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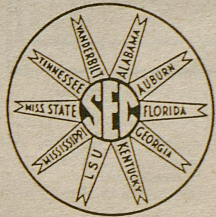
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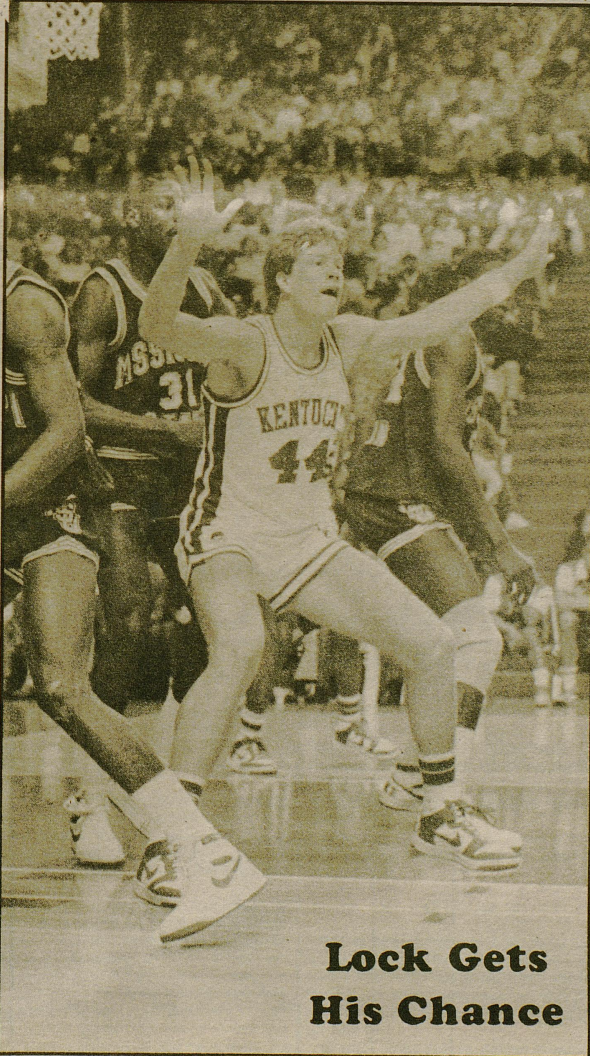
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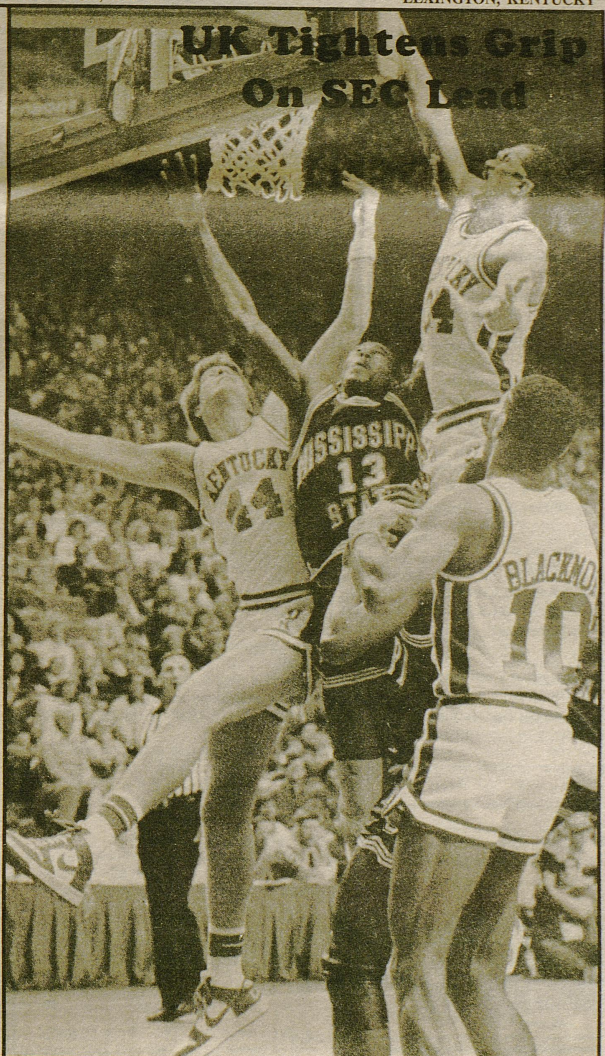
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Baker Prize Catch

Grid Cats Land 14 Prospects

Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff received 14 commitments last week, including eight outside the Kentucky boundaries, as the national signing period started last Wednesday. Of course, the biggest prize landed by the Wildcats was pulled within the state as Trigg County Star Al Baker signed a letter-of-intent to play for UK. Overall, Kentucky had 21 scholarships to offer. "We're real pleased with the players we got," said Wildcat coach Jerry Claiborne. "We think they're going to be good student/athletes for the University of Kentucky. We hope that their college careers are as good as their high school careers."



Claiborne Pleased

Baker, a 6-foot-1, 222-pound brusing back, ran for 5,350 yards in four years at the Cadiz school. In his senior campaign he rambled for 1,338 yards and 12 touchdowns while playing

with nagging injuries.

A couple of weeks ago the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* listed Baker the No. 1 recruit in the South as well as being the nation's second best player available. His other accomplishments as a prep were: Class A 100- and 200-meter state track champion, second in the state shot put event, and Kentucky's top power-lifting champion in the 242-pound division.

"He's a quality player," Claiborne said about his new back. "He's one that has had a real outstanding high school career."

"Getting Al Baker (pause) we feel that he's probably one of, if not THE, best best runningback in the country," said assistant Jerry Eisman, "which has to make it (in regards to recruiting) a real good year."

"If we had gotten a lineman or two here or there then we would have had a truly outstanding year. But, we've got some linemen that have some size, speed, and the weight that could blossom into real fine football players."

As in 99.9 percent of the recruiting wars, however, you win some and you lose some. Though Kentucky won with Al Baker and other signees, the Big Blue lost out on in-state product Colburn Clark and out-of-state offensive lineman Dave Szott.

Last December 2, Clark, a 6-2, 260-pound defensive lineman who played for the Daviess County Panthers, verbally committed to UK. However the All-State product signed the dotted line Wednesday to play for Howard Schnellenberger and the Louisville Cardinals.

Another Kentucky miss in the 'big game' hunt was Szott, a 6-4, 240 lbs *Parade Magazine* prep All-American from New Jersey. His decision apparently came down to UK, Penn State and Duke. When it came time to choose, though, Szott picked the Nittany Lions.

Another player high on UK's list, but who is also heading to Penn State, is Eric Jonassen.

Listed at 6-6, 275 lbs., Jonassen narrowed his choices to UK, Penn State and Maryland before deciding on Joe Paterno's team. He was a second-team prep All-American selection (*USA Today*). Jonassen is from Baltimore.

The five other in-state Wildcat signees were: Donnie Gardner (Defensive Lineman), 6-5, 210 pounds, Louisville Trinity; Carlos Phillips (Linebacker), 6-2, 220 lbs., Owensboro High School; Paul McDowell (Linebacker), 6-2, 205 lbs., Louisville Ballard; Mike Nord (Offensive Lineman), 7-6, 236 lbs., Louisville St. Xavier; and John Bolden (Wide Receiver), 6-2, 175 lbs., Louisville Male.

UK's out-of-state list features signees hailing from Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, to the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. Sandwiched among those players are four recruits from Ohio.

The out-of-state players are: Randy Holleran (Linebacker), 6-1, 234 lbs., McKeesport, Pa.; Gary Ralston (Defensive Lineman), 6-3, 240 lbs., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Mike Meece (Tight End), 6-5, 210 lbs., Madeira, Ohio; Dean Wilks (Offensive Lineman), 6-5, 275 lbs., Proctorville, Ohio; Steve Phillips (Wide Receiver and Strong Safety), 6-2, 184 lbs., Fairfield, Ohio; Ed Keenan (Linebacker and Defensive End), 6-3, 200 lbs., Corral Springs, Fla.; Scott Rayburn (Tight End), 6-3, 240 lbs., Richardson, Texas; and Chris Moga (Wide Receiver), 5-10, 175 lbs., Tucson, Ariz.

Last season Kentucky successfully recruited three players from the Ohio area — Tom Crumrine, Westerville; Gardner Sorrell, Middletown; and Russell Viel, Middletown.

Claiborne said that the staff would continue to keep on the trail of '86 freshmen-to-be and possibly junior college players. He also noted that some students are still awaiting to take the ACT or SAT (college entrance exams). And with Proposition 48, the college bound student thus faces a tougher task just to qualify for college eligibility.

Kentucky Basketball Statistics

Date: 02-17-1986		25-GAME STATISTICS											(22-3 Overall; 13-1 SEC)							
		UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS											(13-0 Home; 9-3 Away; 1-0 Neutral)							
G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Asst	To	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
WALKER, KENNY	25	25	85.8	34.3	172	312	55.1	130	178	73.0	187	7.5	63	1	30	34	27	35	474	19.0
BENNETT, WINSTON	25	25	77.3	30.9	122	227	53.7	83	104	79.8	171	6.8	84	4	34	48	11	31	327	13.1
DAVENDER, ED	25	25	78.8	31.5	123	266	46.2	64	84	76.2	68	2.7	61	1	83	55	-	46	310	12.4
BLACKMON, JAMES	25	25	66.6	26.6	99	206	48.1	28	47	59.6	95	3.8	60	1	57	28	1	32	226	9.0
HARDEN, ROGER	25	25	74.5	29.8	72	137	52.6	23	25	92.0	52	2.1	47	-	175	56	-	26	167	6.7
MADISON, RICHARD	25	-	41.2	16.5	52	93	55.9	29	43	67.4	69	2.8	32	-	20	30	4	9	133	5.3
LOCK, ROBERT	18	-	12.6	7.0	21	37	56.8	16	33	48.5	30	1.7	24	-	3	17	6	4	58	3.2
JENKINS, CEDRIC	25	-	28.4	11.4	24	59	40.7	18	27	66.7	52	2.1	37	1	5	8	3	5	66	2.6
ZIEGLER, TODD	13	-	6.1	4.7	12	22	54.5	6	10	60.0	17	1.3	11	-	4	6	1	2	30	2.3
ANDREWS, PAUL	17	-	12.5	7.4	14	33	42.4	6	6	100.0	13	.8	11	-	11	4	-	5	34	2.0
BYRD, LEROY	16	-	9.7	6.1	9	15	60.0	10	13	76.9	10	.6	9	-	14	8	-	13	28	1.8
THOMAS, IRVING	14	-	6.5	4.6	4	11	36.4	5	8	62.5	13	.9	12	-	4	15	1	1	13	.9
Team	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	25	-	5000	200.	724	1418	51.1	418	578	72.3	818	32.7	451	8	440	309	54	209	1866	74.6
Opponents	25	-	5000	200.	606	1297	46.7	291	416	70.0	712	28.5	522	20	317	420	66	129	1503	60.1



Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Something Has To Give In Athens

Some interesting notes and more notes about college basketball in the Southeastern Conference.

Did you know that only two SEC teams are unbeaten at home this season in league play? Yep, Kentucky and Georgia. The Wildcats have won all seven of their SEC home battles while the Bulldogs are undefeated in seven contests.

Three schools have lost only one game. They are Alabama, Auburn, and Florida. Kentucky is responsible for the only home court SEC win in Tuscaloosa and Gainesville. LSU upset Auburn on the road. Tennessee and LSU have lost twice each at home. Florida and Vanderbilt have beaten the Vols in Knoxville while UK and Alabama have whipped LSU in Baton Rouge.

Eddie Sutton's Wildcats will get a shot at eliminating Georgia from the field of "unbeaten at home" this Saturday in a nationally televised game via NBC-TV in Athens.

While Kentucky and Georgia have been most impressive at home, only Kentucky and Alabama (4-3) have played better than .500 on the road. The Cats have been awesome, to say the least, with a remarkable 6-1 road mark and the 'Bama is 4-3.

On the other hand, most SEC schools just can't find that winning combination away from home. Tennessee hasn't won a road SEC regular season contest since January of last year when the Vols upset Georgia in double overtime in Athens. The Vols are 0-11 since that time.

Ole Miss is in the same category with a current 0-6 mark on the road. Even worse is Mississippi State which is winless in seven SEC outings on the road. Vanderbilt won its first road trip to Ole Miss, then lost the next four, but bounced back last Saturday to upset Tennessee in Knoxville.

What does all this mean? That Kentucky's 6-1 SEC road record is enough evidence to hand the league trophy over to the Wildcats without even looking at the home mark.

Kentucky's 36th Southeastern Conference title should be assured on Wednesday night when the Cats host the Florida Gators at Rupp Arena.

A win over Florida would give the Cats a 14-1 league mark and guarantee UK no worse than a first place tie. Going into the Florida game, UK held a three-game league over second place Alabama with four games remaining.

Should UK defeat Florida and should Alabama lose at Tennessee, the Cats would own the title outright. It would also be the earliest the title race has been decided since LSU won the SEC with a 17-1 mark back in 1981. That season, LSU went to the Final Four in Philadelphia.

Statistics don't always tell the complete truth, but rarely do they tell complete lies either.

For instance, the SEC season stats give one a good reason why the league race came down to a two-way fight between Kentucky and Alabama.

Kentucky leads the SEC in scoring defense (limiting the opposition to only 59.6 ppg), opponents' rebounds (allowing opposition to only 28.6 rpg), rebounding margin (a 4.7 rpg) and scoring margin (14.5 points per game).

That's not all. Kentucky is second in defending against the field goal (opponents hit only 46.3 percent against UK), second in field goal differential (3.9 percent), second in steals (8.4

spg) and second in turnover margin (4.2 per contest).

Stats show the Wildcats' most glaring weaknesses in blocked shots, free throw accuracy, rebounding and field goal accuracy. Usually, those last three categories can be mighty costly to a club.

Kentucky is sixth in the league in field goal percentage, but still hitting at a 50.2 clip which isn't as bad as the league's No. 6 spot would indicate. Kentucky's 72.1 clip from the charity line isn't terrible, but one would expect better shooting from a 22-3 club.

Rebounding at a 33.3 clip could be expected for a team which doesn't boast a huge front line. The Cats' plus here, though, is the fact that Kentucky permits its opponents only 28.6 rebounds per game which still has UK No. 1 in the rebounding margin department.

Although everyone except Kentucky and Alabama are officially out of the regular season SEC race, don't expect any of the clubs (except perhaps Mississippi State which practically has a lock on tenth place) to roll over and play dead.

Why? Because the tournament seeding will be more important than ever next month.

By mid-February, one can usually begin to sort out which teams are targeted for the extra preliminary round to qualify for the final eight in the SEC Tournament.

As mentioned earlier, State is assured of one of the four spots on opening night. Only Kentucky and Alabama are cinches not to play on Wednesday night. Auburn appears to be a safe bet to escape the extra game. After that, everyone is fighting to avoid the bottom four.

Two games over the weekend really brought the rest of the pack together. Ole Miss' shocking 58-57 upset of LSU and Vanderbilt's equally shocking 66-62 upset over Tennessee in Knoxville were the key disaster areas for two schools who expected better results in the pre-season.

Tennessee expected to finish somewhere in the upper division but finds itself mired in eighth place, only one game ahead of Ole Miss.

Meanwhile, LSU was considered a legitimate Final Four contender but one disaster after another has hit the Baton Rouge campus this season. The Tigers appeared to regroup about ten days ago, but Alabama surprised the Tigers in the Deaf Dome a week ago Sunday. A few days later, LSU rallied back and destroyed Tennessee 75-50.

Everything was back to normal, until Dale Brown's troops headed to Oxford where Lee Hunt again proved he's one of the most underrated coaches around. Ole Miss fashioned a one-point win and LSU is just one game ahead of seventh place Vanderbilt.

Right now, the best bets for the first round action appear to be State, Ole Miss, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Next to the SEC Tournament, the hottest topic is how many SEC teams will be invited to the NCAA Tournament next month. It says here that the SEC may get its fewest invitations since 1982 and there's an outside chance the league might get only two.

Five SEC teams were invited last March and

the league was supposed to be a more improved conference this season. Four teams went in both 1983 and 1984. Only three (Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky) were invited in 1982.

No question the league is down this season, from top to bottom and in between. Quite frankly, LSU, Auburn and Tennessee have been major disappointments. Florida and Georgia have played about as expected although both of these clubs hurt themselves with less than impressive non-conference play.

Only Kentucky and Alabama have surpassed preseason predictions. By the time the SEC tournament arrives, eight of the ten clubs will most likely have ten or more losses. Teams with double-digit losses have a way of being ignored by the selection committee unless you have (a) twenty or more wins and/or (b) played a rugged non-conference schedule.

