong case against the newspaper and is confident to court decision will come out in his favor. . . UK fans making plans to attend the Wildcats' away game versus Auburn on Sept. 10 better start to make plans now. Word out of Auburn has the contest becoming a complete sellout with a crowd of more than 80,000 expected. However, Wildcat supporters might get a reprieve since there's an excellent chance WTBS will televise the UK-Auburn showdown.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Five Years Ago

✓ Kentucky basketball player Kenny 'Sky' Walker was named Most Valuable Player of the National Sports Festival, leading his South team to the Gold Medal in the tournament. Walker averaged 17 points and six rebounds per game. He finished the tourney hitting on 27 of 49 attempts from the field. Because of his performance in the tournament, Walker was named to be a part of a 12-man team that will travel to Spain on a junior men's team to play for the junior world title. Kentucky freshman James Blackmon also was named to the U.S. team.

✓ The University of Kentucky Athletics Association voted to allocate \$3 million towards a swimming facility at the university. The facility will cost an estimated \$5 million and hopes are that the other \$2 million can be raised through private donations. Presently, the only swimming facility

on campus is a pool at Memorial Coliseum.

✓ In the National Basketball Association draft, three Kentucky players were selected. Guard Dirk Minniefield, UK's top playmaker, was taken in the second round by Dallas, but traded to the New Jersey Nets. Derrick Hord was the 67th pick overall, being drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the third round. The third UK player taken was Charles Hurt, who was drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks in the sixth frame.

Seven Years Ago

✓ In a copyrighted story by Oscar Combs and Gene Abell of *The Cats' Pause*, it's been learned that Kentucky Governor John Y. Brown wants to replace current UK coach Fran Curci with former Washington Redskins boss George Allen. Recently, Allen was in Lexington and also a houseguest of Gov. Brown and his wife, Phyllis.

"His (Gov. Brown's) patience has about run

out," said a close friend of Brown's, who wished to remain anonymous. "It's common knowledge that the Governor is disappointed in UK football as a very supportive alumnus."

"It's no secret that he's concerned about the lack of discipline and personnel problems, a lack of winning program and lack of hope of a winning program under the present conditions.

"He (Brown) feels very strongly that Kentucky can compete with any university in that Kentucky should have a competitive program nationally."

The source noted that even six months ago Brown went to University of Kentucky president Otis Singletary about the matter. Later, *TCP* contacted Brown. And through press secretary Frank Ashley, the statement released read: "The Governor doesn't feel it's appropriate to discuss this matter at this time."

Since UK's 10-1 campaign, the 'Cats, under Curci's leadership, have recorded three consecutive losing campaigns. Problems off the field also have followed. UK athletics director Cliff Hagan noted that Curci, like all other Wildcat coaches, will be treated as such. That is, hired or fired by the UK Athletics Board. Hagan also mentioned that Curci's name or his program had not been brought up since the December meeting. It was then when the board voted to honor his remaining contract (at the time, four years left).

"Our program is run by the board," Hagan stressed.

Asked if he had heard about Allen replacing Curci (44-43-2 while at UK), Hagan said, "I have no knowledge that it is true. That is all I know."

Curci, who was on vacation earlier in the month, did not return *TCP's* calls. Said Allen's son George Allen Jr, who is his father's agent: "I can't tell you anything about it right now. I have no comment."

✓ Kentucky football players Greg Wimberly, a receiver, and punter Chris Poulton have left the team. Wimberly, a 5-foot-10, 170-pounder, was to have been a senior this year. Before the 1980 campaign, Wimberly was suspended following his alleged involvement in a Lexington theft. Later, charges were dropped and Wimberly ended up playing in five games. He had a team-high 22.5 yards per catch. His biggest moment came when he caught a 59-yard touchdown against Tulane. Poulton was the 'Cats' No. 2 punter behind Randy Jenkins. He filled in for the injured Jenkins admirably. In his first game against Maryland he was the owner of a 55-yard kick. He finished his first year with a 36.9 average (51 punts). In his sophomore season Poulton booted for a 36.5 yards average. He came to walk-on.

✓ Indiana completed its two game sweep of the Kentucky All-Stars, defeating the hosts 109-96. It marked the first sweep since 1978 for the Hoosiers. However it was the state's fifth sweep in the past eight years. Cawood's Phil Cox connected for a game-high 36 points. The all-time scoring mark by a Kentucky player is held by former Western Kentucky great Jim McDaniels (42 points). Cox, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, has signed to play for C.M. Newton's Vanderbilt Commodores.

