

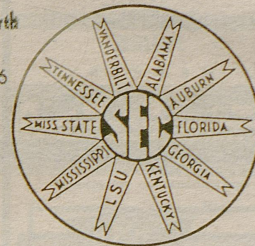
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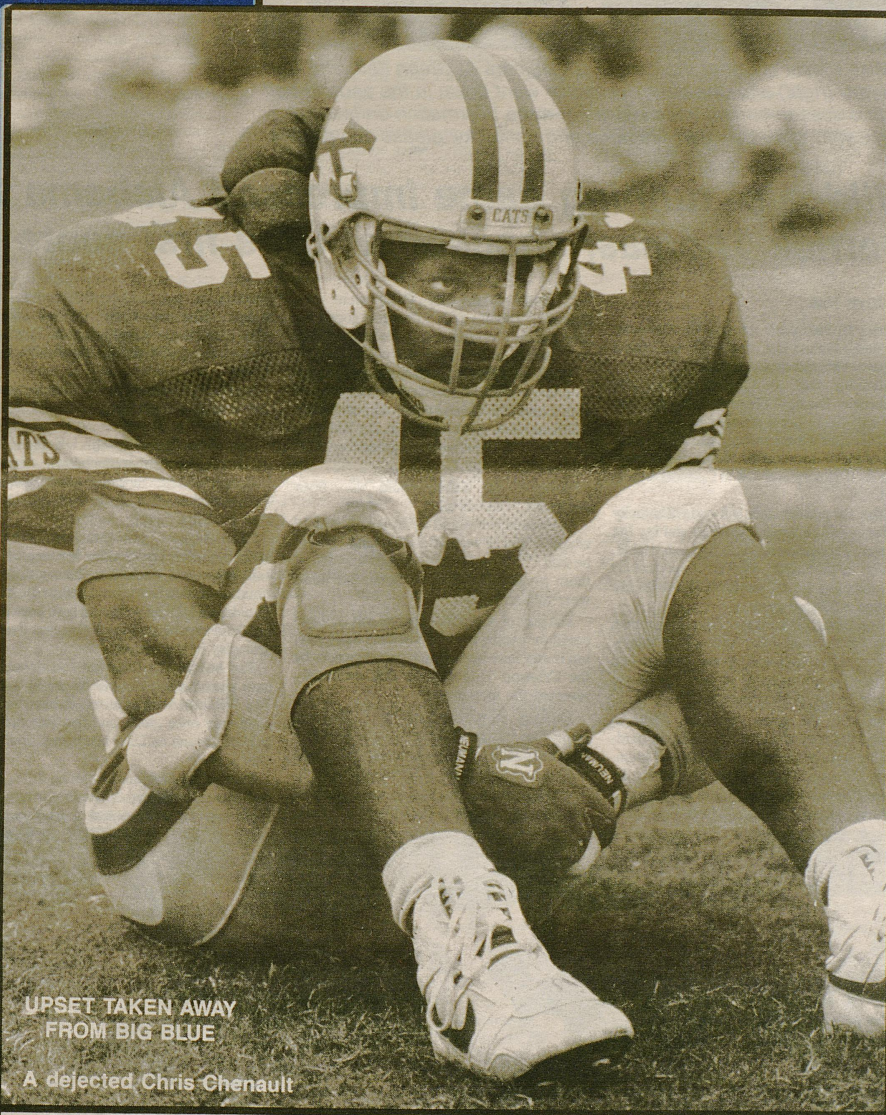
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Mike Pfeifer is under the care of UK trainers Al Green (left) and Sue Stanley (right) after the offensive tackle went down in the second half with a season-ending knee injury. For more information on last Saturday's wild affair between Alabama and Kentucky, please see page 4.



Wildcats' running game impressed Alabama's Derrick Thomas; shocked at UK's first score

By Brett Hait

Prior to Saturday's game with Alabama, Kentucky ranked last, dead last, in rushing in the Southeastern Conference.

Mention that to Crimson Tide star linebacker Derrick Thomas, however, and you will likely get a puzzled look.

"They have a great running game," Thomas said of the Wildcats after 'Bama's heartstopping 31-27 victory over UK at Commonwealth Stadium.

After the performance put on by Kentucky tailbacks Alfred Rawls, Al Baker and Ivy Joe Hunter, Thomas' analysis is understandable. Rawls, in particular, enjoyed a spectacular day, rambling for 132 yards on 13 carries, including a 57-yard jaunt.

Even though Kentucky offensive lineman Mike Pfeifer went down with a knee injury, the rest of the front wall opened just enough daylight for UK to enjoy its best day on the ground in the 1988 season.

But after the game, Thomas, Alabama coach Bill Curry and others credited the hard-driving style of the Wildcat backs and blamed the Crimson Tide's missed tackles for the reason Kentucky was able to roll up 298 yards rushing against a strong Tide defense.

"I don't think they (UK) were that physical," Thomas said. "They had good running backs. The offensive line was good, but they weren't as dominant as I had expected."

Along with Rawls' 57-yard run, Baker added a 42-yard touchdown dash that he capped with a dive into the end zone. Almost before Alabama knew what had hit it, the Wildcats had taken a seemingly commanding 17-0 halftime advantage.

However, the deficit could have been prevented, Thomas said.

"The situation would never have gotten to where it was if we had just tackled better," he said. "We could have stopped any one of those longs run within 10 yards, but those were missed tackles."

The play of Alabama's offense will be given credit for coming back and beating Kentucky, but it may have been clutch performances by the Crimson Tide defense that eventually reversed the momentum.

Thomas admitted that the Tide was somewhat frustrated when UK receiver Ray Gover caught a tipped pass thrown from John Bolden and went in for a 37-yard touchdown.

"That pass play that they scored that first touchdown on was unbelievable," said

Thomas, a 6-4, 230-pound senior from Miami. "The man tipped the ball and the other man caught it and ran it in. That's the kind of thing you see on the ESPN highlights."

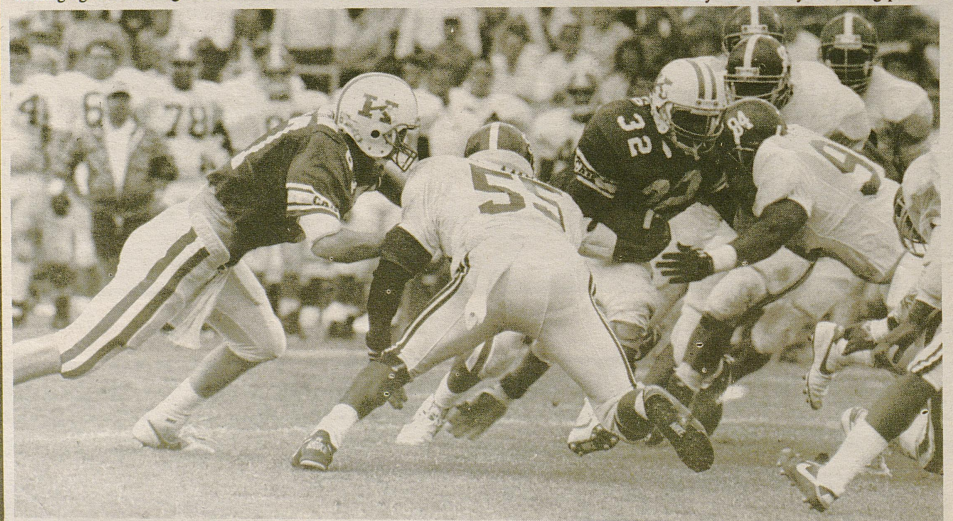
But 'Bama's defense, led by Thomas' game-high 11 tackles, tightened its belt and went to work.

Late in the first half, with UK ahead 17-0 and driving for another touchdown, Alabama dodged a bullet when defensive back Lee Ozmint picked off a Glenn Fohr pass at the Tide goal line.

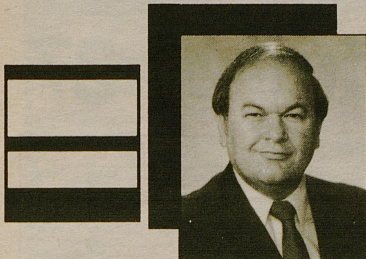
"The biggest play was right before halftime, when Lee Ozmint intercepted that ball, because it would have been a different situation if they had scored before the half," Thomas said. "And we would have been chasing from way back. I think that was the biggest play of the game."

The inability to score on that drive may have taken the wind out of Kentucky's sails. The Wildcats were able to get into the end zone only once more, and the Tide defense held its ground on UK's last possession, forcing a punt.

That set up Alabama's winning drive, capped when quarterback Vince Sutton hit Gene Newberry for a three-yard scoring pass.



(55) Thomas says UK's runners are good, but lack of 'Bama's tackling helped matters



OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Can't fault 'Cats for their great effort against Tide

The morning after. The sting is still there. You still hurt all over. Yet another devastating loss has been bestowed upon the Kentucky football program. You wonder if it will ever end. Only the Lord knows.

But believe me, you cannot fault either the Wildcat football players or the coaching staff. Well, perhaps some of you will, but it will be only those who think they're the most knowledgeable football minds of the world.

Fact is, this team gave it the ultimate 110 percent effort from beginning to end. The coaching staff did likewise. Yet the 'Cats still came up short.

In the visiting team's locker room there was much grumbling about how poorly the Crimson Tide played, of how fortunate they were to sneak out of Commonwealth Stadium with a victory. They were accurate on both counts.

Nevertheless, it was Kentucky which should have left the turf Saturday afternoon with their heads held high, with a glorious victory celebration.

I've preached too long and too hard to go through another one of my sermons on the hard knocks and short life of living in the SEC's pro football world. It would serve no purpose here.

We'll leave the subject of the Kentucky-Alabama football game with just a short comment to the players and staff:

"You gave it your all, you performed past your expectations and you have to apologize to no one. Regardless of what some may say, Saturday's effort gives new meaning to the phrase, 'It matters not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game.'"

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Thankfully, the Wildcats have a week off before having to journey down and play the LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge. They'll need the time to forget about the Alabama heartbreaker and get their minds back on the game.

With a 2-3 record, it will be extremely tough, if not impossible, for the Wildcats to record a winning mark this season.

The Alabama game loomed as a prime target to upset a major member of the SEC, what with the game being played at home and the fact that everyone knows the Tide is not as talented as it usually is.

Now, Kentucky will have to eye an upset from either LSU, Georgia or Florida.

After Tennessee's record-shattering 0-5 start, the Vols look more inviting each Saturday. As it now stands, UK could have a shot at both Vanderbilt and Tennessee. If UK could win those two and beat Southern Illinois as the 'Cats should, then one big upset would give UK a winning mark.

LSU and Georgia figure to be tough, tough customers. In the preseason, Florida appeared to be suspect, but the Gators are off in the opposite direction of Tennessee with a perfect 5-0 mark, thanks in part to dropping Miami from its season opener.

So Florida looks to be invincible, but the 'Cats have surprised the Gators more than once over the years.

The most disheartening news from the UK camp is the loss of all-star junior offensive lineman Mike Pfeifer, perhaps for the remainder of the season.

Mike underwent knee surgery late Sunday after he suffered a severe knee injury in the Alabama game. Officials said he turned and tried to recover a fumbled snap when the injury occurred.

Team officials said Mike would be on crutches for at least six weeks. He will have one year of eligibility left after this fall.

Mike redshirted his freshman year at UK so he wasn't eligible for a redshirt and since this was his fifth game of the year, Mike wouldn't have been eligible for a medical redshirt anyway. Any injury must occur during the season's first three games to qualify for a medical redshirt.

The injury to Pfeifer, who was the starter at right tackle, further weakens the position. Just one week earlier, in the Kent State game, Tom Crumrine, who had been running second-string behind Pfeifer, was lost for the year. Now Bo Smith, who has been playing both tackle spots well in a reserve role, will become the starter on the right side. And the only other offensive tackle on the depth chart—besides starter Mike Nord on the left side—is 6-4, 257-pound true freshman Greg Lahr of Pickerington, Ohio.

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It's the time of year when our annual, gigantic, one-of-a-kind basketball yearbook is published and you can order your personal copy by mail starting today.

Copies of the yearbook will be shipped on a first-come, first-served bases starting Oct. 14.

This year's edition will be packed with 308 pages of stories, pictures, features, statistics and information on everything from the Wildcats to the local Kentucky high schools.

You'll have a complete report on each and every one of Kentucky's regular-season opponents (including all teams in the Great Alaska Shootout and the UKIT), as well as every college basketball team in the state of Kentucky.

There will be special articles on all 13 of the Wildcats, including Shawn Kemp and Sean Woods, who will be sidelined this winter but should be in action after a year of academic seasoning.

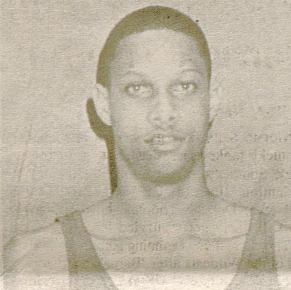
Our report on prep recruiting is second to none, whether you're wanting to get all the inside information from the great Bob Gibbons' All-Star Report, or read about the famous Nike/ABCD All-American Camp, Kentucky's top 100 or the major all-star classics over the summer.

Special bonuses come from such well-known Kentucky writers as Russell Rice and Earl Cox. Rice gives us insight into UK's early relationship with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's state tournament, and the benefits reaped by both, while Cox gives you his all-time

Kentucky basketball squad.

And there's much, much more. We'll have our preseason Top 50 poll, which has Michigan (remember Terry Mills?) No. 1, and we'll talk briefly about the future of UK basketball.

For more information on how to order, and for a broader glimpse at the contents, look for the subscription advertisement in this issue of TCP. Cost is \$9.10 which includes UPS shipping and handling.



Freshman Chris Mills is just one of 13 UK players profiled in our now-available TCP Kentucky Basketball Yearbook.

For those extremely true Blue fans, we have a deluxe, hard-cover edition available this year to the first 500 fans. Its cost is \$15, which also includes UPS shipping and handling. However, the hard-cover edition will not be available for shipping until Nov. 1.

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Speaking of basketball, UK coach Eddie Sutton held a press conference last Friday to discuss UK basketball and the ongoing NCAA investigation of his program.

The session lasted almost one hour and dealt almost exclusively with the NCAA probe. It was the first time Sutton had held such a press conference (he had given two earlier exclusive interviews) since a Los Angeles newspaper report last spring charged that an Emery Freight package containing \$1,000 came open during handling in Los Angeles. The package was sent by UK assistant Dwane Casey to the father of UK signee Chris Mills. The NCAA promptly said it would investigate, and in July the NCAA issued an official letter of inquiry concerning the incident.

The NCAA also said UK could expect to receive a second LOI within 30 days dealing with perhaps 10 other charges. UK is still awaiting the second LOI, although the 30-day period has long passed.

During the press conference (which is printed in its entirety inside this edition of TCP), Sutton defends himself, his coaches and his program.

Sutton said he wanted to speak up in defense of his program and himself all along but did not do so because UK

president Dr. David Roselle said all university statements would be made by his office.

About three weeks ago, athletics director Cliff Hagan issued his first statement. Both Hagan and Sutton said they were going public with the blessing of Roselle.

Without being too opinionated, I think you'll find Sutton's comments very interesting to say the least. For the sake of accuracy, we decided to publish the entire press conference rather than just taking excerpts.

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Now some good basketball news!

The official tipoff for the new basketball season will arrive with the opening day of practice on Saturday, Oct. 15.

After that, it will be down to the rough assignment of preparing for the Hall of Fame Classic and the Duke Blue Devils.

This Duke team will be ranked in most everyone's top five, and we have them No. 2 in the country behind Michigan.

A week later, the 'Cats will be off to the Great Northwest and the Great Alaska Shootout. The Shootout this year includes such teams as Florida, Iowa, Kansas, California, Utah, Seton Hall and Alaska-Anchorage.

And all three UK games will be beamed back to the Bluegrass.