Kentucky is a lock for NCAA play. Alabama is close to a lock because it has been UK's stiffest challenge to the league crown and the SEC will always get at least two bids. Bama's two most recent losses have dampened the pollsters' interest though and the Tide's only tough non-conference foe was UTEP which defeated Alabama 74-62.

Auburn has all the horses, but they haven't always showed up for a full day's work. The non-league card was improved this season for the Tigers, but not by as much as first thought. Auburn was upset early by the likes of West Virginia, Western Kentucky, UAB and Southwest Louisiana. If the Tigers should drop three of their last four, a trip to the NCAA would probably hinge on their play in the SEC tourney.

One big plus for Auburn would be All-American Chuck Person. All things equal, the NCAA would not want Person to be showcased in the National Invitational Tournament when the Tiger senior will probably be one of the top five NBA draftees this spring. On the second thought, Auburn will get an NCAA bid, no matter what.

Florida could find itself in another down-to-the-wire duel with another team for the SEC's fourth invitation. LSU and Georgia will likely fight it out with Florida for an entry. The Tigers played a bunch of patsies early (aka Montana State, BYU-Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific, Hawaii-Loa, among Hawaii-Hilo among others), but you have to give Dale Brown credit for taking on Lamar, Texas, Washington and Georgetown.

And John Williams is a billboard hit. LSU should go into the SEC tourney with at least 20 wins, but should the Tigers get upset by either Vanderbilt or Auburn, the pressure could be on for LSU to go a long way in the SEC tourney.

Fact. LSU has not won a post season tournament game (either SEC or NCAA or NIT) since 1981 when the Tigers lost both their games in the Final Four at Philadelphia. That's a ten-game losing streak after the regular season.

Of course, all this can go down the drain if the league tournament holds to tradition.

In case you've forgotten, the SEC has staged seven post season tournaments since the renewal back in 1979 and there have been seven different champions.

Only Florida, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State haven't won the event since 1979.

Speaking of the SEC tournament, there's growing suspicion that the University of Ten-

nessee won't be able to host next March's event at its new 25,000-seat arena.

If that be the case, the SEC tournament site selection committee will have to decide whether to hold it at Birmingham, Nashville, Lexington or perhaps Atlanta or Baton Rouge. Our sources indicate the tourney might return to Nashville because the Vandy people did such a great job with it in 1984.

UT officials are still having problems with their new facility. Work was stopped several months ago because of massive sink holes at the construction site and the university is now in the process of trying to get the project started up again.

No official word has been handed down, but insiders say there is no way the facility will be completed in time for the 1987 tourney. The arena was supposed to have been ready for next month's tourney.

Plenty of tickets remain available for the 1986 SEC Tournament at Rupp Arena according to UK officials. Ticket books are \$60 each and are good for one admission to all five sessions.

Tickets are on sale at the UK Basketball Ticket Office, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Kentucky. If you order by mail, you should include a handling and postage fee of \$2.

Tickets can also be purchased in person at the UK ticket office.

UK athletics director Cliff Hagan is hoping that Wildcat fans will turn out in record numbers for the tourney because it could have an impact on UK's ability to attract the tourney back to Lexington in the future.

Obviously, most coaches are against the tourney being played on UK's home court, but 22,000 tickets at \$60 each can be a mighty powerful ally when comparing that with 15,000 in Nashville and even less in Birmingham.

Some 19,000 tournament books were sold for the 1982 tourney in Lexington, but sales are lagging this time around. UK assistant athletics director Larry Ivy said there was a brisk increase last Friday, the morning after UK upset Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Should UK sell out the tourney, it would set an all-time attendance record for a conference post season tournament and also put the SEC in a position of having to consider Rupp Arena almost every other year or so.

Not only will UK have to generate more sales than three years ago, Wildcat fans will have to make up for lagging sales at other schools.

Most disappointing were ticket sales at a number of SEC schools, including Vanderbilt where the Commodores did not take their entire allotment. Usually, Vandy requests additional tickets.

With many of the teams absorbing lackluster campaigns, about the only real interest just happens to be in Kentucky and around the Crimson Tide campus.

Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne got his biggest recruit of all on national letter-of-intent signing day—All-American Al Baker—last Wednesday, but the Wildcat staff obviously felt some major disappointments on the way to an average recruiting season.

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Intensity Was The Telling Factor

Cats Chase Dogs Out Of Rupp, Win 88-62

Cats whip Dogs?

This case wasn't where man bites dog...no, not at all as Kentucky was a 19-plus favorite to whip Bob Boyd's Mississippi State Bulldogs. Eddie Sutton, though, was glad to see his Wildcats run their underdog opponents out of Rupp Arena by the count of 88-62 last Saturday night.

"I believe the ballclub has matured and they understand they're in a position now to where WE'RE going to go out hunting people," said the Kentucky mentor after his team's 22nd victory. "I told them I'm getting tired of being hunted; let's go out and hunt some folks. I thought they did that tonight. I hope they can do that next Wednesday evening when we play the (Florida) Gators."

Kentucky's 72.2 shooting percentage from the field — 39 of 54 — was the best ever by a Wildcat team in Rupp Arena.

Winston Bennett led the winners with a deadly 10 of 12 effort from the floor, scoring a game-high 21 tallies. Kenny Walker, who's currently UK's No. 3 all-time leading scorer, was next with 20 points.

Kentucky broke a close struggle (11-9) with a 20-8 run. Following two free throws from Robert Lock, the Wildcats were in complete command with a 31-17 lead at the 6:51 mark.

Troubled by fouls with starters Raymond Brown and Anthony Blakely with four fouls apiece before halftime, MSU could not stay close. The Wildcats opened the advantage to 19 (51-31) early in the second half. A three-point play from Chauncey Robinson pulled the Bulldogs within 13 (53-40). However, with help from three Bennett jumpers Kentucky was back on top by 19, (61-42) with 12:18 left to play.

UK's starting guards — Roger Harden, Ed Davender and James Blackmon — connected on a combined 14 of 22 from the field, netting 30 of the Wildcats' 88 points.

Sutton also got an encouraging performance from Lock. The sophomore center hit on a perfect 3 of 3 from the field, 3 of 4 from the charity strip, to total nine points in 10 minutes of work.

"I had been practicing well for the last week and a half," said Lock. "I was hoping that I was going to get in because I felt real comfortable. I think that now I've gotten past the stage of being nervous in front of the Rupp Arena crowd.

"That's a plus, I'll tell you."

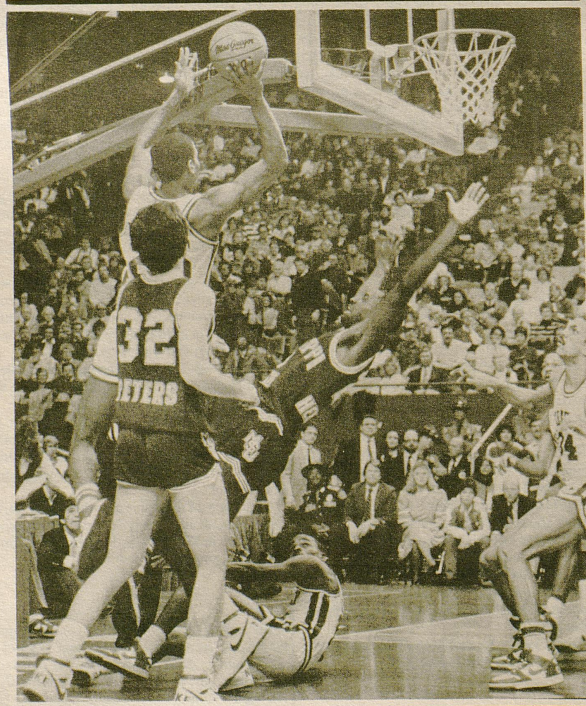
Many Things Point To Sharp Cats

Being an overwhelming favorite, Kentucky could have easily taken its guests for granted. But it wasn't to be on this night where UK's back court trio dished out six or more assists.

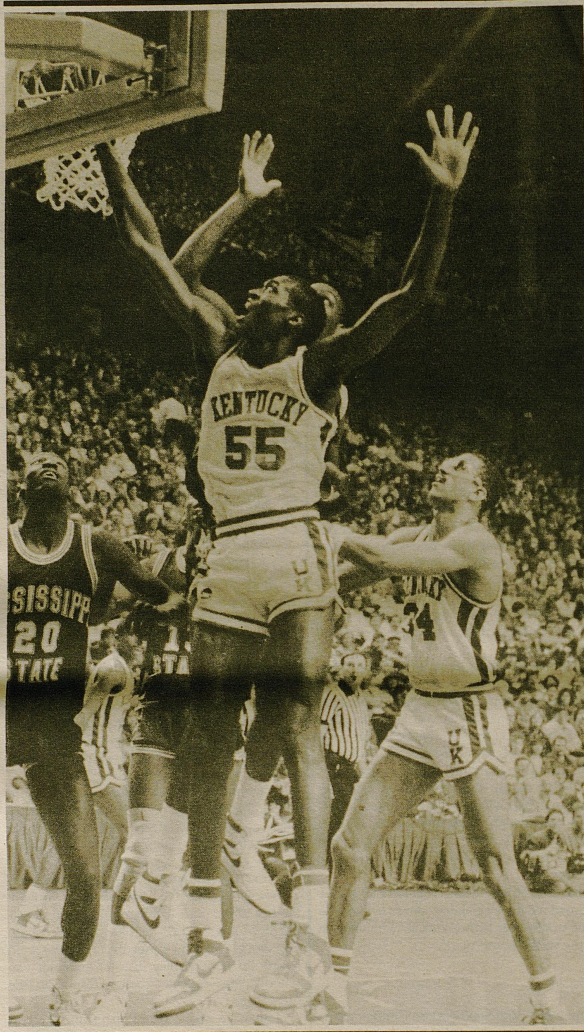
"Kentucky's attitude towards the game was very good," said Bob Boyd after he saw his team fall to a 4-19 record, 1-13 in the SEC. "It could have been less than that because of their recent win at Alabama.

"They seem to me to have a (certain) degree of intensity that good teams need to have. I point that out because you can never take that for granted. Kentucky should be commended for their approach to this game, which I thought was very solid."

With only four league games remaining, Kentucky, due to Alabama's 71-69 loss at Auburn, can clinch a tie Wednesday night for the SEC title. Norm Sloan and the Florida Gators will have something different in mind, however.



Out Of My Way



Jenkins Eying Two

The Wildcats now stand 13-1 in the SEC, 22-3 overall. Alabama is second in the conference with a 10-4 mark (17-6 overall).

Asked if he feared a letdown coming into the MSU contest, Sutton responded, "This ballclub has matured a lot. I would have feared that very much maybe three weeks ago."

Leading 43-27 at the midway point, the Wildcats improved on their first half shooting percentage (68.0 percent) with a 22 of 29 (75.9 percent) heated performance in the second stanza.

While Boyd pointed out that UK's marksmanship from the field was the key statistic, other categories also led to a Wildcat win.

Harden's 10 assists was the game's high. Overall, UK finished with 32 assists on the night. Blackmon and Davender also dished out six each, respectively.

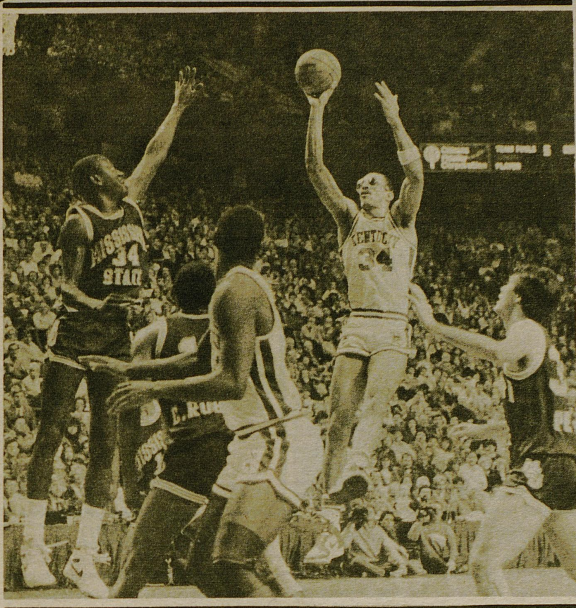
MSU's 20 turnovers didn't help matters either for the team which currently resides in the cellar of the SEC standings. On the Kentucky side of the miscue ledger, the Wildcats committed only eight. UK's man-to-man defense turned in another stellar performance, coming up with nine steals.

The big factor which enabled a 26-point blowout, however, was intensity. Time and time after an emotional win teams tend to falter the next time out. As Sutton mentioned, though, his team has matured a great deal in the last three weeks.

On this Saturday night the maturity showed.

Undermanned Bulldogs Couldn't Stay Close

Kentucky's front line of Bennett and Walker were too much for MSU's 2-3 zone. And while the two starters were netting for a combined 41-point total, Lock also contributed underneath as well.



Walker Above Clouded Paint

Bennett got most of his points on turnaround jumpers as Walker was also hitting on short turnarounds, mixed in with three dunks.

Robinson led the Bulldogs in the first half with 12 points. But with Blakely and Brown picking up their fourth fouls at the 8:08 and 2:40 marks the 'Dogs were helpless. UK would have an easier time underneath with two of MSU's big men in early foul trouble.

Harden, who has found a home at the top of the key, took only seven shots but connecting on six. His 5 of 6 shooting in the first half kept the Bulldogs off the trail.

The senior guard's 16-footer gave his team its biggest lead at the time, 29-17 at the 7:29 mark. Robinson scored five of MSU's next 10 points, but the Bulldogs found themselves down by 16 at intermission.

Robinson finished with a team-high 15 points followed by Mark Peters with 12 points. Peters, a 6-foot-4 guard, led the Bulldogs in rebounds with five.

MSU improved on its 42-9 first-half shooting with a 577 clip (15 of 15). However, 12 points was the closest Boyd's team could get, (43-31) when Peters took a pass from Tracy Taylor and hit from 18 feet.

Kentucky quickly negated the 4-0 run with a 16-9 run of its own. The spurt started when Davender canned an 18-foot jumper to put UK ahead 45-31 with 18:32 remaining. Following a free throw by Hubert Henderson, the Wildcats scored on a Bennett tip in and a Walker dunk.

With 4:55 left, Walker showed the crowd his outside touch by drilling a 12-foot jumper.

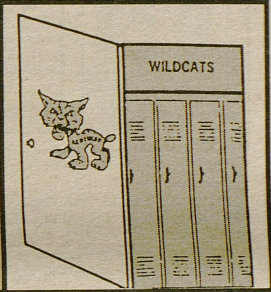
Kentucky now led 78-52 as it was time for the reserves to get some playing time.

The second-stringers kept the pace as they initiated and completed a 10-2 spurt; Cedric Jenkins, who took a pass from speedster Leroy Byrd, jammed one home giving the Wildcats their biggest margin of the night, 32 points (86-54).

Bulldog - Wildcat Tidbits

The late **Adolph Rupp** was honored at halftime as the recipient of the **1986 Naismith Outstanding Contribution to Basketball Award**. **John Steen** of the Naismith Awards Program presented the award to Kentucky's athletics director **Cliff Hagan** and the members of the **Rupp family**. . . UK announcer **Cawood Ledford** was not at courtside for the second straight game. Ledford's father-in-law died earlier this week, following the death of his mother Monday night. **Ralph Hacker** did the play-by-play while **Russ Small** provided the commentary for the UK Network. Ledford is expected to back for the **Florida-UK** matchup Wednesday night. . . The victory over the Bulldogs gives Kentucky a **61-25** series lead, which started back in 1925. . . The Wildcats were led in rebounding by **Kenny Walker** and **Winston Bennett** with seven and six, respectively. . . UK's win marks the schools best start (22-3) since the 1977-78 NCAA Champions raced off to a 23-2 slate. That season UK earned its 23rd win of the campaign with a thrilling 58-56 win over Mississippi State at Rupp Arena. . . The best regular-season shooting percentage from the field prior to the MSU-UK game was held by **West Virginia**, which shot 68 percent (34 of 50) in a win over **Bowling Green** during the 1977 UKIT. **Villanova** still holds the record with a **78.6** clip (22 of 28) in the NCAA championship last season against **Georgetown**. . . **Roger Harden's** 10 assists place him within only 13 of **Dirk Minniefield's** single-season record of 188. . . With Bennett scoring 21 points the junior forward has now hit double figures in 19 of Kentucky's 25 games this season. . . The University has recently released a beautiful poster of Walker, which will be mailed to All-America voters next week. Fans can order by sending a check to: **UK Sports Publications, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, KY 40506**. The poster sells for \$4.