Eight Years Ago

✓ In a poll conducted by the *Birmingham News*, sports information directors across the Southeastern Conference have once again selected Alabama as the odds on favorite to capture the league's football crown this season. The Tennessee Volunteers were picked to finish second followed by: Georgia, Auburn, Mississippi, LSU, Mississippi State, Florida, Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

✓ At least nine of Kentucky's gridiron games in the 1980 season will be broadcast on a delayed basis on Lexington WKYT-TV, while the Oklahoma game may be aired live. The only game guaranteed not to be on the tube is UK's encounter with arch rival Tennessee in K-town.

✓ Guard Dennis Johnson scored all six of his points in the final 90 seconds to lead the Kentucky All-Stars to a 96-93 win over the Indiana All-Stars in the second game of this basketball series. The win gave the Bluegrass State a split of this year's series and marked the second straight year that Kentucky has won in Indianapolis. Indiana barely won the first encounter, played in Louisville's Freedom Hall, by a score of 82-80. In going down to defeat, Kentucky was led by Johnson with 20 points while Dicky Beal added 17. A week later Kentucky earned revenge when Owensboro Red Devil product Dwight Higgs turned in a brilliant performance, scoring 29 points and grabbing 18 boards. Beal, the Covington Holmes star and future Kentucky Wildcat, scored 13 points and dazzled the Market Square Arena crowd with his game-high seven assists.

✓ The search is still on for an assistant sports information director at Kentucky, whose main duties are to work with the men's basketball program. The job previously was held by Jack Perry, who was re-assigned within the athletic department.

Twelve Years Ago

✓ Junior-to-be Wildcat Rick Robey is spending the summer working at Seth C. Hancock's Claiborne Farm in Paris, Ky., in an effort to get back in shape for the upcoming basketball campaign. The 6-foot-10 Robey was injured for most of last year but now believes he will be back to 100 percent for the 1976-77 season.

✓ Kentucky football coach Fran Curci has announced that his players will have an 11 p.m. curfew and will be living in the same dormitory together next season, following a campaign which led to several off-the-field embarrassments.

Thirty-Two Years Ago

✓ Kentucky made a clean sweep of their annual All-Star hoop series with its northern neighbors Ohio, thanks to a 107-96 victory. It marked the first time Kentucky has managed a sweep in the series, which dates back nine years. Raymond (Corky) Withrow, a 6-foot-4 jump-shot artist from the Golden Tide of Central City, was the 'Star of Stars' for Kentucky. For the second time he sparkled for a 23-point performance. Jim Darrow of Akron led Ohio with 25 points. Ohio continues to lead the series 12-7.

✓ King Kelly Coleman, who rewrote the Kentucky high school basketball record books, won't be attending West Virginia after all because he failed to meet entrance requirements. He is conferring with Wildcat coaches. Reportedly, West Virginia is under NCAA investigation because Coleman's close friends claim the school has given him \$75 a month for the past two years and his mother says folks in West Virginia offered to put a car in his name. Also, Kelly and his bride reportedly received a gasoline courtesy card and an apartment. He does not yet have his high school diploma. Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp has told Coleman he would accept him if he passes the entrance exam.

✓ Former UK great quarterback Babe Parilli is preparing for the Cleveland Brown tryout camp after a two-year stint in the Armed Forces.

✓ Kentucky center Bob Burrow has signed with the Rochester Royals.

WILDCAT QUIZ

1. Winston Bennett, Rex Chapman, Ed Davender and Rob Lock are the last 'Cats to be drafted by NBA clubs. Who was the first UK player to be taken in the NBA draft?

a) Kenny Rollins
b) Jack Tingle
c) Alex Groza
d) Ralph Beard

2. Four members of the class of 1949 were selected in the draft. Since then, at least four UK players have been taken in the same draft four times. In which of the following years did that *not* happen?

a) 1971
b) 1975
c) 1978
d) 1984

3. What NBA city has drafted the most Wildcat players?

a) Cleveland
b) Cincinnati
c) Indianapolis/Indiana
d) Chicago

4. True or False? UK has already produced as many draftees in the 1980s as it did in any other full decade.

5. Normally, the higher a person is drafted, the better his prospects for success. This isn't always the case, however. One of these former Wildcats, all taken by the Cincinnati Royals, was a 15th-round pick, but went on to become an NBA star. Name him.

a) Vernon Hatten
b) Adrian Smith
c) Don Mills
d) Louie Dampier

6. Which of the following members of the

1965-66 "Rupp's Runts" team was not drafted by an NBA club?

- a) Tommy Kron
b) Larry Conley
c) Pat Riley
d) Cliff Berger

7. True or False? Although Kentucky won the national championship in 1951, no UK player was drafted by the NBA following that season.