WTVQ-TV, Channel 36 in Lexington, has secured the right to all three games. The first game will also be seen on ESPN. The sports cable network will carry all first round games and the remaining part of the championship bracket.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . Films of the Kentucky-Alabama game clearly show movement on the Alabama offensive line during the play which Alabama scored the winning touchdown. In fact, two differed players moved, but the officials failed to detect the obvious. Jerry Claiborne said he would not protest since there could be no reversal, but indicated he would note it in his grading report to the league office, and just "hope it doesn't happen again." What a class guy! . . . Is WTVQ-TV coming after the UK sports market? The local TV station has successfully won rights for the three UK games in Alaska and will now have at least five UK games live this winter. The local ABC affiliate will have the Big Four Classic as well as the Kentucky-Georgia game in Athens. WTVQ once won local TV rights to UK games, but a UK selection group threw out the bids and rebid the deal with WKYT-TV winning the second time. WTVQ-TV got the rights to the Alaskan games not through UK, but through the tournament committee. ABC-TV will televise the championship of the Southeastern Conference tournament next March, but it won't be on Channel 36. Jefferson-Pilot, which contracts out SEC games for the conference, has a clause in ABC-TV's [Continued on page 20]

Tide, unfit to be tied, wins 31-27

'Bama rallies from 17-0 deficit as third-string QB tosses three-yard TD pass in final seconds to nix 'Cat upset bid

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

Defensive end Jay Dortch walked off the field with a white towel hiding his face.

He was oblivious to the red-clad Alabama fans above. In fact, he was oblivious to everyone.

Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne was right behind his star defender. He smacked his right fist into his left palm as he walked, stoney-faced, into the tunnel leading into the locker rooms.

He, too, seemed to be in semi-shock. The Kentucky defensive sanctuary underneath Commonwealth Stadium also was a tomb of gloom and utter despair.

Left defensive guard Jerry Bell, who had played his heart out, stared straight ahead, his eyes transfixed.

"Right now I'm in shock," said the intense 278-pounder. "I don't know what happened the second half. I have no idea. The team effort was there. . . but I just don't know what happened. I just don't know."

HISTORY WILL SHOW the Tide rushed in to overcome a 17-0 halftime deficit, scored 24 fourth-quarter points to win 31-27.

The record books will reveal the 12th-ranked Tide rolling 86 yards in the final 1:47 of play to score the winning touchdown.

Disdaining the tie, Alabama's third-string quarterback, Vince Sutton, hit little-used tight end Gene Newberry with a three-yard pass in the right corner of the end zone with 10 seconds left on the clock.

Kentucky then got off one desperation play for naught as a few of the players got caught with their heads down.

"My immediate thought was that we could score again," said Kentucky quarterback Glenn Fohr. "But some guys had their heads hanging already. That's what I was mad about."

Fohr had a right to be mad. For, in fact, 'Bama also could have hung their heads when Kentucky took a 27-16 lead with 9:39 to play.

But Greg Gilbert wouldn't quit. He separated Alfred Rawls from the ball with Kermit Kendrick recovering at the 24. Sutton then floated a perfectly-timed seven-yard pass to Greg Payne for a touchdown. Philip Doyle's PAT made it 27-24, with 5:06 left.

'BAMA BOUNCED one more time. Crunch time began at their 14.

Sutton scrambled 17 yards for a crucial first down on fourth down, hit Howard Cross for 16 and then Todd Richardson on a 45-yard pass to the five.

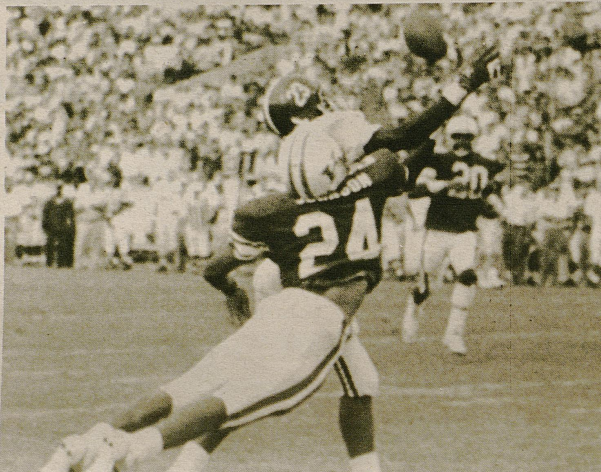
And then, again on fourth down, Sutton faked a pitchout to Hill going to the left, whirled back to his right, and found a wide-open Newberry. Newberry had badly beaten UK safety Ron Robinson in the corner.

"We were in a man (defense) with a blitz to one side," said linebacker Randy Holleran, the leading 'Cat tackler with nine. "What they (the coaches) give, I call. Apparently they thought it was a good call. We were going to try and pressure them and somebody missed a man coverage."

Claiborne, however, insisted that the 'Bama left tackle was moving before the ball was snapped to Sutton.

"There was illegal procedure, definitely," said Claiborne at first. "Nobody called it. I think it was the left tackle."

But Claiborne then hedged a little. "Well, I have to look at the films before I can say definitely."



Tide split end Todd Richardson (23) was able to outmaneuver UK's David Johnson to turn this bad throw by Sutton into a 45-yard reception, setting up Alabama's winning touchdown.

HUGE OLIVER BARNETT agreed with Claiborne.

"The left tackle did move," said Barnett. "We all pointed toward the guy and the ref didn't call it. I didn't think there was anything I could do to change his mind."

However, Bell differed with his coach and teammates.

"Nah, his feet were still," said Bell. "He just kind of bobbed. He didn't take a step or nothing."

The game films proved Barnett and Claiborne right, partly. In fact, two, not one, 'Bama lineman moved prematurely.

However, if the ref missed this one, the 'Cats missed several opportunities to keep the game from coming down to that goal-line play.

Just what was missing on that last 'Bama march? Holleran had no plausible answers.

"We stop them on fourth down in their end and we win it," said Holleran. "We didn't rise up. . . for whatever reason. It's disappointing. It breaks your heart."

Fohr, who directed a 'Cat offense that piled up 410 net yards, also had no ready answer to the 'Cats inability to hold onto something precious.

"I don't know what it is," said Fohr, who threw for 182 yards. "Maybe somebody has a curse on us. . . or something. We need to get a little more. . . I don't know what the word is. . . we need to learn how to win the close ones."

'BAMA HAS WHAT IT TAKES. Winning teams usually find ways to win. And Kentucky seems to look for ways to lose even when they are winning.

Sutton was looking for a way to win when he ducked through the 'Cat rushing lanes for the play that ultimately decided UK's fate.

"That was a defensive letdown," said Barnett of Sutton's desperation run up the 'Cats' gut. He slid to a stop on the Alabama 34 after a 17-yard run.

"We've got to learn to play four quarters. . . not just three. Or, we have to play every second," said Barnett, pinpointing UK's penchant for relaxing too soon.

The 45-yard pass to Richardson was, simply put, a brilliant catch. Richardson maneuvered to the inside in front of Johnson and came down with the ball.

"You are supposed to look at the man and I heard the crowd roar and knew the ball was in the air," said Johnson. "To be honest with you I thought I played it pretty good. . . but he played it perfect."

Kentucky was almost perfect as the 'Cats took it to 'Bama in the first half to roll back the Tide 17-0.

The Wildcats jumped off to a 7-0 lead when Fohr played carom ball with John Bolden, who tipped his pass into the waiting arms of Ray Gover. Gover sped away from John Mangum for the touchdown.

The Wildcats then made it 10-0 on a 38-yard field goal by Willis and Al Baker upped it to 17-0 with a 42-yard scoring scamper.

Despite the second-quarter loss of spiritual leader Mike Pfeifer, the much-maligned 'Cat offensive line was doing wonders. Pfeifer, unfortunately, went down for the year with knee damage.

BUT STRANGE THINGS began to happen just before the half. Strange plays that seemed to be a harbinger of a shock to come.

Fohr drove the 'Cats 64 yards to the Alabama two following a missed Tide field goal.

But, on a second down, Rawls was thrown for a two-yard loss. And then on third down Fohr, trapped, desperately got off a pass left-handed. . . a tricky feat since he is right-handed all the way.

The ball was intercepted by Lee Ozmint on the one.

"No, I've never tried it before and I wish I hadn't done it," said Fohr. "I should have ate the ball and we'd have had a field goal out of it. Heck, it's hard enough to throw right-handed."

More misfortune followed in the second half. It began, innocently enough, with a nine-yard sack by Keith McCants that caused Fohr to cough up the ball. George Bethune recovered on the 14.

Kentucky stiffened, but on fourth down,

KENTUCKY ALABAMA	
First downs.....	16 16
Rushes-yards.....	52-228 42-195
Passing yards.....	182 180
Attempts-completions-interceptions.....	16-6-1 27-12-2
Total yards.....	410 375
Return yards.....	16 30
Punts-average.....	5-40.6 6-45.7
Fumbles-lost.....	3-2 1-0
Penalties-yards.....	5-35 5-60
Possession time.....	31:41 28:19
Kentucky.....	10 7 3 7-27
Alabama.....	0 0 7 24-31
KY-Gover 37 pass from Fohr (Willis kick)	
KY-Willis, 38 FG	
KY-Baker 42 run (Willis kick)	
UA-Doyle 12 pass from Mohr (Doyle kick)	
KY-Willis 26 FG	
UA-Doyle 23 FG	
UA-Hill 76 run (pass failed)	
KY-Murray 1 run (Willis kick)	
UA-Payne 7 pass from Sutton (Hill run)	
UA-Newberry 3 pass from Sutton (Doyle kick)	

KENTUCKY						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Fohr	6	0	41	(41)	0	(1)
Hunter	19	67	8	59	0	14
Murray	3	5	0	5	1	3
Bilberry	2	12	0	12	0	6
Baker	9	69	8	61	1	42
Rawls	13	145	13	132	0	57
TOTALS	52	298	70	228	2	57

KENTUCKY						
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Fohr	16	8	1	182	1	44
TOTALS	16	8	1	182	1	44

KENTUCKY						
PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Gover	2	56	1	37		
Hunter	1	(7)	0	(7)		
Jones	2	39	0	26		
Logan	2	81	0	44		
Murray	1	13	0	13		
TOTALS	8	182	1	44		

KENTUCKY						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Nelson	4	203	50.8	58		
Team	1	—	—	—		
TOTALS	5	203	40.6	58		

KENTUCKY						
FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LONG			
Willis	3	2	38			
TOTALS	3	2	38			

KENTUCKY						
ALL RETURNS	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS			
NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS			
Tolbert	5	15	—			
Maggard	—	—	1			
Rawls	—	—	2			
Hunter	—	—	1			
Massey	—	—	1			
Johnson	—	—	1			
TOTALS	5	15	4			

ALABAMA						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Dunn	3	14	3	11	0	7
Stewart	8	29	2	27	0	9
Hill	21	145	2	143	1	76
Kent	3	8	0	8	0	3
Castell	1	2	0	2	0	2
Sutton	4	20	19	1	0	17
Turner	2	5	2	3	0	5
TOTALS	42	223	28	195	1	76

ALABAMA						
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Dunn	12	3	2	62	0	36
Sutton	14	8	0	106	2	45
Mohr	1	1	0	12	1	12
TOTALS	27	12	2	180	3	45

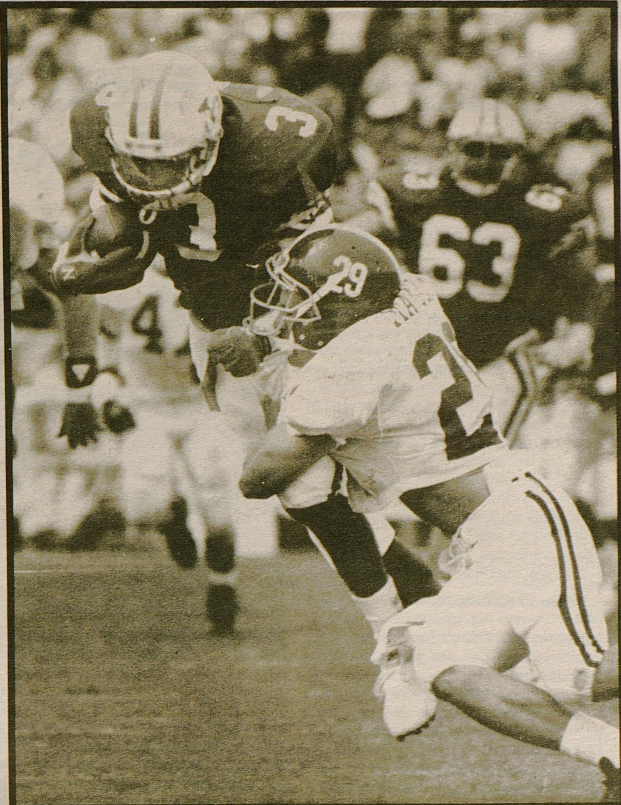
ALABAMA						
PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Stewart	1	(1)	0	(1)		
Payne	6	103	1	36		
Doyle	1	12	1	12		
Turner	1	2	0	2		
Cross	1	16	0	16		
Richardson	1	45	0	45		
Newberry	1	3	1	3		
TOTALS	12	180	3	45		

ALABAMA						
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Mohr	6	274	45.7	56		
TOTALS	6	274	45.7	56		

ALABAMA						
FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LONG			
Doyle	2	1	23			
TOTALS	2	1	23			

ALABAMA						
ALL RETURNS	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	INTS			
NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS	NO YDS			
Cassimus	3	21	—			
Thomas	1	9	—			
Goode	—	—	3			
Ozmint	—	—	1			
TOTALS	4	30	3			

—Cats Pause chart



KENTUCKY WILDCATS



SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR

Kentucky's 30-26 defeat at the hands of the Crimson Tide stunned the Blue and White, considering its commanding lead throughout the contest. (Top left) Al Baker breaks into the secondary during his 42-yard touchdown run, which gave his team the upperhand, 17-0; (Top right) Junior receiver Alfred Jones brings down a Glenn Fohr pass; (Left) David Johnson and Tony Massey are shocked as Alabama left the field with a come-from-behind victory.

Photos by David Sterling

Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton meets with press; remains optimistic heading into '88 campaign

Following are UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton's comments made during a press conference Friday, Sept. 30, at the Wildcat Lodge.

Eddie Sutton's opening remarks: I wanted to get together for a couple reasons. One, basketball season begins in two weeks from tonight, with "Midnight Madness." So it's right around the corner. Another reason I wanted to get together is because several of you had requested to visit with me about Kentucky basketball and what has been going on in the last few months, as far as the investigation is concerned. So I told Chris (UK sports information director Chris Cameron) to call some of my friends and we'd get together and visit. I wasn't aware we were going to have a press conference. I'm happy to be here and answer any questions you all might have.

Media: Concerning the ACT test that Eric Manuel, were you aware that Lexington Lafayette coach Donnie Harville was going to pick up both Eric and your son Sean to go to the test?

Eddie Sutton: I did not know that until he had already picked them up. As I understand it, Sean had applied to take the test again, but I guess that's old news. But it bears repeating, because I want everyone to be clear on exactly what happened. Sean had already passed the test, and I don't think it's really unusual, if you really check around, that most young people do take the ACT test or the SAT more than one time, trying to improve their score. Normally, you take it once, and if you take it again, you are going to improve.

At the request of his mother, Sean had signed up to take the test again. In fact, Scott, our youngest son, had signed up also and took the test that very same day. There were several sites here in Lexington where the test was given. Eric and Sean had been playing ball earlier in the week, and knowing that Eric had no transportation and no automobile, Sean asked Eric if he wanted to catch a ride, and Eric said yes. So when Sean got over here that morning, they were prepared to go. About that time, Coach Harville did drive up, so they both did drive over with him to Lafayette High School. As I understand it, Coach Harville had been asked by Coach Richardson, Eric's (high school) coach, to make sure he did have transportation. Don Richardson and Donnie Harville have known each other for many years, having worked at basketball camps around the country.

Media: So coach Richardson is the one who asked coach Harville?

Eddie Sutton: That is correct. And I don't think it's unusual. If you know Don Richardson, he has players all over the United States, and he always has tried to find someone in that community, where the young man was attending college, to try and keep and eye out for that particular young man.

Media: What was the first indication you had that someone was looking into the possibility that there was some irregularity in connection with that test?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. I don't remember. The NCAA has been in here for it seems all summer. I'm not exactly sure when that did occur.

Media: Do you know there has been a comparison made between Eric's test answers and a student who sat next to him?

Eddie Sutton: The NCAA and the university have certainly tried to investigate that story to the fullest. You guys may know as much about it as I do. It's my understanding that they have checked with the monitors over



Eddie Sutton: still confident Wildcat program is clean

at Lafayette, and they felt like there was no wrongdoing. I have talked to Eric, and he tells me that he took the test in an honest manner. I will believe that until it is proven that he did violate some rule. The young man that was sitting next to him (Eric), from what I read in the newspaper, and watch on television and listen on the radio, that he has said that Eric did not do anything as far as cheating off his paper, and Eric says he didn't think the young man cheated off his paper. And Sean was about three tables away, and Sean says that as far as he could see, there was no wrongdoing in the room. So until proof is brought forth, I have to assume that Eric Manuel is innocent.