Inside The Locker Room



ROB LOCK

(About being ready to play against Mississippi State)

Lock: I had been practicing well for the last week and a half. I was hoping that I was going to get in because I felt real comfortable. I think that now I've gotten past the stage of being nervous in front of the Rupp Arena crowd. That's a plus, I'll tell you.

just thankful that I got the shots and to have people like Roger (Harden), Ed (Davender) and James (Blackmon) to pass the ball to me when I post up.

ROGER HARDEN

(About being ready for the Bulldogs after beating Alabama)

Harden: I really wasn't surprised the way we played (against MSU). Before the game we talk-

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE													
Date Feb. 22, 1986 Site RUPP ARENA													
VISITORS (Last Name, First)													
NO.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
13	Chauncey Robinson	4	9	7	9	4	2	15	38	4	6	0	0
34	Anthony Blakely	1	2	4	2	3	4	6	22	1	0	0	2
54	Raymond Brown	0	4	6	0	1	1	5	13	1	0	0	0
24	Tracy Taylor	0	1	5	0	0	1	2	29	3	5	0	0
31	Mark Peters	0	5	9	2	2	5	1	30	4	3	0	1
15	Dreg Lockhard	4	7	0	0	0	1	8	21	1	3	0	1
20	Hubert Henderson	0	1	2	1	2	2	2	11	0	1	0	1
31	Ervin Dillon	4	6	1	1	3	2	9	30	0	2	1	1
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS		24	47	14	20	13	19	62	200	14	20	1	6
FG %: 1st Half 9 of 21-42.3% 2nd Half 15 of 26-57.7% Game 24 of 47-51.1% Deadball Rebounds 3													
FT %: 1st Half 9 of 13-69.2% 2nd Half 5 of 6-83.3% Game 14 of 20-70%													
HOME													
NO.	NAME	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S
25	Winston Bennett	1	10	12	1	1	7	3	21	31	0	1	1
34	Kenny Walker	1	8	12	4	5	6	3	20	14	3	0	0
10	James Blackmon	0	4	9	0	2	1	2	8	25	6	1	0
15	Ed Davender	0	4	6	2	2	1	1	10	10	6	1	0
23	Roger Harden	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	33	10	1	0
20	Leroy Byrd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0
14	Paul Andrews	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	0
20	Irving Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
32	Todd Ziegler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
42	Richard Madison	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	9	10	1	0	0
44	Robert Lock	3	3	3	3	1	2	9	10	0	0	0	0
55	Cedric Jenkins	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	10	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)													
TOTALS		11	33	54	10	13	21	16	88	80	32	8	2
FG %: 1st Half 17 of 35-48.6% 2nd Half 22 of 29-75.9% Game 39 of 53-73.6% Deadball Rebounds 0													
FT %: 1st Half 9 of 11-81.8% 2nd Half 1 of 2-50% Game 10 of 13-76.9%													
SCORE BY PERIODS													
	1st H	2nd H	OT	FINAL									
Miss. State	27	35	XX	XX 62									
Kentucky	43	45	XX	XX 88									
Officials: Don Shea, Reggie Copeland and Charlie Watkins													
Technical Fouls: None													
Attendance: 23,115													



(About contributing late in the season)

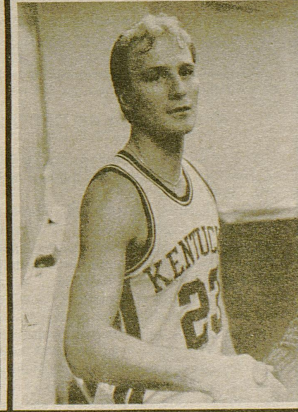
Lock: I think that anytime you can contribute to a team it's always a plus. I'm just happy that I was fortunate to get in tonight and do what I could.

(About knowing that the team will have the day off tomorrow)

Lock: Awesome.

(About having a good game)

Lock: I knew that I was ready to start playing well; I'd been playing well in practice. I was just waiting for the opportunity, because once I got in the game with more than two minutes left in the end I would feel comfortable. I was



ed about complacency. I thought Coach (Eddie) Sutton and the staff did a great job of elevating a dull night for us — not to come out and play sharp. They were talking about after a big win like how some teams can have a letdown. What we wanted to focus on was our effort and our enthusiasm tonight.

(About his shooting)

Harden: I think I've shot the ball well all season. I've been taking the shots that the offense has been giving. I've been shooting at about the same percentage that I have all year. I'm awfully pleased with the way I've been performing, offensively.

Assistants See Both Sides Of Recruiting

Eisaman, Hallum Reflect On Signings

Five to six inches of snow covered the Bermuda turf at Commonwealth Stadium last Friday morning. Even though it was the day after Eddie Sutton's hoopsters defeated Alabama to retain their grasp on the SEC lead, the talk around Cooper Drive was not about basketball. For some this cold, weekend beginning day marked the end of a week of speculation of a different sport — football.

You see, the 1986 NCAA national signing day was less than 48 hours old. And with it brought smiles of landing talented recruits like an Al Baker, mixed in with "we almost got this All-American prep star" expressions.

Although the trail never ends for new prospects, the Kentucky football staff added 14 recruits last week to their current roster. Last Wednesday was the first day high school seniors could sign with the school of their choice.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

While the out-of-state numbers were good (eight), UK retrieved only six in-state players this season.

"As far as our in-state recruiting is concerned I think it was a lean year in the state," said Wildcat assistant Jerry Eisaman last Friday. "We had a few outstanding football players, six to eight. The last three years we've had between 12 and 16.

"Every year we've been getting approximately 12 in-state football players and we'd approximately get eight out-of-state football players. This year we get six in-state and 12 out-of-state players. It's not anything against the out-of-state recruiting, even though Proposition 48 hurt us, we just had a lean year in the state. That was the difference, it's that simple.

"We think that the in-state recruiting was good. It was good because of the fact that we've got six outstanding football players. What's bad about it is there wasn't enough of them in the state."

Besides landing four freshmen-to-be from Louisville, Kentucky received Bluegrass commitments from Owensboro (Carlos Phillips) and Cadiz (Al Baker), both from the western part of the state.

Eisaman, who's been active in the recruiting wars for 20 years, sees the Kentucky prep scene getting better, however.

He mentioned that Louisville alone will have seven to 10 outstanding prospects alone next season. "That's going to be more (Division I) players in Louisville next year than had been in our whole state this year," said Eisaman.

Counting the Cincinnati area, he feels like there will be 25-30 Kentucky youngsters capable of playing big time ball.

Coming off a disappointing 5-6 slate had to be on the minds of the prospective prep seniors who were considering Kentucky. Another factor played a big role with the low number of gridiron signees throughout the nation, too.

The main concern with many college recruiters is what effects Proposition 48 will have on the future student/athlete.

Proposition 48 Cut Down The Numbers Game

This season the numbers appeared to be down for everyone. With Proposition 48 now in effect high school graduates will have tougher guidelines to qualify just to attend a Division I institution.

Those guidelines are: ACT scores have to be at least 15; SAT 700 and a GPA of 2.0. Plus, a 2.0 GPA in 11 specified units — 3 units of English, 2 Math, 2 Social Studies, 2 Natural Sciences and 2 additional college preparatory courses — is required for the prep student.

As of now there's a 'sliding rule', which if a high school graduate makes as low as a 13 on the ACT, but has a 2.2 GPA, he or she is still eligible to attend a Division I institution. And if a student has a 1.8 in the 11 (units) core curriculum, but a 16 on the ACT they then can also enroll at the college of their choice.

But in 1988 the minimum will be the breakoff point — 700 on the SAT, 15 ACT and a 2.0 GPA. The 'sliding rule', thus, will no longer be in effect.

"Somebody told me that recruiting in the state of Florida was cut in half," said UK offensive line coach Jake Hallum, who has 19 recruiting years under his belt. "It was something like 250 guys had signed Division I, and now it's like a 100 or so. Now, a lot of the schools are after the same people."

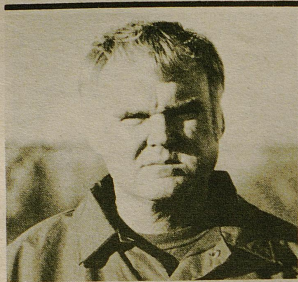
In regards to strengthening academics both Eisaman and Hallum liked the idea of the new rule, but felt there were some drawbacks.

"The biggest thing is," insisted Hallum, "I don't know if the high school coaches are aware of this, but they have to start posting things and start guiding the youngsters to take the college preparatory courses. When you're in the eighth, ninth, or tenth grade... how many of those guys know they want to go to college, much less taking college algebra, trigonometry and all of those courses."

"The high school coaches are going to have to do a good job of explaining it to the youngsters coming through."

Eisaman's main concern is what happens to the kid who falls below the minimum standards to enter college.

"Proposition 48 has taken an opportunity away from some kids that probably do not have a real good family background. They may have had some problems growing up. It's going to take that opportunity away from them of going to college and being a more productive



Jerry Eisaman



Jake Hallum

citizen in the community four or five years later.

"Academically it helped the universities get a better student athlete. In the long run I think that football will suffer because so many good football players can't go to college."

Eisaman, a former UK player in 1958, '59 and '60, mentioned that kids on the team have enrolled on the Kentucky campus with eight and nine scores on the ACT. Yet, they have developed as college students under Bob Bradley's CATS guidance (Center for Academic and Tutorial Services) and "they're making good grade point averages, they're going to graduate, and be productive to their community."

With 19 UK grid players recently posting grade-point averages of a 3.0 (out of a possible 4.0) or higher, prep prospects have to be impressed with Kentucky's academic background. It's a valuable recruiting tool which will now be more important with the passage of Proposition 48.

Coaches Optimistic About New Recruits

Even though the quantity didn't match last season's total, (23 recruits) the coaches are pleased with the quality.

Getting a player with the talent Baker has is a must, especially if the student/athlete resides within the state.

"It was very important that we got Al Baker; there's a youngster that has tremendous potential," Hallum said. "If he'll keep his mind in the right prospective and continue to work like he is in high school then he's got to be an outstanding player.

"My job right now is to develop the linemen to go in front of him."

Time after time Jerry Claiborne has been quoted as saying that UK needs big linemen who can play in the Southeastern Conference. It seems as Kentucky gets one or two of the 250-pound variety, Alabama or Auburn corral a group of bigger linemen.

In regards to recruiting linemen this year, Kentucky played the hit and miss game. While losing out in the battle for Ohio native John Peterson (Ohio State), New Jersey's Dave Szott (Penn State), Daviess County's Colburn Clark (Louisville) and Maryland's Eric Jonassen (Penn State), the Wildcats did acquire the services of five needed linemen.

They range in size from 6-foot-2, 220 pounds to 6-5, 265 lbs. Included in the bunch is Dean Wilks, a 6-5, 265-pound offensive lineman from Proctorville, Ohio.

The UK staff found out about Wilks when someone called them and said Proctorville had the 2-A UPI Ohio lineman of the year. Kentucky outdueled Ohio University, Marshall and Miami University for Wilks' services.

"Dean has the potential to be a real outstanding player," noted Hallum. "He's big and he runs good."

"We would liked to have gotten a few more linemen and that was probably the only disappointing thing for us as far as recruiting is concerned."

You Can't Always Get What You Want

The feeling around the Wildcat football office is, "Sure, we came close on some outstanding players, BUT we've got to be happy with what we have."

These coaches know the next four or five years for these recruits are the key. A super talent can come into a program and be a flop, whereas a walk-on could be the steadiest player of the crop.

Hallum noted that defensive tackle junior-to-be John Shannon, who came to UK as a walkon, has turned into a good collegiate player. Thus, the 6-3, 247-pound Wildcat earned a scholarship last season.

Eisaman summed up prep recruits pretty well when he compared a million dollar race horse to one that originally sold for a little more than \$10,000. Sometimes you don't get what you expect.

That particular horse which sold for \$12,500, Spend-A-Buck, went on to capture the Kentucky Derby. How many million dollar babies have failed just to win an ordinary race, not to mention a Triple Crown event? I know I don't (or couldn't) want to find out.

"In 20 years I've been in it (recruiting) I've lost some kids that I thought were great football player who didn't materialize," said Eisaman, who pointed out that tradition was the school's best selling point. "They didn't pan out. I've gotten some kids who I recruited real easy and hardly put any effort on, and they came. I thought they were going to be a so-so football player, but they were better than the kid we lost.

Is potential regarded too highly?

"What he (player) does with that potential in the next three or four years remains to be seen," Eisaman expressed.

"We've been very fortunate to get hard working overachievers. Those types of people are what we build our program around. That's why Coach (Claiborne) is among the Top 20 winningest coaches in the country."

Oscar Combs

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Claiborne's crew signed barely a dozen players, but the lower numbers really isn't a good barometer because Kentucky was planning on signing only about 18 or so players anyway.

Kentucky has recruited so well during the previous three seasons that the NCAA overall limit of 95 scholarship players was breathing down UK's throat because Claiborne has done such an excellent job of redshirting.

Still, UK comes up loser on several players at the last minute. Kentucky experienced a couple disappointments in the East and lost a couple the staff thought it had a chance to get out of southern Ohio. The tough losses to absorb were the ones at home, especially Colburn Clark who first publically announced for UK, then switched to Louisville.

Certainly, the 1986 recruiting season sent smoke signals that Kentucky has to intensify its efforts both within the Commonwealth and around nearby states.

This isn't to say Kentucky had a terrible recruiting year. It didn't because there was so little talent there in the first place. After all, Kentucky did sign Baker and had to beat off every big-time football factory in the nation to keep Al at home. That was no easy feat. And certainly many, many football powers wanted Donnie Gardner.

Those in the know insist that this year's prep juniors are one of the better lots in a long time, so much so that UK might well keep a few of those scholarships open so the Cats can sign the maximum lot of thirty next February.

If Eddie Sutton isn't named "Coach of the Year" in the SEC, it will be the biggest crime of the SEC sports scene.

Can you imagine a coach taking a starting five predicted to be a third place team (at best) and racing out to a 22-3 start, including a 6-1 road record and having an opportunity to wrap the title up a week and half before the season's end?

Sure, LSU and Auburn have failed miserably, but you have to give Sutton and his Cats more than token credit for upsetting Alabama in Tuscaloosa in the biggest game of the year.

Not only that, Sutton has performed the magic with a three-guard lineup all season long, a feat most everyone suggested couldn't be done.

For my two cents worth, Sutton would finish first with Alabama's Wimp Sanderson second and Florida's Norm Sloan third. Both C. M. Newton of Vanderbilt and Lee Hunt of Ole Miss deserve special recognition, just for their ability to be competitive and pull off some mighty big upsets.

And the major disappointments? You've got a ton of them. Start with preseason favorites LSU and Auburn. Both have proved they can play well as underdogs, but they're terrible when running at the front.

The other big flop this season has been Tennessee. Sure, the Vols lost Fred Jenkins to an injury early during the conference race. But UT still has no excuses for losing to Florida at home (when Jenkins was healthy) and losing not once, but twice to Vanderbilt.

Tennessee goes a long way on winning one game a year, and you know who that contest is against. Well, that game is yet to be played so the Vols will have a chance to have a great season next Thursday when they host Kentucky in K-town.

On the high school basketball front, High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service coordinator Rick Bolus says the state's top junior pro-

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NCAA Conference Standings

Table with columns for Conference, W, L, Pct., and All Games. Includes sections for Southeastern Conference, Ohio Valley, Metro College Athletic, Sun Belt, Atlantic Coast, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big Eight, Big Sky, Big South, Gulf Star, Big Ten, Colonial Athletic, East Coast, ECAC Metro, ECAC North Atlantic, Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-American, Mid-Continent, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Midwestern Collegiate, Missouri Valley, Pacific Coast Athletic, Pacific-10, Southern, Southwest, Southwestern Athletic, and Independent.

Answers Make For Funny Questions

Car-SEC Knows All... And Tells All

And now, Car-SEC the Magnificent, the mysterious seer of the Southeast who sees all, knows all and tells all. Only Car-SEC can divine the answers to questions without ever having seen the questions themselves. His remarkable mystic powers make this all possible as we shall shortly see. These questions have been kept in a sealed Gator-Aid bottle on the porch of Southeastern Conference Commissioner, Boyd McWhorter. No one, repeat, no one has had access to these questions, although Tom Hammond and Joe Dean tried to slip through McWhorter's back fence and get the questions in order to have something interesting to say at halftime of an SEC basketball broadcast.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

However, Bob Barrett, an FBI agent for 26 years and presently Assistant SEC Commissioner in charge of finding out who did what to which recruit and for how much, instantly recognized Hammond and Dean a nefarious types whose desperate need for material during some of the games they are forced to broadcast drove them beyond reason to the Gator-Aid bottle. They were, therefore, stopped short of their goal and our questions remain pure. If you are ready, Oh Mighty Car-SEC, let us begin with the first answer. You will already know the question without ever having had the opportunity of seeing it.

