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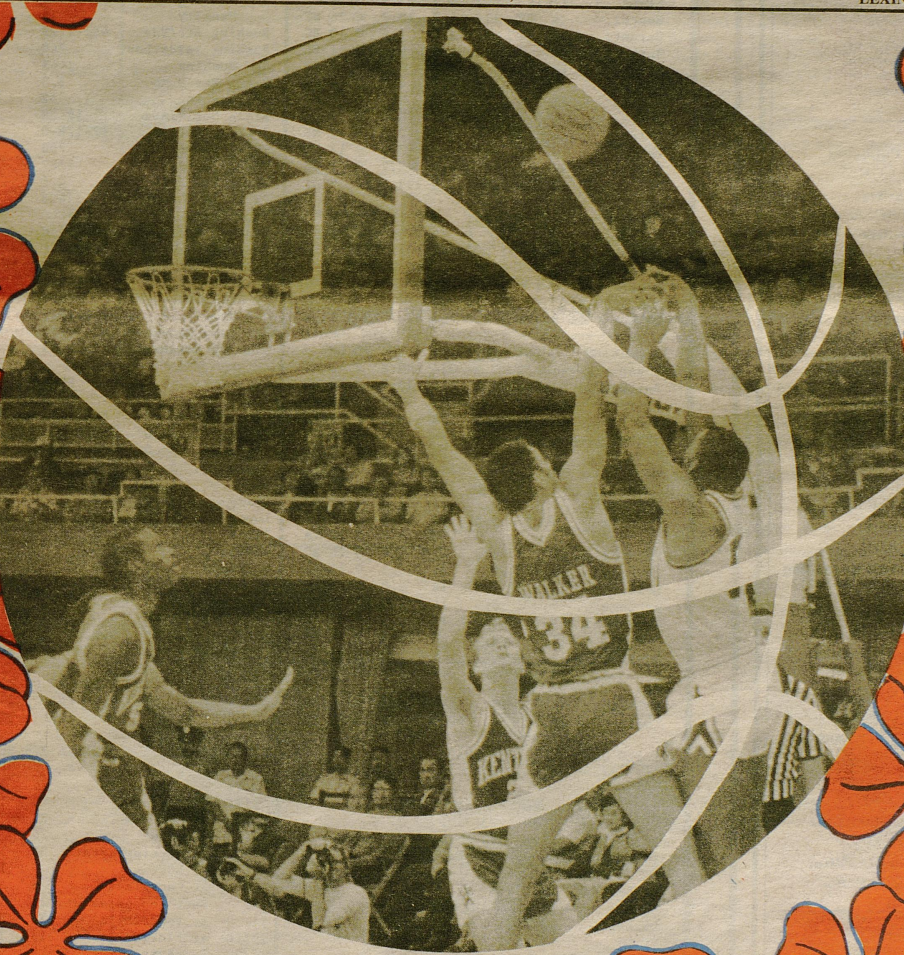
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Cat Scratches

Sean Sutton, whose father is Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, poured in 25 points to lead Lexington Henry Clay to a 106-57 win over last season's Region 10 champs Lexington Catholic last Monday evening.

Last year's sophomore of the year in Arkansas, Sutton also had nine thefts and dished out eight assists.

The 6-foot-1 junior guard connected on 12 of 13 attempts from the field. He also hit one of four from the charity stripe.

Henry Clay is now 1-0 on the season.

The UK football team held its award banquet last Monday evening at the university's Student

Center Ballroom. The awards and the winners were: Team Captain — Ken Pietrowiak and Jon Dumbauld; Senior Scholastic — Eric Hass; Fellowship of Christian Athletes — Steve Mazza and Rich Ledford; Outstanding Kicking Game — Joe Worley; Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award — Ken Pietrowiak; Outstanding Offensive Back — Bill Ransdell; Outstanding Defensive Lineman — Brian Williams; Outstanding Defensive Player — Larry Smith; Unsung Hero — Jim Reichwein; and Most Valuable Senior — Ken Pietrowiak and Brian Williams.

A limited number of tickets to Kentucky's basketball games in the UKIT Dec. 20-21 re-

main available at the UK ticket office, according to Wildcat athletics director Cliff Hagan.

UKIT tickets, which include admission to both sessions of the tournament, are \$10 each. The tickets are available at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. weekdays.

For more UK ticket information, call (606) 257-1818.

The University of Kentucky basketball office is no longer accepting basketballs to be autographed, according to Wildcat head coach Eddie Sutton.

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Kentucky Statistics

(Final)

INDIVIDUAL

RUSHING	G	ATT	YDS	YPR	YPG	TD	LR
Logan	11	175	715	4.1	65.0	3	24 ET
Higgs	11	143	611	4.3	55.5	5	39 MS
Hunter	6	28	112	4.0	18.7	4	26 ET
Gardner	7	21	47	2.2	7.8	0	10 BG
Burbage	11	3	15	5.0	0.5	0	11 FL
Derry	10	4	9	2.3	0.9	0	4 ET
Baker	1	3	4	1.3	4.0	0	4 CI
Wheary	11	1	3	3.0	0.3	0	3 CI
Jones	11	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0 LS
Allen	4	2	-6	-3.0	-2.0	0	-2 MS
Dooley	8	15	-17	-1.1	-2.1	0	17 MS
Ransdell	19	42	-24	-0.6	-2.7	0	9 BG
TOTALS	11	441	1469	3.3	133.5	12	39 MS

PASSING	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	TD	YDS	LP
Ransdell	9	231	133	6	57.6	5	1744	82 BG
Dooley	8	108	51	6	47.2	2	537	43 MS
Allen	4	9	4	0	44.4	0	27	8 TN
Tesar	11	1	1	0	100.0	0	10	10 GA
Jones	11	4	0	0	00.0	0	0	0 LS
TOTALS	11	353	189	12	53.5	7	2318	82 BG

RECEIVING	G	CGT	CPG	YDS	YPC	TD	LP
Logan	11	32	2.9	314	9.8	2	43 MS
Burbage	11	25	2.3	418	16.7	0	38 MS
Pitts	11	24	2.2	334	13.9	1	49 CI
Derry	10	23	2.3	234	10.1	2	35 TU
Higgs	11	19	1.7	178	9.4	0	34 CI
Wheeler	11	18	1.6	229	12.7	1	30 GA
Wheary	11	11	1.0	140	12.7	0	36 CI
Jones	11	9	0.8	102	11.3	0	18 TN
Bryant	11	8	0.7	156	19.5	5	82 BG
Hunter	6	5	0.8	64	12.8	0	25 FL
Curry	11	3	0.3	43	14.3	0	18 VA
Pennington	11	3	0.3	27	9.0	0	18 BG
Ledford	11	2	0.2	21	10.5	0	13 VA
Sellers	11	2	0.2	18	9.0	0	9 FL
Gardner	7	2	0.3	14	7.0	0	8 TN
Groves	11	1	0.1	12	12.0	0	12 FL
Sexton	11	1	0.1	10	10.0	0	10 GA
Lucas	7	1	0.1	4	4.0	1	4 VA
TOTALS	11	189	17.2	2318	12.3	7	82 BG

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LK
Tesar	68	2758	40.6	67 GA

FIELD GOALS	ATT	MADE	LK
Worley	28	19	46 ET

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Williams	20	223	11.2	1	57 CL
Burbage	16	90	5.6	0	47 TU
TOTALS	36	313	8.7	1	57 CL

KO RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Logan	17	285	16.8	0	36 TN
Burbage	7	155	22.1	0	48 TN
Pitts	1	17	17.0	0	17 LS
Wheary	1	12	12.0	0	12 VA
Jones	1	9	9.0	0	9 GA
TOTALS	27	478	17.7	0	48 TN

INTERCEPTION RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LR
Halrston	4	26	6.5	0	20 GA
Douglass	3	57	19.0	0	43 FL
Mayer	3	16	5.3	0	16 ET
D. Johnson	2	0	0.0	0	0 LS
Caldwell	2	-8	-4.0	0	0 CI
Gover	1	21	21.0	0	21 CI
Kremer	1	11	11.0	0	11 ET
Williams	1	5	5.0	0	5 ET
TOTALS	17	128	7.5	0	43 FL

TEAM	UK	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	191	199
Rushing	73	92
Passing	106	100
Penalty	15	7
Rushing Att/Yds	441-1729	464-2006
Rushing Yards Lost	260	322
Net Rushing	1469	1684
Yards Per Rush	3.3	3.6
TDs Rushing	12	13
Field Goals/Att	19-28	12-22
Int/Yds Ret/TD	17-128-0	12-144-0
Total Plays	788	805
Total Yardage	3787	3800
Yards Per Play	4.8	4.7
Yards Per Game	344.3	345.5
Punts/Blocked	68-0	65-0
Punting Yds/Avg	2758-40.6	2786-42.9
Punt Ret/Yds/TD	36-313-1	23-82-0
Kickoff Ret/Yds	27-478	32-596
Penalties/Yds	56-549	73-620
Fumbles/Lost	24-14	24-15
3rd Down Conversions	59-175	75-180
4th Down Conversions	4-10	4-9
Time of Possession	322:35	337:25

SCORING

	TD	S	FG	K	P	R	TP
Worley	0	0	19x28	15x15	0	0	72
Higgs	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Logan	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
Hunter	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
Derry	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Lucas	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Pitts	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wheeler	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Burbage	0	0	0	1x1	0	0	2
Dooley	0	0	0	0	0x2	0	0
Ransdell	0	0	0	0	0x2	0	0
KENTUCKY	20	0	19x28	15x15	1x5	0	194
OPPONENTS	25	1	12x22	19x20	2x3	0	211

SCORE BY QUARTERS

KENTUCKY	34	46	44	70	=	194
OPPONENTS	37	35	89	50	=	211

1985 RESULTS (5-6 OVERALL 1-5 SEC)

	UK	OPP	ATTENDANCE
9/14 Bowling Green	26	30	57,620
9/21 Tulane	16	11	56,812
9/28 Cincinnati	27	7	57,192
10/5 Clemson	26	7	58,230
10/12 Mississippi State	33	19	58,345
10/19 at LSU	0	10	78,562
10/26 at Georgia	6	26	81,498
11/2 East Tennessee St.	23	13	53,429
11/9 at Vanderbilt	24	31	41,076
11/16 at Florida	13	15	73,672
11/22 Tennessee	0	42	57,160





Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Bobby Knight And Hoosiers Come To Town

Bracing for its toughest assignment of the young season, Kentucky will meet long-time arch-rival Indiana Saturday night in a game which should tell us a great deal about this current Kentucky team.

Prior to Tuesday's battle with Cincinnati, UK had no trouble in dispensing of three weak sisters. Those games came at a good time and allowed coach Eddie Sutton the opportunity to experiment, teach the youngsters some fundamentals and go through play three warm-ups to the real games which begin with Bobby Knight's Hoosiers.

Already, the pollsters are very quickly moving the Cats up the ladder, perhaps too quickly. This is not a Top Ten team, at least not yet. It could be a Top 15 club by the season's end if it all goes well, but there are a lot of "ifs."

First of all, UK will have to stay healthy. The Cats will have to get an awesome year from All-American Kenny Walker and a great season from his supporting cast. Most of all, this team must play as a team and not allow petty jealousy to overtake team unity.

This club has the potential to be a pretty good club. It is playing with enthusiasm right now. But then, everything goes smoothly when one is winning. The true character of any club surfaces when it first loses. Here's hoping such an occasion is a long time off.

Indiana will be out to nail Kentucky as Bobby Knight teams always are, but this Saturday won't be the time or place. Kentucky will win this one.

Other college basketball powers have come and gone from the Hawaiian Islands and many of them left with some not-so-fond memories, as far as basketball is concerned.

Big names have fallen before, people like Virginia, SMU and Louisville twice.

More often than not, the giant-killer was little NAIA affiliate Chaminade. The Silverswords have acquired quite a reputation of humbling the big boys from the mainland.

When Kentucky came calling last week, Silversword fans endeared dreams of repeat performances.

Make no mistake about it, Silversword boosters will never forget their miracle upsets. The Chaminade minor sports teams see to that, hawking t-shirts and sweat shirts outside the tiny 1,700-seat McCabe Gym as Kentucky and Chaminade fans made their way into the facility last Tuesday.

Whether or not Silversword fans knew of the fierce UK-UL rivalry, it was obvious t-shirts proclaiming Chaminade's 83-72 victory over the Cardinals were outselling the Virginia massacre shirts.

An estimated 1,200 Kentuckians accompanied the Wildcats to Hawaii, one way or another.

Almost 300 joined the official team party via United Airlines in a package put together by Bob Crawley.

Others include a group of more than 250 by Bill Blount and Commonwealth Travel Agency. Jim Hatfield and LaFayette Travel Agency had a group, also.

Then there were numerous others who traveled on their own, through the conventional means

of commercial airlines or the best way they could.

Three notable exceptions were three members of the armed forces, all of whom just happened to have far-reaching Kentucky roots.

First, there was United States Air Force Colonel Richard E. Stevenson who is editor-in-chief of the USAF Pacific Stars & Stripes in the Pacific. He just happens to be a 1964 graduate of UK.

Col. Stevenson is in charge of scheduling four quarterly fund council meetings each year in Honolulu and after his Wildcat schedule, he could find no better reason than to call one during Thanksgiving week.

The Colonel has been an avid Kentucky basketball fan all the way back to the days of the early sixties.

"I go back to the days of J. B. Falcolner and Ashland Oil broadcasting the games," said Col. Stevenson prior to the UK-Chaminade game. "I even had an English class with Cotton Nash."

He wasn't the only member of the Air Force attending the games in Hawaii. So were David Goe, a Bell County, Kentucky, native and long-time UK fan Bill Brown.

Goe, a 12-year USAF veteran, hinted he jeopardized his family future and the loss of Thanksgiving Day dinner just to see the Cats play. In fact, when his wife jokingly suggested that he not pass up the opportunity to watch UK, he took her up on the idea before she realized what she had said.

"I may not even have a wife when I get home," laughed Goe, "but when my wife read about UK coming to Hawaii in *The Cats' Pause*, she thought it would be a good idea for me. I jumped at her suggestion."

But the Goes live in Japan, not Hawaii. He did what any other sane UK fan would do, he grabbed a seat on a "seat available" basis and suddenly arrived in Hawaii.

Brown is an old-timer at following the Cats. He flew all the way from Iceland via a military transport to catch the Cats for the Final Four championship in St. Louis back in 1978.

So guess who we bumped into at Chaminade's McCabe Gym last Tuesday? Yep, Bill Brown. Now, he's stationed in Japan, a cool nine-hour flight from Hawaii.

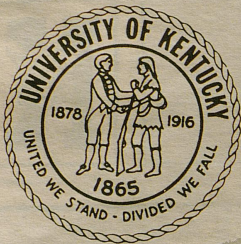
"If Kentucky can fly two-thirds of the way around the world to play a game," said Brown, "I figure the least I could do is to go one-third and meet them." Yea, especially in Hawaii.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Before you could get the firewood in for a long, cold winter, several of the teams expected to challenge for the NCAA championship next spring have already suffered losses. Georgia Tech, which is supposed to be in everyone's top three, found the going rough in the Naismith Hall Of Fame Game last Saturday when Michigan's Wolverines dumped the Engineers 59-57 in a game described by Michigan coach Bill Freider as a "great defensive effort." Tech coach Bobby Cremins apparently didn't wear the same glasses as those of Freider. Cremins said Tech's play was a total embarrassment and apologized for his club's showing. It just goes to show you what press clippings can do to any team, not just a club named Kentucky. And you just might

add Louisville's Cardinals to that list. Denny Crum's club was selected the nation's No. 1 team by *Basketball Times* in its preseason issue and *BW* printed a full-page front cover with Billy Thompson, Jeff Hall and Milt Wagner with one of Denny Crum's thoroughbred horses at famed Churchill Downs in Louisville. After opening with victories over Miami and Tulsa in the National Invitational Tourney, the Cards were dealt a double-blow in New York by Kansas and St. John's. Ironically, Louisville now has the distinction of being the only team which has lost twice in each of the last two NIT tourneys . . . Reports out of Texas has it that Tito Horford may well surface again in the land of Guy Lewis. According to a national wire story, Horford will re-enroll at Houston before the end of the current calendar year, but no one is speculating as to when the 7-2 Dominican Republic star will be eligible to participate, if ever for the Cougars. Back in the summer, the NCAA said Horford would have to forfeit one year of eligibility if he stayed at Houston . . . The biggest shocker of the young season came in Chapel Hill when North Carolina bombed UCLA by more than thirty points. UCLA coach Walt Hazzard was anything but happy with Dean Smith and said so a couple days later to a Los Angeles reporter. Every time I've seen a UCLA score the past five years or so, I'm reminded of many so-called Kentucky experts who claim anyone can win at Kentucky because "any coach" can recruit at Kentucky. Just take a look at UCLA . . . Kentucky wasn't the only team on the Hawaiian Islands last week. Some of the other clubs were Oklahoma, Michigan, LSU, Marshall, Georgetown and Illinois to name a few.



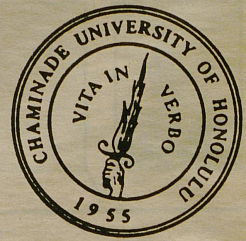
David Goe, Col. Stevenson And Bill Brown



Kentucky Rolls Over Chaminade

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In Spite Of Hawaii's Taboo



Photos By: John Folz

Kentucky basketball is an awesome name in the collegiate basketball world. Big Blue basketball has become a way of life in the Bluegrass State because the game means so much to everyone involved. Yes, the game is more important here than most places.

Thanks to such dedication, UK waltzed through the land of Silverswords in Honolulu without a single drop of blood and clobbered Chaminade University 89-57 last Tuesday.

It was not the win as much as the margin of victory which surprised many basketball experts. For this is the small NAIA university which has upset some very big names in recent years, names like Virginia, SMU and Louisville twice.

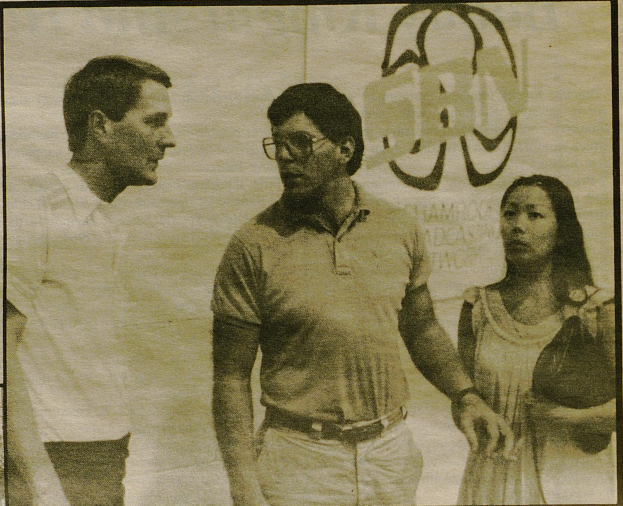
But Kentucky learned from other visitors' mistakes. They jumped on the homestanding natives early, took a decisive 44-25 halftime lead and never look back.