Media: Is it true that in your meeting with Dr. David Roselle and Cliff Hagan, they wanted Eric Manuel out of school right at that point?

Eddie Sutton: In the meeting that was held at Dr. Roselle's house, there were three people from the administration, and with Cliff and myself, there were five of us. That was just an information meeting was all it amounted to. They indicated to Cliff and myself that there was a possible violation in Eric Manuel taking the examination. That's basically all. It was a very short meeting.

Media: Did they specifically tell you about the comparisons of the tests and what they revealed?

Eddie Sutton: They indicated the probability of test scores. That's basically what the meeting was about?

Media: Did they get into any specifics?

Eddie Sutton: No.

Media: Was this (Manuel's alleged cheating on his ACT test) actually revealed by Judge (James) Park rather than by the NCAA?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know how that was revealed. I thought it was very premature that anything like that would be revealed. From the very beginning, the university has been trying to keep everything quiet, and I'm sure the NCAA has. I don't know how that was revealed.

Media: Would you care to speculate on how that meeting (with Dr. Roselle) became public knowledge?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know how it became public knowledge. I certainly know that I didn't indicate to anyone that we had a meeting that Sunday afternoon.

Media: Were you surprised when it did become public knowledge?

Eddie Sutton: I was surprised, and I think disappointed, because I don't think anything like that should be made public until all the facts are brought forward.

Media: Do you think you have received sufficient support from the administration during this time?

Eddie Sutton: I think the university certainly has given us support. Dr. Roselle, and I speak for myself, we both want the same thing. We want to get to the bottom of this thing and find out just exactly what the problems are with the University of Kentucky program. I have been a little angry, distressed and frustrated with the past six months in that if you were to listen to some of you all (media), you would think we've already have been tried, convicted and the gallows were prepared to hang us. And we've had one allegation...that's all.

An allegation is a charge. We haven't been given due process. There will be other allegations, evidently, but they haven't been brought forward yet. I don't think some of you understand how the NCAA works. You have the enforcement division, which Dave Berst heads up, and they are the detectives. I think they have a staff of 15 people. Anytime there is justification to investigate a wrongdoing, they do so. Certainly when the Emery package appeared in the newspaper, they came forward. They investigate, they determine whether there is enough evidence to make an official inquiry, which they have done, and they have brought forward one allegation.

When the allegations are brought forward, the university has the opportunity to go out and investigate themselves. We're way ahead of the game there, because Dr. Roselle hired Judge Park and his staff to do this very thing, along with some of the university attorneys. So when these other allegations come forward, we'll be much better prepared as far as the length of time in determining the results. At that point, you appear before the infractions committee.

The infractions committee are not full-time employees of the NCAA. They can be an athletic director, such as Roy Kramer at Vanderbilt, who serves on that committee. They can be a faculty person at another institution. The infractions committee meets about eight to 10 times a year. At that point, the NCAA enforcement division will present their case, the university will present their

case, and then the infractions committee, as judge and jury, determine if any violations took place and if any punishment should be dealt out.

When I say I get frustrated through speculation on the part of rumors, a lot of things have been printed that are not true. It's purely speculation, and that has been damaging to the Kentucky basketball program.

Media: How much damage?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. I think it's been very damaging to all the young people that represent that University of Kentucky. I think of them more than anyone else. We have a wonderful group of young men who play for the Kentucky basketball team. And certainly they have been damaged. I talked to Dr. Roselle, and after he gave me permission to come forward, I said: 'We are getting banged around.' Our young people are being hurt, and it's hurt them in the classroom. There's no doubt about that.

Every day, you pick up a newspaper, or listen to the radio, or television, and there's something having to do with this, and it does hurt them in the classroom. So I was happy that he (Dr. Roselle) gave me permission to come forward and fight for the program, defend the program, and answer questions like this.

I think it's been damaging to a lot of fans across the country, and I think about those people. We've got the greatest fans in the world. I get these letters from little kids and I get them from senior citizens. All of us, at this point, just merely want this thing to go forward and to get on with it. If we are guilty of something, punish us, and Kentucky basketball can be bigger and better than before.

It's not going to be damaged that much. At least that's my feeling.

Media: You said Dr. Roselle gave you permission to speak out. Did you not speak out before because he did not give you permission?

Eddie Sutton: Those were the ground rules right from the beginning, that all announcements pertaining to the NCAA would come out of his office. Everyone understood that.

Media: What changed his (Roselle) mind?

Eddie Sutton: I went over and presented the case and told him my players are frustrated. I have to give pep talks every day. I have to give pep talks to my coaches, and to fans that I come in contact with.

Media: Who gives you pep talks?

Eddie Sutton: My wife, Patsy. She's wonderful. She's my best friend. Anyway, I think he (Roselle) agreed with that. He's come forward now and said, 'Let's get this NCAA investigation on the road.' Larry Forgy did that. That's what all of us want, for the NCAA to come forward with these other allegations, if there are any, and let us answer them.

Media: There is some indication that some of the allegations that have been uncovered have been done so by Judge Park and not the NCAA. Do you think Judge Park has turned into a prosecutor in the case rather than helping the defense?

Eddie Sutton: No. I think Judge Park was hired to find the truth. Like I said, that's what Dr. Roselle and I want. We want the truth. Let's find out if we have been guilty of anything.

Media: As the head coach, should you ultimately be held responsible for any wrongdoing?

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Eddie Sutton: I don't think that anyone that is the head of an organization, whether it's the president of an institution or the president of a company or a head basketball coach, can be fully responsible for everything that takes place. I'd certainly have to share a big part in that responsibility.

Media: There is a clause in your contract that the university has recourse if you are found guilty. What do you think about that clause and how do you think it will come into play?

Eddie Sutton: I think if you will research that, there are very coaches who don't have that in their contract. I think that if I were guilty to actually be one of the people that was doing something wrong, then certainly they could take action. But I feel very secure in my position. I always have.

Media: In the second press release your issue on this matter, you thanked the fans and many other people, but there is no mention of the administration. Was that an oversight?

Eddie Sutton: I think everybody connected with the University of Kentucky has suffered. I know Dr. Roselle has suffered, and certainly the administration has.

Media: You thanked some people for the support, but you did not mention the administration.

Eddie Sutton: Well, it was an oversight on my part. Certainly, anyone connected with the University of Kentucky has suffered the past six months.

Media: When you were hired three-and-a-half years ago, you were told to divorce yourself from the so-called "fat cats", and not to have so many people involved with the program. You basically did that, but now one of your attorneys is a close friend of Joe B. Hall. Is this a change in your philosophy, or is that strictly coincidental?

Eddie Sutton: I think we've done a lot of things since we came to Kentucky three-and-a-half years ago in trying to improve the situation where we don't have any wrongdoings, not that there were any during the time that coach Hall was here. We monitor the automobiles, the summer jobs and things like that. We don't allow boosters into the dressing room like we once did. We try to do things I was asked to do. I'm a team player and always will be. When the president of the university tells me to do something, I'm going to do it. Dr. (Otis) Singletary told me he wanted some of these changes made, and made them. I feel very strongly about that.

Media: Have you had any indication as to what the NCAA holdup is?

Eddie Sutton: No, I have not. Evidently, they're just trying to dot their i's and cross their t's.

Media: That's a long time to dot the i's. Eddie Sutton: I think it is.

Media: Do you feel that the longer it goes, the better you feel that they're having trouble generating the rest of the allegations?

Eddie Sutton: No, I don't think that at all. I do believe that the longer it goes, the more we get punished. There's no doubt about that. I didn't fully answer your question. I have several attorneys that I have sought information from...information isn't a good word...advice. Terry McBrayer is certainly one of the outstanding attorneys here in Lexington. He's a good friend of Joe Hall, but he's also a good friend of mine.

Media: The one allegation against UK concerns the \$1,000 supposedly sent to Claud Mills, yet there hasn't been any evidence that coach Dwane Casey had anything to do with money being placed in that package. There's been talk of a conspiracy or that Coach Casey is being set up.

Eddie Sutton: Conspiracy by whom?

Media: Anyone.

Media: Does that seem possible to you?

Eddie Sutton: The whole Emery situation is bizarre. If you talk to other basketball coaches who are out there in the ranks or are out there in the fox holes...I don't think there's a basketball coach around who thinks Dwane Casey sent any money through the mail. Evidently there was something there. It seems very strange to me when I say 'bizarre.' I don't know of anyone, and I wish you all could research this, where anyone receives an overnight package where the thing pops open.

You've got to get a piece of dynamite or a crow bar to open those things up. How many times have you ever seen an overnight company call a newspaper? I thought that was strange. The whole thing is bizarre, as far as I'm concerned.

Question: With all the press people covering this, no one has come up with even a rumor that Coach Casey has anything to do with putting money in that package. Yet, that is the one allegation.

Eddie Sutton: The package came out of our office and had his (Mills) name on it. The people at Emery evidently said there was some money. Again, I believe Dwane Casey until he is proven guilty, and I don't he's going to be proven guilty. I don't think there's any way. I've grilled Dwane at long length about this. If there was money there, how it got there, I don't know.

People at Emery said there was some money, Dwane said no money left our office, and Mr. (Claud) Mills said when he received the package, there was no money. It would seem to me that at Emery, they didn't do a very good job. They should have photographed the bills, got the identification numbers

and see what part of the country they came from. It would seem to me that when they deliver the package, they would say, 'Mr. Mills, there's some money in here, we should open this package up.' But they didn't do that. When I say it's bizarre, that's exactly what it is."

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Media: Do you feel there's a chance UK can successfully defend itself in this case even though that has been the one charge?

Eddie Sutton: That verdict will be judged strictly on circumstantial evidence. That's all it could be. The thing I said all along, is that if they will judge this program on the three-and-a-half years that I've been here, I would feel very secure and comfortable. I do not want to be a recipient of past sins. I don't want them to judge Kentucky's basketball program on something that maybe happened 25 years ago.

Media: Then you have a feeling that they are doing that?

Eddie Sutton: No, I don't have a feeling at all. When I have visited with my friends from Kansas City, I have tried to explain that to them at great length. I said, 'You all make sure you all are very objective about this investigation.'

Media: Are you surprised they went ahead and made the allegation on circumstantial evidence?

Eddie Sutton: I think the enforcement division at the NCAA at times gets very frustrated. They do their job and there are times when they feel institutions are wrong, and yet they have not been able to prove that. Perhaps they felt that way in the last investigation.

Media: You said you don't want to be held accountable for past sins, but every allegation we know about is from the last three-and-a-half years.

Eddie Sutton: That's true. I don't believe they're going to go back and actually charge you with an allegation prior to the time I arrived. But at the same time, it's in their mind. I made the statement that your wonderful newspaper (Lexington Herald-Leader) won a

Pulitzer Prize in the investigation of the last time. Yet, I'm sure there are people down there who feel like you prize is tarnished a little bit. In their minds, just like the NCAA, they felt there was a wrongdoing. So I hope they can erase all that out of their minds, that's what I'm saying.

Media: It seems that you're saying the first charge was made out of frustration and not out of evidence.

Eddie Sutton: No, I think we felt they probably would make an allegation. It was in the newspaper and got so much play. Like I said, they're frustrated. A lot of institutions across the country feel like favoritism is given to some schools. And a lot of schools feel like Kentucky has been placed in that category as one of the favorites of the NCAA. I don't believe that at all, but there are some institutions that do. The enforcement division feels like they almost have to find something on the University of Kentucky in order to maintain respectability as far as the other schools are concerned.

Media: Do you think they felt that way in the last investigation?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. I don't know.

Media: You have said previously that you have never wanted or thought about resigning. If Kentucky was hit with a harsh penalty, would you reconsider?

Eddie Sutton: Not at all. I want to be here, if we get penalized, to place this program back together. Again, I'm very optimistic. I don't think we'll be penalized that hard. But we might be.

Media: Is it possible to run a completely clean program?

Eddie Sutton: I would like to believe you can. That's what I've said all along. I told Dr. Roselle if there's a place where one can run a clean program, then the University of Kentucky basketball program ought to be one of them. That's what we've tried to do since I arrived here.

Media: If you feel the university is too harshly penalized based on circumstantial evidence, would you like to see UK fight it in a court of law?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know about that. I don't know whether that's ever been done or not. I really believe the university and Judge Park have done a good job up to this point, and the NCAA has had to have done a good job. I don't believe any program has been investigated like our program has been this time around. There for a while, the investigators were running into each other. When we get through this, and we get a penalty, the university has a right to appeal that penalty. Now whether they would or not, I don't know. I doubt the university would ever take it to a court of law.

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Sutton, third from left, says there's no way NCAA can find Casey, standing, guilty

Eddie Sutton

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Media: You said you don't feel UK will be penalized that hard, but do you feel some type of punishment is inevitable?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. We don't know what the other allegations are.

Media: What about from the one existing allegation? Will you be penalized for that?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. I don't know.

Media: Can you tell us how Eric Manuel is feeling right now in the face of the recent controversy?

Eddie Sutton: As I mentioned earlier, all the young men that are a part of the basketball team, don't feel good. I think Eric Manuel is probably one of them that has taken more abuse than some of the other guys. There have been a lot of innocent people hurt in this. That's why I have always advocated, when I talk to you all, you have a tremendous responsibility, being journalists, to don't write a story based on speculation or rumor. Once you print it, and once you say it, you can't retract it. I don't care what you say. And that's why sometimes I get a little frustrated.

Media: Along those same lines, don't you have to be responsible for the actions of your assistant coaches?

Eddie Sutton: I don't think that's quite the same. Does your boss have to be responsible for everything you write sometimes, your editor?

Media: You have said over and over that you can't be responsible for everything everybody under you does. Can Dwane Casey or any of you other assistant coaches be described as "loose cannons"?

Eddie Sutton: I would hope not. We lay down the groundrules. They know exactly the type of program we want to run."

Media: Would that be out of character to do that?

Eddie Sutton: I think that would be very out of character to do that.

Media: I hear that Eric Manuel is a pretty decent student.

Eddie Sutton: Eric Manuel, in his first two semester, had no grade lower than a C. He's a young man who can pass college work. He's got a pretty good track record going for him. That's why I'm sure, in talking to Eric, that he's very frustrated by this whole thing.

Media: We talked to LSU assistant coach Ron Abernathy, and he said that while LSU was under investigation, other schools were telling recruits not to go to LSU, and the same thing is happening right now to Kentucky.

Eddie Sutton: We talked about the university being damaged earlier. I talk about our players first, our family and our fans. We've been hurt in recruiting. We got hurt last spring, there's no doubt about that, after the story broke. There are a lot of people out there who would like to shoot Kentucky down.

Kentucky is the best, as far as I'm concerned. Within our league, we've won more championships than the other nine schools put together. There certainly has been a lot of negative recruiting along those lines. We'll have to wait and see whether we've been hurt thus far in recruiting with the upcoming class.

Media: Are you concerned about not being able to sign any prep All-Americans?

Eddie Sutton: I'm not so concerned with signing prep All-Americans. I'm concerned with young men that are quality students and will come to the University of Kentucky and contribute in trying to win a national championship. I don't think you have to have

Parade All-Americans or McDonald's All-Americans. I think we'll sign some people, yes.

I think they'll be quality people. I think they'll be good athletes and good students. Every house that we've been in, the young men have already passed their ACT or SAT, and they're all good basketball players. The thing that has been very refreshing to me, is we have been given very warm hospitality on the part of the young man and his family.

Media: Are you surprised?

Eddie Sutton: I'm not surprised, but I was a little apprehensive before I started out on Sept. 17. I wasn't sure how people would react to all that's been going on.

Media: After John Pittman failed to meet academic requirements last season, you said you would no longer recruit players who didn't qualify. Yet this year, two of your three recruits (Shawn Kemp and Sean Woods) didn't qualify.

Eddie Sutton: I want all of you to understand this: there is no one who puts anymore emphasis on academics than I do. When we go into a home, we make a commitment that if nothing else, we're going to get that young man a degree if he'll go to class, because we

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have the tools. My commitment to academics is there. You can go back and trace my record on that.

But what you run into, and everybody runs into this, is you take a young man who is a tremendous player, and you have that early signing. You wouldn't have as much as this if you didn't have the early signing. At that point, he may not have made his test score. The people at the high school tell you, 'Yes, we think he is going to make his grades. We think he can pass the ACT or the SAT test.' So you sign him. Now what are you going to do in the spring? Are you just going to abandon him? You're going to give him an opportunity.

Media: Neither of these (Kemp and Woods) made their 2.0 GPA.