And Here We Go

The answer is: Will Wolford of Vanderbilt, Kent Austin of Ole Miss and Bo Jackson of Auburn.
The Question: Name a size man, a wise man and a Heisman!

The Answer is: The Auburn Gym during a basketball game.
The Question: According to Auburn Coach Sonny Smith, where is the quietest place to study on campus?

The Answer is: A friendly handshake.
The Question: What is the medium of exchange in Kentucky?

The Answer is: LSU's recruiting of Tito Horford and "Murder She Wrote".
The Question: What are the two top mysteries of the year?

The Answer is: A tie and a trip to the Sugar Bowl.
The Question: What did Ray Perkins of Alabama give Tennessee's Johnny Majors for Christmas?

The Answer is: Playing the game between the hedges.
The Question: How do Georgia coeds describe kissing a man wearing both a beard and a mustache?

The Answer is: The LSU basketball Tigers.
The Question: Name an endangered species!

The Answer is: Completion of the new Tennessee basketball coliseum.
The Question is: What changes can we expect to happen in the year 2000?

The Answer is: Nikita Wilson.
The Question: Who won't be seen on television any more because he didn't do his makeup properly?

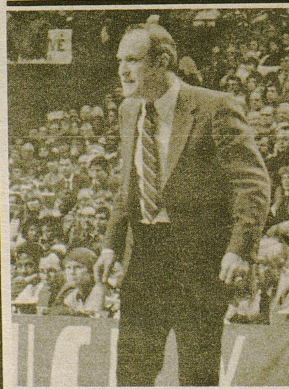
The Answer is: Alabama
The Question: Name a team living high without a Buck!

Not For Broadcast

Now Minnesota has joined the list of schools embarrassed by its basketball team. Why does the roof have to fall in before the president of a university realizes he has a problem with the foundation upon which the program is built? As we've said before, any leader who is serious about running a clean program need take only 10 minutes to check on the background of its players, the classes they are taking and the grades they are making. Minnesota's president must share the guilt as must Georgia officials for the revelations coming out of their respective schools. Anyone who thinks that "win at any price" is not still the standard at too many colleges and universities, just simply has not read his newspaper recently. Comment on the sorry State of Mississippi basketball this year. Ole Miss and Mississippi State, collectively, finished the first half of the round robin 2 of 14 against the rest of the league. Each won one. Ole Miss beat only Florida. State defeated only Vanderbilt. The Rebels had two wins, but one was against the Bulldogs. Their crowds are matching their records — poor. Alabama started Michael Ansley against Vanderbilt, the first start of his career. The youngster promptly set an SEC one-game season high with 17 rebounds. Unbelievable how well LSU's John Williams played against



Georgetown when you consider he was just coming off the sick list (Chicken Pox) and hadn't practiced. How much talent can one player have? When the Brown brothers — Mack of Tulane and Watson of Vanderbilt — send their teams against each other this season, it will be the first time two brothers have met as head coaches on the major college level since Vince Dooley of Georgia and Bill Dooley, then at North Carolina faced each other in the 1971 Gator Bowl. The NCAA thinks that the last brothers to meet each other in the regular season were Pete and Bump Elliot when they were at Illinois and Michigan in the 1960's. Even the best of them don't get everything they want. The late Bear Bryant recruited Watson Brown hard when the Vandy coach was coming out of high school. According to brother Mack, Bryant told young Watson if he would sign with the Tide he would be the Next All-American quarterback at Alabama. Instead, Watson joined Vanderbilt and threw the winning touchdown pass in a 14-10 victory over Bryant in 1969. When Georgia Coach Hugh Durham was at Florida State, his Seminoles played against Dale Brown's LSU Tigers at the Milwaukee Classic. It was not a defensive classic. Durham's team won 130-100. The perils of being a coach Johnny Majors, in just his ninth season as Tennessee's football coach, already has the second longest tenure in Vol history behind General Robert Neyland. With the year he had he should be good for nine more. By the way, prior to the Sugar Bowl Tennessee was the only SEC school that had never played the University of Miami in football. Auburn's Chuck Person has a cousin, Dwayne McClain, who started at forward for NCAA Tournament Champion Villanova in 1985. SEC basketball officials make \$350 plus mileage for Conference games and \$400 plus expenses for SEC Tournament games. With three officials used the home school is looking at an average expense of nearly \$2,000 per game of officiating. Basketball was originated by Dr. James Naismith at Springfield College in Massachusetts in 1891. Only two years later, 1893, Vanderbilt was already playing the game. They met a YMCA team in Nashville and beat them 9-6. Each team had 9 players. It became an intercollegiate sport in 1901 and by 1908 Vanderbilt was scheduling intercollegiate games with Columbia and Yale. Only five SEC schools have ever won the Bernie Moore Trophy for the best all-around athletic program. They are Alabama, Tennessee, Auburn, LSU and Georgia. Alabama leads the list having won or shared the honor five times. Alabama is one of only ten teams in the country to have been invited to the NCAA Tournament each of the past four years. The way Wimp Sanderson's Tide is playing this season they look like a lock for number five. The last word: John Smith, Vanderbilt's swimming coach after losing a meet with Northeast Louisiana, "We were just average — nothing special." Honesty is, indeed, the best policy.

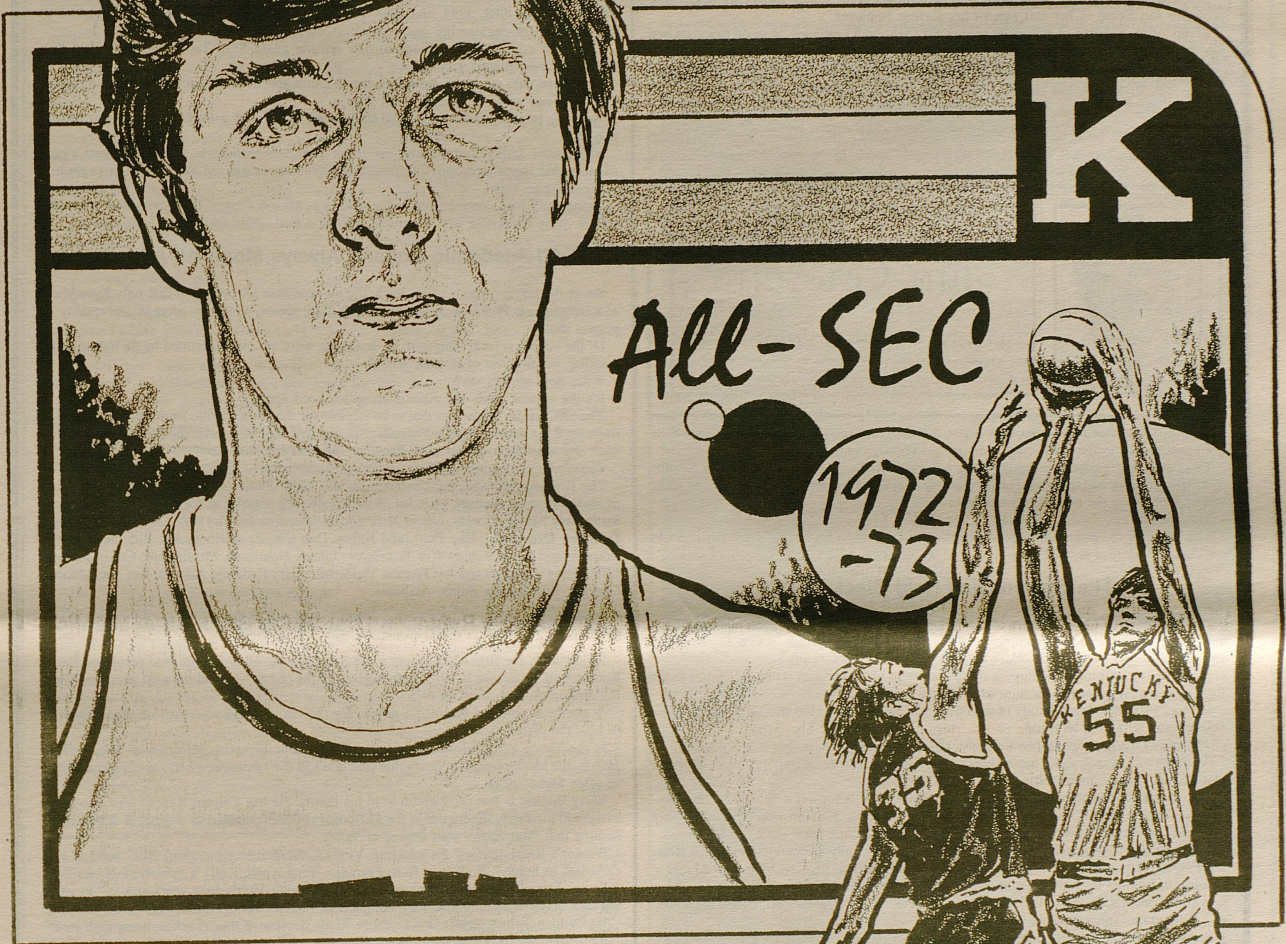


Dale Brown



Vince Dooley

Jim Andrews



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 WILDCAT BASKETBALL TEAM!

Jim Andrews

"The System" Hasn't Been Fair To Blacks

Vanderbilt Dominates SEC's All-Academic Teams

Much has been made of the Georgia trial brought about by former University of Georgia professor Jan Kemp in her suit against her former employer.

Kemp, once in charge of academic studies for the school's athletes, is suing to regain her job, because she says she was fired after she refused to change the grade of an athlete.

Her lawyer read a statement which included the sentence: "If we can teach these (men) to read and write, then maybe they can get a job working for the post office instead of driving a garbage truck."

Wow.

That's some indictment. It is an indictment on the present college sports system, the schools which "hire" academically unprepared men to play sports in the colleges' names, and an indictment of the men who "hire" them.



Jim Griesch
Cats' Pause Columnist

But, it is true that black educators argue that it is, for the most part, the black athlete who will be out in the cold, once the stronger requirements are in place.

Of course, white educators have quietly admitted for the past several years that it is the system that operates against these black youngsters, while using their athletic talents to make lots of money for the schools through sports.

True, again.

That is partly so because most black families have not been from what sociologists could call "middle class America."

The System Has Held Blacks Back

There seems to be some evidence of change here, however. With more blacks getting education, more blacks have been stepping into employment opportunities geared to put them, and their families, into middle class housing and social opportunities.

As these opportunities come open, more and more black families will have openings for them that simply were not there some 25 to 50 years ago.

In turn, the typical black family of the future will probably develop stronger "middle class values" and continue the trend.

This won't apply to every black family, nor every white family, but it will happen.

As tomorrow's black youth moves into a better world, with more opportunities, his value system will change, his ambitions will differ.

But, it doesn't erase past abuses. Not entirely.

If the Southeastern Conference's basketball fact book for 1985-86 is correct, then only one black basketball player has made the SEC's all-academic team since 1977.

That's right. Since Florida's **Al Bonner** made it in 1977, only Kentucky's **Winston Bennett** (1985) has made it.

Winston Bennett is from a home where both parents still live together.

Winston Bennett, Jr., and Mrs. Bennett always made Winston Bennett III respect his books, make his grades, and then play ball.

Father Bennett is self-employed, running a contract cleaning service. He's a businessman. He's had to learn how to survive in a competitive business world.

He's also a "middle class values" man who has passed some of those same traits to his son.

This is just an opinion, but it seems that Winston Bennett III is one young man, who happens to be black, who *should* go to college.

The fact that he is 6-7, built like a young bull, and very good at basketball, hasn't hurt his chances of going to school.

What Does This Say About The System?

But, if Bennett is the *only* black youngster at 10 schools over the last eight years who has succeeded well enough academically to stand above his peers academically, then what does this say about the system?

Since then, beginning with the 1978 all-academic SEC team three schools have dominated the lists. Vanderbilt, which has always enjoyed a superior reputation in academics, has placed 12 players on the academics honors lists. Kentucky and Florida have had six named. LSU has had three, while Auburn, Georgia and Ole Miss have had two, Mississippi State and Tennessee one each.

Alabama is the only basketball school in the SEC that has not had an all-academic performer in the last eight years.

But, some of these stats could be misleading. Vandy actually had seven players named 12 times. Incidentally, the school's all time leading scorer, Phil Cox, made all-academic three years in a row, or all that he was eligible for. Starting guard Al McKinney made it twice, as did forward Tom Schultz. Subs Pat Berwanger and Doug Weikert made it once. Olympian Jeff Turner made it once, and present part-time starter Steve Reece made it last year.

Of UK's six entrants on the team, present dental student Chuck Verderber made it three times in a row-- 1980, 1981, and 1982. In fact, Verderber was the only player in the whole league who made the honors list in 1981. The others at UK include Kyle Macy in 1979 (and he was "SEC Athlete Of The Year" then), plus Bennett and Bret Bearup last year.

Of Florida's six, three -- Rollie Castineyra, Joe Lawrence, and Danny Sheldon -- made it last year. Before that, you have to roll back to 1979, Ric Clarson, to find another Gator. Clarson also made it in 1978, as did teammate Larry Brewster.

Of the other schools, all three LSU entrants on the honors squad were guard John Tudor, who made it in 1982, 1983, and 1984. His field is listed as construction (which seems to be some sort of engineering orientation).

Ole Miss' contributions include former starting guard Sean Tuohy and sub guard Ken Coughlan, who played very little.

Georgians who made the squad are David Dunn and Chad Kessler, who share the pivot this year, and who both made it last year.

Auburn's two spots both were filled by forward Tom Cahill, a former walkon who seldom played.

Mississippi State's contribution was guard Tom Schuberth, who seemed to have a personality that ingratiated opposing fans, and who also transferred to MSU from -- *get this* -- Nevada-Las Vegas.

Tennessee's lone contribution to the team was Myron Carter, 1984, who was originally a walk-on in Knoxville who eventually earned a basketball scholarship.

All-Academic Doesn't Always Mean All-Athlete

So, of the players who actually made the all-academic list, you find that only Kyle Macy of Kentucky and Phil Cox of Vandy, among more recent honorees, were of star quality as players too.

Of the others, several who were all-academic were not even recruited by their respective colleges, coming out of high school.

What does all this say?

It's the system. Only the athletically-gifted need apply.

The SEC media guide says that to be eligible for the all-academic team, the player "must average 'B' or better for his entire college career. He must be in residence for a full academic year and must be a starter or a first line sub with his own team."

The media guide also says the standards for admission to the team were changed in 1979.

The first year the SEC had such a team was 1962. Fans will recognize many past stars as also being good students. Included on the list are such notables as Joe Dan Gold, Mississippi State; Tony Miller, Florida (one of 21 first-team selections for Florida); Larry Conley, Louie Dampier, Dan Issel, Mike Pratt, and Jimmy Dan Conner of Kentucky; Bill Justus, Mike Edwards and Larry Robinson of Tennessee; Johnny Neumann, Mississippi; Collis Temple, LSU; Terry Compton and Jeff Fosnes, Vanderbilt; Gary Redding, Auburn; Jim Youngblood, Georgia; and Tommy Suitts, Alabama.

Tennessee's Robinson First SEC's Black All-Academic

Incidentally, the first black player to be named to the all-academic first team was Larry Robinson of Tennessee in 1972, with Collis Temple of LSU second the next year, and Gary Redding of Auburn third in 1975.

A glance at some of the media guides for the current year also provide some clues as to how the system works.

In the Vandy guide, always complete and well-done by sports information director *Lew Harris*, the black players at Vandy this year don't fit the "from-the-ghetto-to-the-pros" mold so often found today.

Barry Booker is one of 12 children in his family. He has a sister, Karen, who also plays basketball for Vandy. Every one of the 12 Booker children either has a degree, or is in school, earning one. You *EARN* your degree at Vandy.

Booker's listed reasons for entering Vandy? "Academic reputation, SEC school, and closeness to home." Booker is from Franklin, Tenn., practically a suburb of Nashville.

Senior Darrell Dulaney list his reasons for choosing Vandy four years ago as "to get a top education and to play at a very competitive level in college basketball."

Nashvillite Sydney Grider says he chose Vandy because of the "coaches, hometown area."

Redshirted junior Bobby Westbrook, from Memphis, noted his reasons for choosing Vandy, and they included such things as a quality education.

Only One Vandy Player Has Pro Career As Goal

In fact, of all the players in the present Vandy program, only 6-7 Bud Adams (a white from Atlanta) listed a pro ball career a major hope. He is also a baseball prospect.

So, what does it all mean?

It's just the system.

And, if this system is rugged, just check out the situation outside the rarified air of major college athletics.

At Centre College in Danville, Ky., the average *America College Test* score for the basketball team is a 26, according to coach Tom Bryant.

There must be more than 100 jokes floating around that entire teams don't have a combined 26 ACT score.

Unfortunately, those jokes are too close to the truth to be that funny.

For one thing, a college should not have to teach anyone how to read or write.