"This team (Chaminade) has beaten a lot of quality teams and we were in a position to be upset also," UK coach Eddie Sutton said after the game, "but our kids knew they had to play hard and they did. Overall, we played a very fine game."

That, the Cats did in winning their second consecutive game of the year. Sophomore guard Ed Davender led the way in the opening half with 14 points as the Cats hit a blistering 57.5 percent from the field.

In the process, Kentucky took no prisoners. The Wildcats applied pressure from the opening tip-off and after a couple early ties at 2 and 4, Kentucky was off and running at 6-4 on a Kenny Walker 15-footer at 17:12.

Kentucky never looked back.



Leading 48-29, he took out the five starters and put in the reserves with 16:36 left in the game. But the punishment didn't last long.

Walker returned a few minutes later and wound up leading the Cats with 22 points while pulling down five rebounds. The ball-hawking Davender, who had five of the Cats' 17 steals, finished with 20. Guard James Blackmon scored 14 points and Harden enjoyed a team-high eight assists.

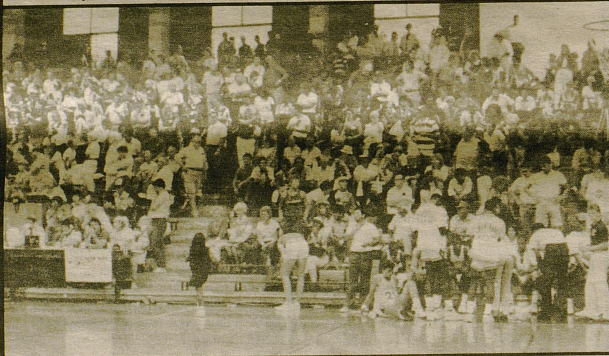
The Cats' largest lead of the night came with 1:17 left in the game when 5-5 guard Leroy Byrd hit a driving layup for an 87-53 advantage.

Sutton said it was a typical Kenny Walker performance.

"Kenny Walker is the best player in the college game," said Sutton. "He can play inside or outside and he always gets double- or triple-teamed every time he gets into the paint area."

Chaminade was led by forward John Wyatt with 12 points. Guard Rod McCray had 11 for the losers.

But no Silversword really played well. Coach Merv Lopes, who had the 'Swords playing well in their last outing with Virginia Tech on Maui, made a quick exit after the game. But assistant Thomas Loudon stayed around to point out what was apparent—that the Cats' guards were just too quick for the 'Swords.



Davender and senior guard Roger Harden overplayed the passing lanes and forced 17 first-half turnovers as the Wildcats slowly built a commanding lead. Davender's 14 first half points was followed by Walker with 10 and junior forward Winston Bennett chipped in with 8. UK's biggest first-half lead was 44-25.

"Chaminade came out with a triangle-two defense that had their big people playing a zone and guards playing man," said Sutton. "It confused us for a while but then our guys started getting the ball to spots and we shot the ball well early. When our defense plays as active as ours did in the first half, it is difficult for a lot of people to stay with us."

Kentucky looked a bit sluggish at the start of the second half and Sutton looks a bit upset as the Wildcats appeared to be going for averages rather than team play. He wasted no time in reminding the Wildcats they were here to work and then play.

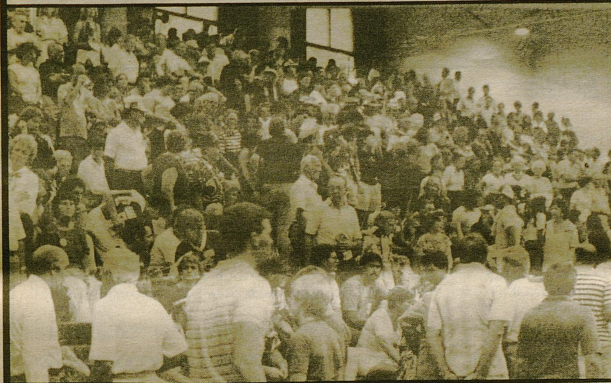




"I don't know if we were nervous or what, but we just didn't handle the press," said Louden. That was an understatement. The Silverswords committed 32 turnovers and also didn't shoot well, considering some of the shots they took. From the outset, the Wildcats looked like the home team and the Silverswords the visitors. And Louden knew it.

"We didn't come out with the necessary intensity to handle a team like Kentucky," said Louden. "We didn't handle the press and that got us down. Kentucky played like you have to when you are a well-known team on the road. You have to come out and take a team apart. They manhandled us a little bit."

You can say amen to that. Chaminade even lost the battle for the fans. The Big Blue from Kentucky filled up one side of McCabe Gym and their constant cheering seemed to give the Wildcats a rare homecourt advantage.



... At Chaminade, officials do things the right way, in other words, the simple way, like dividing the gym into equal sections, just like ol' high school days. In front of the gym, signs clearly pointed Kentucky fans to the left side of the gym and the Chaminade fans to the right side. ... And how about those refreshments? Yep, ole fashioned barbeque sandwiches, not to mention a special Hawaiian chicken sandwich, the traditional hot dog, soft drinks and potato chips. But just like high school, **no food allowed in gymnasium.** ... The gym officially seats 1,700 fans. At least 1,000 of the 1,508 paid admissions must have been Big Blue fans. According to school officials, the televising of the Kentucky-Chaminade game was a rare feat in itself. The game was televised back to Kentucky by WTVO-TV, Channel 27 with **Kenny Rice** and former UK assistant **Jim Hatfield** handling the announcing duties. ... They may not play exactly like the Kentucky version, but Hawaii does have a pair of notable names like Walker and McCray. Chaminade has its **Rod McCray** while Hawaii has its own **Kenny Walker**. McCray scored 11 points for Chaminade against UK while Walker tallied 5 for Hawaii against UK.

"I think we did have the homecourt advantage," said Sutton. "That doesn't happen too many times, especially when you come this far. But it is an example of how much Kentucky people love basketball."

"Dr. James Naismith started the game in Springfield, Mass., but everybody in Kentucky believes he was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky. They feel he just happened to end up in Springfield when he came up with the idea of basketball."

CHAMINADE TIDBITS ... UK's big win over Chaminade was a far cry from Sutton's last experience in Hawaii last season when his then Arkansas team lost a pair of games in what some people term Sutton's worst losses as coach of the Razorbacks. Sutton wasn't about to allow a repeat this time. "My Arkansas team played horrible here last year in the Rainbow Classic," said Sutton. "We realize Chaminade has a fine tradition. And we knew, because of Kentucky's reputation, it probably was the biggest game on Chaminade's schedule. Or its biggest game ever. There's a lot of distractions here. But there comes a time when a team has to be disciplined for a three-hour period or they are susceptible to being beaten."



Three-Guard Offense Working Like Clockwork

It's Causing Turmoil Among UK Opponents

Here's a riddle:

It's smaller than most of their kind; has six legs; confusing to opponents; and loves to run?
No, not a wounded spider.

And it's not a six-legged race at a Munchkin picnic.

Give up? (I knew you would)

The answer is quite simple — Eddie Sutton's three-guard offense.

Over the year's I've gotten used to UK's public address announcer, Jim Ingle going through the traditional 'at guard...at center' intro. Even during the lineup introductions I was expecting Ingle to announce James Blackmon at center. It took me a second or two to realize the Wildcats were starting three guards and two forwards.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

No starting center. That's kind of confusing, you know.

In his first three games (counting the exhibition against the Czechoslovakians) the UK head mentor started guards Roger Harden (6-1) James Blackmon (6-3) and Ed Davender (6-2). And to the amazement of many the smaller Wildcat lineup is working like clockwork.

Though the trio have added a new dimension, the big question is, can they sustain the same winning effort against a taller ball club?

Sutton, though, feels that he can't start the three guards against every squad. Since forwards Kenny Walker (6-8) and Winston Bennett (6-7) must try hold their own on the boards, some schools may put to task the smaller lineup.

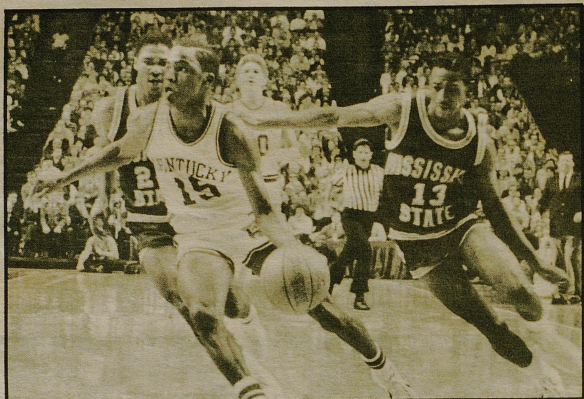
Only time will tell, but I think the three guards Kentucky has, plus with Paul Andrews and Leroy Byrd ready to check in, can play against teams such as Indiana, Louisville, Auburn, and Alabama. Only Kansas and LSU, because of their outstanding front lines, would probably be too much for Kentucky's unique initial lineup.

Starting and playing the Harden-Blackmon-Davender tandem helps Kentucky in so many ways, however.

While Davender is picking up where he left off last season, Harden and Blackmon appear to be much more relaxed. If Harden, who performed well in last year's NCAA tourney, continues to shoot the eyes out of the bucket and Blackmon plays with the all-out effort shown lately, then Sutton's first year may be a memorable one as far as wins and losses are concerned.

So far this season, all three players are shooting from the perimeter with success. Though it wasn't against the likes of Kansas or Louisville it's promising to know that the guards can shoot the ball through the hoop. Last season Davender connected on 41.2 percent (93 of 226) from the field; Blackmon, 41.2 percent (68-165); and Harden, 39.5 percent (66 of 167).

In addition to their scoring punch, all three have proven they can dish out assists, steals, and rebound more effectively than your average guard. And when it comes time to dish out the full-court press these are the guys — with the quick hands and feet — who Sutton will look to.



Eddie's His Name, Defense Is His Game

As long as this lineup continues to work, and work well, then why change it? If the guards can continue to connect then Walker and Bennett will be that much more effective, offensively. Teams will not be able to double and triple team Walker like they have in the past. Plus with a healthy Bennett, UK has another hot pistol in its artillery framework.

The Louisville Male product has all the tools. And with the three-guard set a healthy Bennett may be the most important person on the floor. His shooting, rebounding, and defense are needed to help make the setup work.

Having Harden, Blackmon and Davender on the floor gives UK so many weapons. That is... if the threesome plays like they have been of late. Northwestern State did play well in losses to Kentucky and Alabama and Chaminade (an NAIA institution) was still considered a threat even if it did feature seven new faces this season. Still, it doesn't compare to what awaits Kentucky in the month of December.

Cincinnati, Indiana, Kansas and Louisville will set the Wildcats' scenario for the sequels or extinction of the three-guard offense.

One thing is for sure, all three men will see plenty of playing time. Sutton even mentioned that the guard not starting may play more than the other two.

Differences in playing styles is why the smaller lineup works. Davender — the best defender of the three; Blackmon — the best athlete, can be an effective rebounding guard; and Harden — the best passer and also has experience and leadership in his corner.

With all three players in the lineup it seems to ease the tension. The guards, like everyone else, realize that they'll see enough playing time to keep 'em happy. And with no animosity among the Wildcats means more fun... and more fun means a better overall game from everyone.

Playing against teams similar in overall size — Auburn, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Mississippi and Mississippi State — the three-guard offense could be used. It's against squads like Kansas, which boast a starting front line of 7-1, 6-11, 6-5, that may frighten UK's new coach. Other teams on Kentucky's schedule in which Sutton might ban the new lineup are Indiana, Louisville, LSU, Tennessee and North Carolina State. Against the Hoosiers, Cardinals, Tigers, Volunteers and Wolfpack, Walker and Bennett will need additional help.

That's where the development of Cedric Jenkins, Robert Lock, Richard Madison, Irving Thomas and Todd Ziegler comes into play. UK's unique lineup is, in a way, helping the Cats' forwards and centers.

How?

As long as the three-guard offense continues to click the more time Sutton and his staff will have to work his taller youngsters into the game plan.

Lock and Jenkins, who averaged 7.3 and 4.4 minutes per game as freshmen, are slowly though surely contributing at the post. So much in fact, that either player is apparently ready for a starting assignment.

All five have looked impressive at times. Their inside games, on both ends of the court, are a must against the Pervis Ellisons, Danny Mannings, Chuck Persons, Nikita Wilsons and John Williams of the collegiate roundball world.

Sutton's makeshift lineup, though, is keeping everyone in Kentucky happy to this point. And a satisfied bunch of Blue and White supporters relay a happy Wildcat team.

Sutton's smaller lineup — Walker, 6-8; Bennett, 6-7; Blackmon, 6-4; Davender, 6-1; and Harden, 6-foot — may bring back memories of Rupp's Runts. During the 1965-66 season legendary Wildcat mentor Adolph Rupp coached one of the most courageous group of Wildcats ever. The lineup, vastly smaller than the Wildcats' starters of today, consisted of guards Louie Dampier (6-foot), Tommy Kron (6-5); forwards Larry Conley (6-3) and Pat Riley (6-3); and center Thad Jaracz (6-5).

It was during that season UK went on to record an impressive 32-2 slate, losing only to Tennessee (69-62 in Stokely) and to Don "Bear" Haskins' Texas Western squad (72-65) at the NCAA championship contest in Landover, Md.

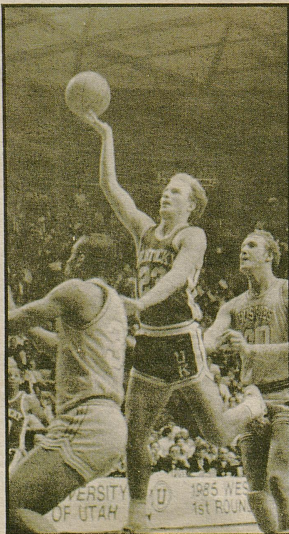
Riley, now the successful head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, jumped center for the '66 squad. During the season, meanwhile, Riley won 55 of 58 taps.

So, is there a name for Eddie's three-guard lineup? Sutton's Shorties? Sutton's stumps?

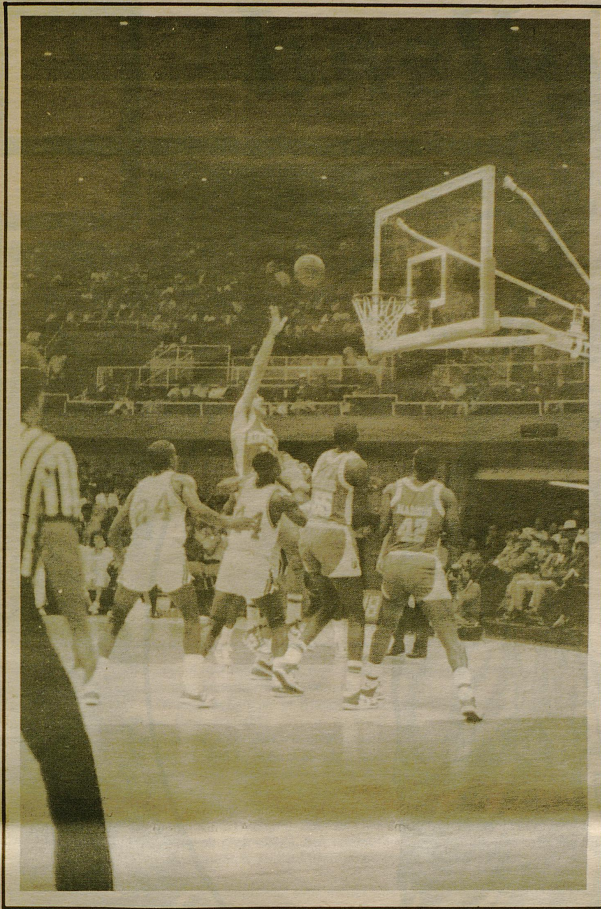
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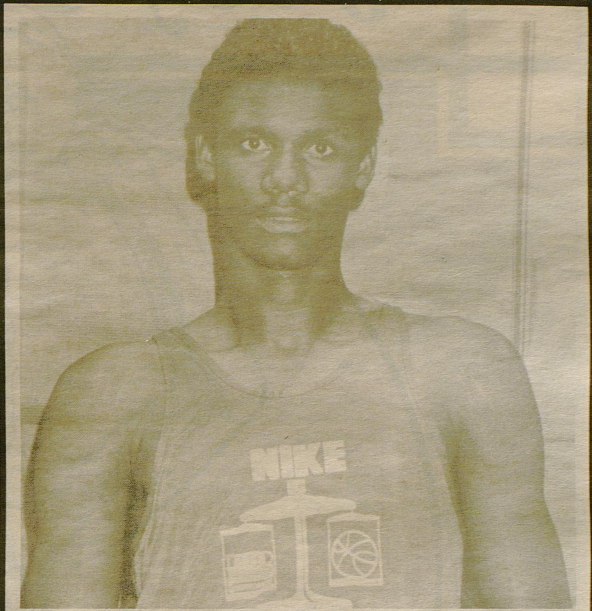
Blackmon



Harden



Meet A Blue-Chipper



New Jersey's Keith Hughes Is A Leaper, Speedster

KEITH HUGHES, 6-7, 195 lbs., SR., 24.0 ppg., 17.0 rpg., Carteret H.S./Carteret, NJ. Arguably the best player in New Jersey ... custom made for fast break, rip and roar basketball ... runs the floor with the speed of a NFL wide receiver ... great leaper who gets off his feet extremely quickly ... completes his plays well. Hughes always seems to score on the fast break, a relatively easy matter that many highrise artists have trouble completing ... sometimes rushes his show and is not yet a consistent halfcourt offensive player. national honor student ... averaged 20 points and 15 rebounds as a sophomore ... good core presence ... named co-MVP for the week at the first session of the Five Star Camp on Honesdale, Pennsylvania ... is also the leading scorer for the camp and MVP of the camp play-offs ... will be an effective scorer and a big league running forward in college ... Notre, Dame, Villanova, DePaul, Seton Hall, Duke, Virginia, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Boston College and Providence are the chief competitors for Hughes.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date: Nov. 27, 1985 Site: HONOLULU, HAWAII

VISITORS (Last Name, First)		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
No.	KENTUCKY												
	James Blackmon	f	5	10	1	2	4	3	11	25	3		
	Ed Davender	f	8	13	4	4	5	1	20	29	4		
	Roger Harden	c	1	3	0	0	1	3	2	26	9		
	Winston Bennett	g	2	4	0	0	3	5	4	23	2		
	Kenny Walker	g	12	21	9	10	10	3	33	32	1		
	Richard Madison		2	2	1	2	3	2	5	10	4		
	Robert Lock		1	3	3	6	3	3	5	17	0		
	Cedric Jenkins		1	4	3	4	7	4	5	9	0		
	Leroy Byrd		1	1	2	3	2	0	4	11	2		
	Paul Andrews		2	5	0	0	4	2	4	9	0		
	Irving Thomas		0	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	0		
	Todd Ziegler		1	3	2	2	3	0	4	5	0		
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)										200	25		
TOTALS		36	71	26	34	48	26	98					

HOME		FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
No.	HAWAII												
	Keith Turner	f	2	10	3	4	1	2	7	29	4		
	Andre Morgan	f	11	20	1	4	10	4	23	36	1		
	Jerald Wright	c	1	8	2	2	1	-2	4	23	2		
	Anthony Jones	g	0	4	2	2	2	4	2	23	2		
	Rick Dononkos	g	3	7	4	5	5	4	10	34	2		
	Kenny Walker		1	4	3	4	2	4	5	20	1		
	James Gaulle		2	3	0	0	3	3	0	15	1		
	Billy Koch		1	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	1		
	Richard Jardine		1	3	2	2	1	0	4	2	1		
	Anthony Fletcher		0	1	4	6	1	0	4	9	3		
	John Gabriel		0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6	0		
	John Jorgenson		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)										3			
TOTALS		22	65	21	29	30	28	65		200	15		

OFFICIALS: Kentucky 49, Hawaii 31. Score by Periods: 1st H. 49, 2nd H. 31, OT 0, OT 0, FINAL 88, 65.