Eddie Sutton: I understand, but again, the people at the high school wouldn't even give you a transcript until the spring. We didn't know for sure. I think other schools are having the same problem. It isn't just the University of Kentucky. That's one reason I've told Dwane (Casey) and James (Dickey) to make darn sure that these guys have passed. We've probably got a couple guys on our recruiting list that haven't, but we have found that the high schools have not been as cooperative with college coaches as maybe they ought to be.

Media: Would you like to see the NCAA eliminate the early signing period?

Eddie Sutton: No, I think the early signing period is good for a lot of reasons. I think it's good for the young man who signs early, because then he can concentrate on one of the great years of his life, and he takes recruiting out of it. He can have a good time with his ballclub instead of having to think about recruiting all the time. I would like to see the NCAA, and there are a lot of other coaches that feel this way, that a young man that doesn't meet Proposition 48, that he be allowed to practice basketball. I don't think there's been any results to prove that just because he doesn't practice, he's going to do any better in the classroom. It's a very tough adjustment for a person who has played basketball all his life to not be able to

practice. I really feel that if a young man can practice where the coaches can supervise him better, the chances are he'd do better in the classroom. Hopefully, one day the NCAA will change that.

Media: Is Prop 48 a racist policy?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that. Some people think that it is. I think the tests sometimes could be considered that. One thing that Proposition 48 does not take into consideration is work habits. If there is some way you can take that into consideration, that would be helpful. You have a lot of young people that get college diplomas that don't maybe have great test scores and don't know how to take tests.

One of my sons has a very difficult time taking tests, and there are a lot of people like that. But he's got great work habits, and that would be one thing that should be considered.

Media: A recent study showed that Proposition 48 is biased against blacks.

Eddie Sutton: I read that article. I don't believe everything I read in the newspaper, or hear on television or hear on the radio. I hope other people feel the same way I do.

Media: How do you think Kentucky fans will respond to all the recent controversy this season?

Eddie Sutton: I think there will be just as much enthusiasm as there ever could be.

Media: More?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know about more, but I think there will be a lot of enthusiasm. I've had the opportunity to talk to a lot of people. I just a lot of it on the people I talk to, but I judge a lot of it on the correspondence I receive. The mail that we receive would give every indication that they (fans) fully understand that a lot of people have been under stressful times, but basketball season is fast approaching.

They fully understand that we don't have as many guns as Kentucky teams have had in the past, but they're still enthusiastic and optimistic that we can have a good ballclub.

Media: Are there other people out there who are cheating? Other coaches?

Eddie Sutton: We're not cheating. When you say 'other people' what are you talking about?

Media: When you go after certain players, do you find something fishy?

Eddie Sutton: When we find that out, we usually walk away. It's never happened to me. I've heard other coaches indicate that a young man hinted around that he might want something. Are you asking me if there's cheating going on in the NCAA? Yes, there's cheating going on. There are dishonest coaches just like there are dishonest newscasters. There are dishonest people in every area of our society.

Media: If you knew another school was cheating, would you turn that school in?

Eddie Sutton: Yes, I would. Do you know anybody?

Media: Would you ever turn in a school that you suspected of cheating?

Eddie Sutton: I would never turn anyone in on something I suspected. I'd want to make darn sure that I had proof before I did that.

Media: You said Eric Manuel has proven he can do college work. Would it be best to let him take the ACT test again just to prove he can pass it?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know if you can set up that situation just like the day he took the test. He's already proven he's a college student. That would be a decision he would make and his mother would. I think it would be ridiculous if he would be asked to do that again.

Media: Has he been asked to do that again?

Eddie Sutton: Not to my knowledge.

Media: Why is that ridiculous? There's a certain logic to that. That would certainly clear everything up.

Eddie Sutton: He's already passed it.

Media: But there's a question about whether or not he did pass it. That's the whole problem.

Eddie Sutton: He may take it again. I don't know. I can't answer that.

Media: But you called it ridiculous to even suggest it.

Eddie Sutton: All I now is that when I talked to Eric Manuel—and he's one of my family, he's one of my sons—he said 'Coach, I passed that test in an honest manner.' And I believe him. If it's proven that he did not, then certainly he should be punished. He has not been given due process at all, and the young man has been terribly hurt. It's hurting him right now in his classes.

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Media: Have you been more frustrated with the NCAA or the Lexington media?

Eddie Sutton: I'm not frustrated with either one, completely. I've been frustrated at times with both. They are both nice groups. Nice groups... nice guys.

The NCAA bothers me a little bit in that they're dragging this thing on. They came out and said they were going to have the other allegations in 30 days. I would think you guys are a little frustrated with it. Let's get on with the actual allegations and let the University of Kentucky answer them and go before the infractions committee and determine if we are guilty of anything. If we are, then punish us. But then we can go on and start back up the mountain top again.

Media: Do you have an idea of what the allegations are going to be?

Eddie Sutton: No.

Media: You must have some thinking or some suspicion as to what they will be?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know what any of them would be. That's why I was amazed when everybody started writing 'this is going to be an allegation.' Did Mr. Magician tell you? Was there a magic person that came around? An elf or something? I don't know.

Media: I never reported this would be an allegation. I only reported what people are investigating. There's a total difference.

Eddie Sutton: I think anything that they investigated certainly could be one of the allegations. And if...if, we were found guilty, things could really be dark and gloomy. You know, there are a lot of things that are much, much bigger than University of Kentucky basketball. That was brought home to us very recently when we lost a young man who was very dear to all of us (UK manager John Syers). Sometimes we get things completely out of proportion about what life is all about.

Media: Back when you took this job, did you imagine ever having this kind of shortage of talent?

Eddie Sutton: I think we would be in pretty good shape right now if we hadn't lost Rex. That was a big blow, the fact that he went hardship on us. You put Rex Chapman with the present group, and I think we'd be a very fine basketball team. I think we still have a chance to be a good ballclub. We're just going to be very young.

Media: You've been very open and made your players available to the media. With a new sports information director (Chris Cameron) in this situation, will the same rules apply now?

Eddie Sutton: I have been conversing with (Georgetown coach) John Thompson and (Indiana coach) Bobby Knight, and some of my other good friends around the country, and we are seriously thinking about changing the policy.

Media: Like what? Are you being facetious? Both of those guys are b-----.

Eddie Sutton: Well, that's one person's opinion.

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Marzan, Morgan only two 'Cats in show biz

Me Tarzan, you Cliff?

The appearance of former University of Kentucky football player Henry Marzan in the current hit movie *Bull Durham*, which is expected to gross some \$50 million in its first three months of release, makes one wonder why



Russell Rice

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more wearers of the Blue & White have not pursued careers along the "Great White Way."

To our knowledge, only one other former Wildcat—basketball player Read Morgan—has made show business his career, while UK athletics director Cliff Hagan once was approached about testing for the lead role in a *Tarzan* movie.

Marzan, a 6-0, 207-pound linebacker, was a well-traveled young man when he walked on at UK in 1979. Born in Durado, Puerto Rico, he played high school football his freshman and sophomore years at Wurzburg, Germany, where he also was an all-Germany and all-European baseball center fielder and pitcher. At Spring Valley High School in Columbia, S.C., Marzan was an all-conference and all-state receiver/defensive back with teams that were 8-3 and 12-2, winning regional and lower state titles those two years. He also played on regional championship baseball teams.

At UK, Marzan was known as Henry, at Spring Valley they called him "Jerry," while he now goes by the name of "Rick." In *Bull Durham*, he plays the role of Jose, a superstitious first baseman who keeps rubbing a bat with a rosary for good luck at the plate. The film, produced in Durham, N.C., the home of the real-life minor league team, the Durham Bulls, is the story of a young baseball player (Tim Robbins) who is on his way up, an older player (Kevin Costner) who is on his way down, and a woman (Susan Sarandon) who must choose between them.

Marzan lettered for the Wildcats in 1980. After graduating three years later, he started playing baseball and softball in Puerto Rico. The Montreal Expos signed him to a contract, but he failed to make the cut at summer camp.

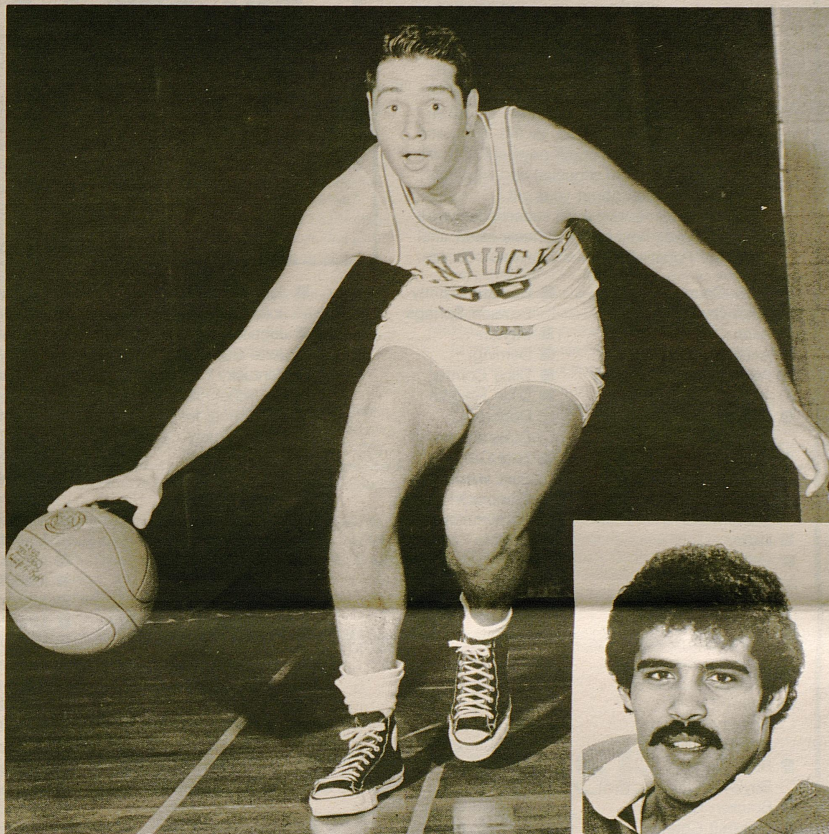
Since acting always had been one of the goals in his life, he took some acting classes in Columbia and then was cast in commercials and small roles in other films, including *No Mercy*.

□ **HAGAN WAS PLAYING PRO BALL** with the old St. Louis Hawks when radio announcer Buddy Blattner, who knew the producer of an upcoming *Tarzan* movie, arranged for a luncheon during which the producer could discuss the possibility of Hagan screen-testing for the role of Tarzan. "All they could do at the time was sign you to a six-months deal," Hagan said. "I still had years to go in the NBA." Even if he got the role, he would be gambling on the movie being a hit, so he opted to remain in pro ball.

When Hagan saw Morgan for the first time since they were teammates at UK, the former substitute guard-center had landed a supporting role in the Broadway production of *Li'l Abner*. Peter Palmer, former Ohio State football player, was Li'l Abner, while Edie Adams played Daisy Mae. As Hagan recalled, a scrawny scientist who was in Dog Patch for research purposes, drank some Kickapoo Joy Juice, and when the fireworks and smoke disappeared, he had been transformed into a tall, handsome, muscular person who was played by Morgan.

"Read was kind of a health nut," Hagan said, "and he really built himself up by lifting weights."

A native of Milwaukee, Morgan, 6-4, 200, transferred to UK as a sophomore and was eligible to play in



As far as we know, Morgan (dribbling) and Marzan (inset) are the only two former Wildcats to have made their livelihood in show biz.

February 1950. He saw action in seven games that season, scoring 13 points. He averaged 2.6 ppg. in 17 games the following year, when the Wildcats won their third NCAA championship in four years. Morgan currently is residing in Culver City, Calif.

□ **AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1938** in attendance at their 50th reunion during the Homecoming weekend were three of the four surviving members of the 1937 football team—team captain Joe Hagan, Louisville; quarterback Dick Robinson, Lexington, and lineman Joe Kurachek, Epping, N.H. The number of survivors stood at five a year ago, when plans for a get-together at Homecoming fell through due to family illnesses and other circumstances. One of the group, tackle Joe Bosse, died in February in Florida. James "Duck" Wadlington, halfback, of Plant City, Fla., was unable to attend this year's festivities because of the death of an aunt.

In addition to being a fine football player and team captain his senior year, Hagan also lettered three years in basketball for Adolph Rupp, bringing to mind two anecdotes concerning the former Wildcat:

First was in February, 1938, when Marquette came to town for the first meeting between the Warriors and the Wildcats. With the score tied 33-33 and seconds remaining in the game, the Wildcats, in possession, called a time out. Rupp told his players they were to take the last shot and win, or go into overtime.

"After they went back onto the floor," Rupp recalled many years later, "they all got in a huddle together. The

official blew the whistle, and they all got up and went to their positions, except Hagan, who was kneeling on the floor, praying. He crossed himself and he was completely unaware of the whistle being blown, but he got up, ran to his position, and when they threw the ball to him, he hit the longest shot ever made in Alumni Gym up to that time. It measured 48 feet 2 1/4 inches."

"I thought it would take 1,000 years to come down," Hagan said. "Then I saw it go through the hoop. Next thing I knew, Happy Chandler was on the floor with a nail and hammer. He drove the nail through the floor at the spot I took the shot."

Two years earlier, after UK beat Alabama for the second time in a row in Lexington, Hagan ran to the locker room with the game ball, intending to use it for shooting practice, but Rupp followed him and demanded the ball. When Hagan handed it to him with more than a little force, Rupp said, "That will be all for you," and had Hagan suspended from the team.

When the Wildcats planned to leave on Sunday for a Monday game with Notre Dame, Hagan accompanied UK's Russell Ellington and Jim Goforth to the station. "What are you doing here?" Rupp asked. Hagan replied that he was there just to see them off; then Rupp said, "Well, as long as you're here, you might as well make this trip because it'll be the last you'll make anyway."

When the Wildcats fell behind 14 points in the first half, Rupp pulled a piece of paper from his pocket, waved it down to Hagan, and said, "I just got a telegram. Your suspension has been lifted and you can go in now." Hagan scored 12 points, but UK lost, 41-20.

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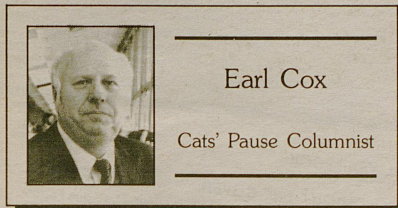
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Surely, Ben Johnson knew what he was doing!

Why didn't USA hoop team have a shooter?

I'm sorry, but I do not grieve for all of the Ben Johnsons of the world. I do grieve for their families. The athletes know what they are doing when they take anabolic steroids. If they don't care that they may get prostate cancer, have chests like



Earl Cox
Cats' Pause Columnist

women and have atrophied testicles, why should we? The steroids have the opposite effect on women, making them look like men and have other much more serious difficulties.

I think back to a line that the late Tommy Bell liked to use: "Get high on life!" The National Football League official was a tremendously inspirational speaker. We could use more like him.

I applaud the International Olympic Committee rule that says there are no second chances with drugs. One time and you're out. If the NFL and National Basketball Association would get equally tough, it would end much of this stupidity.

I refuse to accept all of the excuses of Al McGuire, Denny Crum and John Thompson as to why we didn't win either the Pan American or Olympic basketball championships.

If coaches pick the best players, there's no reason why we shouldn't win. I for one hope that the U.S.A. does not yield to

the temptation to use NBA players.

I do not feel sorry for Thompson, who used much of the practice time to get Alonzo Mourning ready for his Georgetown team when he knew the kid wouldn't make the Olympic team.

And for Thompson to pick players who can't shoot the ball is no one's fault but his. So he found a bunch of kids willing to dive on the floor for a loose ball. I'm reminded of the story that concerned two of the great coaches in Kentucky high school basketball history.

After a sharpshooting team won the state championship, Lexington Lafayette's Ralph Carlisle told Clark County's Letcher Norton, "Letch, you know that you and I know more basketball than that coach, but 17 or 18 years ago God gave those kids the ability to shoot, and that's the name of the game."

I also refuse to believe that in all of these United States there is just one white player good enough to represent us in the Olympics. I'm sorry if that offends anyone. I don't mean it that way at all. It's simply a statement of fact.

Does anyone else appreciate the superb job that The Courier-Journal's Rick Bozich did from Seoul? I think that once and for all he got the Billy Reed angle off his back; his always talented writing reached a higher level, one befitting the caliber of the Olympics. I think now he will be appreciated for what he is, the most talented sports columnist in Kentucky.