One day, and not that long ago, the ability for an entering student to read and write was a given.

The entrance officer *KNEW* the prospective student could at least do that.

The college knew its job was to refine already learned abilities, to teach the student *HOW* to use already gained knowledge, and to build with additional knowledge.

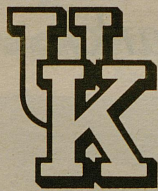
Why are students walking around, some attending class, who do not know how to read and write?

When a skeptical public sees where an athlete is pointed to as the one who cannot read and write, then the outcry is obvious.

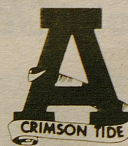
To Score Touchdowns And Shoot Basketballs

The dumb bloke is there only to score touchdowns, shoot a basketball, or run faster than any other human before him.

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Harden's Jumper Helps Wildcats Pad SEC Lead



A Larry Bird he may not be, but this Indiana prep product is drilling home game-winning jumpers like he'd enjoy taking on the NBA's top long-range bomber with or without their Converse sneakers.

Thursday night Roger Harden rifled home another 24-footer, his second in less than two weeks, to provide the Kentucky Wildcats with a two-point (73-71) victory on the rugged SEC road.

Two weeks earlier the 6-1 Valparaiso High product nailed LSU's coffin shut in Baton Rouge with a 25-footer at the buzzer for a 54-52 victory which preserved UK's first place position in the Southeastern Conference.

With first place again at stake and Alabama breathing down the Wildcats' neck, just a game behind, Harden went to his bag of tricks one more time and came up with a clutch jumper and just six seconds left on the clock to give the Wildcats a 73-71 victory in Tuscaloosa and a two-game lead in the SEC.

Afterwards, Harden admitted he wanted the ball in his hands for the potential game-winning shot. After all, this is the young man who has insisted from day one of practice that this Wildcat team will wind up in Dallas next month for the NCAA Final Four.

You talk about confidence?

"Yea, I was kind of hiding there with eleven or twelve seconds to go," admitted Harden, "because I didn't want the ball that early. I waited a second or two and then got it. I really wanted the ball."

Running mate James Blackmon agreed. "Everyone on the floor could hear him yelling for the ball," said Blackmon. "You just knew he really wanted to take the shot."

UK coach Eddie Sutton agreed.

"Roger Just Plays With A Lot Of Confidence" - Sutton

"Roger just plays with a lot of confidence. He believes he can hit those shots," beamed Sutton during his post game press conference. "There are some guys (through the years I've coached) who may hit a high percentage shot all through the ballgame, but at the tail end of the game, they don't even want that basketball. They run away and hide.

"And yet there are other players, who maybe don't shoot as well as some guys, but late in a ballgame you'd like to see them up there in the bottom of ninth with the bases loaded with a stick in their hands.

"He's a very gutsy player," added Sutton.

Harden's clincher came after Derrick McKey had tied the score at 71-71 for Alabama inside the final minute. Instead of calling a timeout, UK decided to work for one shot, having decided during a previous time that the Cats would first try to go inside.

"The play was not designed for Roger to shoot it," said Sutton. "We had told them during the last timeout that if they (Alabama) scored and tied the game, we'd let the clock run down and get the last shot. If we missed it, it would go into overtime. We preferred to get it into Kenny (Walker), but their defense was very good and did not allow it to happen. Roger hit a shot about the same distance down at Baton Rouge against LSU.

"It was a big game-winner and it is one he'll remember the rest of his life," Sutton said. "I thought (James) Blackmon played an outstanding ballgame. Over the last two weeks he's started to play like all the people thought James would when he first came to Kentucky."

Victory Snaps Bama 19-Game Home Court Streak

The Kentucky victory snapped a 19-game home win streak for the Alabama Crimson Tide and was the Tide's first loss after eight straight victories over the past four weeks.

It was a typical nip-and-tuck first half between the two SEC powers, but Kentucky held a 38-35 advantage after the first twenty minutes, thanks to some red-hot shooting from Blackmon and reserve Paul Andrews who gave the Bama zone defense trouble all night.

Blackmon was a house afire in the first stanza as he bombed away from the baseline against the 3-2 zone used to contain All-American Kenny Walker who managed to free himself for only two shots in the first half. Meanwhile, Blackmon enjoyed six field goals in the first half alone and Andrews spelled relief from the opposite baseline when the Bama defense started shading Blackmon about the midway point of the first half.

Both teams hit better than fifty percent the opening half with Kentucky canning an even 50 while the Crimson Tide hit 51.6 percent.

Kentucky's biggest problem in the opening period came when Walker was whistled for his second personal foul at 16:46 and Walker readily agreed after the game that the two early fouls affected his aggressiveness the remainder of the half.

Kentucky jumped out to an eight-point lead in the second half at 46-38 before Bama rallied with a 9-0 streak for a 47-46 lead. Sutton wisely called a timeout and "Tucky responded with five consecutive points to regain the lead.

The Wildcats' sticky man-to-man defense, which has been kind to the Big Blue all season, once again provided huge dividends with eight steals, four by junior Winston Bennett who continued his great inside play.

Blackmon's 22-Point Show Best Of Career

Still, the big name for forty minutes was that of Blackmon as he scored 22 points on 11 of 16 from the field, had seven rebounds and three steals in his finest performance of his career.

Walker, who played under wraps most of the game, responded with 16 points and four rebounds and was the only player on the floor to go the full forty minutes. Bennett and Harden scored 10 points each.

Buck Johnson, who was held to a mere 10 points a month earlier in Lexington, exploded for 22 points but fouled out late in the game. Derrick McKey, the Tide's talented inside man, tallied 16 while Terry Coner hit for 15 and Jim Farmer for 10.

For the game, Kentucky hit 51.8 percent on 28 of 54 while Alabama hit 51.9 percent on

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Hero Harden In Form

Cats Sign Al Baker, But Lose Clark

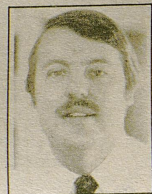
Lost Out On Pennington, Clark and Douglas

Kentucky landed the state's biggest football recruiting prize when running back Al Baker of Trigg County signed with the Wildcats.

However, Coach Jerry Claiborne was not able to make a clean sweep of the state's top players the way he had in 1983 and 1984. And that could be a bad sign for the future of Kentucky football.

"Sure it hurt our pride to lose some in-state players but those things are going to happen, especially with Howard Schnellenberger at Louisville," says one source close to the UK football program. "But we will still recruit hard in state and Kentucky is still the place most in-state players will want to come."

For the Wildcats to compete in the Southeastern Conference, especially when the SEC goes to seven league games in 1987, the Cats must sign the best home-grown talent. Kentucky is always going to have trouble recruiting top players from out of state because it is not recognized as a national football powerhouse.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

This year, though, the Cats lost three talented in-state products — quarterback Sean Pennington of Clay County and linemen Colburn Clark of Daviess County and Allen Douglas of Calloway County.

The most disturbing had to be Clark. He verbally committed to UK in December but Schnellenberger was able to persuade him to sign with the Cardinals. The 6-3, 260-pound Clark is the big lineman that both programs need to compete on a national level.

Schnellenberger made it clear that he will battle UK for the state's top players. No one can blame him for that. And it's unfair to criticize Louisville for recruiting Clark after he verbally committed to UK. A verbal commitment doesn't mean a thing and all's fair in love, war and college recruiting. After all, if Clark had been completely sold on UK he would not have listened to Schnellenberger's plea.

Douglas made it clear all along that he would go to Louisville. He's a 6-4, 235-pound center.

Pennington, who threw for 6,655 yards and 66 touchdowns in his career, signed with Eastern Kentucky. He took the offer from EKV because UK planned to wait until he took his college entrance exams before offering a scholarship. With the tougher academic standards imposed recently by the NCAA, no one can blame UK for waiting. But the wait sent Pennington to Richmond.

What probably hurt Kentucky more, though, than the loss of those three players was the lack of blue-chip players in the state.

"Next year there will be more Division I prospects but the quantity was just down this year," says UK assistant coach Jake Hallum.

That doesn't mean UK didn't land quality players in Baker, Donnie Gardner of Louisville Trinity, Mike Nord of St. Xavier, John Bolden of Male, Paul McDowell of Ballard and Carlos Phillips of Owensboro, Kentucky, though, would have liked to have had more in-state players it felt could compete in the SEC.

UK did try to recruit 10-12 "super" prospects from out of state. "We got a little upset because we thought we had a good shot at two or three and maybe even five of the big-time prospects we were recruiting," says Hallum. "In the end, though, we only got one."

The biggest and most disappointing out-of-state miss was 6-4, 240-pound Dave Szott of New Jersey. He was one of two linemen that the Cats desperately need who signed with Penn State.

"We had been on him three years and then Penn State comes in for three weeks and gets him," says Hallum. "It hurt to lose a guy of that magnitude that way."

Szott is considered one of the top offensive linemen in the nation. That's why UK assistant Farrell Sheridan paid a visit to Szott the day before the national signing date even though he had announced three days earlier that he would sign with Penn State.

"We were close on some outstanding national players that we didn't get," says Dick Redding, UK's director of recruiting. "All you can say is that we came close."

Close, though, only counts in horseshoes. That's why on paper this doesn't look like a great recruiting class for UK.

"It is two years down the road before you can evaluate your recruits," says Hallum. "Last year I felt like we had one of the best recruiting classes we ever had anywhere. This year we didn't get a lot of publicized players but then Randy White and Boomer Esiason weren't heavily recruited when they came to Maryland, either."

But Hallum also stressed that the stricter academic standards imposed by the NCAA had a huge impact on recruiting for everyone.

"A lot of schools came up short this year because of the academic requirements," says Hallum. "More schools were going after the same players. I ran into more southern schools recruiting in Ohio this year than I ever have before."

"The academic standards, though, may actually help us in the long run. Coach Claiborne has always been academically oriented where some schools just care about winning at any cost."

But Claiborne also enjoys winning and he thinks the players he did sign will help Kentucky do just that in future years.

"We are always looking for good athletes and we got some," says Claiborne. "We like the kids we got."

"We may sign some more at a later date, too. We're going to look at junior colleges and high school players that may have been overlooked. Some of our better football players were late signees. You just have to keep working and looking."

PLAYING ON television puts money in a school's athletic budget and gives the team national exposure to use to recruit quality players.

However, appearing on TV as often as Kentucky does have one drawback — opponents have extra opportunities to watch the Cats play.

"The NCAA only allows you to scout a team one time in person all year," says Sutton. "You can get all the TV footage, though, that you can put your hands on."

"Almost every game we play is on TV. That's an advantage for all the others in the league when they are preparing to play us. They get to see us but if they are not on TV we can't see them play."

Don't expect the other nine SEC coaches, though, to have much sympathy for Kentucky. Any of the nine would love to have the problem of being on TV too often.

TIMES HAVE certainly changed in basketball. How else can you explain a 5-7 guard winning the NBA's Slam-Dunk Championship and a 6-9 player winning the three-point shooting contest.

Larry Bird of Boston confirmed what everyone has long suspected — that he is the best long-distance shooter in basketball — by winning the three-point contest before the recent All-Star game.

However, it is even more amazing to think about 5-7 Spud Webb of Atlanta winning the dunk contest over defending champion Dominique Wilkins. That would be like Leroy Byrd outjumping Kenny Walker. It boggles my mind just to think about what Webb did.

Big guys shooting from 25 feet and little guys slam dunking. It's enough to make Adolph Rupp turn over in his grave.

RUPP, WHO guided UK to four NCAA championships, was named recipient of the 1986 Naismith Outstanding Contribution to Basketball Award. A special ceremony was held at halftime of the UK-Mississippi State game Saturday to honor the late Kentucky mentor.

Past recipients are Curt Gowdy, John Wooden, Ray Meyer and Hank Iba. Rupp, who died in December 1977, was the winningest coach of all time. He had a 879-190 record.

No one deserves an award like this more than Rupp. He made basketball a major sport in the south and established a great tradition at Kentucky.

The award will be presented to members of the Rupp family at the annual Naismith Awards banquet April 3 in Atlanta.

IT WON'T take long to know if Kentucky signee Rex Chapman will make it to Rupp Arena to play in this year's Boys State High School Tournament.

Chapman and his Owensboro Apollo teammates will face Owensboro in the first round of the Ninth District Tournament. It is the first time the two have met in the opening round since 1978.

The winner will earn an automatic berth in the Third Region tourney while the loser will be finished for the year.

Kentucky fans would love to see Chapman make it back to Rupp Arena. And it could happen because Apollo is easily one of the state's top 10 clubs.

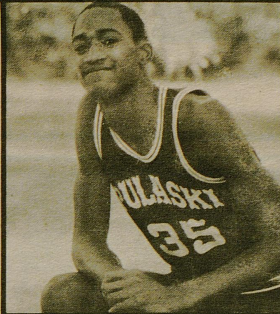
However, Owensboro could be Kentucky's best team. The Red Devils have beat Apollo in two of three meetings this year and could win the state championship if they can get by Chapman & Co. in the district.

UK's other signee, Reggie Hanson of Pulaski County, should make the state tourney. Pulaski is a huge favorite in the 12th Region and if the Maroons play the way they have most of the season they should earn a trip to Rupp Arena next month.

Tracking Future University Of Kentucky Wildcats



Rex Chapman



Reggie Hanson

(Legend: Score = Score Of Game, FGM-FGA = Field Goals Made, FTM-FTA = Free Throws Made, PCT = Percentage
 TPS = Total Points Scored, OR = Offensive Rebounds, DR = Defensive Rebounds, S = Steals, A = Assists, BS = Blocked Shots, PF = Personal Fouls)