WILDCATS-SILVERWORDS
AT McCabe Gym

KENTUCKY		CHAMINADE	
Byrd	18	11	pts
Blackmon	6	13	14
Andrews	2	5	0
Davender	8	13	14
Harden	1	3	0
Bennett	2	4	0
Thomas	4	5	0
Ziegler	1	3	0
Walker	12	21	9
Lock	1	3	0
Madison	2	2	1
Jenkins	1	4	3
Totals	37-44	15-21	89

CHAMINADE	
McCray	5
Bradley	1
Carter	1
Hanson	1
Moore	1
Fletcher	1
Walker	2
Blackmon	2
Andrews	1
Jenkins	1
Davender	1
Totals	25-54

HALFTIME-Kentucky 44, Chaminaide 25
FOULS-Kentucky 18, Chaminaide 15
REBOUNDS-Kentucky 48, Chaminaide 15
TURNOVERS-Kentucky (9): Byrd 1, Blackmon 4, Davender 3, Harden 3, Madison 2, Lock 3, Thomas 1, Ziegler 1, Sprauve 1, Moore 1, Fletcher 1.
TURNOVERS-Kentucky (17): Blackmon 3, Davender 3, Harden 4, Thomas 1, Walker 2, Madison 1, Lock 1, Carter 1, Hanson 2, Sprauve 2, Moore 1, Fletcher 3, Walker 1, Byrd 2, Blackmon 2, Andrews 1, Lock 1, Madison 1, Bannett 1, Walker 2.
BLOCKED SHOTS-Kentucky (2): Walker 2, Chaminaide (3): Bradley 1, Carter 1, Moore 1.
OFFICIALS-Hawaii: McCray, (2); Walker 2, Joe Fritchell, Sam Deiss Reyes, Bryan Yamasaki.
ATTENDANCE-1,508

Joey Holland



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SEC Reels In Its Share Of Prep Prospects

Did Kentucky Land The Biggest Prize?

The early results are in, and the winner is . . . Kentucky? Could be, when talking about the early recruiting window for NCAA basketball teams, within the Southeastern Conference.

The 10-team league hauled in a total of 15 players, and 6-4 (or is he 6-3 or 6-5?) Rex Chapman is the most highly regarded individual recruit landed by any of the teams. Of course, the Apollo High star from Owensboro is staying home to play at UK.

Chapman, rated the top guard prospect in the country by many of the so-called recruiting gurus, or experts, is ranked as high as number three in the country (Bob Gibbons), no worse than number four guard (depends on who you listen to). Along with promising 6-7 Reggie Hanson, Chapman gives first-year coach Eddie Sutton his first UK recruiting class.



Jim Griesch
Cats' Pause Columnist

If you judge the success of recruiting by big men, or in filling only your immediate needs, then Florida or Mississippi State might get the nod.

Florida landed 7-1 Dwayne Schintzius of Brandon, Fla., plus 6-6 Dwayne Davis of St. Petersburg, Fla. (Dixie Hollins High).

Schintzius, of course, was a player that was mentioned as being courted by UK (he visited during the football season), and is ranked in some polls as a better prospect than 7-2, 260-pound Felton Spencer from Middletown's Eastern High, outside of Louisville.

Mississippi State's big man is 6-11 Maurice Ezzard of Sylvan High (GA). Ezzard is another mature, physical player, weighing 230 pounds.

Ezzard is something of a mystery player, since he's not rated in the top 20 or 30 among seniors about to graduate from high school, but among those earning honorable mention.

Both Florida and Mississippi State seemed to fill some real needs. The Gators lack only a big man, a proven big man.

With a squad sprinkled with juniors and sophomores this year, the fast-rising Schintzius may just fill out the Gators' SEC title hopes.

Coach Bob Boyd does have some size at State, but no one as big as Ezzard. Ezzard would allow Boyd to fill out a front line of 6-8 Tony Robinson (if he makes an academic come-back), 6-9 Raymond Brown, and Ezzard, next year. And, Boyd will also have 6-8 Albert Blakeley, who's a new face this year, plus 6-10 stringbean Hubert Henderson, returning next season.

Color Mississippi State big for NEXT season.

For fans who look at the numbers of players recruited as a yardstick for success, then Tennessee and Georgia lead the way through November recruiting.

Tennessee has brought in two 6-7 forwards; Mike Coy of Tampa, Fla.; and Ian Lockhart of Nassau, The Bahamas. The Vols also have 6-2 Greg Bell of Belle, W. Va., in the fold, too. Bell, from what Chris Wallace (one of the recruiting experts, from Buchanan, W. Va.) said on a Lexington radio show last week, is a complimentary player that he (Wallace) doesn't rate as high as current Vols point guard Tony White, for now.

Of course, White wasn't that well-known coming out of the Maryland high school ranks three years ago. But, he's an outstanding player.

Georgia has got three players, also. And, Hugh Durhan landed an inside man, a forward, and a guard, helping him fill in help everywhere.

Brad Vickers, 6-9, from Savannah, Ga., is the tallest. Derrick Kirce is the forward. He's 6-6, from Sarasota, Fla. The guard is 6-2 Terry Swinson, from Homerville, Ga., and the last of the trio to be announced.

Two other SEC schools landed players UK was interested in at one point or another.

Auburn landed 6-3 Derrick Dennison of Douglass High in Atlanta. UK had Dennison on a list of some five or six guards not too long ago. But, Auburn has had a steady stream of talent coming in from Douglass for the past several seasons. Starting forward Chris Morris is already at Auburn.

Vanderbilt, which has recruited more Kentuckians than UK over the past three or four years, landed 6-2 Scott Draud of Ft. Thomas Highlands. Draud averaged a little over 30 points per game last year, and led the state.

Alabama signed 6-7 Michael Dizaar of Birmingham's Carver High, and he's probably the biggest "sleeper" on the early lists in the conference. No one outside Alabama seems to know much about him. But, he does continue Alabama's 20-year tradition of signing Birmingham talent.

Louisiana State, facing several flaps in Baton Rouge and in the national media (similar to UK's worries, but not for the same reasons) landed 6-6 Ben McDonald of Denham Springs, La.

McDonald is another SEC recruit who has won some national acclaim by those who do recruiting and talent surveys.

Unless there were some last-hour signings on Nov. 20, no more signings will take place, or be announced, until Wednesday April 9, when the traditional spring recruiting month activity begins.

So, where does that leave UK and its nine SEC brothers?

Sutton and the Cats did lose a few, but he'll have four more scholarships to offer to prospects this winter. Alabama will have five openings in April, while Auburn has four. Florida will have no openings, unless someone on the current team leaves, or fails to make the grade academically. Georgia does have two possible openings to fill, while LSU could land three

more. Guards might be a priority for coach Dale Brown, since both his prospective starters this season graduate in the spring.

Mississippi, which landed no one in November, will have four openings, unless coach Lee Hunt puts his son, Ted, a 6-2 freshman walk-on, on scholarship. Mississippi State, besides Ezzard, could land three more, four if Tony Robinson does not come back next year. Tennessee could offer two more grants, but DeVoe has two walk-ons playing this year, and one, Travis Henry, is promising enough out of high school to merit a scholarship.

C.M. Newton at Vanderbilt could land two other players in the spring.

So, with Chapman, Schintzius, Derrickson, McDonald and Draud, the SEC did manage to take in five of the top 60 or so players in the country. With Ezzard and Hanson added, the SEC has perhaps seven of the top 100 or so.

But, what about those who "got away?"

For UK and Sutton, of course, the biggest name is Terry Mills, the 6-10 superstar from Romulus, Mich., who'll play at Michigan.

It seems that Mills favored UK for most of his high school career, and made many, many trips to Lexington. But, Bill Frieder, the Michigan coach, put on a big rush and landed the star (one of the two best in this year's senior class, according to the experts).

Oddly enough, Frieder could start four players next year for whom he outgrew UK is recruiting battles that heated up to varying degrees in their respective years.

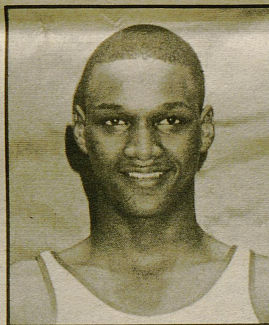
The four would include Mills, 6-6 swingman forward, Richard Relfford from Florida, 6-5 junior guard Antione Joubert from Detroit, and 6-3 sophomore guard Gary Grant from Canton, Ohio.

In truth, UK was out early, or comparatively early, in the chase for Relfford and Joubert, but the Grant situation two springs ago left a bitter taste in the mouths of UK staffers and fans. Mills, coupled with Grant, is another even more bitter, bigger pill to swallow.

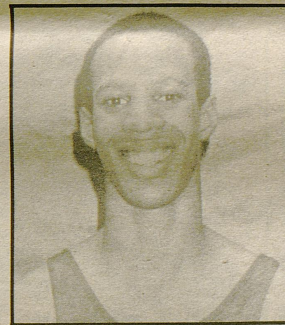
Ricky Jones, a 6-6 swingman compared with both former UK star Jack Givens and former North Carolina wonderman Michael Jordan, stayed home, and signed with Clemson. He is from a high school only four or five miles from the Clemson gym.

(Mills, by the way, is only 11 miles from Ann Arbor, home of the University of Michigan.)

Arkansas, from whence cometh Sutton, landed 6-6 Ron Heury from Memphis. Heury had been mentioned in connection with UK last spring, before Joe B. Hall retired, but his name had not come up often this fall.



Mills



Pendleton

Marcus Broadnax, a 6-2 guard from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., went to St. John's. UK recruiter Leonard Hamilton was known to have his eye on Broadnax last spring.

Georgia Tech landed 6-11 James Munlyn of South Aiken, SC., along with guards Michael Christian, 6-3, from Denver, and Brian Oliver, 6-4, from Smyrna, Ga.

Two big forwards who were mentioned as being on UK's list who went elsewhere are 6-8 Jon Fedor, of Daytona Beach, Fla., who has signed with Florida State; and 6-8 Larry Rembert of Orrville, Ala., who signed with Alabama-Birmingham.

Several players with whom UK has been in contact who have not signed include: 6-3 Kevin Pritchard of Tulsa, Okla.; 6-6 Derrick Miller of Savannah, Ga.; 6-7 Myron DeVoe of Louisville Western High, and 6-5 Nick Sanford of Cawood High in Harlan.

There may be some others out there who UK has talked with, at length. Certainly, there will be some who haven't been talked about much. And, some of those could be big men.

For those who are disappointed that players such as Mills, Jones, Pritchard, and Miller did not sign (yet), take notice.

Michigan did not get everything it asked for, either.

Anthony Pendleton, a 6-4 guard from Flint, Mich., Northwestern High, was a prominent name (right up there next to Mills), and someone who already has a friend at Michigan (6-7 Glenn Rice).

Pendleton, Mills, 6-10 Kurt Portman of Sheboygan, Wis., and some others all visited Michigan earlier this fall when the Wolverines beat Notre Dame 12-10 in a football game witnessed by 104,000 fans.

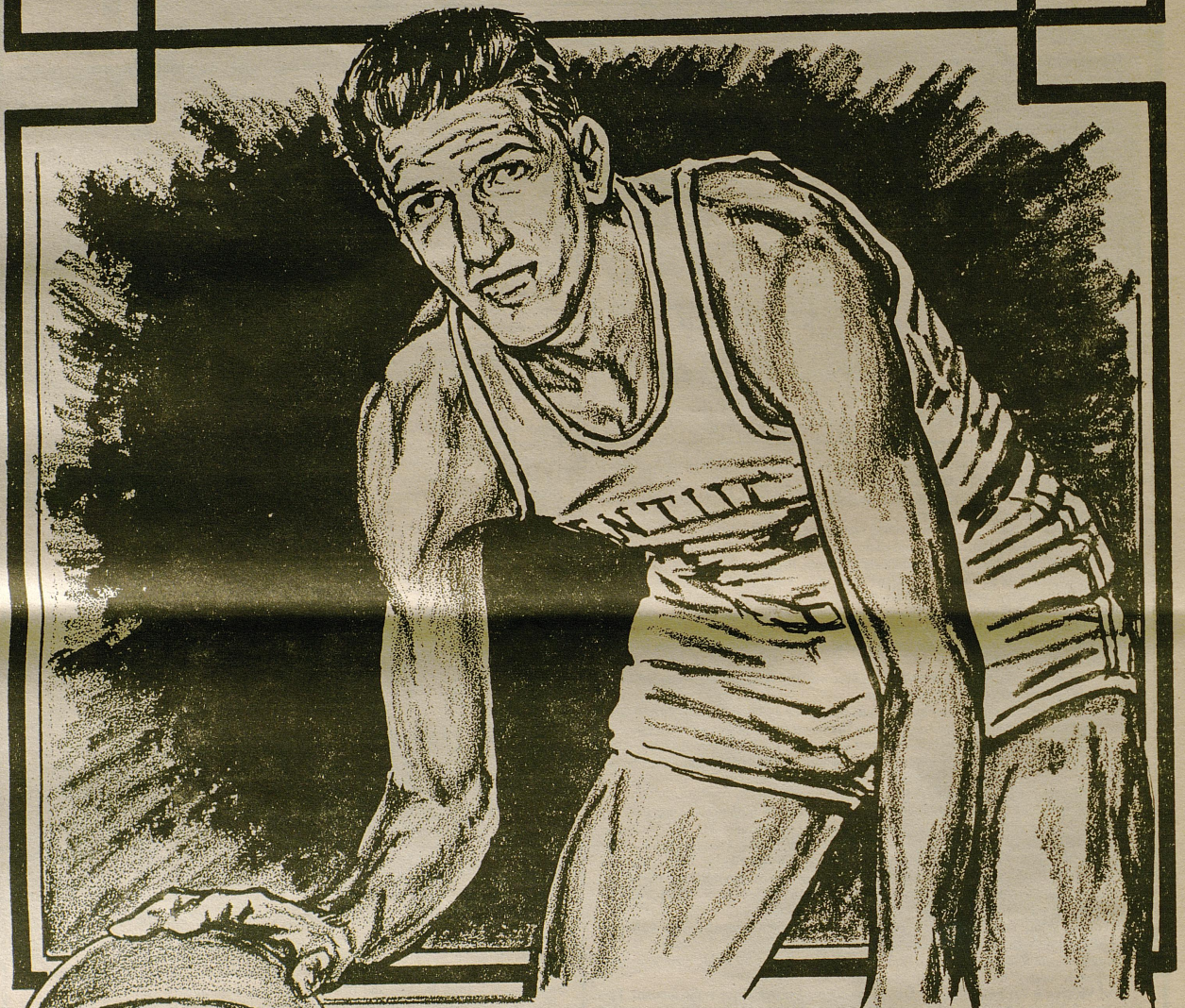
Mills went for the excitement. Pendleton signed with Iowa. Portman signed with Wisconsin.

UCLA, which has been down most of the past decade, going through five coaches in 10 years, and failing to make the NCAA field several times when eligible, needs tall people this year.

Second-year coach Walt Hazzard landed 6-11 Kevin Walker of Brea, Calif., 6-10 Greg Foster of Oakland, Calif., and 6-8 Trevor Wilson (a forward/guard) from Reseda, Calif.

North Carolina, with five players 6-10 or 6-11 on the roster this year, landed 6-10 Scott Williams of Hacienda Heights, Calif. (UK was interested, but dropped out earlier this fall.) Another UNC signee is, get this (!) Peter Chilcutt, 6-8, from Tuscaloosa, Ala. (!).

Bill Lickert



ALL-SEC 1959-60-61

KENTUCKY'S "MR. BASKETBALL" AS A
 PREPSTER, HE WAS A TEAM CO-CAPTAIN
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Awards A Plenty For '85 SEC Squads

UK And MSU Biggest Disappointments

You spend three months during the football season looking forward and then the season ends and you spend a few hours looking back.

We're still looking forward to the bowl games, of course, but looking back to the 1985 season, here are a few thoughts and memories.

The Surprise Team of 1985: There really wasn't one. Looking at the predicted order of finish selected by the media at the pre-season football press conference, all the haves finished with winning years and the have-nots with losing campaigns. The media chose them this way. 1. Auburn 2. Florida 3. LSU 4. Alabama 5. Georgia 6. Tennessee 7. Mississippi State 8. Kentucky 9. Ole Miss 10. Vanderbilt. Not a bad job, all in all. Now you may say that Tennessee is the surprise team since they were picked sixth and finished first. But everyone knew they were good, what with Tony Robinson at quarterback. After all, he was the pre-season choice as All-Conference quarterback. Surprising thing is that Tennessee has played so well since Robinson went down with an injury. That, I guess, does make them the surprise team of 1985.