While on the subject of writers, let me tell you about two talented young men who write for ScoreCard (that's U of L's answer to The Cats' Pause). Their names are James Junot and Kerry Chapman.

In a particularly good piece, Chapman wrote of the

perception that U of L is concerned only with keeping players eligible and winning games.

Steve Milburn, U of L's director of academic services, had some interesting comments: "People who feel that way just don't know the situation. U of L is not what I would call an easy school."

And then Milburn went a bit far when he said, "It's just like Harvard or Yale or anywhere else."

Uh, Steve, you and I have to talk.

PRESIDENT SINGLETARY -- Dr. Otis Singletary, president emeritus of the University of Kentucky, is about to become a president again. No, not of UK, but of the national Phi Beta Kappa.

It'll be quite an honor for the scholar who took a lot of flack for liking athletics.

And speaking of Phi Beta Kappa, for the first time since 1912, both the Republican and Democratic presidential nominees are members: George Bush, Yale, 1947, and Michael Dukakis, Swarthmore, 1955.

In 1912, Republican William Howard Taft (Yale) and Progressive Theodore Roosevelt (Harvard) lost to Democrat Woodrow Wilson (honary member, Wesleyan).

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MALE & MANUAL -- Some of my elderly friends have taken me to task for saying that Male and Manual were among the schools that started the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

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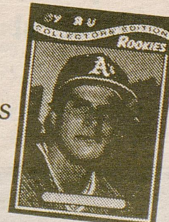
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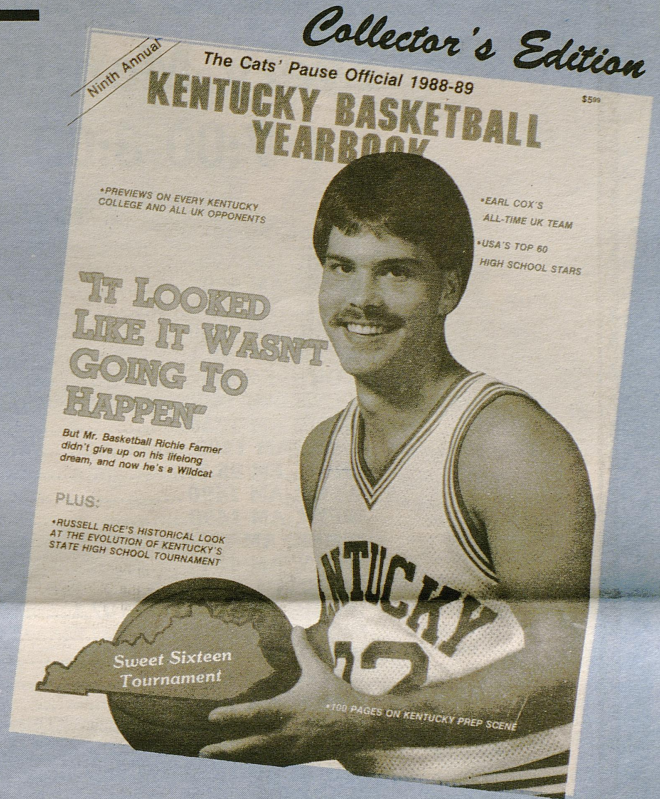
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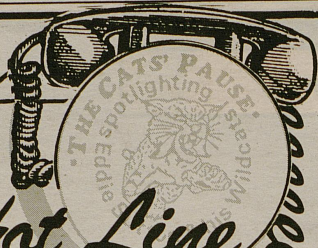
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UK's Phil Logan is catching everyone's attention

Is learning to be a better receiver

Phil Logan wasn't a hoodlum in high school. However, he was used to setting his own rules and doing as he wished.

The University of Kentucky sophomore, though, appreciates the discipline he has learned at UK from Coach Jerry Claiborne.

"Overall I'm a better person now than when I came to Lexington," said Logan. "I have learned to follow Coach Claiborne's rules and regulations.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist



(40) Randy Holleran—trying to be in the right place at the right time

"Everybody coming here wasn't used to curfews. I know I wasn't. I would just be going out at 11 some nights and now that's curfew.

"Coach demands that we study. He won't put up with cutting classes. He develops you as a total person."

Logan, though, is also developing as a wide receiver. UK coaches feel he could become a big-play producer as soon as he learns to concentrate more to develop consistency.

"I'm improving every day," said Logan. "I'm getting faster and running better routes. I'm concentrating more and feeling more comfortable.

"It's exciting to know the coaches think I can deliver big plays. I want them looking for me in clutch

situations. I want to make the key plays."

Logan, one of only two true freshmen to letter at UK in 1987, was one of Kentucky's top high school players at Louisville Holy Cross. He caught 35 passes for 666 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year.

Logan, Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox, Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic and Jeff Ellis of Louisville Male were considered the state's big name player. Thomas now plays for Indiana. Jacobs is a regular at Notre Dame. Ellis is playing at Ohio State.

Logan could have gone out of state, too. Tennessee knew he had the speed they wanted in a wide receiver. But he didn't feel comfortable at Knoxville.

"Tennessee just had too many receivers," said Logan. "I would have been redshirted there instead of getting to play like I did here last year.

"I didn't want to sit out a year. I wanted to play and learn. I got to do that here. I went on the road with the team. I watched all the great receivers to see what I could learn.

"I got to play against some of the best defensive players in the country. Just seeing those players helped me progress. That's why I never had any doubts I made the right choice coming here."

Logan always knew he would be a football player. His father started him in Little League at age eight. He also tried basketball but his only love was football.

He played some linebacker and safety in high school. Catching the ball, though, is what he likes.

"I wouldn't want any part of playing defense here," said Logan. "I'll stick to catching the ball and helping us get points on the scoreboard."

Logan has set lofty goals for himself. He pictures himself becoming one of the best receivers in the SEC and the country the next two years.

"I want to work and practice as hard as I can so I can be the best receiver in our conference," said Logan. "I've got the ambition it takes to improve.

"I like the challenge of seeing how I do against the best defensive players in the country. I still haven't made the big plays here I know I can. But they are coming. I have no doubts about that."

NOT MANY schools were impressed with Randy Holleran in 1985. After all, there's not much demand for 5-11, 205-pound linebackers on the Division I-A level.

Kentucky, though, took a chance on him and now has an aggressive, hard-hitting 233-pound linebacker that is leading the team in tackles.

"My first year here I was redshirted and had a lot of time to spend in the weight room," said Holleran.

"When the varsity was gone, I would go to the weight room and try to get stronger even during the season."

Holleran, who recovered a fumble for a touchdown against Central Michigan, knew he couldn't survive five years without playing a major role. "I told my mother my first year here that I couldn't be one of those guys who was around four or five years and never started," said Holleran. "I knew I couldn't be a scout team player for four years."

He played in all 11 games last year and even started against Florida. This season the sophomore from McKeesport, Pa., has started every game.

"Last year I started out just wanted to make the travel squad," said Holleran. "When I did that, I set higher goals."

UK returned eight defensive starters this year. If the unit failed, the blame could easily have been placed on Holleran.

"I never worried about that," said the sophomore. "I knew our guys would all pull together. Our guys don't point fingers. One person doesn't ruin a team or make a team.

"Nobody gave me a hard time. In fact, I think I earned respect last year and everybody knew I could do the job.

"If hustling and trying to be in the right place counts, I'll be okay. I'll always play hard. That's the only way I know to do it."

TALENTED Allan Houston of Louisville Ballard says that he's almost certain he'll sign to play basketball in Louisville next year.

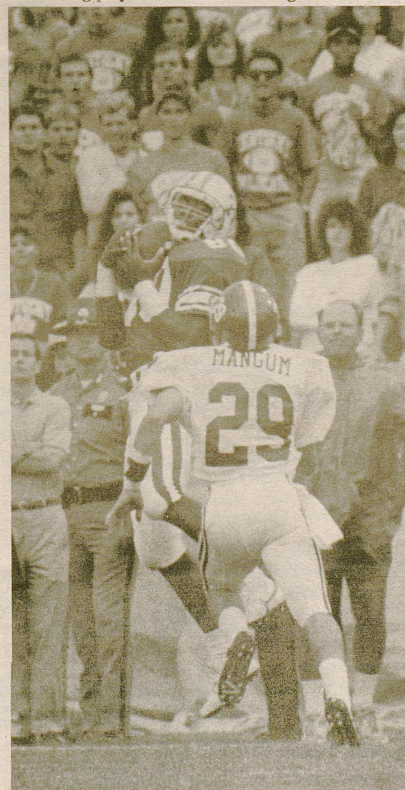
That's no real surprise since his father, Wade, is the associate head coach at Louisville under Denny Crum.

The 6-5 senior guard averaged 21.7 points, 3.2 assists and 5.4 rebounds per game for last year's state championship squad. He shot 57.7 percent from the field and made 52 percent of his three-point tries. Houston also has a 3.3 grade-point average and has met all NCAA academic requirements to be eligible next season.

Houston, a cinch to be Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, still plans to visit Minnesota because Coach Clem Haskins is a family friend. He could also visit Virginia before making it final that he'll attend Louisville.

Odds are he'll sign with the Cardinals in November. However, he might be smart to wait. He doesn't have to worry about not having a scholarship and his father could land a head job after the 1988-89 season.

Another state prep standout, 6-7 Dan Hall of Marshall County, has announced he'll sign with Vanderbilt in November. He averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game last year.



Phil Logan

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Five-game totals, through Oct. 1)

Team Stats	UK	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	75	77
By Rushing.....	32	51
By Passing.....	38	25
By Penalty.....	5	1
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	619	1010
Ave. Net Per Game.....	123.80	202.00
Rushing Attempts.....	190	247
Avg. Gain Per Rush.....	3.26	4.09
NET YARDS PASSING.....	836	593
Avg. Net Per Game.....	167.20	118.60
Avg. Net Per Attempt.....	6.06	5.87
Passes Attempted.....	138	101
Passes Completed.....	68	46
Had Intercepted.....	6	7
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS.....	1455	1603
Avg. Net Per Game.....	291.00	320.60
Total Plays.....	328	348
Avg. Plays Per Game.....	65.60	69.60
Avg. Gain Per Play.....	4.44	4.61
PUNTING AVERAGE.....	37.41	38.93
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	10.42	6.63
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	19.38	20.53
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME.....	51.80	57.40
FUMBLES LOST.....	7	8
TOUCHDOWNS.....	13	13
By Rushing.....	10	7
By Passing.....	2	5
By Return.....	1	1
TOTAL POINTS.....	108	106
Points Per Game.....	21.60	21.20



Tailback Alfred Rawls Photo by David Sterling

Individual Rushing

PLAYER	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	70	220	3.1	5	44.00
Alfred Rawls.....	5	35	171	4.9	3	34.20
Al Baker.....	5	35	137	3.9	2	27.40
Andy Murray.....	5	13	50	3.8	1	10.00
Freddie Maggard.....	2	3	11	3.7	0	5.50
Glenn Fohr.....	5	23	(-2)	(-9)	0	(-4)

Individual Receiving

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	CTPG	CT.AVG
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	10	82	0	2.00	8.20
Phil Logan.....	5	9	148	0	1.80	16.44
John Bolden.....	5	8	113	0	1.60	14.13
Ray Gover.....	5	7	114	1	1.40	16.29
Alfred Jones.....	5	7	106	0	1.40	15.14

Field Goals

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Ken Willis.....	5	9	5	0.56	1.00

Punting

PLAYER	NO	AVG	G	YDS
Jeff Nelson.....	29	41.28	5	1197

Punt Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Chris Tolbert.....	19	198	0	10.42	5	3.80

Kickoff Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Ray Gover.....	1	26	0	26.00	5	0.20
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	4	99	0	24.75	5	0.80
Albert Burks.....	1	23	0	23.00	5	0.20
Chris Tolbert.....	3	56	0	18.67	5	0.60
Alfred Rawls.....	4	72	0	18.00	5	0.80

Individual Passing

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	RATING
Bill Allen.....	5	2	2	100.0	0	16	8.00	0	167.20
Chuck Broughton.....	4	38	21	55.26	1	213	5.61	0	97.08
Glenn Fohr.....	5	98	45	45.92	5	607	6.19	2	94.48

Scoring

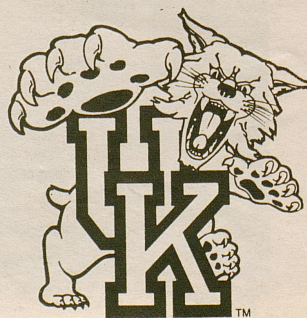
PLAYER	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PPG	FGA	XPA
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	5	5	0	0	30	6.00	0	0
Ken Willis.....	5	0	10	5	25	5.00	9	11
Alfred Rawls.....	5	3	0	0	18	3.60	0	0
Andy Murray.....	5	2	0	0	12	2.40	0	0
Al Baker.....	5	2	0	0	12	2.40	0	0

Interceptions

PLAYER	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Jay Dortch.....	5	2	0	0	0.40
Donnie Gardner.....	5	1	4	0	0.20
Albert Burks.....	5	1	0	0	0.20
David Johnson.....	5	1	4	0	0.20
Tony Massey.....	5	1	-3	0	0.20

Schedule/Results

UK	Opp.
18.....	Central Michigan.....
10.....	at Auburn.....
15.....	at Indiana.....
38.....	Kent State.....
27.....	Alabama.....
Oct. 8.....	Open
Oct. 15.....	at LSU
Oct. 22.....	Georgia
Oct. 29.....	Southern Illinois
Nov. 5.....	Vanderbilt
Nov. 12.....	Florida
Nov. 19.....	at Tennessee



'Cats need open date to regroup

It's time to take a mid-season look at UK

THERE ARE FEW GUARANTEES IN life — death and taxes are the most popular — but here's one that is pretty darn close: This will be the easiest Saturday the University of Kentucky football Wildcats will have all season.

For those of you who are now quite on top of things, the Cats' opponent for this weekend is



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Cats' Pause Columnist

listed as "Open." As some have said, it seems like a great idea to take a week off just after playing Alabama and before going to LSU.

I can see how locking horns with a couple of Top Twenty and Southeastern Conference foes in such a short span could require some extra time for recuperation and preparation. In case you haven't heard, the Tide and Tigers ain't no pansies.

If things went as I suspected they would last weekend, the Cats will get to spend this week enjoying a fine performance against Alabama. Now, that doesn't necessarily mean a win, just a top-notch effort.

One reason that UK can look forward to the LSU clash is that it could be the first time all season that the real Wildcat team has stood up.

Because of this year's schedule — 7/11ths of which UK was handed with no say in the matter — I don't think we've really gotten to see what Kentucky could do against a semi-evenly matched opponent.

There's a chance that could happen against LSU and Georgia, but I doubt it, and perhaps a slimmer chance against Southern Illinois. Kentucky fans will probably have to wait until the season's final three games before deciding whether Jerry Claiborne fielded a fine team this year or not.

When you're playing the toughest schedule in the country, it's not difficult to imagine how a "good" team could end up 5-6.

SEVEN OF THE CATS' FIRST eight games this season has UK either big underdogs (Auburn, Alabama, Georgia, LSU) or big favorites (Central Michigan, Kent State, Southern Illinois). The exception is Indiana where the Hoosiers played way above their heads and the Cats played way below their paws.

A true barometer of the Cats' talent, potential and performance probably won't come until they meet Vanderbilt, Florida and Tennessee. By then, it will most likely be too late to even be thinking about a bowl bid. That will probably have long been kissed goodbye.

To further pound my point into your head, let's take a look at the year to date game-by-game.

—Central Michigan: The game was played during a monsoon in Commonwealth Swamp with UK coming away with an 18-7 win. It's usually difficult to tell much about a team during its first game of the season and that was doubly true about this one because of the playing conditions.

Neither team could run and neither one could pass. It came down to whoever got the breaks and the pigskin bounced the Cats' way. No thing of beauty, just a "W."

—Auburn: It was the War Eagles versus the Air Cats when UK quarterback Glenn Fohr passed the ball 43 times, the second highest total in Kentucky

football history. That is surely not the way UK wants to spend its season, although some have said that maybe it should be since the Cats shook a scare into Auburn before falling 20-10.

But I doubt it. Auburn was probably unprepared to face an all-out air attack by Kentucky and it was the Tigers' first game of the season. Plus, UK had a few tricks in its bag that it didn't pull out against Central Michigan.

—INDIANA: THERE'S NOT A LOT to say about this match except that it was probably one of the poorest showings ever by a Jerry Claiborne-coached squad at UK. Sure, the Hoosiers are expected to challenge for the Big Ten crown, but there's no way they are 24 points above the Cats.