8. Match the following UK All-Americans with the NBA teams that drafted them:

Cotton Nash	Washington
Pat Riley	Denver
Dan Issel	Los Angeles
Kevin Grevey	San Diego
Melvin Turpin	Detroit

9. How many times has the same UK graduating class had more than one NBA first-round draft choice?

- a) once
b) twice
c) three times
d) four times

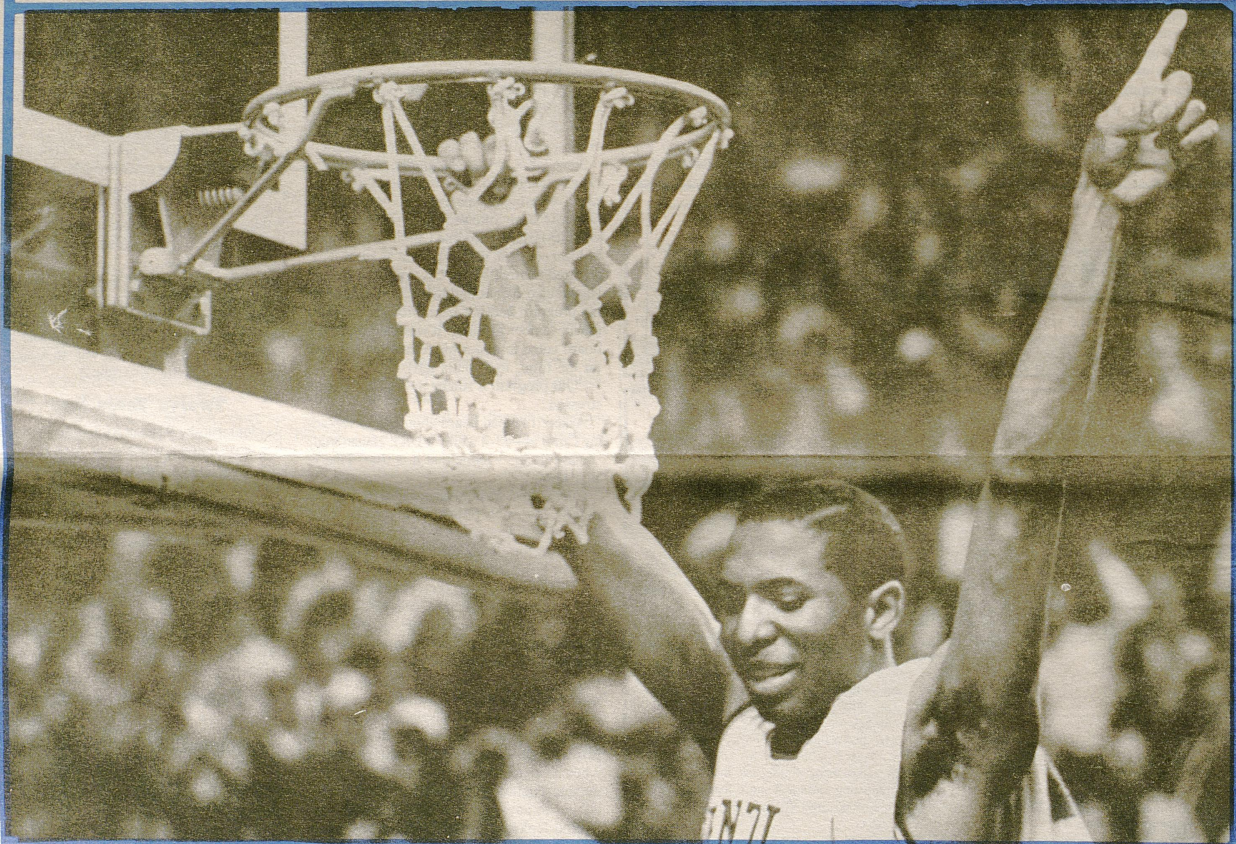
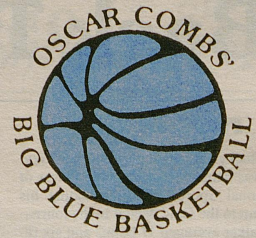
10. Which of the following UK duos was *not* taken by the same team in the same year?

- a) Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey
b) Vernon Hatten, Adrian Smith
c) Derrick Hord, Charles Hurt
d) Dicky Beal, Jim Master

Answers

1. Jack Tingle, Washington, 1947
2. 1971
3. Chicago
4. True
5. L.A.; Riley, S.D.; Issel, Detroit; Grevey and Turpin, Washington.
6. Three: 1949, 1978, 1984
7. 10. Derrick Hord and Charles Hurt. Both players were drafted in 1983, but by different teams.
8. 80s, already using the previous high from '80s, already using the previous high from '80s.
9. 5. Adrian Smith

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