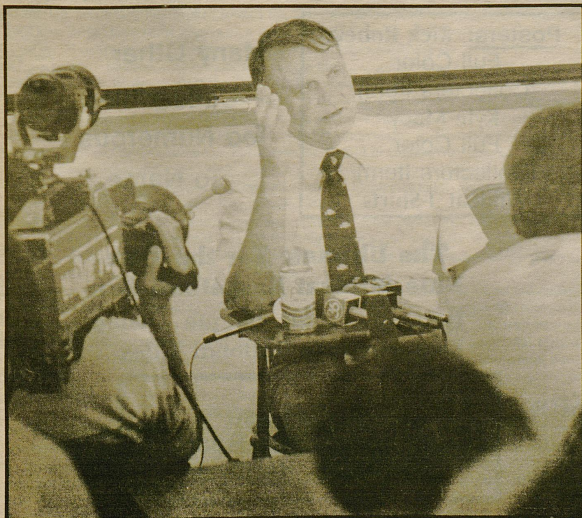
Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

The Disappointing Team of 1985: We'll have to split this prize between Kentucky and Mississippi State. Kentucky had a dream schedule, a lock on a "good" year. After all, they have five guaranteed wins—Bowling Green, Tulane, Cincinnati, East Tennessee State and Vanderbilt. All they had to do was pick up two more wins against the likes of Clemson, Mississippi State, LSU, Georgia, Florida or Tennessee and the Cats would be bowl bound. But a funny thing happened on the way to New Orleans, or wherever. The five "locks" turned into three and two as Bowling Green and Vanderbilt upset UK. The 7-4 year (or better) became 5-6 and earned a share of "Disappointing team of 1985" honors.

The other set of goal horns is awarded to Mississippi State. Based on Emory Bellard's pre-season prediction that the Bulldogs would win the SEC, our fellow media types selected State as 7th. That's not great, but it's a whole lot better than 10th which is where Bellard's Bullies ended the year. If Emory was predicting a perfect year, he was right except in reverse. Mississippi State finished 0-6 in the conference which is as perfect as you can get but, we suspect, not exactly what Bellard had in mind.

Most Improved Player of 1985: No contest! No question! Mike Shula of Alabama. At the start of the season the commentary was about the SEC's six outstanding quarterbacks Kerwin Bell of Florida; Kent Austin, Ole Miss; Jeff Wickersham, LSU; Bill Ransdell, Kentucky; Tony Robinson, Tennessee, and Don Smith of Mississippi State. No one mentioned Mike Shula or Alabama except to lump them in with Auburn, Georgia and Vanderbilt as teams with problems at that position. So Austin and Robinson fell victim to injuries. Smith and Ransdell's teams can't beat anybody, and only Bell and Wickersham have good years. Shula, on the other hand, becomes a star and not only leads the Conference in passing efficiently, but the nation, as well, most of the year. Give him the "Most Improved" trophy in a runaway.



Claiborne's Crew Lost 2 It Shouldn't Have

"The Play of the year": The block thrown by Ray Perkins when, with one move, he successfully knocked two teams out of the Conference championship and the Sugar Bowl. Perkins decision to go for a tie against LSU, instead of trying to win the game was not understandable at the time and in light of later events, absolutely inexcusable. Teams play this game to win or to lose, not to go back to square one and break even. That tie cost both Bama and the Tigers a shot at the big prize and opened the door for Tennessee to claim all the marbles. Second place is like being a minority stockholder in a business when someone else owns 5%. It isn't worth a damn!

"Highs and Lows Against the World": the low is Alabama's 19-17 loss to Penn State. Man, was that disappointing! We still think the Tide is the better team, but that's not what the scoreboard says and the scoreboard is always right. The high is either Florida's win over Miami, Bama's victory over Texas A&M, or LSU's conquest of Notre Dame in South Bend. All tough games. All important games. All SEC image building wins.

It's been a good year. Not a great one, but a good year. However, when all is said and done, it will be remembered for two things — the year Ray Perkins kicked away a chance to go to the Sugar bowl and the year Bo Jackson won the Heisman Trophy. The first has already happened. The second most certainly will.



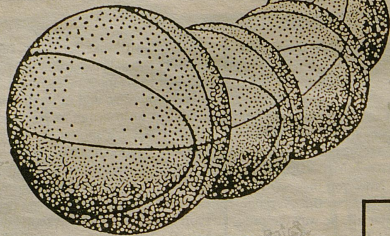
Bill Ransdell

NOT FOR BROADCAST: C.M. Newton has almost a new team with which to start the basketball season. He has nine, count 'em, nine fresh faces on his squad — five freshmen, two transfers and two redshirts. There are also six returning lettermen. . . If you have a son who dreams of being a lineman at an SEC school, put him on the scale. A recent Auburn press release about nose guard Harold Hallman says "Despite being one of the smallest defensive linemen in the SEC". . . Hallman weighs 234. Eat your Wheaties, kid. . . Ole Miss had 12 players from Tennessee on its roster this year. Tennessee had none from Mississippi. . . Speaking of the Vols, their stadium with 91,249 seats, is the second largest on campus stadium in the country. Only Michigan with 101,701 is larger. . . Auburn and Alabama each had seven television appearances to lead the SEC this year. Mississippi State was at the bottom with none. . . in 1925 supporters of Kentucky and Tennessee conceived the idea of using a battered old beer barrel painted orange, blue and white as a trophy for their annual football game. To satisfy the local temperance people who might have opposed the idea, the schools agreed to paint "leewater" on the keg which is still in use to this day. . . If each school averages 90 football players on scholarship, only 5 of them maintain a B average in school. The Academic All SEC listed but 45 names this year. Kentucky led the list with 10 players posting a 3.0 average or better, Vanderbilt had 8. Ole Miss, 7. Auburn, 6. Georgia, 4. LSU, 3. Mississippi State, Tennessee and Florida only two each. Alabama brought up the rear with just one player, Todd Roper, on the list and he barely made it with a 3.0. . . The 76,099 crowd at the LSU-Mississippi State game in Baton Rouge was the second largest crowd ever to see a Mississippi State team play. The largest was 82,122 at Athens, Georgia in 1983. . . Whomever the new Notre Dame coach may be, he's got a couple of toughies on next year's schedule. The Irish will play LSU in Baton Rouge and also come South to meet Alabama in Birmingham. . . Defensive back, Chris White of Tennessee, leads the league with nine interceptions. How does he do it? "The sequence is a lot of praying" he says, "a lot of work, a lot of luck, about in that order right there, and if you get all of those combined something's bound to happen eventually". . . the last word. John Heisman, former coach for whom the Heisman Trophy is named, displaying a football to his squad on the first day of practice each year. "This is a prolate spheroid, that is an elongated spheroid in which the outer leather casing is drawn tightly over a somewhat smaller tubing. (dramatic pause) Better to have died as a small boy than to fumble this."

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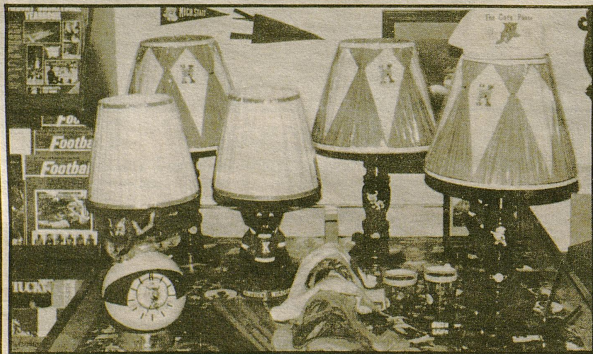
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Many Aspects Pointed To 5-6 Slate

Working Hard During Summer Months Is The Key

When UK head coach Jerry Claiborne assessed his team's prospectus for the 1985 campaign, he cited the Wildcats may have more overall talent than last year's Hall of Fame Bowl squad, but might not end up with a better record. Well, Claiborne has looked like a prophet as UK slipped to a disappointing 5-6 season, closing with an embarrassing 42-0 thrashing to cross-state rival Tennessee in Commonwealth Stadium. So why did UK fall to the depths of mediocrity this year? Here are a few reasons why:

1) *The lack of dedicated work in the weight room by some members of the team.* Not all of the squad reported back in as good of shape for the fall season as the UK coaching staff had hoped. In August, Claiborne said some of the players did not pass some of the required conditioning tests before fall practice. According to Claiborne, the success of a football season rests with the improvement of a team in its speed and strength during the summer months. A sign in the Shively Center weight room reads, "What you do in the off-season determines what you do in the season."



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

2) *Overall leadership from the entire group of seniors.* Captains Ken Pietrowiak and Jon Dumbauld were exceptional leaders on and off the field but leadership from the entire group of seniors appeared to be lacking. Both Pietrowiak and Dumbauld played the entire year with nagging injuries. Pietrowiak practically sold his body for the benefit of the team. Last season UK had two vocal leaders in linebacker Cam Jacobs and defensive guard David Thompson but this year no one in particular seemed to arouse the team with boisterous enthusiasm. Also, the graduation of Paul Calhoun was a decimating loss and his knack of always making the big play was never replaced. It seemed nobody on the team generated the big play, especially from seniors that can change the momentum of a football game.

3) *The injuries to quarterback Bill Ransdell.* Going into the season, if there was one player UK could ill-afford to lose for any period of time during a season it was the Elizabethton product. Ransdell is the catalyst of the offense but he must be 100 percent healthy if the 'Cats are to consistently move the football. Considering the unfortunate situation when Ransdell was injured during the Clemson game, backup Kevin Dooley did do a remarkable job in helping UK win two important games against the Tigers and Mississippi State. But his overall lack of game experience was apparent on the road when the 'Cats were shutout for six consecutive quarters against LSU and Georgia. Ransdell is one of the most courageous quarterbacks in the nation playing the last part of the season with sore ribs, an ailing back, and torn cartilage in his knee. A healthy Ransdell for next year will probably mean a successful season.

4) *The scarcity of big plays this season.* In reviewing the entire season, UK only received devastating losses against: Georgia (26-6) and Tennessee (42-0). If the Wildcats could have generated a few big plays in crucial situations then they may have found themselves in a bowl game this season. Only a handful of plays kept UK from going bowling. For instance, if the UK secondary had broken toward the ball on a Brian McClure desperation pass the Wildcats would have come away with a season-opening victory over Bowling Green. A win over the Mid-American Conference champions probably would have set the tone for the rest of the season. Another example occurred during the LSU game. Any successful field goal attempt for Joe Worley against the Tigers and at worst UK would have come away with a tie. It was just a case of the law of averages catching up with Worley at the wrong time, who was leading the nation in field goal percentage before the game. One final example was the heartbreaking 15-13 loss to Florida. A possible interception in Florida's end zone that was dropped would have sealed an upset over the Gators in Gainesville. Instead, defensive backs Maurice Douglass and David Johnson didn't communicate with each other and the ill-advised halfback option pass by Neal Anderson fell helplessly to the ground. UK simply didn't produce the critical plays when needed most.

5) *Coaching.* The 'Cats weren't quite as prepared in some games this year compared to last season. One prime example was the Bowling Green game when the team was clearly flat. The cause of any unsuccessful season can't fully fall on the shoulders of the players. The coaches must also accept part of the blame.

However, Claiborne and his staff are proven winners and don't expect the recent 5-6 season to continue next year. One thing is for sure, it should be an interesting spring practice next year.

6) *Breaks.* UK didn't get many at all this season. It seemed as though Kentucky was on the short end of questionable calls all season long. No, bad officiating wasn't the reason for UK to lose six games but a few rulings going in the 'Cats favor definitely would have been a help. The old saying goes, "I'd rather be lucky than good." UK wasn't lucky this season and at times wasn't good either.

So, what's in store for the 1986 season. First of all the schedule maker is rather lenient with seven home games including three of the first four games at home. Also, UK will have the benefit of playing traditional powers LSU, Georgia, and Florida in Commonwealth Stadium.

Furthermore, every member of the team will have been recruited by Claiborne's staff. Some say last season's recruiting crop may be UK's best since the glory years of Derrick Ramsey and Art Still. But time will only tell.

Personel-wise, UK should have sufficient depth at every position except on the offensive line — which lost four starters: Tom Richey, Jim Reichwein, Ken Pietrowiak, and Vernon Johnson. But players like Dermonti Dawson, Brad Myers, Sam Rotella and Joe Prince are

battle tested. Also, look for highly touted redshirt freshman Mike Pfeifer to make the switch to the offensive line from defensive tackle this spring.

At the skill positions, the Wildcats should be loaded. Along with Ransdell at quarterback will be receivers Cornell Burbage, Eric Pitts and Mark Sellers. Sure-handed Mark Wheeler returns at tight end along with Matt Lucas and Joe Curry.

At running back will be UK's M&M boys — Mark Higgs and Mark Logan — in addition to Ivy Joe Hunter, should give Kentucky explosive weapons. And if UK can somehow land Al Baker from Trigg County, who is one of the most sought after high school players in the nation, then the Wildcats might have one of the best backfields in the country. At this time, UK will have to pry Baker away from Big Ten powers Michigan and Ohio State. But let's not forget redshirt freshman Andy Murray and returning senior John Groves who both should see considerable action next season at fullback, replacing Chris Derry and Tom Wheary.

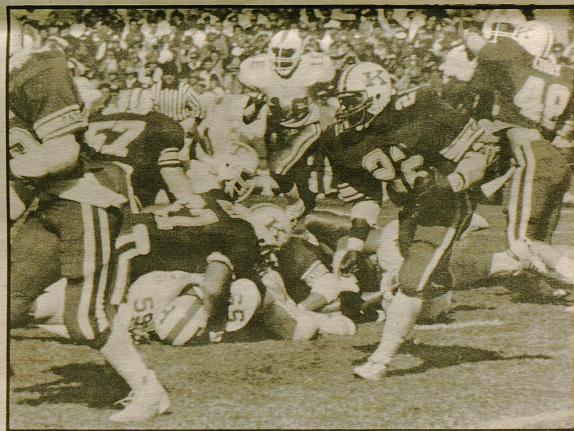
Defensively, only the losses of Brian Williams, Jon Dumbauld and Steve Mazza will be missed. The defensive line might be UK's biggest during the Claiborne era. Jerry Reese, Tom Wilkins, John Shannon and Mike Velotta all return to their respective positions. Also redshirt freshman Oliver Barnett coupled with Vic Adams will probably become mainstays in the defensive line next season.

At linebacker, Larry Smith, Chris Chenault, Don Yarano, Jeff Kremer and Guy Neal all return. All five are experienced and should have a firm grasp on Kentucky's wide-tackle-six defense.

The secondary will be young with Tony Mayes being the only experienced member. David Johnson improved as the season progressed and will be one of the units fiercest hitters. Raynard Gover is an excellent athlete and his playing time from this season will pay off in the future. Ron Mack, Tony Baird, along with redshirt freshmen Eric Banks, Ron Robinson and Tony Massey will fight for the remaining starting nods.

Obviously, some players who will make an impact for the Wildcats next season are not mentioned, especially the ones that were redshirted last season.

On paper, UK appears to be somewhat of a young team. But can Kentucky reach the destination point of another bowl appearance next season? That question is way too early to assess. But making the commitment to getting back to the hard working ethic, which earned two straight postseason invitations, would be a step in the right direction.



Mark Higgs

UK NOTEBOOK: Kentucky may have to think twice about making appearances on television for next season. The Cats were 0-4 in televised games (WTBS and ESPN) this season.

Don't be too surprised if UK has a new punter for next season. Roy Bailey, a transfer from Miami, Ohio, should give Jay Tesar a battle for the punting duties for the '86 campaign. Bailey has excellent hang time on his punts. Some feel he will beat out Tesar for the punting job.

UK head basketball coach Eddie Sutton said on his weekly television show that Terry Mills, a 6-10 power forward from Romulus, Mich., had a very difficult time deciding between Kentucky and Michigan during the early November signing period. Said Sutton, "Terry told me he wanted to spend two years at Kentucky and two years at Michigan."

Former Wildcat basketball player Dwight Anderson is currently a member of the Cincinnati Slammers in the Continental Basketball league (CBA). Anderson was one of the last three players cut by the NBA's Indiana Pacers earlier this fall. Recently another former UK player, Derrick Hord, was also a member of the same CBA club. But the 6-6 forward was let go by the Cincinnati organization. Former UK running back George Adams had one of his better days of his young NFL career when he rushed for 113 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown for the New York Giants in a recent game against the St. Louis Cardinals. Adams has had an inconsistent year as a rookie for the Giants but is the team's second leading rusher (in games through Nov. 25). There are some new sights in Rupp Arena this season. The 45-second clocks now rest against the facing of the upper level. Both clocks used to be located in the end zones on floor level. The measure was taken so that the players can have a better view of the clock. Another change is that the "Wildcat" nickname appears on both baselines instead of "Kentucky" which was on one baseline for the last few years. The third "new look" is the Lexington Center's emblem now featured in front of the official scorer's table.



Walker Nets 33 As Wildcats

Hawaii

Kenny Walker exploded for 33 points while Kentucky's starting guards combined for another 33 points and 16 assists as the Wildcats posted an easy 98-65 win over Hawaii last Wednesday in the final game of a two-game road swing to the Hawaiian Islands.

As was the case in the Chaminade game, Kentucky opened with a flurry, chasing Hawaii all over the court with aggressive pressure from UK's trio of starting guards. Midway into the first half, Kentucky opened up a ten-point lead at 23-13 and never looked back.

For the first time this young season, Kentucky returned to the play of a year ago, that is, getting the ball inside to All-American Kenny Walker. The Cats did just that and the results were the same as Kentucky enjoyed in post season tournament action in Salt Lake City, Utah. Walker was the whipping 16 assists from the best evidence of getting the ball inside to Walker was the whopping 9 followed by Ed Davender.