UK started out flat, while Indiana was high and dry in front of the home folks. The final touchdown at the horn won't help relations for the series which will continue until about the turn of the century.

—Kent State: Kentucky had the Golden Flashes outmanned about every which way on paper but it took turnovers and an exceptional game from the special teams to make the final score 38-14.

Offensively, UK was outgunned but Kent couldn't get the ball into the endzone. The Flashes rushed for 286 yards and had 52 more yards of tot-



Andy Murray

al offense. No great performance considering that two turnovers set up 10 UK points and a long punt return set the stage for seven more.

—Alabama: This contest was played after this writing, but should make no difference as far as telling what kind of team UK has this season.

I expect the Tide was dominating defensively

and that UK put out a gutsy try before falling short in the end. I should note that two Associated Press writers both picked UK to lose, but only by four and seven points.

The absence of Bobby Humphrey and Gene Jelks should have made little difference, also. Teams like Alabama have spare superstars on a shelf in the equipment room and just pull them out when someone goes down.

—LSU AND GEORGIA: AS FAR as Kentucky is concerned, there should be little or no difference in its performance against these two Top Twenty powers. The only noticeable variables are that LSU is at home and likes for QB Tommy Hodson to air it out. Georgia is coming to Lexington and Vince Dooley and company prefer keeping it on the ground.

Kentucky has not beaten the Dawgs in Lexington since 1965 and UK has won only once in the last 10 years in Baton Rouge. Don't get your hopes up that the trend will change.

Defense should be the name of the game in both contests. Kentucky's "D" will surely give up some points against both offensive powerhouses, but can the UK offense score enough points to win?

—Southern Illinois: This Division I-AA school has been a designated win ever since they were placed on the schedule. Against a team like this, Kentucky generally starts out strong and then disappears after halftime. Don't expect this trend to stop, either.

—Vanderbilt: Finally we come to a team that UK will most likely meet on about even terms. True, the Commodores can have a devastating offense behind quarterback Eric Jones but they have very little on the ground and are very young, starting just six seniors.

The odds says that Kentucky will be 3-5 at this point and all that will be left is a chance to save some face in the SEC race. Plus, the Cats will have a realistic chance of ending the season with three straight wins and finishing 6-5 overall.

BUT BEFORE THE WILDCATS CAN even think about LSU next weekend, they have to be concerned with their lack of a running game and inconsistency at quarterback, which means a mediocre passing game.

Going into the Bama bash, Ivy Joe Hunter was the only UK running back averaging more than 20 yards per game. Ivy was getting 40 per game on about 13 carries. As a team, UK is averaging only 2.8 yards per carry.

This brings me to an earlier assertion that fullback Andy Murray needs to see more duty with the ball in hands. Murray is getting 4.5 yards per attempt and has not had a run on which he lost yardage, but he only ran the ball 10 times in the first four games.

You almost have to have some kind of running game in order to be successful, and if the tailbacks are not getting the job done, give it to Murray.

Also, Chuck Broughton needs more time behind center. Glenn Fohr has been mediocre at best to date, hitting on only 45 percent of his passes and throwing for just one touchdown. Fohr is ranked ninth in the SEC in passing efficiency, about 20 points behind Mark Young of Ole Miss.

Meanwhile, Broughton is completing 55 percent and his 97 efficiency rating is 14 points higher than Fohr. Broughton was two attempts shy of making the conference stat charts.

In football, if your personnel or game plan is not working, you have to make some changes. That is the case at UK and Murray and Broughton could possibly remedy that situation.

Also, don't forget that Broughton is the leading candidate at this point to inherit the starting quarterback role next season.

How much longer can the Cats wait to try something new?

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Last Week		18-6-1 (.740)	17-7-1 (.700)	16-8-1 (.660)	17-7-1 (.700)	18-6-1 (.740)	18-6-1 (.740)
Season Total		96-26-2 (.782)	93-29-2 (.758)	88-34-2 (.718)	94-28-2 (.766)	92-30-2 (.750)	93-29-2 (.758)

VANDERBILT AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 10	GEORGIA 17	GEORGIA 2	GEORGIA 12	GEORGIA 14	GEORGIA 13
MISSISSIPPI AT ALABAMA	ALABAMA 17	ALABAMA 17	ALABAMA 10	ALABAMA 11	ALABAMA 17	ALABAMA 3
AUBURN AT LSU	LSU 7	LSU 3	LSU 1	LSU 7	LSU 3	LSU 6
MEMPHIS STATE AT FLORIDA	FLORIDA 20	FLORIDA 28	FLORIDA 27	FLORIDA 21	FLORIDA 12	FLORIDA 10
NEBRASKA AT KANSAS	NEBRASKA 28	NEBRASKA 28	NEBRASKA 63	NEBRASKA 40	NEBRASKA 42	NEBRASKA 14
OHIO STATE AT INDIANA	INDIANA 1	INDIANA 6	OHIO STATE 1	INDIANA 3	OHIO STATE 7	INDIANA 3
MICHIGAN STATE AT MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN 7	MICHIGAN 9	MICHIGAN 17	MICHIGAN 10	MICHIGAN 6	MICHIGAN 1
RUTGERS AT SYRACUSE	RUTGERS 1	RUTGERS 2	RUTGERS 7	RUTGERS 3	SYRACUSE 3	SYRACUSE 10
GEORGIA TECH AT MARYLAND	MARYLAND 7	MARYLAND 10	MARYLAND 18	MARYLAND 10	MARYLAND 4	MARYLAND 3
CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA	CLEMSON 10	CLEMSON 21	CLEMSON 6	CLEMSON 9	CLEMSON 6	CLEMSON 7
TEXAS TECH AT ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS 7	ARKANSAS 7	ARKANSAS 10	ARKANSAS 11	ARKANSAS 14	ARKANSAS 7
SOUTH CAROLINA AT VIRGINIA TECH	S. CAROLINA 10	S. CAROLINA 9	S. CAROLINA 27	S. CAROLINA 18	S. CAROLINA 21	S. CAROLINA 10
PURDUE AT ILLINOIS	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 1	ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 9	ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 3
WISCONSIN AT IOWA	IOWA 8	IOWA 6	IOWA 9	IOWA 9	IOWA 9	IOWA 10
OKLAHOMA STATE AT COLORADO	COLORADO 7	COLORADO 3	OKLA. ST. 6	COLORADO 3	COLORADO 1	COLORADO 7
TEXAS VS. OKLAHOMA (DALLAS)	OKLAHOMA 21	OKLAHOMA 21	OKLAHOMA 10	OKLAHOMA 21	OKLAHOMA 14	OKLAHOMA 9
OREGON AT SOUTHERN CAL	USC 17	USC 16	USC 20	USC 17	USC 10	USC 10
TEXAS A&M AT HOUSTON	TEXAS A&M 9	TEXAS A&M 11	HOUSTON 10	TEXAS A&M 3	TEXAS A&M 3	TEXAS A&M 7
COLORADO STATE AT BRIGHAM YOUNG	BYU 11	BYU 15	BYU 11	BYU 12	BYU 7	BYU 10
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI AT TULANE	TULANE 7	TULANE 3	TULANE 3	TULANE 2	TULANE 9	TULANE 10
NOTRE DAME AT PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH 10	PITTSBURGH 2	N. DAME 10	N. DAME 6	N. DAME 6	N. DAME 3
NORTH CAROLINA AT WAKE FOREST	N. CAROLINA 17	N. CAROLINA 2	W. FOREST 12	N. CAROLINA 7	N. CAROLINA 2	N. CAROLINA 7
OREGON STATE AT UCLA	UCLA 18	UCLA 16	UCLA 24	UCLA 21	UCLA 21	UCLA 10
WASHINGTON AT ARIZONA STATE	WASHINGTON 7	WASHINGTON 3	WASHINGTON 7	WASHINGTON 9	WASHINGTON 13	ARIZONA ST. 3
TULSA AT LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 1	LOUISVILLE 14	LOUISVILLE 6	LOUISVILLE 6	TULSA 6

Loss to Alabama may affect rest of season

Wildcat coaches have a difficult task ahead

Kentucky locked the gates on Alabama Saturday, but like a thief in the night, someone in Crimson stole the key and the Tide slipped out of the gate with a hard fought, gut wrenching 31-27 victory.



Unknown Fan
from Section 213
Cats' Pause Columnist

It was the ghost of Elvis, singing "Heartbreak Hotel." It was the ghost of times past. It was charitable contributions time with the United Way canvas workers dressed up in blue and white uniforms. It seems that all the aforementioned descriptions are all commonplace in the lives of Kentucky football players.

But the character of the players, the quest for respect in the Southeastern Conference, the work ethic of the coaches and the all-knowing closeness of the ever-elusive brass ring keeps you as a fan hanging on.

A VICTORY SUCH AS THIS would have been a shot in the arm that the Kentucky team needed. The coaches are now faced with the unenviable task

of restoring the confidence of the players. I perceive this as being a monumental task, and the coaches may have to solicit some outside help.

I suggest that an APB (All Points Bulletin) be put out for Dr. Joyce Brothers, the renowned psychologist.

Until the latter stage of the game, there were two big surprises. The first being the score on the scoreboard and the second being no rain.

Prior to Saturday's game, the Kentucky coaches were worried about the inability to stop teams on third down, but such was not the case Saturday. Alabama was forced into four fourth-down situations and it miraculously converted all of them.

SATURDAY'S ENCOUNTER was a game of big plays for both sides. But in the late stages of the game when the 'Cats reached in the cupboard for another big play, it was empty. When Alabama reached into the cupboard, there was one left.

There could be a change of luck when the 'Cats start putting themselves in the position to control their own destiny. By this, I mean having the ball in their hands in the closing minutes of the game, instead of vice versa. In these situations, more times than not, the other team has the football in the closing seconds.

To an impartial observer, this had to be a great game. The 'Cats' kicking game once again ran hot and cold, but Alabama linebacker Derrick Thomas has to be given a lot of credit for this. Thomas is truly a great football player. In the first half, he blocked a punt after a Tony Massey interception proved fruitless. Thomas blocked a

third quarter field goal attempt. He also had 11 tackles, four for losses.

IT LOOKED AS THOUGH things were going to go right for the 'Cats when they opened the scoring with a 37-yard pass from Glenn Fohr, that was deflected off the hand of John Bolden and into the hands of wide receiver Ray Gover.

The next score was a 38-yard field goal that was set up by a 30-yard run by running back Alfred Rawls. The score was 10-0 after the first quarter.

At the 12:47 mark in the second quarter, the 'Cats went up 17-0 on a 42-yard gallop by Al Baker. Baker is starting to run with more and more confidence. But before his run, UK suffered a big loss. Mike Pfeifer, a huge offensive lineman, went down with a torn knee ligament. The all-conference candidate had surgery and is lost for the season.

Kentucky missed another golden opportunity to score in the second quarter when it had the ball at the Alabama 4-yard line. Fohr tried an ambidextrous move when under heavy pressure, he switched the ball from his right hand to his left and lobbed an interception. Halftime score was 17-0.

Alabama's first points came on a fake field goal attempt, when holder Chris Mohr threw to kicker Phillip Doyle. The kicker was the only man not covered on the play. The score was set up by a Fohr fumble on the UK 14. Score was 17-7.

THERE WAS AN exchange of field goals before Alabama running back Murry Hill broke a tackle and raced 76 yards for a touchdown. That made it 20-16 with 11:18 left in the fourth quarter, only to see UK stick its finger in the dike.

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Watching SEC standings. . .it sure is interesting

No doubt, it's a dog-eat-dog conference

Every year the Southeastern Conference spices its dog-eat-dog football race with a couple of surprise teams: one moving up, and another down.

This theme has been consistent for 54 years and this



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unexpected action is responsible for the high excitement of the games and the spectator appeal across the country.

THIS SURPRISE IN competition creates the unusual SEC overall strength.

In 1934, in the original 13-team SEC, Tulane placed first with an 8-0 conference record, and Georgia Tech last with 0-6.

The upsets which create surprises in the standings continue half a century later. In the 1980's they are intensified.

Throughout history, the strongest of the 10-team SEC

has been Alabama, Tennessee, LSU, Georgia and Auburn, with Ole Miss up amongst them, 1947-70, and Florida pushing steadily upward since the 1960's. But Mississippi State won the championship in 1941 and Kentucky in 1950, the tied for it in 1976. Only Vanderbilt has not yet won an SEC football championship.

In 1980, Mississippi State, under coach Emory Bellard, tied for second, while Auburn dropped to a tie for 9-10. Then in '81, the Bulldogs placed next to undefeated (in the conference) Alabama and Georgia, while LSU tied for 8-9.

IN 1982, UNDER GEORGE MACINTYRE, Vanderbilt tied Auburn, under coach Pat Dye, for third, as Alabama tied Florida for seventh. Then in 1983, Auburn achieved the championship, while Vanderbilt slipped, with LSU, into the SEC cellar.

In 1984, LSU, under coach Bill Arnsparger, edged Auburn for first place when Florida had to vacate the championship and Alabama tied Vanderbilt for seventh-eighth.

In 1985, Tennessee, under coach Johnny Majors, came from a fifth-sixth tie with Kentucky to the title, as Florida was placed last by SEC decree.

In 1986, LSU, with Arnsparger, won it outright, and Ole Miss, under coach Billy Brewer, tied Auburn, Alabama and Georgia for second. Florida, out of the conference doghouse, and coached by Galen Hall, tied for seventh.

In 1987, Auburn's Dye regained the championship. LSU, with Mike Archer succeeding the retiring Arnsparger, was expected to drop considerably, but it placed second, and Tennessee third. Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Mississippi State and Ole Miss all tied for seventh-eighth-ninth-tenth.

For 1988, Auburn, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and LSU were picked for the top half by the SEC area media gathered in Birmingham last July, and Florida chosen for sixth.

"The upsets which create surprise in the standings continue half a century later."

As the SEC teams enter October, with an average of three-and-a-half games under their belts, the Gators were 4-0 and the Volunteers 0-4.

So much for we, the media!

AT THIS POINT it seems the theme will continue; that Florida will surprisingly shoot for the top and Tennessee may slide near the bottom.

Excitement abounds throughout the Southeastern Conference. Just now, it's a soundless wind in the hills of Tennessee, but a fierce tropical storm across the sands of Florida.

Eddie Sutton's Press Conference

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Media: No, that's everybody's opinion except Bob Hammel (sportswriter) of Bloomington, and I don't know of anybody who would stand up for John Thompson.

Eddie Sutton: I was being facetious, OK? Since I came here, I have tried to be very fair with you all. I know you have a job to do.

Media: Will it continue?

Eddie Sutton: We're going to make them (players) accessible to you all. We may not do it as much. That's a problem that I see sometimes. But I know you've got a job to do. We're not going to cut them off, if that's what you mean?

Media: I understand that Cawood Ledford's Yearbook left Chris Mills out. Is there

something there we don't know?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know anything about that. I can't answer that. I cannot control what you all write.

Media: The reason I ask is because you have singled out two people for favoritism. One, a paper that blistered your butt, and then you call Cawood in and now his publication comes out and he has something left out that nobody knows.

Eddie Sutton: I thought somebody would ask a question about why did I come forward with Billy Reed. First of all, I have known Billy Reed five times longer than anybody else in this room. I've known him for 15 years. I consider him my friend. I think he's a very talented writer. I think most of the time

he's very fair. I felt like, also, I wanted to go to a forum, not that I don't like television or don't like radio, but when a story is printed, it can be picked up day after day after day. Unlike television, where it's here and it's gone. Radio the same way. So that was the basis for doing that.

Cawood is a dear friend. He's very close to our program and is the voice of the Wildcats. He probably has covered Kentucky basketball probably longer than anyone in the state. He came and asked me if I would be available for an interview, which I did. Perhaps if someone else had requested an interview after I had broken the story with Billy, I would have done the same thing. I wasn't singling out anyone, and certainly wasn't trying to show favoritism to anyone. I don't know

about the magazine, but if Chris Mills is left out, there's got to be a logical reason for it. I don't think intentionally they would leave him out of the magazine. Just like I don't think Oscar (Combs) would leave anybody out of the magazine intentionally, but all of us make mistakes.

Media: Would you like to see something along the lines of UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, who took the NCAA to court?

Eddie Sutton: It's my understanding that in the near future, the Supreme Court will make a determination on that case. He (Tarkanian) has won all the way along the line, I guess. But I don't even know anything about that case. It was about 10 years ago, I guess.