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB	A	PF	TO	S	TPS	
Madisonville	73-68	10-16	62.5	5-5	100.0	7	4	4	2	0	25	
Henderson	98-83	7-19	36.8	14-15	93.3	7	5	1	3	1	28	
Daviess County	62-49	9-19	47.4	7-7	100.0	5	3	1	2	0	25	
Owensboro	64-62	11-22	50.0	8-10	80.0	7	5	1	1	2	30	
O'boro Catholic	77-47	6-11	54.5	5-8	62.5	2	7	4	1	4	17	
Lou. Southern	68-54	12-27	44.4	4-5	80.0	7	4	3	4	5	28	
Lou. PRP	63-70	12-25	48.0	6-7	85.7	7	1	3	1	0	30	
Clark County	54-49	6-10	60.0	0-0	---	4	6	3	1	0	12	
Carson (Cal)	61-57	9-21	42.9	1-1	100.0	7	4	1	6	0	19	
Bowling Green	70-49	10-15	66.7	5-5	100.0	1	5	1	4	2	25	
O'boro Catholic	73-38	8-15	53.3	3-4	75.0	11	3	4	1	1	19	
Owensboro	65-75	8-21	38.1	3-8	37.5	11	6	3	3	0	19	
Breckinridge	55-54	9-20	45.0	9-10	90.0	7	7	4	2	0	27	
Central City	66-52	8-20	40.0	4-6	66.7	8	5	2	2	2	20	
McLean County	78-58	8-15	53.3	1-2	50.0	7	6	3	1	2	17	
Lou. Ballard	73-76	17-23	73.9	11-16	68.8	7	7	5	3	3	45	
Lou. PRP	48-49	8-25	32.0	6-6	100.0	10	2	0	3	1	22	
Owensboro	55-67	9-23	39.1	5-6	83.3	3	3	1	4	0	23	
West Hopkins	69-66	Did Not Play (Flu)										
Bowling Green	59-42	9-21	40.9	8-9	88.8	8	3	0	3	4	26	
Bullitt East	64-60	9-18	50.0	5-5	100.0	12	5	2	3	3	23	
Ohio County	75-51	12-19	63.2	3-3	100.0	7	7	1	3	3	27	
Daviess County	82-54	9-15	60.0	10-11	90.9	14	9	1	2	3	28	
O'boro Catholic	92-59	7-19	36.8	8-9	88.9	13	7	3	2	2	22	
Meade County	88-68	19-32	59.4	1-2	50.0	16	5	3	2	1	39	
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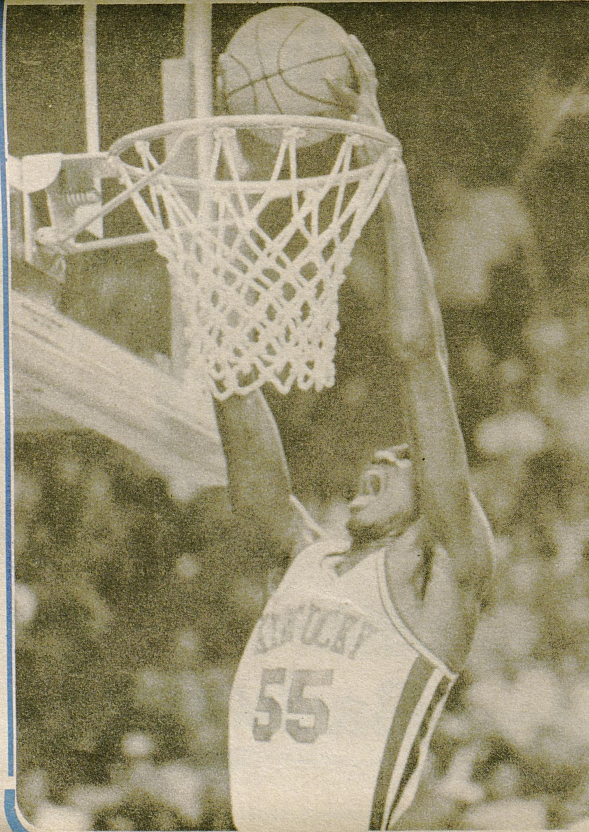
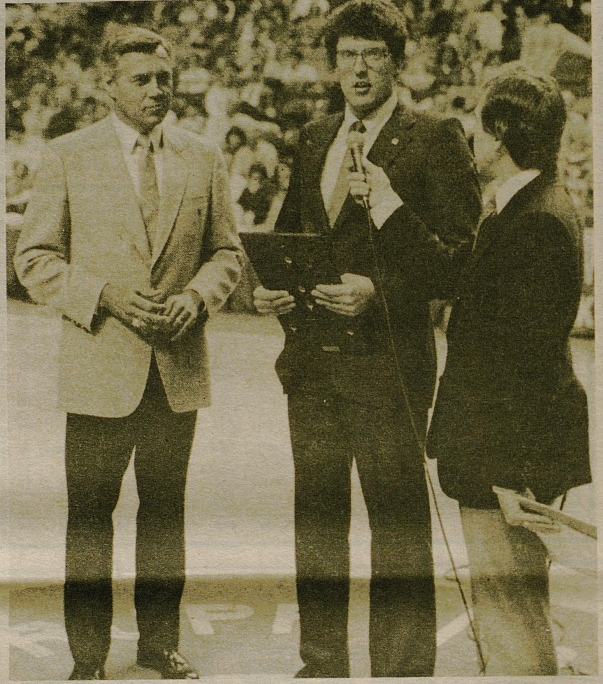
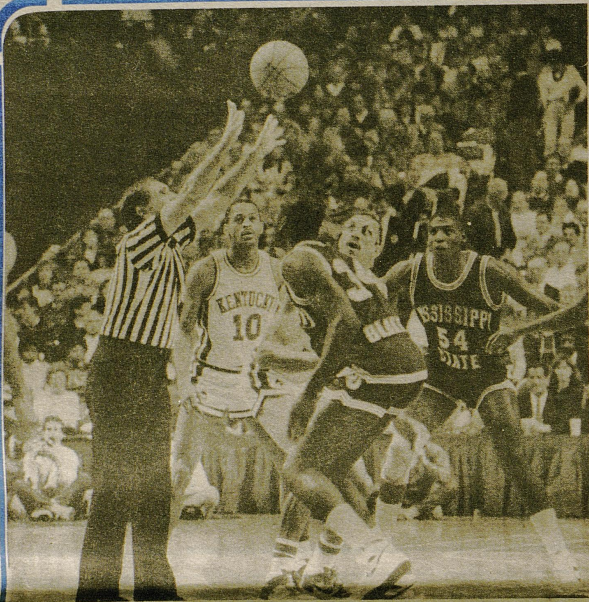
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Danville	66-43	10-19	53.0	9-10	90.0	29	5	7	12	3	4	1	2	2	
Corbin	71-48	8-11	73.0	5-5	100.0	21	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	0	
Bryan Station	58-55	9-17	53.0	11-12	92.0	29	3	4	7	3	4	2	4	4	
Lou. Seneca	65-62	3-9	33.0	1-1	100.0	7	6	3	9	1	3	1	3	5	
Lou. Fairdale	70-56	12-18	67.0	13-15	87.0	37	3	6	9	6	5	1	2	4	
Lou. Southern	68-51	11-18	61.0	11-12	92.0	33	4	10	14	3	4	1	0	2	
Kirby (Tenn)	50-52	13-18	72.0	6-6	100.0	32	5	5	10	5	4	1	0	4	
Monticello	80-61	14-18	78.0	6-7	86.0	34	3	9	12	3	6	1	4	4	
Wolfe County	80-49	8-13	46.0	3-3	100.0	15	4	12	16	2	4	2	6	3	
Somerset	80-48	8-13	62.0	5-7	71.0	21	2	12	14	5	4	1	3	3	
Wayne County	63-35	6-12	50.0	5-6	83.0	17	6	6	12	1	6	0	2	3	
Jackson Co.	46-33	9-12	75.0	6-6	100.0	24	3	9	12	1	3	0	11	3	
Harrodsburg	69-50	11-21	52.0	7-9	78.0	29	7	4	11	3	3	1	8	3	
Somerset	80-61	8-9	89.0	13-14	93.0	29	1	14	15	3	2	1	5	4	
Tates Creek	72-70	3-6	50.0	9-9	100.0	15	2	7	9	2	5	0	5	2	
Clay County	50-48	5-10	50.0	6-6	100.0	16	3	3	6	1	2	0	2	4	
Monticello	63-55	5-10	50.0	0-2	0.0	10	3	8	11	3	3	3	1	4	
Laurel County	72-70	12-18	66.0	8-10	80.0	32	6	5	11	2	1	2	2	3	
Sheldon Clark	73-69	6-10	60	10-11	90.9	21	2	6	8	3	3	0	3	4	
Mullins	66-48	10-11	90.9	1-1	100	21	6	5	11	2	6	0	8	3	
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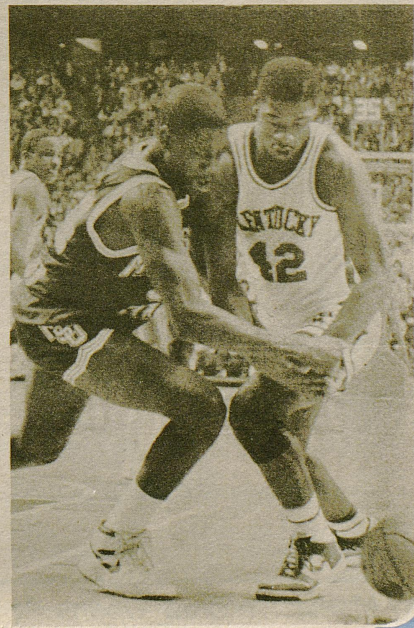
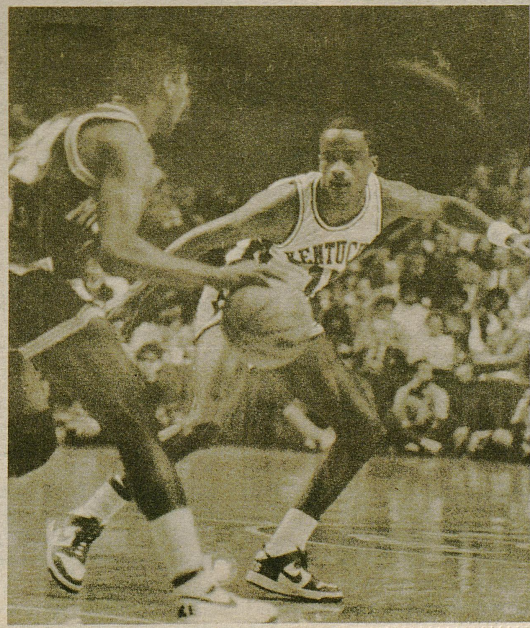
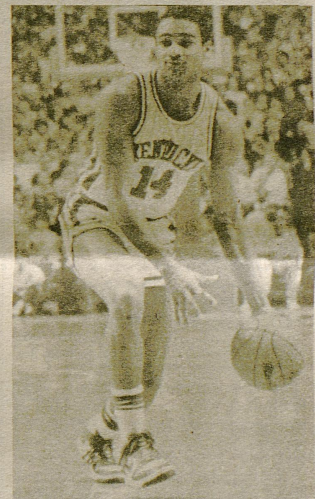
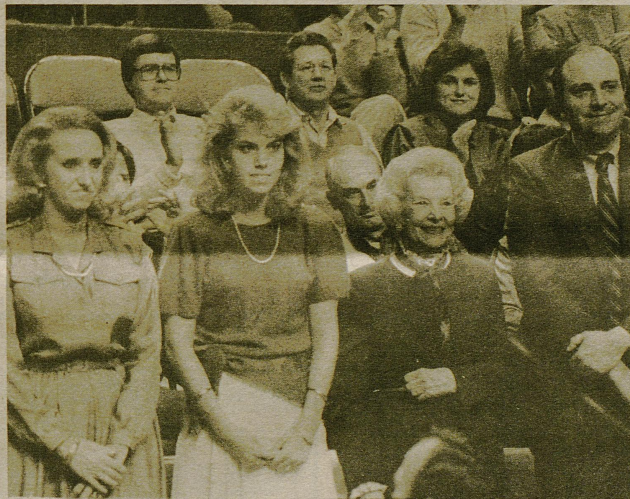
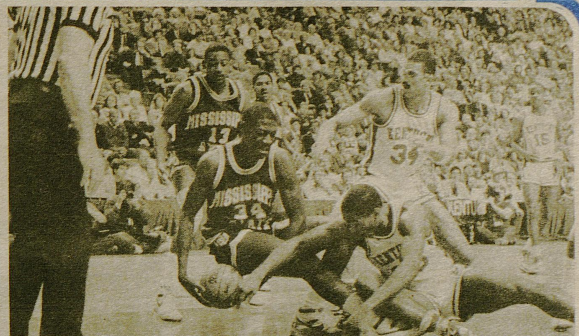
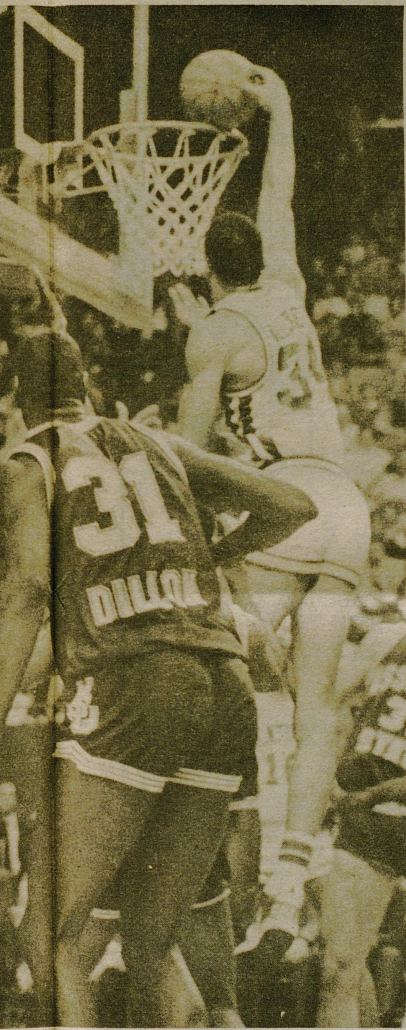


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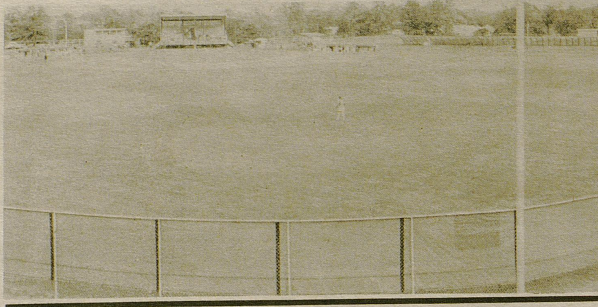
Wildcats Paint Bright SEC Pic



Picture With Win Over Bulldogs



Philly Phanatic To Make Stop Bat Cats To Play 30 Of 55 Games At Shively Field



Shively Field

A round-robin Southeastern Conference schedule plus a visit from major league baseball's Phillie Phanatic highlight the 55-game 1986 University of Kentucky baseball campaign. In addition, the Wildcats will be in action 12 times under the lights, with nighttime SEC doubleheaders slated for March 8 at Louisiana State, April 12 at Auburn, and April 26 at Mississippi State.

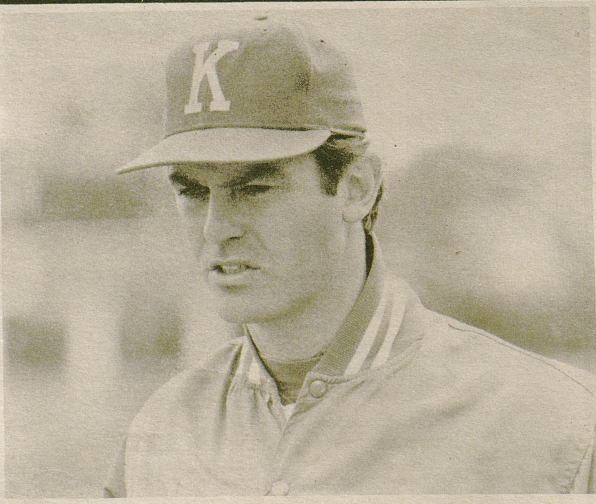
The conference has eliminated divisional play for the first time since its inception in 1959, and all 10 schools will meet one another on an alternating "home one year, away the next" basis. UK has an advantage of five home series this year, with Alabama (March 15-16), Florida (March 29-30), Vanderbilt (April 5-6), Mississippi (April 19-20) and Georgia (May 3-4) all visiting Shively Field.

The Phanatic, a regular at Philadelphia Phillie home games, will make his first Lexington appearance on April 23 when the Wildcats host Louisville in a 3 p.m. contest. Less than 48 hours later a 7 p.m. clash between UK and U of L at Louisville's 38,000-seat Cardinal Stadium. Last year's meeting on the turf of the Class AAA Louisville Redbirds saw UK squeak out an 8-5, 12-inning duel in front of over 1,500 fans.

Other night games for Kentucky include the season opener at West Florida on Feb. 28, and single games with Alabama on March 15-16. These two contests in Tuscaloosa, however, will not count in the conference standings, as UK owed the Crimson Tide a pair of games from last season prior to the inception of round-robin play. Kentucky also visits yearly rivals Evansville and Morehead State for single games under the stars.

UK begins its 30-game home slate by hosting Kentucky State on March 4. The Wildcats can look forward to 24 of their final 35 games within the friendly confines of Shively Field after 14 of their first 20 are away from home.

The UK baseball season-ticket package is now available, with fans being given the option of buying either an adult, children or family pass. The adult's pass sells for \$20 and the children's (13 and under) for \$8, while the family package is \$30 and is good for two adults and two children each. For more information call Kentucky Baseball at (606) 257-8829.