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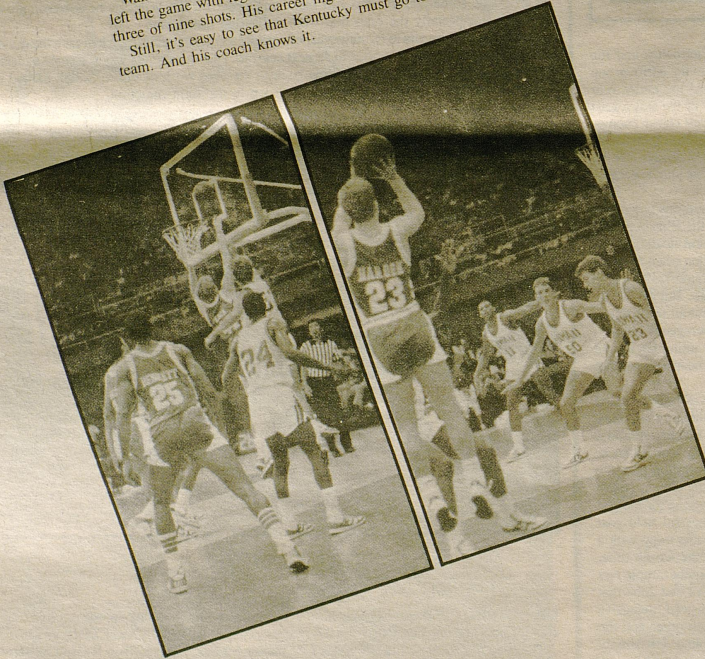
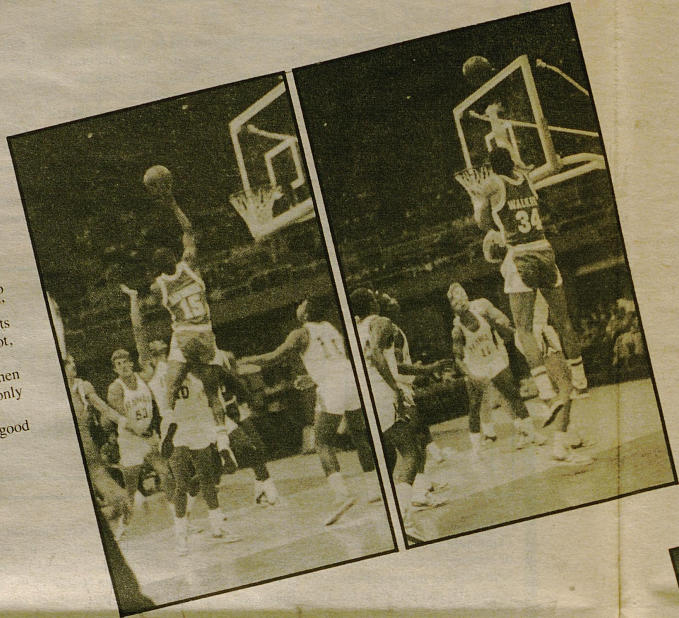
And you can understand why. Walker entered the game hitting a phenomenal 85.6 percent from the field on 13 of 15, but that averaged out to only 8 and half shots per game. When you have the potential player of the year on your roster, you should certainly see to it that he gets more shots than that.

"Coach Sutton told us before the game Kenny needed more shots tonight," said Leroy Byrd who has watched his role develop more and more this young season. "He told us to look for Kenny first to see what he could do. Nine out of ten times, he'll put it in the basket."

Although his shooting percentage dropped some, Kenny made true on 12 of 21 attempts from the field and 9 of 10 from the line for his 33 points. The first half, Walker was red-hot, hitting nine of 12 and had 22 at the halfway point.

Walker was on his way to a personal career high when he suffered a cold streak and then left the game with leg cramps with 8:02 left in the contest. In the second half, he hit only three of nine shots. His career high was 36 last season against Kansas in Louisville.

Still, it's easy to see that Kentucky must go to Walker if it is going to be a very good team. And his coach knows it.



Hawaii

"Sometimes the way our guards are playing is not completely disciplined," Sutton said. "When we don't have it (the fast break or early offense as some call it), we've got to establish the half-court game. That's when we've got to get the ball in Kenny's hands at least once. I told the players he'll get the ball back out to them if he's covered and they'll get their points that way. That's what I tried to establish."

If you're thinking that Kentucky might continue getting the ball inside to Walker, you're probably right.

"We will try to do some of the same things," Sutton said of UK's offense last season which centered almost entirely around Walker. "Maybe not the identical plays for Kenny, but some special scoring plays for him."

With the game salted away early, Sutton cleared his bench for the third game in a row. Behind Walker in scoring were Davender with 20 followed by James Blackmon with 11. UK shot the ball well, hitting 50.7 percent, but it could have been higher with better shot selection. Every player on the squad scored, but the fella with a big smile for the second straight game had to be Leroy Bird who got 11 minutes of playing time, scored 4 points and hit driving layup which sent him crashing to the floor.

Sutton, according to some, has not been happy with the number of shots Walker took the first two regular season games. That translates into not enough "feeds from the Big Game" as bad a nightmare as one could experience.

The game was a fitting end and a glorious beginning to fun in the sun for the faithful who made the long trip to Hawaii. For Hawaii coach Frank Arnold, it was just as long and we were an embarrassment to basketball.

"I think the worst part was we had 7,000 people here for the first time in 10 years. Walker, who enjoyed one of his best offensive showings, realized this night was an exception rather than the rule this season."

"Tonight was not a true indication of how I'll be played this season," he said. "I figured they'd play some kind of man-to-man pretty much all the way and the man stayed behind me. It surprised me. I haven't seen that often. I figured they'd play something I haven't seen that often. I figured they'd play something I haven't seen that often."

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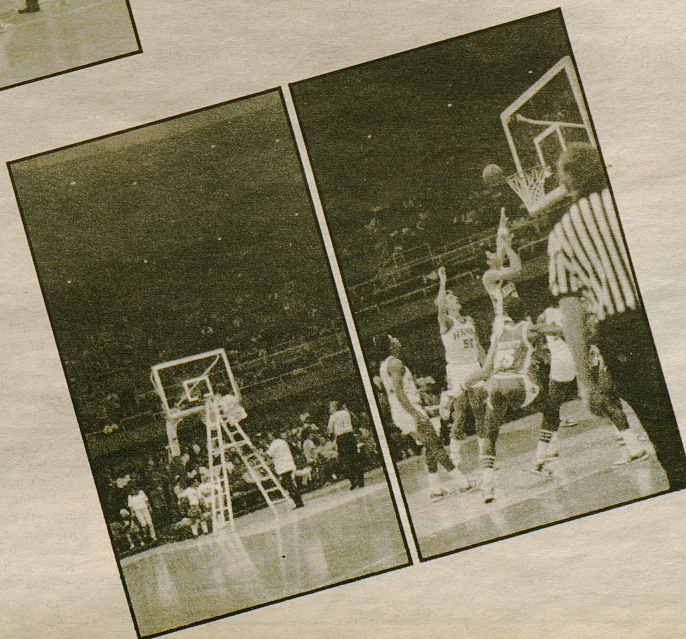


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HAWAII HITS AND MISSES . . . Arnold's comment about his team playing Kentucky: "No coach or player likes to admit intimidation but that was what it was. None of our players had played against a top 10 team before. They read magazines and knew more about (Kenny) Walker than I did. No way you can be competitive when you're awed." . . . Perhaps, but Hawaii was also trying to impress someone, as evidenced by breaking down the collapsible goal four times in first half. UK coach **Eddie Sutton** wanted a technical foul on one for a player grabbing the rim, but one official said the player knocked the goal loose with his elbow. . . . Two of the proudest Big Blue fans on the trip had to be **Ken and Wendy Winslett** of Roberta, Georgia. They became Kentucky fans when **Kenny Walker** signed with the Kentucky is playing, everyone in Roberta is watching the games," said Ken while riding back to the hotel after the game, "if a person doesn't have a satellite dish, he go to a neighbor who has one." Folks, Ken knows what he's talking about. After Kenny 'skyed' to Kentucky after his high school days, the Winsletts just had to find a way to follow Kenny Walker. That time. It's been such a success that both have left the teaching ranks and guess where they spent the **Thanksgiving** holidays. You guessed it, **Hawaii**. Most disappointing in the three early games has been sophomore **Richard Madison** who saw only 10 minutes of action against Hawaii and 15 minutes of duty against **Chaminade**. It's no secret the UK staff has been less than happy with Madison's work habits. What's so sad is that the kid has all kinds of talent. His shooting hasn't suffered, though. He's hit 7 of 9 shots from the field in the first three games for a gentle 77.7 percent. Kentucky enjoyed 17 steals against **Chaminade** and 11 against **Hawaii**. . . . While the **Hawaiian** trip did some great things for the UK program (like a couple wins, a trip of sun and fun for fans and an able assist in recruiting), it certainly won't help UK's overall attendance marks. The two-game total of 7,850 is the lowest such attendance mark for back-to-back games since the **Great Alaska Shootout** back in 1979. Only 6,750 fans showed up for the games against homestanding **Alaska** and **Iona** in the championship game. That's total. Of the 6,750, only 3,250 came out for the championship game with Iona.



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SEC Hosts Usually Gear Up For Wildcats

Memories From LSU, Tennessee And Florida

Everyone knows how big the University of Kentucky basketball is across the state and nationally. We all know support is always ever present. Know matter where we went as a team, there were always Kentucky fans in the area. I can't remember ever playing a game and there not being Kentucky. As a player, you enjoy having your own fans when you go into opposing teams' arenas. People sometimes don't realize how important it is to have the home court advantage. When you have the fans behind you, you feel a bit more assertive.

When your adrenalin gets flowing, you feel very confident. My point is, no matter how many Kentucky fans are present at an opposing team's arena, their fans will always be more vocal than ours. You might say to yourself, that is true for every opposing team. I'm here to tell you that, that statement is not true. The four years that I played basketball at UK every arena that we played in, it was either the biggest crowd of the year or was near capacity. A win over Kentucky would probably make the season for most teams. The excitement of Kentucky coming to town makes the opposing teams fans go crazy. They really get fired up for the occasion.



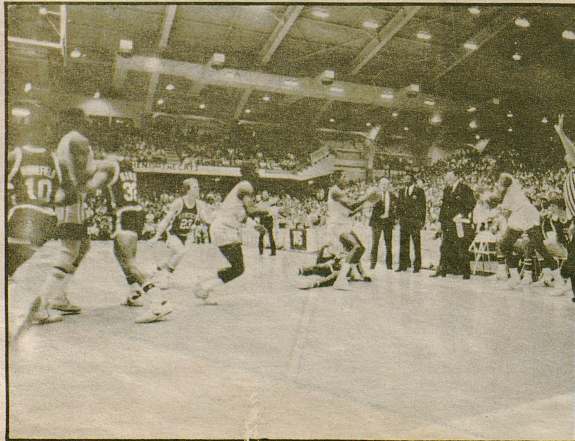
Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

When opposing teams come to Rupp Arena I really don't think they feel the effects that we felt (Kentucky Players) when we were on the road. Not to put UK's fans down, but they aren't really that vocal. I still think there are no better fans in the world than Kentucky fans, but when we play at other places, the abuse that we get is pretty upsetting, compared to the type of treatment other teams get when they play in Rupp Arena.

I'm not saying I want UK fans to be abusive to the opponents' players, but there is a constructive way of supporting the home team. All you have to do is just cheer the team on consistently. You don't have to yell obscenities at the other team. All the players want is your cheering and encouragement throughout the game. We need to let the other teams know that we are at home and that UK players and fans aren't going to allow them to go home with a victory.

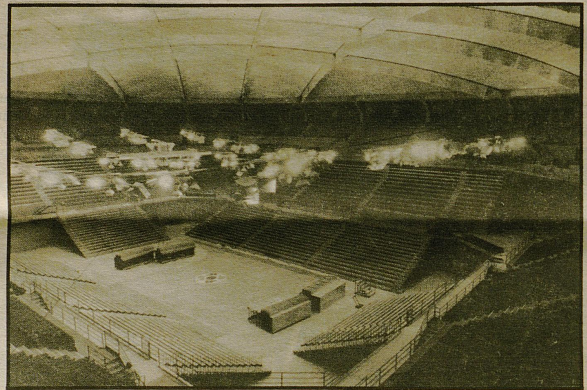
As I think of the places where we played throughout my career, there are a few arenas that stand out in my mind, Tennessee, L.S.U., and Florida in particular. Their fans were more than just vocal, they were obscene. They would talk about your family or anything personal about you at any time. The fans, particularly the students, wanted to beat us so bad that they didn't care what it took to do it. Now, if you are a UK player and you go into the opposing teams arena, their fans are irrate and the team is fired up, don't you think that will be a psychological advantage for the home team? What about the visiting team? That is a great intimidating factor when the visiting team is in front of fifteen thousand screaming fans. I don't mean screaming fans. How about crazy fans? When we traveled to L.S.U. we couldn't hear ourselves talk in the huddle. The introduction was so loud that I wished we could have stayed in the lockerroom until it was time for the L.S.U. mascot to come out of the ceiling. The crowd just goes bananas when that happens. The L.S.U. players can really feel that they can win the game. Everything that they do is done well. LSU will hit just about everything they put up to the basket. It's tough on a team, with the reputation Kentucky has, to overcome those obstacles. As a matter of fact, the day that we practiced before the LSU game there were always fans at the door yelling TIGER BAIT! as soon as we stepped off the bus. I use to think LSU fans were crazy, now that I think about it LSU fans were out of their minds, completely.



Cats In Stokely Arena



LSU's Tiger Pitt



Florida's Arena

Tennessee fans are the worst fans of all. They'll yell at the opposing team from the time its warming up until the game was over. After they beat us (four for four) they would still talk about us.

I remember the last time we played in Stokely — a Tennessee fan was so irrate that Coach Hall had to be restrained from going after him. That's pretty serious stuff. I really can't mention in this column what the two were saying, but it doesn't take to much of an imagination to figure out what was being talked about.

It really helped Tennessee to play us at Stokely. No matter how high we were ranked, or how bad of a record Tennessee had, the Vols would beat us at the Stokely complex. Some people say its a jinx, but I think Tennessee doesn't care how many wins it gets all season, just as long as UT beats Kentucky at Stokely.

Tennessee's players and fans get so fired up that the Volunteers play above their ability. Their fans are loyal from beginning to end. The place is so loud that you can't wait to get the heck out of there.

Eventually UK will get a victory down in Knoxville. Let's hope that it will happen this year.

Florida is the most intimidating crowd of all. You get the feeling that the whole crowd is going to come at you. Here is a classic example of a place that doesn't really have good crowds, but when UK comes to town it's a different matter. The Gators supporters (when playing Kentucky) are on top of you from the time you're introduced until the last second.

The funny part is, if we are winning they still are yelling obscenities at the team. They're the type of fans that will make you feel uneasy as a player.

Before building its new arena UF had a place called Alligator Alley, where the fans were right on top of you. I'm glad we didn't play there. I've heard that it was the most intimidating place of all time.

I don't want our fans to yell terrible things at the opponents but as a player you would like to feel you have the home court advantage. I really don't believe chanting at the other team's players is the way to do it. The noise factor, however, really makes a player feel good.

There's nothing like having a home crowd cheering for you. It's a feeling as if you can do no wrong. Believe me, having the opportunity to play in other arenas makes playing at home very comforting. I don't want Wildcat fans to think that I don't appreciate their support, because I do, but I wish you could experience what the players feel from opponents' fan abuse. It can be intimidating.

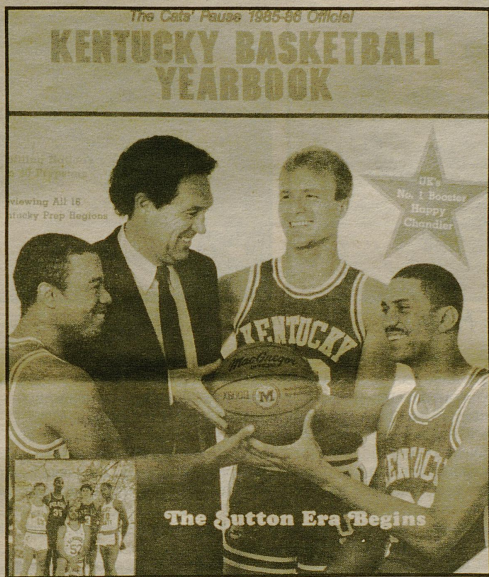
Kentucky has the best fans in the country. Though if the fans who attend the games would be a little more vocal, there would be more excitement in Rupp Arena.

Fans play a big part in a team's performance. If you cheered this year's team, especially during its full-court pressure defense, a lot of things will happen. Try it and watch the results.

Cheering will get the players to be more aggressive. The combination of the fans and the players will result in a victory for the 'Cats'.

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Big Plays Were Missing From 1985 Wildcats

"We Just Didn't Make The Key Plays This Year," Says Claiborne

One or two key plays each game can change a season for any college football team.

Last year it seemed like all the key plays went Kentucky's way. When the Cats needed a big play, someone always produced. That's why the team finished a surprising 9-3.

This season, though, the opposite was true. The opposition, not Kentucky, made most of the key plays.

"We just didn't make the key plays this year," says UK Coach Jerry Claiborne. "When we needed a sack, a fumble or a big pass we just couldn't get it."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"That's the difference in our season. And if I knew the answer to why it happened, we would have made the big plays. But sometimes good things happen and sometimes they don't. When we needed the ball to bounce our way this year it didn't."

Not much good happened to this year's 5-6 team. And even now no one seems to be able to pinpoint the exact reason a season with so much promise ended in disaster with a 42-0 loss to Tennessee.

"I tried to figure out all year what was wrong," says offensive guard Jim Reichwein. "We were one step or one play away from being another great team. We had the personnel to finish with a much better record. "It's nobody's fault. Things that you can't explain just happened to us all year."

Defensive end Brian Williams, another senior who will always remember the disappointing 1985 campaign, felt the team just never came together the way last year's team did.

"We expected so much this year but it all just ended up falling apart," says Williams. "The team just didn't jell. We never developed a big-play personality. Maybe we lacked leadership on the field."

Claiborne, though, sensed that his Wildcats had turned into Fat Cats when the players reported for practice in August. Instead of gaining strength during the off-season, the team actually lost strength.

"I talked about that at the first of the year and it came back to haunt us," says the UK coach.

Maybe the players grew complacent after two straight winning years and back-to-back trips to the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"Perhaps everybody wasn't fired up entering the season," says Williams. "In the past we used our previous season to motivate us but maybe too many people got satisfied with what we had accomplished. This season should be a lesson to the young kids. You can't get complacent. You have to work as hard after a 9-3 season as you do after an 0-11 year. We didn't do that, though, and it cost us."

Claiborne has upgraded the overall program since taking over after the 1981 campaign. But Kentucky still does not have enough pure talent to line up and beat other Southeastern Conference rivals unless it plays with emotion.

Too often this year the team didn't play with enough emotion. That's why it could lose to Bowling Green and Vanderbilt and why it struggled to beat East Tennessee.

And the lack of emotion could have kept UK from making the big plays it needed to win more games.

"Change three plays and I'm convinced we would be 8-3," says assistant coach Jake Hallum. "If we knock down a pass in the end zone we beat Bowling Green. If we kick the first field goal at LSU we win. If our guys pick off the pass in the end zone we beat Florida."