Oscar Combs

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contact which blacks out local ABC affiliates if J-P has another station carrying its regular season games. In this case, Channel 27 (WKYT-TV) and it will be carrying the conference tournament . . . If you don't think Channel 36 isn't serious about getting its share of the UK market, think again. The station carried a full 30 minutes of Sutton's Friday press conference live . . . Everyone who follows college football knows Beano Cook, the resident expert a few years ago on ABC-TV and who now has moved over to ESPN. Well, last week Cook went out on the limb and picked UK to defeat Alabama 26-10. People in the press box were buzzing when UK went up 17-0, remembering Cook's forecast. But the crystal ball went down the drain, just like most of his far-out predictions . . . In the pressbox representing the SEC Saturday was associate commissioner John Guthrie. John, who once coached basketball at Georgia, has been the major reason why the game has grown so much within the league office, an outfit which once upon a time totally ignored the sport . . . An early preview of the SEC basketball race has Florida the odds-on favorite. Our new TCP Kentucky Basketball Yearbook has the SEC stacking up in this order: Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, LSU, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Auburn. And where did all the guards go? Remember when the league had so many great ones? This winter, they are few and far between. Gone are such names as: Rex Chapman, Ed Davender, Roderick Barnes, Willie Anderson, Vernon Maxwell, Ronnie Montgomery, Craig Dudley, Ron Hausley, Darryl Joe and Fess Irvin. You might say there are some guarded opportunities awaiting newcomers in the SEC.

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They went 68 yards in four plays for a touchdown. The key play was when Fohr hit wide receiver Phil Logan covering 44 yards. Rawls also rambled 22 yards in the drive. Rawls earlier had a long run of 57 yards. On the day, he ran for 132 yards on 13 carries.

The score was 27-16. Five plays later, Alabama punted with 8:15 left. That marked the beginning of the nightmare.

A Rawls fumble on the UK 32 resulted in a seven-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Vince Sutton to wide receiver Greg Payne. It was the third circus catch on the day for Payne. The score was 27-24 with 5:06 left.

After a futile effort to control the ball, UK had to punt. Alabama started its victory march from its own 14. Sutton, who replaced Jeff Dunn early in the game, had been making big plays all day. UK forced Alabama into a fourth down situation, but Sutton scrambled out of the pocket for 17 yards and a first down.

A 16-yard pass to tight end Howard Cross and a wounded duck to Richardson, who outmaneuvered UK's David Johnson for the catch, took the ball down to the 5-yard line. Nail biting time.

THE 'CATS' DEFENSE rose up again and 'Bama could not move the football. Th Tide took its last out with the ball resting on the 3, fourth down, and 15 seconds left. The decision was made to go for the touchdown.

The Wildcats petitioned Lady Luck and she again turned her back. Sutton connected with Gene Newberry on a bootleg pass for the winning score. One the play, not one, but two Alabama linemen moved and mysteriously, nothing was called. In a matter of 15 seconds, the UK team went from the penthouse to the outhouse.

Thank goodness for the open date Oct. 8. I have a suspicion the Cats are going to need it. How good is LSU? Here's a little scenario. LSU 27-0 over Texas A&M, 34-9 over Tennessee, 36-33 loss at Ohio State and a 19-6 loss at Florida. Just a little something to mull over the next two weeks.

'Bama 31, UK 27

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the Tide executed a fake field goal play with Chris Mohr hitting placekicker Doyle with a 12-yard scoring toss. Robinson and Chris Tolbert had relaxed and were slow in covering the play.

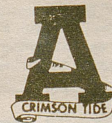
'Cat misfortunes continued to pile up when Willis had his 49-yard field goal partially blocked by the raging Derrick Thomas, who had a game-high 11 tackles. But, with offensive tackle Mike Nord exhorting the crowd on, the 'Cats moved 82 yards—53 of it coming on a run by Rawls—to set up a 28-yard field goal by Willis. Kentucky led 20-7 with 2:35 left in the third.

But Doyle's field goal narrowed it to 20-10 and Murry Hill's 76-yard run cut it to 20-16 early in the fourth quarter. Robinson failed to secure a tackle on tailback Hill after a short gain.

"We missed a tackle on that one. . . we didn't wrap up," said Holleran. "We beat ourselves."

Kentucky still had firepower left, however, as Fohr connected with Phil Logan for 44 yards and Rawls picked up 22 to the one. Andy Murray scored from there. Kentucky led, 27-16. The clock showed 9:39. 'Bama time, unfortunately.

"We know now that it takes more than just playing well to win games against great teams," said Fohr. "We've got to really hunker down. When everything is on the line, we just have to prevail."



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	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
ALABAMA		Temple Philadelphia	Texas A&M College Station	Vanderbilt Tuscaloosa	Kentucky Lexington	Ole Miss Tuscaloosa	Tennessee Knoxville	Penn State Birmingham	Miss. State Starkville	LSU Tuscaloosa	SW Louisiana Birmingham		Auburn-Nov. 25 Birmingham
AUBURN		Kentucky Auburn	Kansas Auburn	Tennessee Auburn	North Carolina Auburn	LSU Baton Rouge	Akron Auburn	Miss. State Auburn	Florida Gainesville	Southern Miss Auburn	Georgia Auburn		Alabama-Nov. 25 Birmingham
FLORIDA	Montana State Gainesville	Ole Miss Jackson	Indiana State Gainesville	Miss. State Gainesville	LSU Gainesville	Memphis St. Gainesville	Vanderbilt Nashville		Auburn Gainesville	Georgia Jacksonville	Kentucky Lexington		Florida State Tallahassee
GEORGIA	Tennessee Athens	Texas Christian Athens	Miss. State Starkville	South Carolina Columbia	Ole Miss Athens	Vanderbilt Athens		Kentucky Lexington	William & Mary Athens	Florida Jacksonville	Auburn Auburn		Georgia Tech Athens
KENTUCKY	Cent. Michigan Lexington	Auburn Auburn	Indiana Bloomington	Kent State Lexington	Alabama Lexington		LSU Baton Rouge	Georgia Lexington	Sou. Illinois Lexington	Vanderbilt Lexington	Florida Lexington	Tennessee Knoxville	
LSU	Texas A&M Baton Rouge		Tennessee Knoxville	Ohio State Columbus	Florida Gainesville	Auburn Baton Rouge	Kentucky Baton Rouge		Ole Miss Baton Rouge	Alabama Tuscaloosa	Miss. State Baton Rouge	Miami Baton Rouge	Tulane Baton Rouge
OLE MISS	Memphis St. Jackson	Florida Jackson	Arkansas Little Rock		Georgia Athens	Alabama Tuscaloosa	Arkansas St. Oxford	Vanderbilt Nashville	LSU Baton Rouge	Tulane Oxford	Tennessee Oxford		Miss. State Jackson
MISS. STATE	La. Tech Starkville	Vanderbilt Nashville	Georgia Starkville	Florida Gainesville	Memphis St. Memphis		Southern Miss Jackson	Auburn Auburn	Alabama Starkville		LSU Starkville	Tulane New Orleans	Ole Miss Jackson
TENNESSEE	Georgia Athens	Duke Knoxville	LSU Knoxville	Auburn Auburn	Washington St. Knoxville		Alabama Knoxville	Memphis St. Memphis		Boston College Knoxville	Ole Miss Oxford	Kentucky Knoxville	Vanderbilt Nashville
VANDERBILT		Miss. State Nashville	Rutgers New Brunswick	Alabama Tuscaloosa	Duke Nashville	Georgia Athens	Florida Nashville	Ole Miss Nashville		Kentucky Lexington	Army West Point	Memphis St. Memphis	Tennessee Nashville

Tennessee simply just can't play with the big boys

Things should improve...Can it get worse?

LSU has been trying to sell the catch phrase "Lights Out Defense" for its football team.

It seems that half the stadium lights failed during the Tigers' game with Texas A&M. The contest continued,



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however, and LSU came up with a great goal line stand in the gloom of Tiger Stadium.

Thus, Lights Out Defense!

After the debacle against Ohio State, perhaps that should be changed to "Blown Fuse" defense.

Or, if you're into descriptive phrases, how about "Swiss Cheese Defense" for Tennessee.

I've seen them twice and the Vols' secondary is full of holes. It's harder to cut a slice off a wheel of Jarlsburg than it is to complete a pass against the Tennessee secondary. Through the Auburn game, opponents had completed 63 of 91 passes against the Volunteers for an amazing 69.2 percent completion rate.

Several Tennessee sportswriters told me before the Auburn game that the Volunteers would be a lot better off in the second half of the season than they are now.

They should be. You can hardly compare their final five game with Memphis State, Boston College, Ole Miss, Kentucky and Vanderbilt with the first six—Georgia, Duke, LSU, Auburn, Washington State and Alabama.

THE FACT SIMPLY IS that Tennessee is just not very good. They can be competitive against other teams which also aren't very good, but they can't play with the big boys this season.

Truthfully, we haven't seen a dominant team in the SEC in 1988. We've watched LSU, Florida, Ole Miss, Auburn and Tennessee in person and several others on the tube.

Ohio State or no Ohio State, LSU is the best we've seen. Auburn and Florida are about on par but neither shows me great quarterbacking, a vital ingredient if you plan to blow people away.

Ole Miss and Tennessee are second division teams and show it.

It's been a strange season to still be so young.

The Alabama-Texas A&M postponement, for one thing! Georgia and LSU sitting on top of the world and then both being knocked off their perch by teams that were not considered to be as good as the 'Dogs and Tigers! Alabama losing three of its best players to injury before the Tide had finished two games.

Then there is the subject of TV ratings.

We've just finished reading them for the week of Sept. 5-11.

Here we were, starved for college football, breathless in anticipation of seeing our favorite sport on television. Or were we?

CBS's prime time college football game on Sept. 10, not afternoon, mind you, but prime time, matched two of the glamour boys, Michigan and Notre Dame.

Nobody watched. Well, almost nobody.

Of 63 prime time programs that week, the Michigan-Notre Dame telecast finished 57th with only a 13 percent share of the audience.

ABC's PRIME TIME MATCHUP of UCLA and Nebraska was 58th. It had a 12 share.

Add the two together and you still had only a 25 share.

The Miss America Pageant won the week with a 44 share, proving again that perfumery bodies are more interesting than sweaty ones.

You ask, what about the pros? Well, ABC's Monday Night Football finished fifth that week with a 33 share.

That should give the colleges something to think and worry about.

College football isn't the only program with TV troubles. Ratings for the prime time Olympic telecasts on NBC are off 31 percent from ABC's numbers in 1984.

Announcer Jay Randolph calls the shot, as we see it, and what he says about the Olympics is equally true about college football.

"The sports viewers are becoming much more selective with all the cable and other forms of entertainment," said Randolph. "Certain events have become like space shots years ago when the whole country got up early to watch. No one cares anymore. The dew is off the lilly!"

Much as those of us who love college football hate to admit it, Jay Randolph is probably right.

NOT FOR BROADCAST: Alabama and UCLA have agreed to a home and home football series. Don't pack your bags yet. The first game will be played at Tuscaloosa Oct. 7, in the year 2000. The second game is scheduled for Los Angeles Oct. 6, 2001...Talk about cruelty to your fellow man! Florida was leading poor little Montana State 31-0 in the first half and called a fake punt which led to a pass completion. What a humiliating thing to do to a team which didn't belong on the same field with the Gators. Montana State is a Division I-AA school and the game should never, never, never have been scheduled...Kentucky and Indiana have signed a contract to keep their series going through the year 2000. The trophy for the annual meeting in called the Bourbon Barrel. When Kentucky wins, a blue stripe is painted on the barrel with the score reversed out.

When Indiana wins, as it did this year, the stripe is red. By the way, the loss to the Hoosiers marked the first time coach **Jerry Claiborne** had lost to a Big Ten school since returned to coach the Wildcats. Claiborne was 4-0 against the Big Ten...Ole Miss says it has raised \$4 million in private contributions toward reaching its goal of \$8 million in its Drive for Athletics. The money will be used to renovate and upgrade the university's sports facilities...We love the scoreboard at Auburn. It's

message portion is colorful and well done and there is no advertising on it of any kind...If bands are important to college football, and they are, why do they get such bad seats at some schools? Auburn sticks their band in the corner of the stadium in an area where a paying customer would complain about. Tennessee's band, the visiting school, had better seats than the home musicians...South Carolina's win over Georgia marked the first time the Gamecocks had ever beaten the Bulldogs in a televised game. Previous to this year, Georgia was 3-0 against Carolina in TV games...**Vince Dooley** needs only five victories to reach the magic 200 mark, a feat that has been achieved by only nine other modern era I-A coaches in the history of college football. Only one them was an SEC coach. That would, of course, be **Paul Bear Bryant**, who tops the entire list with 323. **John Vaught** fell 10 short at Ole Miss. His total was 190. **Pop Warner**, who coached at Georgia from 1895-96, had 313 victories but the late 1800's was a little before our time. Others on the all-time list behind Bryant are **Amos Alonzo Stagg**, 314, then **Warner, Woody Hayes**, 238; **Bo Schembechler**, 215; **Jess Neely**, 207; **Warren Woodson**, 207; **Joe Paterno**, 207; **Eddie Anderson**, 198; and **Dan McGugin**, 197. The figures for Schembechler and Paterno are prior to the start of the season...If there are any sports information directors in this league who do a better job of playing host to the press than David Housel at Auburn and Bud Ford at Tennessee, we don't know who they could be. They have a big plus going for them that many schools don't have—great press boxes in which to work...Four pro teams were scouting LSU quarterback **Tommy Hodson** at the LSU-Tennessee game, including the Dallas Cowboys' head man, **Gil Brandt**.

THE LAST WORD: Tennessee coach Johnny Majors after LSU beat the Vols in Knoxville for the first time after 10 straight losses on Tennessee's home field:

"Earlier in the week I was asked about superstitions in football and I confessed I don't have any. I don't believe in jinxes or bugaboos. And I put even less stock in them after seeing LSU come into Knoxville and dismantle our team despite never having won here in 10 previous tries."



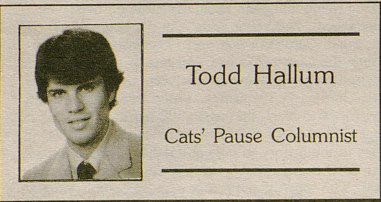
The late Paul "Bear" Bryant still remains only SEC coach with 200 or more wins

Quickness makes Bolden a valuable weapon

Nifty receiver led UK in kickoff returns

UK wide receiver John Bolden had a tough decision to make when he was a graduating senior at Louisville Male High School.

Would he choose his first love, basketball, in which he



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was an accomplished playmaker as a four-year letterman at Male, or would he take a stab at football, a sport he had only played one season?

Although he averaged 14 points per game as a senior playing on the hardwood, Bolden liked the challenge of playing a sport with a major college reputation.

"I wanted to play at a major college," said the UK wideout, who was recruited by Navy, Baylor and California to play basketball. "If I was going to play basketball, I wanted to go some place and be seen on national television a lot. I wanted to be a Division I player so I chose football."

"UK was pretty much my choice because none of the so-called powers offered a me a scholarship to play football. Also, I just wanted to stay close to home."

Another factor that weighed heavily on Bolden's mind was there was better numbers playing on a roster with 90 names opposed to a basketball team of 15.

"Because of the roster sizes, you have a better opportunity to play football," says Bolden, who was the Wildcats' leading returning kickoff returner this season.

NOW AS A PRIMARY weapon on UK's roster, he has come a long way. He began his career at UK on the speciality teams during his redshirt freshman season last year. Even as a backup to Dee Smith and Ray Gover, he averaged 16.6 yards on 13 kickoff returns. Not bad for a player who is now just entering his third year of organized football.

"I was mostly a backup to Dee and Ray," said Bolden. "I felt proud to be one of the team leaders in kickoff returns. I really liked returning kickoffs."

However, thus far into the season, Bolden's kickoff return duties were cut shortly after the opening game against Central Michigan. Apparently, the UK staff was a little miffed at some fumbles by both Bolden and Phil Logan and decided to stay with Chris Tolbert and Ivy Joe Hunter.

"I would like to be able to get back to returning kicks again," says Bolden. "I know Phil and I did have some trouble in the Central Michigan game with all the rain. If that's the way they feel, then I agree with them. Hopefully, I can get another chance."

What Bolden wants now is for UK's wide receiver corps to prove itself on the football field. So far, there haven't been many rave reviews because of some critical dropped passes during the Auburn and Indiana games, which resulted in two losses. Despite the early season lack of concentration, Bolden believes it will take some time for this unit to gell.