Madison's Crew Opens At West Florida

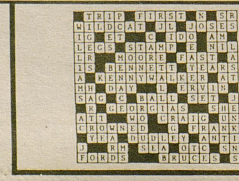
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By Dan Krueckeberg

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THE "COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE" NCAA HOOP CROSSWORD

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Pac-10 coach now in Big Sky</p> <p>6 Goes with Santa Barbara</p> <p>8 A Gator</p> <p>11 Burrow</p> <p>12 "_____ boys include Hawkins, Les, and Williams</p> <p>15 Initials of 28 Down</p> <p>17 State the meaning</p> <p>19 The _____ C</p> <p>20 Initials of a Louisville Cardinal</p> <p>21 Body of water</p> <p>22 Wins for U.S. International last season</p> <p>23 Abbr. for "wavelength"</p> <p>24 Initials of former BYU hoopster who played in the major leagues</p> <p>25 Tough to take</p> <p>26 Words on the links</p> <p>28 _____ squad includes Korfas, Polie and White</p> <p>31 Fish</p> <p>32 Has first year coach and big German</p> <p>33 See 40 Across</p> <p>34 Denomination</p> <p>35 Compass abbr.</p> <p>36 Site of the Terriers and Rams</p> <p>38 James' was peach</p> <p>39 Abbr. for a length measurement</p> <p>40 Shootout state abbr.</p> <p>42 Betty</p> <p>43 ACC state abbr.</p> <p>45 Economist's abbr.</p> <p>46 Illinois or Kentucky of Div. I</p> <p>47 SEC color</p> <p>49 Initials of the Orangemen's big guy</p> <p>50 First name of a Big East coach</p> <p>51 Mr. Cutbric</p> <p>52 Digger's senior Jim</p> <p>55 Coach of V.M., C.B., and J.L.</p> <p>57 Term paper abbr.</p> <p>58 Gamecock</p> <p>59 Abbr. for state of the Huskies, Panthers and Leathernecks of Div. I</p> <p>60 Initials of a Tiger coach</p> <p>62 Ump-teen years</p> <p>63 Atlantic 10 state abbr.</p> <p>64 Former Kentucky star Adrian Smith</p> <p>66 Initials of one of Frieder's boys</p> <p>68 Eyeball</p> <p>69 Fortler</p> <p>71 Nurse abbr.</p> <p>72 Tatum, Baron and Stanfel</p> <p>74 Former Tar Heel Perkins</p> <p>75 Of the Ivy</p> <p>76 2nd in command</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Opponent</p> <p>2 Hoosier</p> <p>3 Jockey's need</p> <p>4 Night before big game</p> <p>5 Abbr. for "with regard to"</p> <p>6 Dowell, Friend and teammates out west</p> <p>7 State abbr. for a conference foe of Gonzaga</p> <p>8 Spans seven states</p> <p>9 "_____ smooth as silk"</p> <p>10 On the heavy side</p> <p>11 Initials of coach of D.H., J.W., D.D. and M.H.</p> <p>13 1st name of dean of Pac-10 coaches</p> <p>14 Rushed against with the ball</p> <p>16 Out of date</p> <p>18 Compass abbr.</p> <p>21 First name of coach of Jeff, Chris, Chuck, Gerald, Frank, et al</p> <p>23 C.H.'s boys in the Bluegrass</p> <p>24 Coach in 15th year at his school</p> <p>25 Play in the Ivy League</p> <p>26 Has teams in Utah and New Mexico</p> <p>27 Astronaut chit-chat</p> <p>28 Many say _____ favorite conference is clearly the ACC</p> <p>29 Sewing item</p> <p>30 Initials of a fine SEC senior guard</p> <p>32 _____ Carolina</p> <p>34 Shakes out</p> <p>37 Big boomers which hail the Mountaineers</p> <p>38 Court areas</p> <p>41 Initials of one of many talented U of L freshmen</p> <p>42 WCAC state abbr.</p> <p>43 Hit for two</p> <p>44 Cat Byrd</p> <p>45 LaSalle's great pride</p> <p>46 _____ first win, for the record, was against Northwestern State</p> <p>48 Bad for late-comers who wish to sit</p> <p>50 Div. I of Chicago, Baltimore and LA</p> <p>53 Orchestra part</p> <p>54 Coach's boss</p> <p>55 Can Evansville make the Final Four?</p> <p>56 In same conference with Niagara, Colgate and Northeastern</p> <p>58 Actress Farrow _____</p> <p>61 _____ and pop</p> <p>63 Phonograph abbr.</p> <p>65 Masculine name</p> <p>66 "Hot _____ Humdly"</p> <p>67 Initials of high-scoring Redskin Ron</p> <p>70 Abbr. for school of checkered towel coach</p> <p>73 Roman numeral for number who'll have a Reunion party</p>
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Last Week



When A Spark Is Needed Look To Bench

Sixth Man Can Add Secret Punch

The life of the 6th man is one that requires unwavering patience, keen observation and the ability to perform relentlessly upon answering the spontaneous, but oft long-awaited summons from the coach.

When I played the role of the 6th man, I made great effort to watch my opponent carefully, determine his weaknesses, then aim for the kill. My target, if things went according to plans, would be complementary to whatever successful negotiations the team had made up to the point of my entering the game.

Entering the game isn't as easy as it appears. Getting my adrenaline up always took a couple of full court plays, then I was good to go. My primary goal in helping the team was to aid in keeping the defense running smoothly and to apply the pressure defense on the opposition. My teammates always seemed to be uplifted by that play, which gave me the motivation to continue to do the best I could.



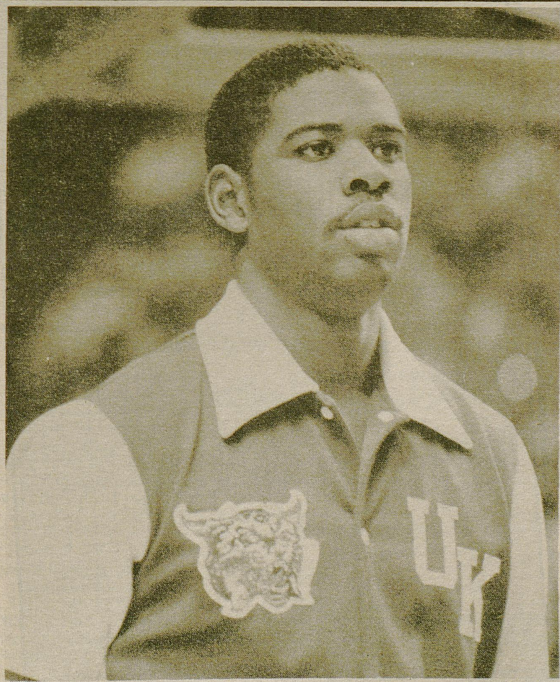
Dicky Beal
Cats' Pause Columnist

Although Leroy Byrd isn't the 6th man, he gets a big ovation when he reports to the scorers table. Leroy adds a spark of fire to the game almost every time he enters. The crowd rallies behind Leroy 100 percent. If he scores or steals the ball, the crowd gets louder. The effect of fan support and enthusiasm at the games make a tremendous difference in the morale of the players during the game.

The 6th man is expected to produce, to make an impact as soon as possible. Though not looked upon in general as a leader within the team, the 6th man often takes a position of leadership. Leroy and I lead by example. When a team is down, naturally they're eager for something that will change the tone of the game. More than likely, it's the guy coming off the bench. The 6th man is an important link in the chain of success of the team.

Tough To Slip By Second Time Around

The Cats' recent victories over Vandy and Ole Miss weren't pretty, but "a victory is a victory." To play the conference schedule a second time around is tough. Take into account that the Cats' defense has been studied by the opponents, therefore, they are more apt to know



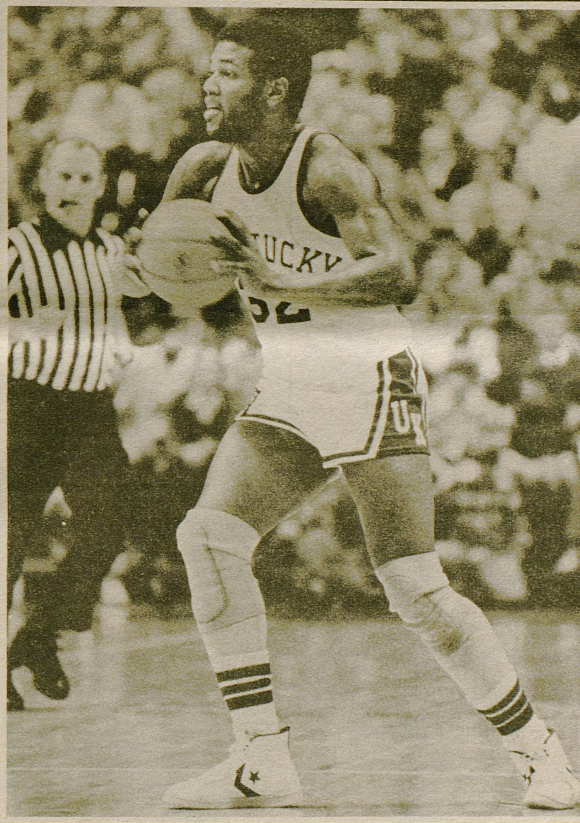
Richard Madison

the weaknesses even better and have designed plays that more adversely affect the defense. The Cats play excellent weakside defense. They usually front the low post. (I noticed that Vandy would use only one post player.) They kept the other post player at the free-throw area. The Cats fronted the low post guy. Vandy threw right over the low post guy for an easy two points. It's happened many times as the Cats quickly adjusted, however.

The road games are tough and will determine who wins the SEC Tournament. Alabama has a big game against LSU at Baton Rouge. The Cats must travel to Tuscaloosa to take on Alabama. It will be interesting to see how well both teams fare. Anything goes on the road. Ask Auburn. They lost 80-79 to Tennessee in Knoxville. The Cats have a tough journey to the tourney I believe the major test will be on the road.

James Lee — Kentucky's Sixth Man

James Lee, former UK forward was the most exciting sixth man in Kentucky history. He was amazing! His impact upon entering the game was most often immediate! The enforcer!! Lee was known for getting his wide frame going on the fast break. Once in action, look out! It was not uncommon for Lee to get a thunderous slam dunk. When he did, you can



James Lee

bet the opposition got out of his way. It was only fitting that Lee end his career (known as THE 6th man) with a slam dunk in 1978 when the Cats won the National Championship. Though the Cats had the game in the bag, during the last play, Lee caught a pass, sprinted down the floor and sealed the win with a victorious slam dunk for added emphasis. He, too, was certainly a crowd favorite.

I have been compared to James Lee because we both liked to run the fast break and aided in boosting our teammates. We are not close in size (Lee 6'5", 200 lbs, Beal, 5'11", 190 lbs). James was relative to a runaway locomotive, I, to a caboose. However, the size of the 6th man is not of utmost importance. The contribution he makes to the team and game off the bench is the main focus.

Master Blaster Is Now The Man

I consider Richard Madison of the current UK squad, the 6th man. He has an exciting slam dunk, and adds his portion of enthusiasm to the team and the game. His ball handling and short jump shot were a great attribute against Mississippi's full-court press. He was the key of difference in the Cats' victory over the Rebels.

Harden Does It Again As Cats Win 73-71

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27 of 52. Bama won the battle of the boards, 32-31. The difference came at the free throw line where UK canned 17 of 23 while Alabama, the league's leading free throw percentage team, hit only 17 of 27.

The victory improved UK's record to 21-3 overall and Alabama dropped to 17-5.

Kentucky-Alabama Game Tidbits

When the Kentucky Wildcats defeated Alabama 73-71 Thursday night here, it mark the first time in five years that a Southeastern Conference team had won six of its seven eight road games in conference play.

Not since the LSU Tigers went 17-0 before its season-ending loss at Kentucky in 1981 had an SEC team gotten off to such a great start.

Kentucky's 12-1 SEC mark is also the finest overall league mark since that same LSU team which went on to the Final Four in Philadelphia.

The win was a first in Tuscaloosa for UK seniors **Kenny Walker**, **Roger Harden** and **Leroy Byrd** who had suffered losses in each of the previous three games at Memorial Coliseum.

The victory, coupled with an earlier win over LSU two weeks ago, enabled Kentucky to win on the road at UK's two most feared arenas for the first time since the 1976-77 season.

Even during the great **NCAA championship** season of 1978, Kentucky lost at both **Baton Rouge** and **Tuscaloosa**.

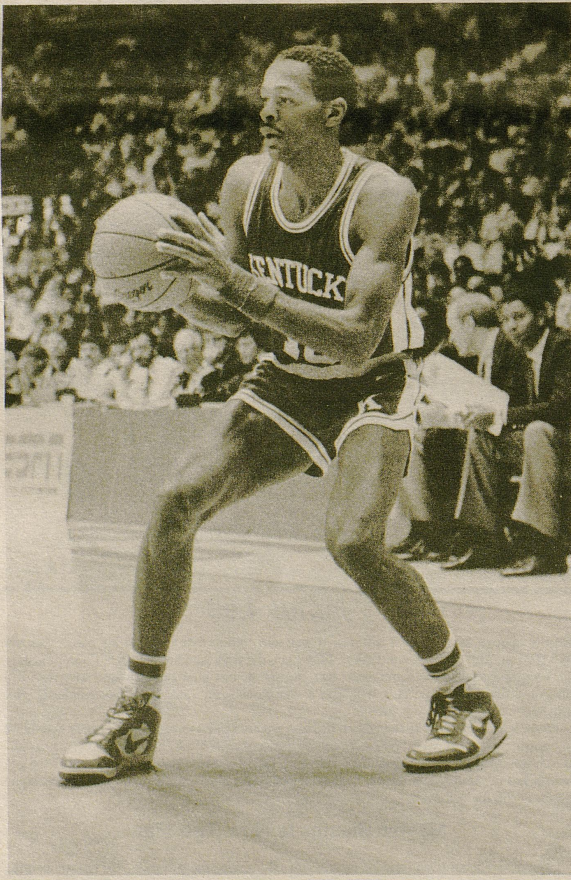
Junior guard **Paul Andrews** hit three early jumpers in the first half and his outside artillery played a vital role in loosening up the Bama 3-2 zone defense.

In fact, Andrews' six points matched his season high of six he scored against **VMI**.

Andrews entered the game with eight minutes left in the opening stanza after Bama started shading **James Blackmon** who had blistered the Tide for six early points on baseline jumpers.

"Those jumpers (Andrews) were very important," said Coach **Eddie Sutton** after the game. "They had started to overshift to James' side."

Andrews' first jumper gave UK an 11-10 lead with 12:07 left in the half. His second bomb, from about 18 feet out on the wing, put Kentucky in front 17-16 and his third tickler gave the Cats their largest lead of the first half (five points) at 21-16 at 9:02.



Blackmon Blisters Bama With Jumper

For only the third time since **Cawood Ledford** began doing play-by-play of the Kentucky Wildcats back in the early 1950s, the veteran award-winning broadcaster wasn't at the mike during the **Kentucky-Alabama** game.

Ledford was absent due to the death of his mother, **Dubbie Ledford**, last Monday of an apparent heart attack. Cawood suffered a second family death when the father of Ledford's wife, **Frances**, died the following day. **T. E. Johnson** died in New Albany after a lengthy illness.

Cawood also missed the **Kentucky-Mississippi** State game. He is expected to be back for the **UK-Florida** game this week.

Veteran color analyst **Ralph Hacker** took over the play-by-play chores during Cawood's absence and **Russ Small**, a sportscaster and talk show host for the **Kentucky Network** in Louisville, handled the color.

Over 200 Media Requests Fill For UK-Bama Game

The media overflowed at Memorial Coliseum for this particular game, partly because of the league lead at stake and partly because it was the only SEC game on tap for Thursday night.

Bama sports information director **Wayne Atchinson** said his office filled over 200 media requests for the contest which attracted Bama's only sellout (15,043) of the season and the first in almost three years.

Most of the major daily newspapers in the South staffed the game, including *The Nashville Banner*, *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Montgomery Advertiser*, *The Cincinnati Post*, *USA Today*, and *The Birmingham Post-Herald*.

Normally, only about seventy-five or so media requests are filled for Alabama home games.

There will be no more SEC "Player Of The Week" basketball awards because of "some" coaches claiming favoritism by the league office in the selection process.

According to sources, the league office had received two or three complaints from coaches. After the complaints, the league office decided to just abandon the weekly honor.

That's a shame.

It seems like the SEC coaches cannot keep from feuding and fighting, even when it's a matter of getting some much-deserved recognition for the players who should rightfully be honored.

Sure, there are times when it's a tough decision on which player to honor, but it's better to honor anyone rather than none at all.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* has named University of Kentucky signee **Al Baker**, the star running back from Trigg County, as the number one recruit in the South and the number two prep football senior in the nation.

OFFICIAL SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL BOX SCORE																								
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UK Trip To NCAA Might Be 'Short'

Dan Issel Takes Parting Shots

Odds 'n ends 'n Dan Issel's *Parting shots*. A most interesting view of UK's basketball season comes this week from Berny Miller, basketball coach at Paducah Tilghman High. "The only thing I agree with Jock (Sutherland) on is that Kentucky might not have as good a season right now, but they'd go farther in the NCAAs if Joe B. Hall was coaching because he would have played (Rob) Lock and (Cedric) Jenkins more that coach Sutton has, got 'em ready. Because you can't win the NCAAs without a big man. I love the job Eddie Sutton's doing, but he'd better go someplace and sign a big man."

College coach of the year

UK's Eddie Sutton is already being touted as a strong candidate for college coach of the year. But wait a minute, I can name four who—considering talent available—have done as well as UK if not better.



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

John Thompson at Georgetown, Lou Carnesecca at St. John's, Wimp Sanderson at Alabama and Bobby Knight at Indiana.

Kenny Walker

The University of Kentucky's public relations has started its push on behalf of Kenny Walker's candidacy as college player of the year. A UK spokesperson said last week that a full color poster of Sky Walker was in the mails to sports media-tyers around the country hyping Walker's skills.

"This one puts last year's Sky Walker poster to shame," assistant sports information director Brad Davis said.

The poster, which may be available to fans by next week, can be purchased for \$4 including postage from the University's sports information office. "We'll be selling them here for \$3," Davis added.

UK print

A new print, showcasing UK's basketball tradition, has been introduced as well. In collage form the 17X23 print is called *Kentucky Tradition* and features images of Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall and Eddie Sutton, along with UK's All-Americans around the boundaries, and Rupp Arena and Memorial Coliseum as background. It will be marketed for \$35 and you can get further information by calling 615-584-3615.

Comment: If you are a long time UK basketball fan, this print looks like a dandy addition to your collection.