Still, Claiborne knows this season was a step back for his team.

"This was definitely a step back because we lost," says Claiborne. "If we had salvaged a winning season I would have felt we were still making progress."

But this year's losing campaign makes 1986 critical for Claiborne and should determine just where the football program at UK now stands.

Those inside the program, though, are not ready to panic. They still believe in Claiborne.

"This program is going to do nothing but get better," says Reichwein. "I'm just sorry we let the coach and fans down this year. But UK will be back."

Hallum says, "The program is still on good footing here. We have some fine freshmen that probably could have helped us the last few games but we couldn't sacrifice a year of eligibility for one or two games. If we can just add another good recruiting class we will be okay."

"It's up to us to sell our product. We compete in the best league in the country and we need to bring the very best players possible here. That's the theme we have to sell."

And when the coaches are selling UK to potential recruits, maybe they can mention the way sophomore running back Mark Higgs feels about the team.

"We aren't losers here," says Higgs. "We just had a losing season but we are winners here no matter what anyone says."

But to post another winning season UK needs bigger, stronger recruits and more off-season work from the returning players.

"I hope the ones returning realize that if you slide back on your work you quit making progress," says Claiborne. "This should be a good lesson for us and, hopefully, something we can build on in the future."



Hallum



Higgs

UK WILL have four more basketball scholarships available in April when players who did not sign during November can ink college scholarships.

And Sutton insists there are many talented players left unsigned.

"I think if you look at the top 150 prospects not as high of percentage signed early this year as they did last year," said Sutton. "We encouraged the young men who visited our campus to make the early decision so they could enjoy their senior year. But some just have not found the right institution to further their education and basketball career."

Sutton, though, considered the early signing period a success despite the loss of 6-11 Terry Mills to Michigan.

"We got the player we felt we needed so badly at Kentucky in Rex Chapman," said Sutton. "I never want to put pressure on a player but he has the potential, if he stays healthy and keeps the attitude he has, to be one of the all-time greats at UK."

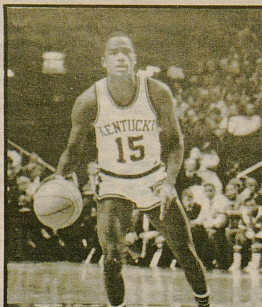
The UK coach would like to sign at least two or three more quality players in April to go along with Chapman and 6-7 Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County, who also signed early.

"We are trying to find guys that are hard to guard," said Sutton. "There are not many outstanding centers coming out of high school but we need some big players. We need two or three more quality players."

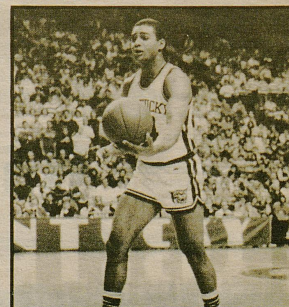
But Sutton won't sign any guards in the spring. That's quite a vote of confidence for current Wildcats Ed Davender, James Blackmon and Paul Andrews.

"It makes James, Ed and I feel real good that Coach Sutton has shown that much confidence in us," says Andrews. "When a coach shows that type confidence in you it helps you produce better."

"And we are all looking forward to playing with Rex Chapman. All of us wanted him to come here and be a part of the team."



Davender



Andrews

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Last Week		24-1	22-3	24-1	21-4	23-2	21-4
Total		24-1	22-3	24-1	21-4	23-2	21-4

INDIANA AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 16	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 2	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 2
MIDDLE TENN. AT WESTERN KENTUCKY		WESTERN 8	WESTERN 10	WESTERN 7	WESTERN 8	WESTERN 10	WESTERN 1
NORTHERN KENTUCKY AT CINCINNATI		CINCY 10	CINCY 16	CINCY 8	CINCY 7	CINCY 6	CINCY 12
KANSAS STATE AT INDIANA		INDIANA 12	INDIANA 6	INDIANA 7	INDIANA 8	INDIANA 14	INDIANA 2
N.C. STATE AT KANSAS		KANSAS 6	KANSAS 4	KANSAS 7	KANSAS 4	KANSAS 3	KANSAS 2
SOUTH ALABAMA AT KANSAS		KANSAS 12	KANSAS 10	KANSAS 20	KANSAS 8	KANSAS 14	KANSAS 4
CENTRAL MICHIGAN AT SMU		SMU 4	SMU 5	SMU 19	SMU 10	SMU 6	SMU 8
CALIFORINA-IRVINE AT PEPPERDINE		PEPPERDINE 3	PEPPERDINE 1	CAL-IRVINE 1	PEPPERDINE 9	PEPPERDINE 8	PEPPERDINE 6
PURDUE AT LOUISVILLE		U OF L 14	U OF L 8	U OF L 7	U OF L 12	U OF L 4	U OF L 1
VMI AT RICHMOND		VMI 6	RICHMOND 3	RICHMOND 10	VMI 3	RICHMOND 6	VMI 4
AUBURN VS KENTUCKY WESLEYAN		AUBURN 10	KWC 3	AUBURN 23	AUBURN 8	KWC 8	AUBURN 14
IOWA AT LOUISVILLE		U OF L 18	U OF L 7	U OF L 7	U OF L 14	U OF L 12	U OF L 10
AUBURN AT ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM		UAB 2	AUBURN 3	UAB 5	AUBURN 7	UAB 8	AUBURN 1
BAYLOR AT VANDERBILT		VANDERBILT 1	VANDERBILT 5	VANDERBILT 9	VANDERBILT 5	BAYLOR 3	VANDERBILT 4
MURRAY AT ALABAMA		ALABAMA 12	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 19	ALABAMA 14	ALABAMA 8	ALABAMA 10
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT MEMPHIS STATE		MEMPHIS ST 6	MEMPHIS ST 9	MEMPHIS ST 6	MEMPHIS ST 7	MEMPHIS ST 10	MEMPHIS ST 2
AUSTIN PEAY AT VANDERBILT		VANDY 1	VANDY 9	VANDY 20	VANDY 8	VANDY 6	VANDY 10
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ALICE LOYD AT BERA		BEREA 6	BEREA 9	BEREA 2	BEREA 2	BEREA 7	BEREA 4
PIKEVILLE AT CUMBERLAND		C'LAND 12	PIKEVILLE 1	C'LAND 7	C'LAND 6	C'LAND 2	C'LAND 1
ILLINOIS AT TENNESSEE		ILLINOIS 3	TENN 3	ILLINOIS 3	TENN 1	TENN 6	TENN 4
WESTERN KENTUCKY AT CHAMINADE		WESTERN 3	WESTERN 20	WESTERN 3	WESTERN 2	CHAMINADE 3	WESTERN 6

Junior College Paved Way For Burrow

Two-Time MVP In National JC Tournament

At the time, All-American Bob Burrow was only the second junior college basketball player the Baron, Adolph Rupp, ever recruited to the University of Kentucky. But Rupp was probably glad he did.

Up until Burrow attended little Lon Morris Junior College out of Jacksonville, Texas, he wasn't very well-known. He had spent most of his prep career in virtual obscurity in small Arkansas and Texas high schools.

"Maybe if I had been a little better player, I would have been noticed more," said Burrow in a telephone interview from his office in Ft. Knox, where he currently works as the assistant superintendent of business at the Ft. Knox community schools.



Mel Holbrook
Cats' Pause Columnist

But Wells, Texas, where Burrow graduated with 14 other seniors in 1952, was a small town in the eastern part of the state and wasn't exactly the garden spot of the basketball world. His family had moved there from Arkansas when he was a junior, and Burrow hadn't played much basketball. But Wells High had only one sport in the football-dominated state, and it wasn't with a pigskin.

"The school was so small it couldn't field a football team, really," said Burrow. "Texas had four classes, I believe, and we were amongst the smallest schools in the state. We had a girls' basketball team and a boys' basketball team. And the girls were more popular than the boys."

But Burrow's high school coach, Milford Burroughs, was very encouraging and helped Burrow make his decision to attend Lon Morris even though Burrow had one scholarship offer from a senior college when he graduated from Wells.

"When I went to Lon Morris, Coach Burroughs went with me," said Burrow. "He had a lot of influence on me. He told me I could play ball at any senior college I wanted to if I improved."

Burrow — who had averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds his senior season at Wells — led Lon Morris to the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas, and was voted the tournament's most valuable player both years.

By then, Burrow had several offers from several senior colleges, including the University of Kentucky. Rupp, a Kansas native, didn't miss anything that went on in his home state.

"I was a lot better player by then," said Burrow. "I had improved quite a lot in junior college. I had just needed the maturity and more playing time."

Even though a lot of schools were after Burrow, he was set on UK. The talented Bob Pettit of Louisiana State University had even visited Burrow, but Burrow chose Kentucky.

"When I was growing up in Texas, Kentucky had quite a reputation," Burrow explained. "It was the basketball capital of the world, a place where they played great basketball. When they recruited me, one of the alumni flew me to Lexington on a visit. What I saw really impressed me. I met Coach (Harry) Lancaster and talked with him. I didn't meet Coach Rupp until after I had committed. Rupp told me I was only the second junior college player he had tried. The first one hadn't worked out, but he thought it was worth a second shot. I was glad he did, and he was glad, too."

The Wildcats had lost three players from the season before — center Cliff Hagan, guard Frank Ramsey and forward Lou Tsiropoulos — in an undefeated 25-0 season after which the 'Cats turned down an NCAA tournament bid. But Burrow — a 6-7, 230-pound center — was still uncertain if he could help the team.

"It's a big step to go from a junior college to a senior college," Burrow stated. "The competition is greater. The play is rougher. There's more contact. It's like going from high school to college. It's a pretty big step."

Even though UK had recruited him, Burrow felt like he still had to make the squad.

"I don't know whether people expected a lot out of me or not," he said. "But I soon found out that the practices were more difficult than the games. I remember my first game against LSU. I only scored two points. I was scared to death. I had never played before that many people before (at the Memorial Coliseum). But after the game Coach Rupp just patted me on the back. He helped me gain confidence as time went along."

Before his two years were up, though, Burrow would score 50 points in a game and set a Southeastern Conference record for most rebounds in a game, 34. He also set a school record for the best career rebounding average, 16. Such play earned him All-America recognition in 1956.

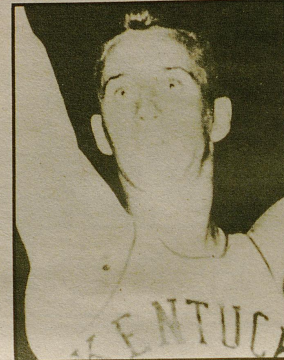
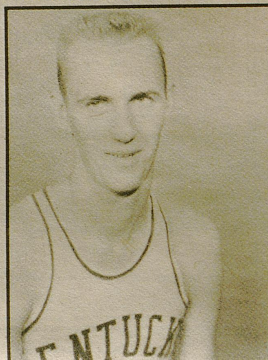
The two seasons Burrow played at Kentucky, the Wildcats went 23-3 and 20-6. The clink in UK's armor, which had its roots in the gambling scandals and probation year, began to show in the mid-1950s. But the Wildcats still won the SEC title in 1955 and participated in the NCAA Tournament both seasons.

"The first season I was there (1954-55), we thought it was going to be a difficult one," Burrow stated. "We weren't rated anywhere in the Top 20 or mentioned in any way. Coach Rupp got us out at mid-court after a pre-season practice and said, 'If I'd known we weren't going to be rated, I would have bought an ad. Later in the season, we beat top-rated Utah and second-ranked Lasalle in our Christmas tournament (the UKIT), and then we were ranked No. 1 for a while.'"

But then the Georgia Tech Yellowjackets came into Memorial and handed the Wildcats their first homecourt loss, 59-58, in 12 years, ending a 129-game streak. The Yellowjackets would defeat the Wildcats, 65-59, later in the season at Atlanta.

"Both times we played them, we didn't play good ball," said Burrow. "I really can't explain it."

The next season, the Wildcats finished second in the SEC race.



Burrow's Kentucky Days

"I was disappointed with my second year," said Burrow, who averaged 21 points per game, two better than his junior season. "I thought we should have won the SEC. We just didn't play up to our potential. It boiled down to a game at Alabama, and we were close at halftime — down by only two points. But they blew us away in the second half (101-77)."

"We were pretty much expected to win the SEC," Burrow continued. "According to Coach Rupp, it was embarrassing not to win it. Of course, the league is a whole lot stronger now."

Upon graduation, Burrow played two seasons in the National Basketball Association. His rookie year was with the Rochester Royals and the next season Burrow played with the Minneapolis Lakers.

"There were only eight teams in the league then," Burrow stated. "And each team carried only 10 players. It was a lot different than it is now. Rochester's star player was Maurice Stokes, and his salary was only \$20,000 a year. I didn't play that much. I only averaged about six points a game. I wasn't that good. I couldn't hack it, didn't get the job done. When you can't get the job done, you go somewhere else where you can."

Burrow was disappointed he didn't spend more time in the pros, but he found happiness in Ft. Knox, a "great place to work, but not the best place to coach basketball," he said.

He coached the Ft. Knox basketball team for at least 10 years before quitting the game for good.

"They've always had success there with football," Burrow said. "But basketball hasn't been that successful. Ft. Knox, of course, is an Army base. And people get transferred in and out of there all the time. During one season, I lost two starters that way. It was just heartbreaking. But, as you know, life is not always a bed of roses. While I was there, we won more than we lost. We even won the district tournament one year."

But Burrow and his wife, Lelia, would soon make another contribution to the basketball world with their sons Brett and Grant. Brett, of course, plays for C.M. Newton's University of Vanderbilt team and Grant is currently attending Aquanis Junior College in Nashville, where he will play next season after transferring there from Paducah Junior College.

Like his father, Brett has blossomed after his high school playing days were over, even though he and Robbie Valentine of the University of Louisville were voted co-MVPs their senior year at North Hardin High.

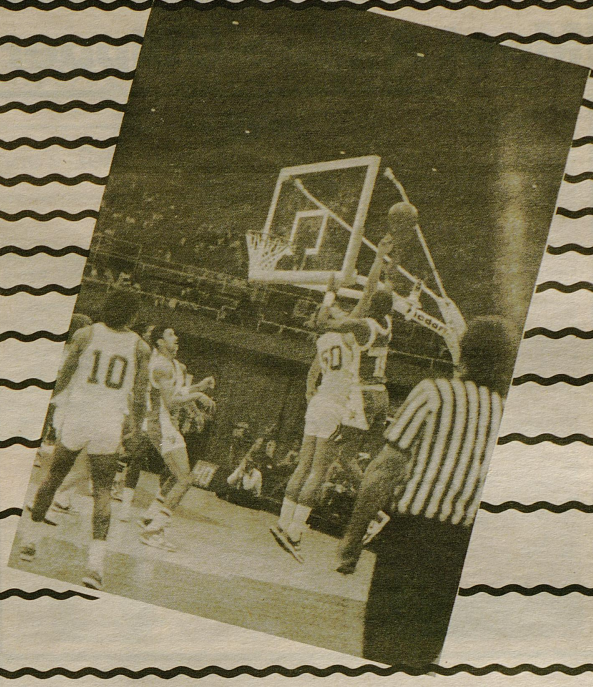
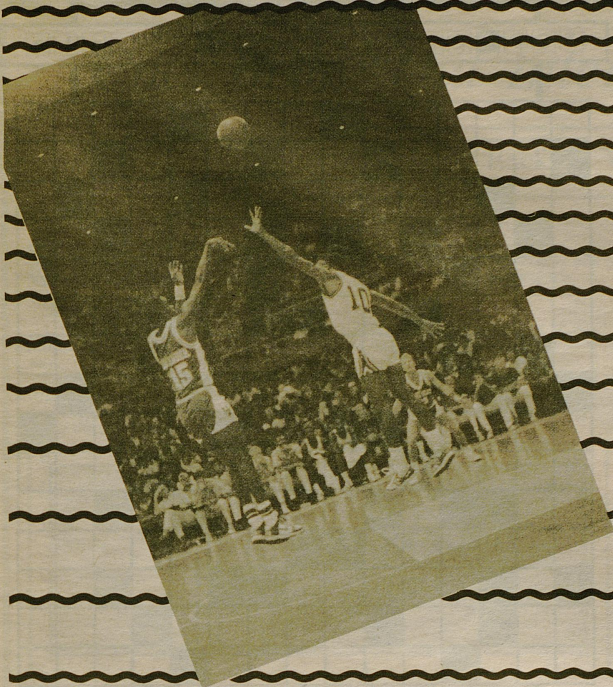
"He's improved each year," said Burrow of his son, who is now a senior and averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per game last season for the Commodores. "He's only 200 points away from Vanderbilt's 2,000-point club. So that's not too bad."

Bob Burrow said his son weighed only 190 pounds when he entered Vandy but is now 230.

"He needed strength and stanima to play SEC ball," Burrow said of his son. "They put him on a weight program and they've done a good job with him."

One wonders why Burrow's son didn't follow in his father's footsteps and attend UK.