"WE HAVE A YOUNG RECEIVING crew," admits Bolden, who rotates with Logan, Gover and Alfred Jones for the Wildcats' two wideout positions. "It's mostly a group made up of sophomores and juniors. We don't have a lot of experience. But as the year goes along, we should get better."

One area that must get better for the Wildcats to move the football against some of the nation's elite teams is eliminating the dropped passes. If this trend continues, UK coach Jerry Claiborne's may lose his voice telling his receivers to concentrate on the ball.

"We have to concentrate on every play," says Bolden. "You can't play hard on one play then take off

another. Coach has really preached this to us. I know I've dropped a couple of passes by simply losing my concentration.

"You can't get frustrated and dwell on one bad play, or complain about the ball not being thrown perfectly all the time. Sometimes you have to realize that the quarterback ay have to hurry a throw because of the pass rush. But not catching a big pass can be a real frustrating experience."

However, one asset he doesn't have to concentrate on is using his 4.56 speed on pass routes. Despite not having outstanding height nor exceptional hands, Bolden must rely upon his natural speed in order to get open down field.

"MY PRIMARY ASSET IS MY SPEED and quickness," said Bolden, who adheres to the philosophy that if you can touch it, you can catch it. "I don't have great hands but I try to make up for it with my speed and awareness of what's going on on the field."

For the most part, Bolden wants to work with quarterback Glenn Fohr and hook up for some long pass plays this season. In fact, he feels it's his job, along with his wideout buddies, to generate the brundt of UK's offense to keep it from stalling.

"We (receivers) realize we are a big part of the offense," said Bolden, a communications major. "As a group, we try to make the big plays. It's something that I like doing and I get excited when I hear my play called."

Hopefully, the Wildcat squad can have some fun and spring an upset or two as the SEC schedule gets into full swing. But in order to accomplish those feats, UK must overcome that big hurdle that has yet to be jumped and defeat a quality SEC opponent.

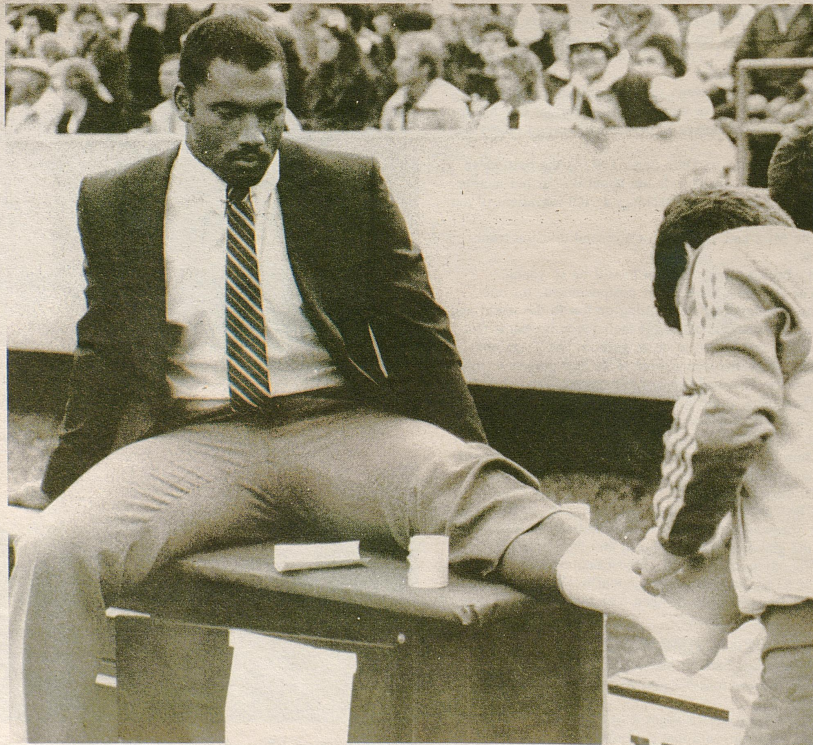
"We are not lacking confidence," replies Bolden when asked about the significance of a conference victory.

"We feel we can play with anybody. It's just a matter of

eliminating the small mistakes."

UK NOTEBOOK

Former Kentucky offensive guard **Dermontti Dawson** might miss the rest of the season for the Pittsburgh Steelers because of a knee injury suffered in a game against the Buffalo Bills. The Steelers' second-round draft choice, who saw significant action before the injury, has been placed on the club's injured reserve list. Ironically, the injury occured against Buffalo, which had former Wildcat star **Art Still** on its defensive line...Another former Wildcat is also making news, as **Rick Massie** was added to the Denver Broncos' roster. Massie, a free agent was a regular member of the Broncos' speciality teams in Denver heartbreaking 30-27 loss to the Los Angeles Raiders on Monday Night Football Sept. 26...No word yet if Kentucky's game with LSU in Baton Rouge Oct. 8 will be moved to the afternoon if Superstation WTBS elects to carry the game. SEC rules stipulate that a school must move one game for television if it is selected to be broadcasted. WTBS will carry the Ole Miss-Alabama game this Saturday, while ESPN has chosen to show the Auburn-LSU contest. Florida at Vanderbilt, or Alabama at Tennessee are the other two games WTBS is looking at for Oct. 15...It's interesting to note that both Kentucky and Alabama recruited running backs **Murry Hill** and **Alfred Rawls**. Alabama recruited Rawls when he was a high school star in Pitts, Ga., while Kentucky tried to sign the highly-recruited Hill from Atmore, Ala...Approximately \$3,000 worth of basketball equipment was stolen from UK's equipment room between Sept. 23-25, according to campus police. Included among the stolen items were five uniforms, sweat suits, basketballs, stop watches and t-shirts. No word yet on who the culprit(s) were who snuck into Memorial Coliseum through a hole in the roof of the equipment room.



Steelers' Dawson, here shown during his UK days, may miss the rest of the year

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

One Year Ago

Junior quarterback Glenn Fohr replaced injured starter Kevin Dooley and led the Wildcats to an easy 28-0 whipping of Ohio University at UK's annual homecoming game.

Kentucky rolled up more than 500 yards of total offense, including 400 on the ground. Senior tailback Mark Higgs enjoyed a spectacular afternoon, rambling for 170 yards on only 19 carries, and also scored three touchdowns.

The UK defense, meanwhile, limited the Bobcats to 36 yards rushing, 10 first downs and only 158 yards of total offense.

Dooley was forced to leave the game after taking a blow from Ohio linebacker Doug Mangan. But all Fohr had to do in replacing Dooley was hand off the Wildcat running backs, who found large cracks in the visitors' defensive line all game.

After a scoreless first quarter, Kentucky drew first blood when Higgs scored from 10 yards out. Later in the same quarter, backup tailback Ivy Joe Hunter got into the action, adding another score from two yards and staking the Wildcats to a 14-0 halftime margin.

Higgs kept on punishing the Ohio defense in the second half, scoring two fourth quarter touchdowns—one from three yards and the other on a brilliant 45-yard dash.

Kentucky will prepare to face Ole Miss in Lexington next Saturday. The Wildcats will have a revenge factor on their side, as the Rebels whipped UK 33-13 in Jackson, Miss., last season.

Two Years Ago

The Ole Miss Rebels were not gracious hosts to Jerry Claiborne's Wildcats, whipping UK 33-13.

"We got beat every way you can—on the

line, in the secondary, dropped passes," said Claiborne. "We didn't take responsibility on the option. Our minds were not on the football game. The intensity was not there."

Kentucky led 7-3 following Tony Mayes' fumble recovery in the end zone. But the rest of the game belonged to Ole Miss. On the next series, the Rebels drove 71 yards to reclaim the lead. An Eric Pitts' fumble was then turned into seven points for the home team when Willie Goodloe raced 60 yards for the score. And by the time the halftime horn sounded, Mississippi was leading 27-7.

The Lady Kat volleyball team defeated Morehead 15-11, 15-12, 15-2. The 3-1 win gives Kathy DeBoer's team a 10-5 overall record.

Eight Years Ago

No. 1 ranked Alabama gave legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant his 300th career win with a 45-0 defeat of Kentucky in Birmingham.

Bryant, a former Wildcat head coach for eight seasons, said afterwards: "All I've heard has been 300, 300, 300. I want to make it plain and clear from that now on, I'm not going to talk about numbers. The players won the game. They had a lot of pride and went out and did an excellent job against a well-prepared team."

Fran Curci's Wildcats were down only 14-0 at halftime. The Tide, meanwhile, had too many players to shuffle in and out for the Big Blue to handle.

"I want to congratulate Coach Bryant on his 300th win," said Curci following the game. "The guy is a phenom."

The loss drops UK's record to 2-3, 0-1 in the Southeastern Conference.

Nine Years Ago

Kentucky knocked on the door several times but couldn't cross the goal line as a frustrated 'Cats team lost 10-6 at West Virginia. Even in their worst performance of the season, the Wildcats were on the verge to score even more in the third quarter. Trailing 10-3, the 'Cats reached the West Virginia 2-yard line behind a 73-yard pass completion from quarterback Juan Portela to tight end Frank McDaniels. But UK tried five times (once after a penalty) to get the ball into the end zone but never could.

For the most part, the game was a defensive struggle all the way. UK took a 3-0 lead on a 33-yard field goal by Rick Strein, but West Virginia tied it 3-3 by the half. The Mountaineers scored the game's only touchdown on a third quarter run by Terry Luck. Despite several opportunities, all Kentucky could get the rest of the way was another Strein field goal, this time from 42 yards.

UK had only 42 yards rushing, while West Virginia's Charles Alexander had 107. Portela hit on seven on 13 passes for 120 yards.

13 Years Ago

Although UK only has a 1-2-1 record, it hasn't done badly in the national statistics. For instance, the UK defense ranks eight in total defense, yielding 205 yards a game. Individually, Sonny Collins has averaged 138.5 yards per game for a total of 505 yards. The leader is Ricky Bell of Southern California with 180.7 yards per outing.

The Wildcat cross country team finished third out of 21 teams in the Indiana Invitational.

The Kentucky men's golf team bounced back from a disappointing first meet to capture second place in the Buckeye Classic hosted by Ohio State. The Cats finished with

a 1,531 total, 10 stroked behind Ohio State. UK's Mike Nelms and Carter Mathias placed first and second in the individual competition.

The UK men's water polo team continued its unbeaten streak last week by splashing past Principia College and Illinois University. Senior Dave Robenstein and freshman Joe Poyer were the UK offensive stars, scoring 10 and seven goals, respectively.

A nightmarish fourth quarter gave Auburn its first win of the season, a 15-9 victory over Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium. UK led 9-0 after three quarters behind three field goals by John Pierce. Just when it appeared UK had the game won, Tiger quarterback Clyde Baumgardner unleashed a 72-yard scoring strike to split end Jeff Gilligan. Sonny Collins then fumbled the ensuing kickoff and three plays later, the Tigers were on the board again as fullback Kenny Burke bulled over from 17 yards. UK had dominated action the entire way as Auburn has only eight first downs, while the Wildcats had 18. Pierce kicked field goals from 46, 33 and 31 yards and Collins gained 109 yards on 32 carries. Cliff Hite returned as the starting quarterback and hit six of 16 passes for 66 yards.

18 Years Ago

In what coach John Ray called "our worst performance since I've been here," UK lost 35-6 to Utah State.

While the statistics weren't as bad as the score, Ray saw little to be pleased with.

"We just didn't play football," he said. Utah State led 21-0 at halftime.

Kentucky was defeated 31-28 in its initial cross country meet, losing to Cincinnati. UK star Paul Baldwin was the individual winner of the race, winning by 19 seconds.

Kansas State, a two-time runnerup, and first-timer DePaul and Purdue will play in the 18th annual UKIT basketball tournament. Kentucky will meet DePaul in the opening round.

The 'Cats will again be strong underdogs this Saturday when they travel to Baton Rouge to play Louisiana State University. The Bengal Tigers have two outstanding quarterbacks in senior Bobby Lee and sophomore Bert Jones.

Dan Perry, a 6-8 forward from Lima, Ohio, will undergo knee surgery for the second time and will miss the beginning portion of UK's preseason practice.

33 Years Ago

A holding penalty against Kentucky late in the third quarter stymied what looked like a second touchdown drive, and the 'Cats were forced to settle for a 14-14 tie with unbeaten Auburn in a nerve-twitching struggle in Birmingham between two title contenders. Kentucky scored in a 15-yard pass from Bob Hardy to Don Netoskie and a nine-yard run by Woody Herzog.

UK was deep inside Auburn territory when the holding occurred. The tie probably dropped the Wildcats out of the bowl picture.

Kentucky's Ed Beck, a 6-7 star of UK's freshman team last year, is in the hospital to have his tonsils removed.

Bob Burrow, a center on UK's basketball team, has been selected as one of the Dell's 1955-56 Basketball All-America picks.

Kentucky quarterback Bob Hardy and end Howie Schnellberger have signed to play with the South in the annual Blue-Gray football game.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Numbers And Things

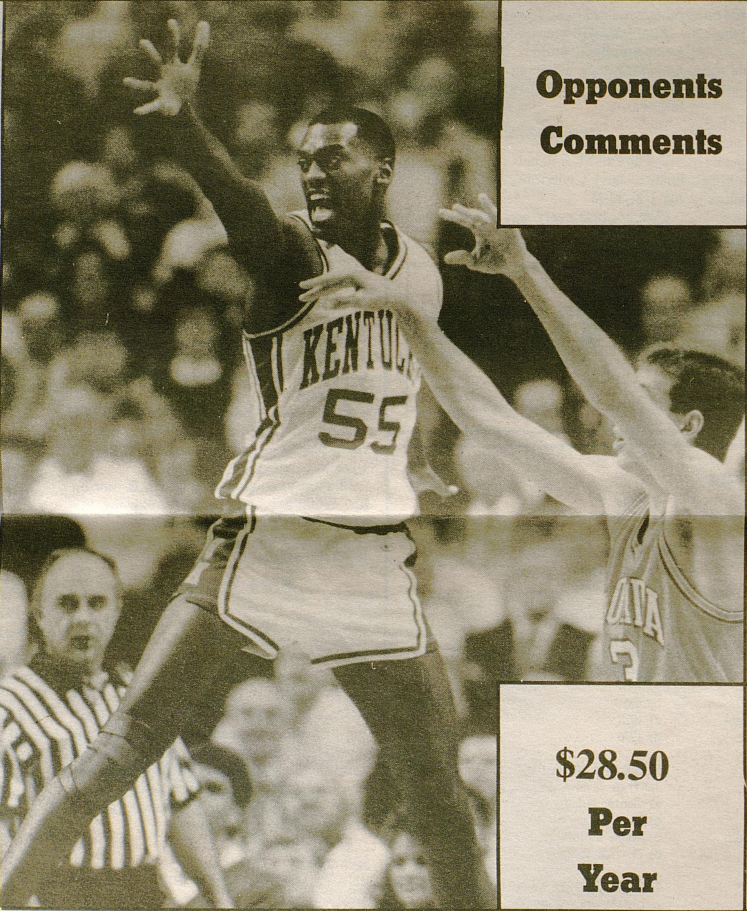
- When was the last time Kentucky had an open date?
 - 1986
 - 1984
 - 1980
 - 1982
- Who is UK's leading rusher right now?
 - Alfred Rawls
 - Al Baker
 - Andy Murray
 - Ivy Joe Hunter
- Who is Kentucky leading receiver right now?
 - Phil Logan
 - John Bolden
 - Ivy Joe Hunter
 - Ray Gover
- When was the last time Kentucky won a road game?
 - 1987
 - 1986
 - 1985
 - 1984
- When was the last time Kentucky won an SEC road game?
 - 1984
 - 1985
 - 1981
 - 1980
- When was the last time Kentucky finished the season in the Top 20?
 - 1938
 - 1977
 - 1951
- Who was the last coach to post a overall winning record at UK?
 - Paul Bryant
 - Fran Curci
 - Blanton Collier
 - Charlie Bradshaw
- When was the last time Kentucky scored more than 50 points in a game?
 - 1987
 - 1959
 - 1978
 - 1976
- Who was the last UK player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season?
 - George Adams
 - Mark Higgs
 - Sonny Collins
 - Derrick Ramsey
- Who holds the Kentucky single-season record for interceptions?
 - Andy Molls
 - Paul Calhoun
 - Jerry Claiborne
 - Darryl Bishop



Answers

- 1984
- Ivy Joe Hunter (10 receptions)
- 1984 (Tennessee)
- 1986 (Cincinnati)
- 1984
- 1985
- 1977 (53 points vs. Vanderbilt)
- Blanton Collier
- 1984
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