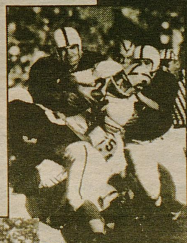
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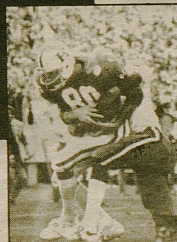
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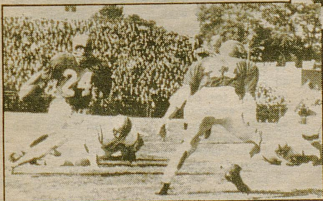
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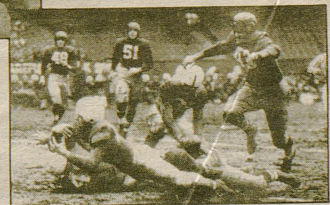
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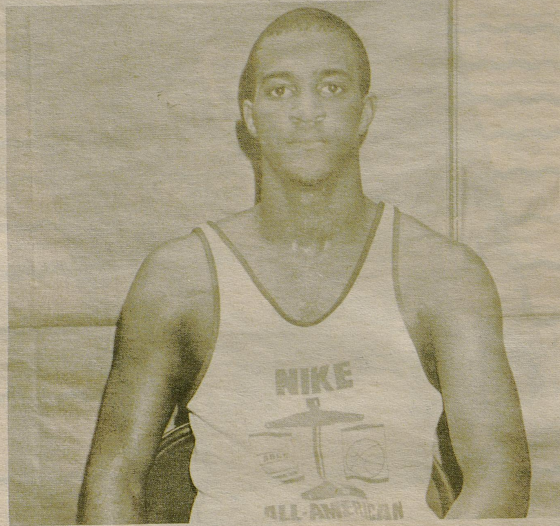
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Meet A Blue-Chipper



Fess Irvin Has All The Point-Guard Qualities

FESS IRVIN, 5-11, 165 lbs., SR., 25.9 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 7.0 apg., East Ascension H.S./Gonzales, LA. Fess Irvin may be the smallest player in our Top 40, however, he is a giant at his position. "He has a better concept of his role on the floor than most lead guard prospects. Irvin may well be the best lead guard in the country," said Dick Weiss of the Philadelphia Daily News ... seldom makes mistakes and is a true student of the game ... reads defenses like a basketball Joe Montana ... speed and quickness are certified grade A but it is his savvy, ability to play under control and leadership qualities that turn the coaches on ... "The term point guard is defined by Fess Irvin," said Georgia Tech Assistant Coach Perry Clark ... can hit the outside shot or drive to the hoop in a blink of an eye ... "Just a perfect point guard," said North Carolina State Assistant Coach Tom Abatamarco ... "A leader, winner and a great kid who would be a credit to any program," said Tom Konchalski of the HSBI report ... as a junior, Irvin was tabbed as Louisiana's high school MVP in polls conducted by the state's sports writers and college coaches ... first sophomore to ever be voted MVP of his high school district ... started as a freshman on a 29-7 team ... averaged 24.9 points per game as a sophomore ... MVP of the development league at the Five Star Camp as a freshman ... has been named best playmaker at Five Star on several occasions ... "When the game is on the line, this is the guy I want to handle the ball," said Clark Francis, Publisher of the Hoop Scoop ... "Fess has his priorities in order and is a cinch to be a success," said Louisiana State Coach Dale Brown ... "With all the publicity he's gotten, he's still the little ole kid down the street," said East Ascension Coach Butch Little ... the schools with the best chance of having Irvin as their point guard of the future are Georgia Tech, Louisiana State, Maryland, North Carolina State and Providence.



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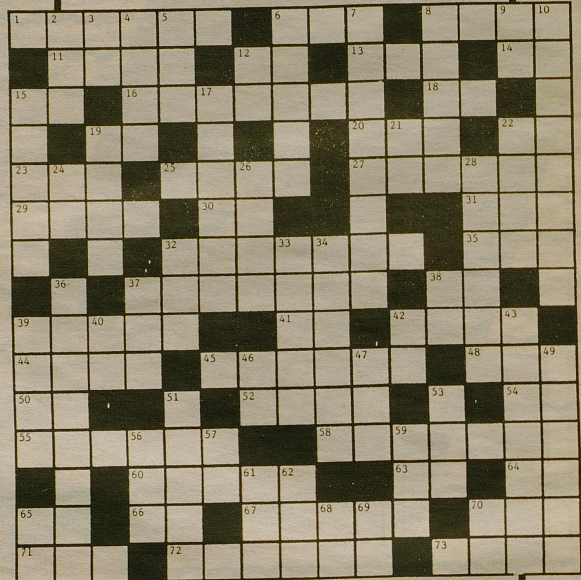
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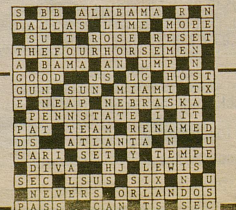
- 1 _____ uniform # is 23
- 6 Total _____
- 8 Sophomore Ziegler _____
- 11 Oil man _____
- 12 Abbr. for "right" _____
- 13 "He threw up an _____ ball"
- 14 Initials of the Cat junior from London
- 15 Abbr. for collegiate class of 15 Down
- 16 First name of 43 Down
- 18 The Cats play _____ Kansas in December
- 19 Like _____
- 20 Roman numeral for # of letters for Roger Harden
- 22 Compass abbr. _____
- 23 Start as boys _____
- 25 Describes Ed Davender _____
- 27 Brings a .732 winning %age to Cats
- 29 Adam and Eve garden _____
- 30 Initials of a Wildcat guard
- 31 Harden _____ 4.7 assists per game last season
- 32 Sophomore Cedric _____
- 35 Mineral deposit _____
- 37 _____ play could make him the nation's best this season
- 38 Initials of a fine sophomore forward _____ is the smallest Cat
- 41 Abbr. for state of the Runnin' Rebels
- 42 Everyone enjoys a _____ dunk from Kenny
- 44 "He drove _____ for the layup"
- 45 Class of Winston Bennett _____
- 48 Mr. Bowle _____
- 50 Initials of a '60s Cat All-American
- 52 Feminine name _____
- 54 Initials of a former Cat great
- 55 _____ 22.9 ppg of last season gives greater hopes for now
- 58 Home state of several big Cats
- 60 Mistake _____
- 63 ACC state abbr. _____
- 64 Initials of standout UAB guard Mitchell
- 65 Initials of a Wildcat newcomer
- 66 Initials of '60s Cat Deeken
- 67 Main artery _____
- 70 Native dish which Cats can sample on Hawaii trip _____
- 71 Bat wood _____
- 72 "Fast Eddie" _____
- 73 Sutton brings 342 _____ with him

DOWN

- 2 Paddle _____
- 3 Initials of '50s Cat letterman Rose
- 4 The refs have _____, even though they sometimes deny it
- 5 Baseball abbr. _____
- 6 It would be nice for Cats to get off to a quick _____
- 7 _____ uniform # is 42
- 8 Characteristic _____
- 9 Baseball abbr. for two outs
- 10 Sophomore from Brooklyn
- 12 Initials of a senior guard
- 15 Guard Blackmon _____
- 17 Tar Heel home: _____ Hill
- 19 With a new coach, it's a chance for returning Cats to start _____
- 21 Abbr. for school of opponent coached by B. Knight _____
- 22 Kenny can _____
- 24 First name of #15 _____
- 26 "He _____ the winning bucket"
- 28 Cat Freshman _____
- 32 Former Cat guard Shidler _____
- 33 "Sky" _____
- 34 First name of 28 Down _____
- 36 _____ 7.2 ppg of last year is sure to increase with a healthy season
- 37 Can Cats top last season when they _____ 18?
- 38 Initials of #44 _____
- 39 Sophomore from California _____
- 40 NE state abbr. _____
- 42 Abbr. for collegiate class of 33 Down
- 43 Star sophomore from Memphis _____
- 44 Abbr. for school whose team plays Cats on December 28th _____
- 47 # of starters Cats lost from last season's squad _____
- 49 For Cats and Irving Thomas, _____ loss is Lexington's gain
- 51 _____ uniform # is 00
- 53 A new _____ begins at UK
- 56 Rim partner _____
- 57 Abbr. for collegiate class of 51 Down _____
- 59 Eggs _____
- 61 A cereal grass _____
- 62 Decay _____
- 65 Big Ten state abbr. _____
- 68 Initials of Cincy IPer Oester _____
- 69 SEC state abbr. _____
- 70 Geometric term _____



Last Week



Cats Bring Out Interesting Observations

A Look Back At Virgie's Todd May

Something new, something old. The Eddie Sutton Era is well underway and while the competition has been lightweight so far the team has played very well, particularly on defense.

- Some observations...
1. The Wildcats appear extraordinarily relaxed and crisp with few if any pondering glances from the starters toward the bench to see if a sub was on the way.
 2. Kenny Walker has not exhibited (yet) any frustration with the double and triple team attention he is getting. In fact, the All-American is using his All-American temperament to good effect and does not seem to mind being a decoy in the offense occasionally. A good sign.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

Comment: Remarks made by Hawaii coach Frank Arnold summed up well enough.

"The kid is like a greyhound. I bet there isn't 5 percent body fat on the guy. He's strong, fast, rebounds, shoots and works so well without the ball. When he doesn't have the ball he is working, working and working so that when he catches the ball in the point he is in prime position to score. You know that he is going to have a great shot because he has worked so hard for it."

3. Winston Bennett is playing very well, not only taking medium range jump shots, but swishing them.
 4. While it may change when the stakes become higher, say, against Indiana, Coach Sutton has remained under control at the bench instead of raving, pacing and "working" the officials. A nice change.
 5. Sutton teaches during a game too. On a number of occasions when substitutions were made he spoke quietly with the outgoing player upon his arrival at the bench, presumably, pointing out ways to improve play.
 6. While many fans believe that UK's success this season rests on Walker's shoulders, I suggest that is not the case. Two other things have to happen as well. The guards must score from the perimeter naturally, but perhaps more vital, UK must get help from Cedric Jenkins and Rob Lock.
- Jenkins shows promise. The gangly 6-9, 205-pound sophomore is a raw talent at this point. But he is quick, jumps well and runs the floor well. He looks to be quite capable of becoming a good rebounder and playing solid defense, when the experience comes.

UK football season

The season is history and the Wildcats' 5-6 record was a disappointment of course, particularly to those who predicted an 8-3 season (blush). But there are reasons for optimism too.

First, Coach Jerry Claiborne and staff will be back — a major plus in that UK fans can be confident the program is in good hands and the Tireless One (Claiborne) will not rest until "we get it right."

Second, the returnee roster is impressive with 29 regulars as well as a 22-man red-shirt list that includes the 'incredible hulk' type troops UK needs to compete in the SEC — Mike Pfeifer (6-7, 265), Gardner Sorrell (6-3, 280), Russell Viel (6-4, 250), Tony Nash (6-5, 245), Doug Houser (6-4, 247), Oliver Barnett (6-4, 225) and Vic Adams (6-2, 230).

Congratulations

Kentucky football led the SEC in one category this season, for the second year in a row. Ten Wildcats were named to Southeastern Conference Academic All-SEC team last week, most in the league. Vandy was second with eight, Ole Miss with seven.

The UKs chosen were: Chris Derry, Kevin Dooley, Eric Haas, Richard Ledford, Matt Lucas, Pietrowiak, Ransdell, James Reichwein, Gary Sexton and Tom Wilkins.

Last year UK led the league with eight, giving Claiborne and staff 18 SEC all-academic performers.

To qualify, players must maintain a B average and be a regular on the team.

Missing...

Whatever happened to football players Tom Becherer ('65) and Bobby Wixson ('71)?

Becherer, a defensive back for Charlie Bradshaw's only winning team at UK (6-4) is one of Kentucky's most successful high school football coaches at Shelby County. In fact, Becherer ranks 18th on the Coaches' 'active Win List' with 123 victories. Rocket teams are virtual fixtures in the playoffs.

Wixson is head football coach at Wayne County High School in Monticello. Whatever happened to basketball players Merion Haskins ('77) and Lloyd Ramsey ('42)?

Haskins is an international buyer for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. A native of Campbellsville, Haskins lives in Richmond, Va.

Ramsey is a doctor in Nashville, Tenn.

People

■ George Stout, promotor for the Kentucky-Indiana summer all-star basketball

series announced last month that Gene Kirk (Woodford County High) and Bill Brown (Louisville Southern) will coach the Kentucky all-star boys and girls teams respectively next summer.

"Players for the teams will be announced in April," Stout said. "Ballots will go out to coaches on Jan. 25."

Stout said that a decision on whether or not there will be tryouts next summer will be decided after the ballots are scrutinized.

"Personally I like tryouts," he said, "because you always find a sleeper."

But it costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to assemble 25 or so players for tryouts, Stout added.

Kentucky's teams will have 11 players each this year and every player will be guaranteed five minutes playing time.

The Kentucky-Indiana games are June 15 in Indianapolis and June 21 at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Comment: For the boys team the only problem Kirk and assistant Gary Moore (Franklin County) will encounter in putting together a team, it seems to me, is having to leave someone out since the state has a bumper crop of talented seniors this season.

Everyone knows the top candidates are: Rex Chapman (Apollo), Felton Spencer (Lou. Eastern), Scott Draud (Highlands), Frank Persley (Scott Co.), Reggie Hanson (Pulaski Co.), Myron DeVoe (Lou. Western), Shawn Pennington (Clay Co.), Lawrence Buell (Middlesboro) and Brian Jointer (Lou. PRP).

But there are some good ones among the less-well-knowns who fans (and coaches) will want to keep an eye out for too. 6-1 Greg Baughn (Apollo), 6-6 Vernon Billups (North Hardin), Forrest Woodfork (Graves Co.), Nick Sanford (Cawood), Avery Taylor (Owensboro), 6-5 Matt Deneen (Elizabethtown), Kent Johnson (Nelson Co.), Woody Asher (Clay Co.) and Bob Ruf (Augusta).

"It's an up year in the state all right," Stout said. "It's going to be tough to narrow it down to 11 players."

Comment: Given his talent and publicity, Rex Chapman, Stout believes, will be named Mr. Basketball.

On the girls side "The girl from Louisville Atherton (Michelle Clark) looks like a shoe-in (for Miss Basketball)," he added.

Those honors will be announced in April.

Todd May revisited

The ballyhooed and much travelled former Mr. Basketball (1982) from Virgie High School is a starter at Pikeville College these days. May sat down last month with Terry Spears, sports editor of the *Pikeville News-Express*, and talked about his career. Todd May had some things to say of interest to UK fans.

● Why did May leave Kentucky?

"It just wasn't the ideal situation for me. The school was so large that I was lost, you know, with 25,000 on campus, and all the people that were there. I was just lost in the crowd. And there wasn't much playing time to be seen, not only that year, but for probably two, maybe three years to follow.

● When he was being recruited did May receive any illegal offers?
 "People probably won't believe it, but I never was. All of them (recruiters) went directly by the book. And I'm glad that they did. A lot of things happen because the people who are being recruited maybe ask for it, and I never was one to ask for anything."

● When May was at Kentucky did anyone hint that perhaps there might be some type of summer job or payoff?
 May: "No, like I say, I worked down there in the summer, but I got the job myself, and I was paid for a day's work like everybody else that worked there. I worked every day, I didn't get paid to not show up. I lived in an apartment, which I paid weekly rent for, and never received anything, any extra money or anything free."

Comment: Todd May. I still believe had the "situation" been made right, he could have become one of the best if not most popular UK players of all time.

Watch Hilltoppers

Western Kentucky plays in one of the country's toughest, if unheralded leagues, the Sun Belt, but the Hilltoppers could be a Top 20 team by next week.

Victories over Chaminade and Auburn in the Wendy's Classic this weekend, coupled with an impressive 69-58 victory over Cincinnati last week, could do it for Clem Haskins' crew.

Western showed itself to be a very fine basketball team when the Hilltoppers smothered Cincinnati last week in Bowling Green.

Bearcats coach Tony Yates said, "We knew what they (the Hilltoppers) were going to do. There were no surprises."

And yet Western shut Cincinnati down, which brings us to a bit of a quiz.

1. How many times can a college team shoot only 40 percent, score four fewer field goals than an opponent, finish no better than even in rebounds, and still expect to win a game?

Answer: In the 1980s, seldom and never.

2. How did Western smother Cincinnati, a team picked as high as third in the Metro Conference?

The answer to to both questions is the same. Defense.

The Hilltoppers shooting was spotty, 22 of 54, but coach Clem Haskins got 28 points from substitutes and the Toppers made only eight turnovers. Good signs, all. But more than anything WKU's defense was superb, taking Cincinnati totally out of its offense and keeping it there.

Western Kentucky. College basketball fans in these parts will do well to watch for the Hilltoppers.

If WKU and Auburn make it to the Wendy's Class finals I believe—while the game won't receive the media hype it deserves—it will be one of the finest matchups of the season.

Footnote: A Western victory could also be very important to Haskins future as

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Women Sportswriters Are Making The Scene

UT's McConkey Is Enjoying Sports Journalism

If you were visiting the press box and noticed that blue-eyed, blonde-haired woman jotting notes during a football game, your reaction would probably be something like, "What in the world is she doing in the sportswriting profession that is crowded with practically all men?"

Yes, she is an established sportswriter for a large daily newspaper in Tennessee, her name is Cindy McConkey of *The Knoxville Journal* where she has worked for about 5½ years. A Knoxville native who is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, McConkey is one of the few female sportswriters covering big-time events you will find in the South (or in the nation).



Jamie Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

Why did she want to become involved in sports journalism?

"That (sportswriting field) is what I always wanted to do," explained McConkey recently, who played varsity basketball, tennis and track in high school. "I wasn't sold on being in sports but that is what I'd hoped I could be in. I have a good background for it. I have good knowledge of sports. I enjoy it."

"Nobody influenced me to go in or not go in (sportswriting). It's just something I wanted to do. My family was supportive. They didn't particularly influence me."

McConkey, who is 26 and married, said when she began to cover sports her biggest problem was getting some form of respect.

"Starting out, it (the problem) was credibility," said McConkey. "But now that I have established myself, it is not a problem. It used to be with some coaches, that sort of thing. I get along fine with people."

Asked why there are such a few female sportswriters, McConkey replied, "I think probably there are not enough women (participating) in sports and many women did not know enough about sports to be in it. And I don't think you should be in it if you don't know about it. You got to have some knowledge in order to do things."

"Also, I think that for a time period there was not that many high school women athletes until you got in about my age group. It's just started back up at least here so a lot of girls were just not interested in sports. Now, I think it's started to rekindle a little bit. You are seeing a few more coming in now."

Several years ago, female sportswriters were practically unheard of. There are female sportswriters in Nashville, Atlanta, Louisville, Lexington, to name a few. But you won't find them in Memphis or Chattanooga. Throughout the country, they are just harder to locate. And you usually won't see their articles in *The Sporting News*. This is not to say that they can't write. It is just the fact there aren't many "big-time" female sportswriters around.

In the past, you will remember reading that some schools had trouble handling female sportswriters in the sensitive locker room situations. The school officials allowed men reporters to go into the dressing room for their stories, while women had to wait for the players to come out. That became a serious problem especially when women had story deadlines to meet.

It was not fair that the men had competitive advantage. Interestingly, it was McConkey and her employer, *The Knoxville Journal*, that prompted



McConkey Chats With UT Tackle

Tennessee officials to ban reporters from the Vols' dressing room in a policy change made last year. This arrangement was set up in order to give female writers an equal chance at interviewing players, said UT sports information director Haywood Harris.

Previously, UT denied women access to the locker room while men were allowed to talk to the players there. During that time, Harris and his aides retrieved players for interviews by female reporters in a room next to the dressing room.

But that didn't always work out. McConkey said the problem came in UT's third game of the 1984 campaign when quarterback "Tony Robinson was injured and he could not come out and talk to me. However, the other reporters could get in to him in the training room and talk."

"For that reason, we realized we were going to run into trouble. We said let's go ahead and ask them (UT) to give us equal access. We didn't care how they did it, open it or close it (locker room). They responded very quickly and very positively. They never argued. I have never run into any problems with them."

McConkey, who has a brother who formerly played football at the University of Tennessee-Martin, said her single most enjoyable moment of her brief sportswriting career was when she won a national award for an investigative story.

"It was something that I thought up myself," she said. "The story wasn't assigned to me. It was my idea. I worked on it and I did a good job and I knew it."

"It was on Clemson's illegal (football) recruiting practices of some local (high school) boys. It was right before they went on probation."

McConkey — who also wrote for *USA Today* newspaper for three months last spring — is not the only female sportswriter in Knoxville. There is Kim Boatman of *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. A UT graduate, Boatman has worked for them for a few years.

Boatman said she became a sportswriter because "I like sports. I grew up in Knoxville and Knoxville is a sports-oriented town. I went to apply at the UT paper (*Daily Beacon*). I told them I like sports and they said, 'You're a sportswriter.'"

"I met the people at the News-Sentinel when I started to cover sports. And then I worked part-time for them. It was a smart thing because there aren't many women in that field. I felt like there would be more opportunity for me."

In Kentucky, there are two female sportswriters who are working for the state's two largest newspapers. And both of them do not cover basketball or football. They follow horse racing. Jennie Rees covers it for Louisville's *Courier-Journal* and Maryjean Wall for the *Lexington Herald-Leader*.

At the Associated Press' Louisville office, you will find Jane Gibson. A graduate of UK, she covers mainly basketball and football on college or high school levels.

A former sportswriter who is currently working for UK is personable Rena Koier. She is an assistant sports information director (mainly for UK's women sports).

Before coming to UK in 1980, she worked for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* (for 2½ years) and *Louisville Courier-Journal* (for one year). She is a 1976 UK graduate.

Dis 'n' Data: What do the following Louisiana schools which sound almost alike — **Northwestern State, Southeastern Louisiana and Southwestern Louisiana** — have in common? They faced three SEC schools in basketball season openers. Northwestern State played Kentucky (and faced Alabama three days later). Southeastern Louisiana played at Tennessee, and Southwestern Louisiana hosted Georgia. Also, the Tennessee Vols and Southwestern Louisiana, opponents in an NIT thriller last season, will later meet for a rematch in the first round of this year's Sugar Bowl Classic. Last winter, the Vols edged USL 73-72 in second-round NIT action. Boy, those school names are sure confusing. Can you get this straight? Who plays whom? . . . Auburn basketball recruit **Levertis Williams** reportedly is attending Daytona Beach Community College in Florida after he did not have the necessary 2.0 grade-point average to enroll at Auburn. But the all-state guard from Mississippi is expected to play for the Tigers after he improves his grades. . . Kentucky's **Kenny Walker** is *Basketball Weekly's* preseason choice as the Player of the Year in the college ranks. . . Tennessee's highly-regarded 6-11 freshman **Doug Roth** reported to practice this fall about 10 pounds too heavy. Head coach **Don DeVoe** wasn't real happy about his center's weight. After two weeks of workouts, Roth weighed about 256 pounds. "Doug needs to get down to about 250," said DeVoe. "that's still too big, but he can play at that. Right now, he's eating two meals a day. That's not enough for a guy to practice basketball for two or three hours a day and then study." . . . In pigskin circles, Alabama freshman **Gene Jelks** is believed to have become the only Crimson Tide player to have 100-plus yards in both rushing and receiving in the same game. Against Mississippi State on Nov. 2, Jelks rushed for 168 yards in 18 carries and added 120 yards in receiving (three receptions) for 288 total yards. And, interestingly, he didn't even start that game. . . Vol outside linebacker **Tyrone Robinson's** brother, **Vincent**, was named Alabama's Mr. Basketball for 1985. The talented cager will play for Memphis State this winter. . . Junior college transfer **Anthony Howard** is the oldest member of the Tennessee Vols. The reserve defensive tackle from California is 25. He is also an avid weightlifter. Howard captured the 1980 Teenage Mr. Western America and Teenage Mr. Western USA titles, as well as the all-service weightlifting championship while serving in the U.S. Army. . . The University of Florida has provided funding for a feasibility study for expansion and improvements in the north end zone of Florida Field, which has a seating capacity of 72,000. . . **Steve Townsend**, assistant commissioner of the SEC, has estimated that the conference will eclipse its record \$10 million paycheck (paid in 1983) from television. It is expected Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee each will receive \$1 million this season. The SEC made \$7.5 million last season. . . Two recent rules interpretations handed down by the NCAA are "ridiculous," says Georgia head football coach **Vince Dooley** in the *Atlanta Constitution*. The interpretations involve sending team highlight films and coaching tips to high schools.

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Larry Vaught

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KENNY WALKER led the Southeastern Conference in scoring (22.9) and rebounding (10.2) last season. However, collapsing zone defenses and UK's own offense will make it difficult for him to duplicate that feat this season.

New Coach Eddie Sutton's offense has given the guards much more freedom to shoot but that has also taken the ball out of Walker's hands.

Last year Walker was Kentucky's offense. This season Sutton wants to give everyone a piece of the pie but the Cats still need to make sure Walker gets the biggest slice of that pie.

"In the long run it could be to our advantage to get the ball to Kenny more," says guard Paul Andrews. "He's the best player in college basketball and he has to get more shots. But this offense will get shots for the forwards if we execute it."

Walker, though, isn't worried. He understands that he doesn't have to score 30 points and grab 20 rebounds every game to prove his worth.

"I can adapt to any game," says Walker. "I can play with or without the ball. A lot of players think they have to have the ball to help their team. But I can do other things to be effective."

"On offense I can act as a decoy and draw the defense. That will open it up for our guards. Once I do get the ball down low I can fan it back out to Winston (Bennett) for an easy shot if the defense collapses on me. And I think I can still turn a game around with my defense."

But when Kentucky starts playing more talented competition, look for Walker to have more scoring opportunities.

"We know Kenny Walker is our bread and butter, especially against top teams," says guard Ed Davender. "As we get into the season he'll get the ball more. He's not the type to worry about how many times he shoots but in the big games we know who wants the ball."

Mel Holbrook

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"When Brett got out of high school, (former head coach) Joe Hall and his assistant coaches came to our house one night and requested he come to UK and make an official visit," Burrow explained. "But, early on, Brett had told me if he went to UK he would continually be compared to me and he didn't want to have that situation on him. Besides, to my knowledge, I don't ever remember the coaching staff even offering him a scholarship. Brett was scheduled to make an official visit to Kentucky, but he never went. He felt like before he made an official visit they should offer him a scholarship."

Brett Burrow decided on Vandy over Clemson and Wake Forest of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I didn't have any problem with it," Burrow said. "I'm a Vandy fan and a UK fan. When the two play now, I always pull for Vandy. Kentucky's been beating Vandy pretty regularly lately, and I think Vandy ought to turn that around a little bit."

Burrow is glad his son chose to play a little closer to home than he did when he left Texas and came to Kentucky.

"My parents — Martin and Decie Burrow — would have loved to see me play somewhere closer to Texas," Burrow said. "My family was always encouraging me. They went to all my high school games, both home and away. When I was at Lon Morris, they went to a lot of home games and most of the away games. They were disappointed when I went to UK because it was so far away from home. They attended all the games they could, which was usually about two to three a season. It was about a 12-14 hour drive from Texas."

Nashville is about a 2½-hour drive from Radcliff, about an hour further than Bob Burrow would have had to venture if his son had attended UK. But Burrow and his wife still attend all the Vandy home contests and also travel to several of the away affairs. Thanksgiving week, they drove to Clemson, S.C. to see Brett play in a tournament there.

"If my parents had been able to, they would have done the same for me," Burrow said.

Jamie Vaught

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"We have been informed it is illegal to send to coaches anything that will help them in their job, any coaching aids," Dooley said. "We also have been informed we cannot send out highlight films to high schools. Coach Billy Henderson (of Clarke Central) wanted to show our highlights film to his team, but we had to tell him he couldn't. We have too many technical rules. To me, that is what is wrong with the NCAA. Those kinds of rules are ridiculous."

NCAA explains all that does is to lead to recruiting wars. . . Bowling Green State's 6-6, 230-pound quarterback **Brian McClure** said he was seriously recruited by about 30 schools. "To my surprise, nobody offered me anything illegal," he told the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

McClure, who recently broke **John Elway's** NCAA record for most 200-yard games in a career, was recruited by **Howard Schnellenberger** when the coach was at Miami (Fla.) along with **Bernie Kosar**. Also McClure, who led the Falcons to a 30-26 victory over Kentucky in the Cats' season opener, said he would rank his team among the bottom five in the Top 20. . . On Nov. 16th, the University of Tennessee was to honor its three alumni astronauts — **Hank Hartsfield**, **Rhea Seddon** and **Don Peterson**. They were scheduled to be introduced to the Neyland Stadium crowd during halftime of the Mississippi-UT football matchup. Hartsfield was the mission commander aboard the "Challenger" in a recent shuttle flight.

Bob Watkins

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coach. "Because," one insider said last week, "Clem's trying not to let it bother him, but the pressure's really on."

Watch the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

All-Name Team

The college basketball season is well underway, but it isn't too late for my annual All-Name Team is it?

At forwards: 6-7 Jarvis Basnight, Nevada Las Vegas and 6-8 LaFester Rhodes, Iowa State.

At center: 6-8 Hartmut Ortmann of Wake Forest.

At guards: 6-1 PeeWee Barber of Florida State and 6-4 Kral Ferch of Montana State.

Reserves: Hersey Hawkins of Bradley, Kevin Presto of Miami, Fla., J.J. Crawl of West Virginia, Percy Eddie of Kansas State and Randy Kraayenbrink of Northern Iowa.

Sign of the times

Message for Peter Ueberroth. A few months ago it was suggested in this space that Dave Parker, Keith Hernandez and other baseball players who, under immunity from prosecution, admitted using hard drugs during their careers, should be punished by the commissioner.

In a recent public opinion down by the Washington Post and ABC-Television "nearly 3 of 4 Americans favor drug testing and nearly 68 percent say professional athletes found to be using drugs for the first time should be banned or suspended from playing."

Parting shot

Like Kentucky, Indiana high school basketball will employ a seat belt rule on coaches this season. Predictably coaches are not happy about it and one of them put the issue squarely in perspective.

"They make this rule because they're afraid to step on one or two coaches. The officials already had the power to control any coach that got out of hand. Use the technical, then use two and get him out of the gym if you have to.

"If officials don't have the nerve to do that," he went on, "they're not going to be very good officials anyway."

And so it goes. ■

Cat Scratches



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"With final exams coming up, our players need to devote their full attention to classes and basketball practice," said Sutton. "We simply cannot handle the hundreds of requests for autographed balls right now."

Sutton said the team will likely resume autographing basketballs during the second semester.

Kentucky's scheduled basketball game with Auburn Jan. 2, has been moved to Monday, Jan. 6, according to UK athletics director Cliff Hagan.

"With Auburn playing in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, their administration thought it would be best to delay the game a few days so their fans could make it back," said Hagan. "We were happy to go along with their request."

The game is set for Auburn's Memorial Coliseum, with the tipoff scheduled for 8:30 p.m. EST.

Kentucky's Lady Kats ran their record to 4-0 with a 73-58 victory over Morehead in Lexington last Monday night. Debbie Miller paced the winners with 22 points, followed by Karen Mosley with 14. The win marked the 200th victory for UK coach Terry Hall

UK's women's cross country team recorded a fourth-place finish in the NCAA championships (Nov. 25th) in Milwaukee, Wis. Freshman Sherri Hoover was Kentucky's best performer on the day finishing the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes and six seconds. Other Lady Kat runners were junior Audrey Pierce (34th), freshman Becky Gallivan (39th), freshman Patricia Padoro (41st) and freshman Lisa Breiding (55th).

Subscribe To The Cats' Pause

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*As expected the Kentucky Wildcats had little trouble with visiting Baylor, routing the winless Bears 80-46. UK led 40-17 at the half and coach Joe B. Hall used his bench frequently. Ten Wildcats played for at least 10 minutes while no one played more than 30. Baylor coach Jim Haller said UK "has the makings of one of the greatest teams America has ever had." Kyle Macy led UK with 17 points while Derrick Hord added 11 and Jay Shidler 10. Sam Bowie collected 12 rebounds.

*The Kentucky basketball team put it all together with a record-breaking 126-81 bombing of South Carolina, the worst defeat ever handed retiring South Carolina Coach Frank McGuire. "I'm not sure we can improve on our game," Joe Hall said afterwards. UK hit 49 of 80 shots on the night and led 61-39 at the half. Kyle Macy was one of six Wildcats in double figures with 24 points. Sam Bowie scored 23, Dwight Anderson 19, Derrick Hord 18 and Jay Shidler 10. Dirk Minniefield delighted the packed crowd at Rupp Arena with eight assists in 15 minutes.

*UK football Coach Fran Curci announced the signing of seven in-state football players to a conference letter-of-intent. Curci did not announce his out-of-state signees. The seven in-state signees were Jeff Smith of Washington County, William Burse of Hopkinsville, James Hasty and Ron Knott of Louisville, Choo Choo Lee of Paducah, Robert Mullins of Paintsville and Eddie Simmons of Richmond. It was also learned that UK signed Cameron Jacobs of Florida.

Ten Years Ago

*Kentucky's inability to hit from outside against the North Carolina zone enabled the Tar Heels to move from a 42-40 halftime lead to a 59-50 advantage after six minutes of the second half. The lead then became 73-58 as Carolina went to 4-0 and UK 0-2 on the year. Jack Givens led UK with 24 points while Larry Johnson scored 18 and Rick Robey 14. Mitch Kupchek and Walter Davis led the Tar Heels with 24 and 19 points, respectively.

*Kentucky center Danny Hall, a 6-11 center from Betsy Layne, will move into the Wildcat starting lineup this week against Miami of Ohio, replacing Mike Phillips, who has been in a

slump in the Cats' first two games. Rick Robey and Jack Givens retain their starting positions at forward while Truman Claytor and Larry Johnson will continue to start in the backcourt.

*With the Goose cooking and Rick rolling, UK mauled Miami of Ohio 91-69 before a packed house at Memorial Coliseum as UK snapped a two-game losing streak to get their first win of the season. Jack Givens hit 12 of 16 and poured in 31 points while Robey hit 11 of 12 shots for 30 points. Robey's 91.7 percent shooting from the field broke Bob Guyette's record of 90.4. Truman Claytor added 12 points.

Fifteen Years Ago

*Kentucky rose from fifth to third in the AP basketball poll but fell one place to fourth in the UPI. UCLA heads both polls.

*The Kentucky football staff announced the signing of their first football player. He is tackle Dave Swift of Louisville DeSales.

*UK defensive line coach Dennis Fitzgerald has resigned his position to take a similar post at Kent State.

*The UK Kittens got 23 points from forward Rick Drewitz and guard Ray Edelman in downing the Dental School 100-81. Drewitz also hauled

in 16 rebounds while 5-10 guard Ronnie Lyons scored 22 points.

*UK will be the favorite in this year's UKIT as unranked DePaul, Purdue and Kansas State come to town. DePaul Coach Ray Meyer, whose team is paced by his son, Joe Meyer, says his team will have some surprises for the Cats in their first-round matchup.

Thirty Years Ago

*For the first time since Adolph Rupp took over the UK helm in 1930, UK lost their over opener, a stunning 73-61 loss to a Temple team led by Hal (King) Lear and Guy Rodgers before 11,000 fans in Memorial Coliseum. The Owls led all the way for their third straight win. Junior Ray Mills led UK with 14 points. Phil Grawemeyer scored 11 and sophomore Vern Hatton 10. Rodgers scored 24 points for the visitors.

*After UK's upset loss to Temple, San Francisco has the top rating all itself. UK dropped to 12th in AP, sixth in UP.

*Jerry Bird swept under the basket with 19 seconds left to hit a crisp shot which gave UK a 71-69 win over a classy DePaul team before 11,000 fans at Memorial Coliseum. The score was tied ten times and the lead changed hands ten times. Jerry Bird led UK with 16 points. Bob Burrow and Gerry Calvert scored 12 and Phil Grawemeyer 11. Ray Meyer's DePaul team was led by Ron Sobieszky's 24 points.

*Bob O'Brien missed a tying foul shot in the closing seconds and UK held on to down undefeated Maryland 62-61 at College Park. UK trailed 60-57 with five seconds left after leading by 12 in the first half. Gerry Calvert led UK with 19 points, sophomore Vern Hatton scored 15, Jerry Bird 12. Bob Kessler scored 25 points for Maryland.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Yes or No? Does UK hold a series advantage over Indiana in basketball?

2. When was the last time Indiana defeated UK in Rupp Arena?

- a) Never
- b) 1983
- c) 1981
- d) 1975

3. Yes or No? Did Former Wildcat head coach Joe B. Hall have a winning record over IU coach Bob Knight?

4. What NBA team drafted former UK All-American Kyle Macy?

- a) Chicago
- b) Phoenix
- c) Boston
- d) Denver

5. During last season what SEC team was 10th in the nation in free-throw shooting percentage?

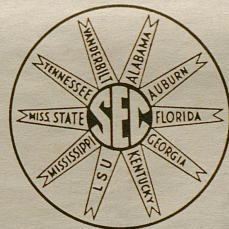
- a) Kentucky
- b) LSU
- c) Tennessee
- d) Georgia

6. Which of the following is Kentucky's basketball trainer?

- a) Wayne Breeden
- b) Russell Rice
- c) Walt McCombs
- d) Al Green

Wildcat Quiz Scale

- 8-10 correct- Big Blue Trivia EXPERT!
- 5-7 correct- Wildcat WIZ
- 3-4 correct- Fair FAN
- 1-2 correct- Barely BLUE
- 0 correct- 058*781 RED



Sam Bowie

7. At which Division I institution did UK head basketball coach Eddie Sutton receive his first head coaching position?

- a) Arkansas
- b) Oklahoma State
- c) Iowa State
- d) Creighton

8. True or False? Eddie Sutton has never had a losing season coaching a Division I program?

9. Where is UK guard Paul Andrews' hometown?

- a) Harlan, Ky.
- b) London, Ky.
- c) Owensboro, Ky.
- d) Louisville, Ky.

10. What former Wildcat player pulled down the most rebounds in one season?

- a) Dan Issel
- b) Bill Spivey
- c) Sam Bowie
- d) Cliff Hagan



Answers

- 1. No (IU holds a 13-15 series edge)
- 2. Never
- 3. Yes
- 4. Phoenix Suns
- 5. Tennessee (76%)
- 6. Walt McCombs
- 7. Creighton
- 8. True
- 9. London, Ky.
- 10. Bill Spivey (567)

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