UK football

Nobody was saying so on the record last week, but the University of Kentucky football staff had to be disappointed with its "early returns" from the recruiting campaign.

"We can sign around 20, but it looks like we're only going to have about 14," a UK source said after the first day of signings. "The reason is six of those who committed to us earlier backed out."

"Of course you're never completely satisfied, but we had to go after some good linemen and we feel like we got some. Coach (Jerry) Claiborne says he intends to look at some JUCOs (junior college players)."

One of the major losses for UK was Colburn Clark, a 6-2½, 255-pound lineman from Owensboro who verbally committed to Kentucky several weeks ago.

Clark was UK-bound until his visit to Louisville Jan. 18. Upon his return to Owensboro Clark began to have doubts about his decision whereupon, he reportedly sat down and added up the pros and cons of both schools and they came out about even. Clark is said to have relied on "a gut feeling" and chose Louisville.

One cannot argue Clark's change of mind if it was based on playing time. Claiborne, by tradition, redshirts freshmen whereas Howard Schnellenberger is looking for help right away.

Kentucky also finished second on the prize lineman in the east. 6-4, 220-pound Dave Szott of Tifton, N.J. who chose Penn State. And, based on the inordinately high number of recruits from Tennessee and Florida who visited the UK campus since last September, Wildcat recruiters appear to have come up virtually empty on recruiting forays into those two states.

At least on the first day of signings UK announced only one signee from south of the Mason-Dixon line, Ed Keenan, a 6-2 200-pound linebacker/defensive end from Coral Gables, Fla.

Issel's Parting Shots

Three pointers on in.

That's sort of the way Dan Issel introduces his autobiography *Parting Shots* (\$13.95 193 pgs. Contemporary Books Inc.) which has become a hot item in book stores around Kentucky and Colorado since it went on the market just before Christmas.

It is an enjoyable book, well worth the time of anyone who remembers Issel from his years with the Denver Nuggets, Kentucky Colonels and Kentucky Wildcats.

Not many realize it (maybe), but Issel is professional basketball's fourth all-time leading scorer with 27,582 points.



Dan Issel

Issel opens *Parting Shots* with a description of the last shot of his 15-year professional basketball career. It came May 22, 1985 in the Forum in Los Angeles. The Nuggets were losing by 30 points and Issel was on the bench. But coach Doug Moe sent him back into the game for his "goodbye shot," the 23,158th field goal try of his pro career.

Issel shot a three-pointer and it went in. The Laker fans gave him a standing ovation. Referee Earl Strom presented him the basketball.

Three days later when the Issel family had settled in on the farm near Versailles, Dan held the ball out to his 6-year-old son Scott and said, "This is the basketball that daddy played with in his last game. The one that he made the three-pointer with on his last shot."

The youngster stared in awe, rolling it in his hands. Then he looked up and said: "You mean this basketball was touched by Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar?"

Humor. Issel uses it very well in this book, but other emotions come bubbling up as one works through the 14 chapters.

For those of you who have read Issel's book work, and for those who haven't, but are considering it, what follows are some (not all) of my favorite passages. But first this: Normally I consider any book today too expensive, *any* book. But this one, at \$13.95, is a good entertainment investment. It has some very human kinds of things for all members of the family.

Issel's book will do it for you even if you are only a casual sports fan, because this is one is about growing up, about family, about loving and caring, about hope, and yes, about success, sweet success happening to a person who worked very hard because—he says, "Believe it or not, I've been scared to death of failing all my life, afraid people would make fun of the way I played."

Ever feel that way?

Parting Shots is a work we can identify with. Much the way Issel was on target for a school record 2,138 points at UK, he has expounded skillfully about a broad range of people — former teammates, coaches, referees, sports writers and broadcasters. With help and guidance from Buddy Martin, sports columnist for the Denver Post, Issel does it with wit and warmth and sometimes with bite, irreverence and crusaderism.

Intriguing to me, an Issel contemporary at UK, is the influence Adolph Rupp had on the former farm boy from Batavia, Ill.

Tough old Adolph not only gave Issel the opportunity to hone his skills and score lots of points, but reaffirmed some of the ideals the big kid brought with him from the Illinois farm country and nourished his drive to achieve and be successful beyond basketball.

Straightforward? Yes indeed.

"Shooting was my passion. The rest was work," Issel writes (smiling...maybe).

"The roar of the crowd and the smell of smoldering nets are addictive to a shooter."

Issel is long on how things were/are and tells us what he believes is wrong with pro basketball. He is right of course.

Issel is no apologist as he writes about Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall and many others familiar to us.

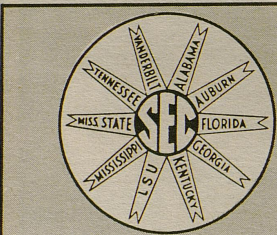
✓ Rupp gave him the ball and extra playing time to eclipse Cotton Nash's UK scoring record.

✓ Hall, who recruited him, stopped speaking to Issel after the ex-UK player actively campaigned to allow Rupp stay on as coach beyond his 70th birthday.

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Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



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Last Week Total	(Results From Feb. 8th Issue)	18-7 246-54	22-3 242-56	18-7 242-58	13-6 234-66	13-6 232-68	15-10 232-68
KENTUCKY AT GEORGIA		GEORGIA 3	KENTUCKY 2	GEORGIA 3	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 2	KENTUCKY 2
MISSISSIPPI AT AUBURN		AUBURN 11	AUBURN 10	AUBURN 20	AUBURN 7	AUBURN 12	AUBURN 4
VANDERBILT AT ALABAMA		ALABAMA 13	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 14	ALABAMA 12	ALABAMA 6	ALABAMA 16
FLORIDA AT LSU		LSU 11	LSU 5	LSU 6	LSU 7	LSU 8	LSU 8
TENNESSEE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		STATE 1	TENN. 2	STATE 1	TENN. 1	TENN. 4	STATE 2
CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA		VIRGINIA 8	VIRGINIA 7	VIRGINIA 3	VIRGINIA 5	DUKE 4	VIRGINIA 4
OKLAHOMA AT DUKE		DUKE 6	DUKE 4	DUKE 12	DUKE 4	DUKE 4	DUKE 2
GEORGIA TECH AT MARYLAND		TECH 4	TECH 3	MARYLAND 2	TECH 2	MARYLAND 3	TECH 3
PITTSBURGH AT BOSTON COLLEGE		BOSTON C. 2	BOSTON C. 1	PITT 3	PITT 8	BOSTON C. 4	BOSTON C. 1
ST. JOHN'S AT DEPAUL		DEPAUL 1	ST. JOHN'S 4	ST. JOHN'S 8	ST. JOHN'S 4	DEPAUL 2	ST. JOHN'S 4
OHIO STATE AT ILLINOIS		ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 9	ILLINOIS 10	ILLINOIS 8	ILLINOIS 7	ILLINOIS 2
MARQUETTE AT DAYTON		DAYTON 3	DAYTON 1	DAYTON 2	DAYTON 2	DAYTON 8	MARQUETTE 3
NOTRE DAME AT MIAMI (FLA)		MIAMI 2	N. DAME 3	N. DAME 6	N. DAME 15	N. DAME 3	N. DAME 4
WESTERN AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH		VCU 1	WKU 4	VCU 1	WKU 1	WKU 1	WKU 3
EASTERN AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE		MIDDLE 18	MIDDLE 25	MIDDLE 26	MIDDLE 10	MIDDLE 4	MIDDLE 2
MURRAY STATE AT AKRON		AKRON 3	STATE 2	STATE 4	AKRON 1	AKRON 2	AKRON 6
UCLA AT USC		USC 4	UCLA 1	UCLA 2	USC 5	USC 4	USC 1
N.CAROLINA AT N. CAROLINA ST.		CAROLINA 3	CAROLINA 4	STATE 1	CAROLINA 4	STATE 4	CAROLINA 6
GEORGETOWN AT SYRACUSE		SYRACUSE 6	SYRACUSE 5	SYRACUSE 4	SYRACUSE 3	SYRACUSE 2	G'TOWN 4
INDIANA AT PURDUE		PURDUE 7	PURDUE 1	PURDUE 6	PURDUE 1	PURDUE 2	INDIANA 4
KENTUCKY AT TENNESSEE		TENN. 1	KENTUCKY 1	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 22
AUBURN AT LSU		LSU 6	LSU 3	AUBURN 3	LSU 2	LSU 2	AUBURN 4
ALABAMA AT FLORIDA		FLORIDA 1	ALABAMA 2	FLORIDA 5	ALABAMA 6	FLORIDA 2	ALABAMA 6
GEORGIA AT MISSISSIPPI		OLE MISS 4	GEORGIA 4	GEORGIA 6	GEORGIA 2	OLE MISS 6	GEORGIA 2
MISSISSIPPI ST. AT VANDERBILT		VANDY 3	VANDY 12	VANDY 11	VANDY 5	VANDY 4	VANDY 1

Buckeyes' Post Up For Grabs

Wimp Headed For Florida Sunshine?

In my lifetime there have been two basketball coaches at Ohio State University, **Fred Taylor** and **Eldon Miller**. Both were not only masters at their craft, but complete gentlemen as well. A credit to the game. At the same time the Buckeyes have had a like number of football coaches, **Woody Hayes** and **Earl Bruce**. It's my opinion that Hayes was a vastly over-rated tactician and one of the most boorish men in college athletics has ever endured.

Interestingly, Taylor and Miller were fired while Hayes has a Columbus roadway named in his honor.

What that says is during the past two decades **Ohio State University** is a classic example of what's wrong about college athletics. Perspective here has been tied exclusively to the won-lost mark and for a university with a great academic reputation that's unfortunate.....

Making a call on **Brad Daugherty's** NBA future has to be a frightening prospect for even the savviest of scouts, but this year there's been no more efficient player in college basketball than the North Carolina center. In **Dean Smith's** scheme, Daugherty's always just where he's supposed to be.



Larry Donald
Cats' Pause Columnist

The nation's top point producer this season is Wagner's **Terrance Bailey**, a 6-2 guard. Is he for real? Ex-NBA guard **Kevin Porter** (now coaching at St. Francis in Pennsylvania) says Bailey's good enough to help the knicks "right now." With another season, Bailey may move up on a lot of lists.....

Speculation season, usually blooming in March, has come early this year. Never has so many prime positions in the college coaching ranks been open all at once, leading off with the aforementioned Ohio State vacancy. I'm convinced the OSU post is one of the Big Ten's three best because of the proximity to great high school talent. And if you want to pan Miller for not tapping that vast mine of nearby skilled schoolboys, fine. Just don't suggest his record isn't a creditable one. Anyhow, the early speculation in Columbus centered around **Bobby Knight** and **Don DeVoe**.

Don't Look For Knight Or DeVoe At OSU

There's a feeling Knight may need a change of pace after so many great years at Indiana and DeVoe has a long track record of coaching success at **Virginia Tech**, **Wyoming** and currently **Tennessee**. I doubt either will make the move, however. My prediction is someone likes SMU's **Dave Bliss**. He's put together two programs (Oklahoma and SMU) in tough circumstances plus has a great many midwestern ties from his days as an assistant to Knight.....



Wimp Sanderson

Elsewhere, **Florida State** officials are said to be very interested in Alabama's **Wimp Sanderson** who might be ready for a change of scenery.....**Mississippi State** is said to be taking aim at **Murray Arnold**, ex-Tennessee Chattanooga head coach who has served this year as Stan Albeck's assistant with the Chicago Bulls.

Minnesota seems intent on hiring a coach who is a low-key recruiter, one more intent on producing **Rhodes Scholars** than **All-Americans**. Wonder how that'll wash with the 17,000 who jam **Williams Arena** every time the ball is tipped off.....At **Houston** it seems almost certain that Lamar's **Pat Foster** will be introduced as the new coach.....

Incidentally, with the availability of so many nationally known basketball coaches can't you imagine how excited the **Akron University** president must be these days.....Things are looking brighter at Drake, not only because the Bulldogs are having a fine season, but because the university has made a serious committment to the basketball program. Coach **Gary Gardner's** recruiting budget has been doubled and there's even talk of a new, on-campus basketball arena.

Tech Looking To Mark Price Too Much

Georgia Tech, though a better team than a year ago and one clearly good enough to win a **National Championship**, still is too reliant on **Mark Price** for its perimeter scoring.....Earlier I said Villanova's **Rollie Massimino** would certify his coaching genius if his team won more than half its games this year. Guess what? Not only are the Wildcats going to finish on the plus side of .500, but have a very real chance of making the NCAA tournament.....Mentioning Villanova, if you are looking for a longshot **NCAA champion** this year be sure to start with a team which has experienced guards.....

I think **Kentucky** has a chance to be a tournament factor if the Wildcats can avoid bumping into a big, powerful team like **Michigan** or **North Carolina** in the early going.....And, yes, they do have experienced guards at **Kentucky**.....**Chicago State** is 16-6 at this writing. I'd like an explanation of that, please.....My pal **Dick Vitale** has gone on record



Don DeVoe

predicting **Marcus Liberty**, a top shelf schoolboy from Chicago, will attend the **University of Illinois**. **Liberty, a junior, is considered among the five best in his class**.....

What's the big difference without Patrick Ewing in the Georgetown center spot this year? "People talk about Patrick's shot blocking, but he was more valuable to us on the floor than in the air," says coach **John Thompson**. "His range of coverage was so deep he could cover up mistakes not only under the basket, but on the perimeter."

What Baseball Great Holds Duke's Assists Record?

At Duke, guard **Tommy Amaker** is taking dead aim on the school's all-time assist record. And who holds that mark? *Answer upcoming.*

"I guess the only thing people respected was Wayman (Tisdale)" said Sooner forward Darryl Kennedy? "We are going to show we can play without Wayman." Indeed the Sooners have**Sean Higgins**, 6-7 Los Angeles schoolboy star, is the son of former Eastern Michigan University player **Earl Higgins**. He's considered among the nation's top junior and Michigan's leading the recruiting rush.

Isn't This The Way Things Were Supposed To Be Department: Last year Wittenberg's **Tim Casey** was Division III player of the year. He paid the full \$11,500 to attend **Wittenberg** because his family didn't qualify for any financial assistance.....Would **Tito Horford** understand that story?

The city of **Indianapolis** offered the Big Ten a sweetheart deal if it would move the headquarters into their town. Big Ten politely declined. Hey, if you said **Dick Groat** was the all-time assist leader at **Duke** you are a great student of this game.

NCAA Selection Committee Will Have Tough Time

I don't care if they do have 64 spots available, the NCAA Division I Tournament Committee will have the most difficult task ever when trying to put together this year's field. There are so many teams on the fringe, in that 16-to-19-game win circle. Number 65 is certain to cry loudly.....Yes, he's a rookie, but as an announcer I like **Billy Cunningham**. The big thing he's been able to do on the **ACC broadcasts** is make everyone forget he was one of North Carolina's greatest players by producing some solid basketball insight.

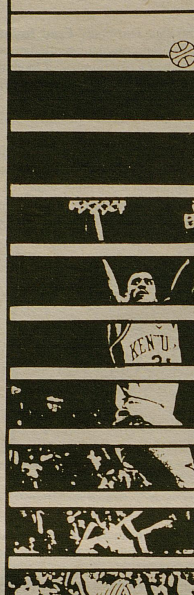
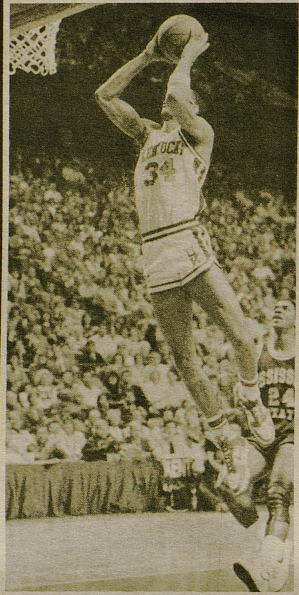
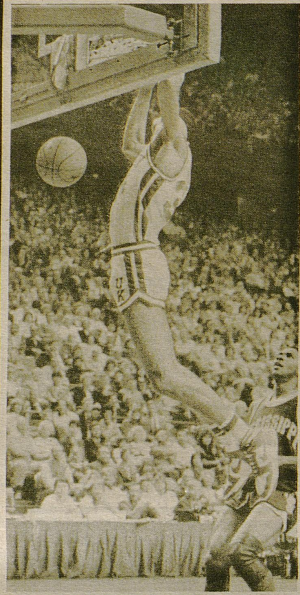
The Sky Report

Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite

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Photos by Gary Cromwell



Rank	Name	Points	Games	Years
1.	Dan Issel	2,138	83	3
2.	Jack Givens	2,038	123	4
3.	Kenny Walker	1,833	121	3
4.	Kevin Grevey	1,801	84	3
5.	Cotton Nash	1,770	76	3
6.	Alex Groves	1,744	120	4
7.	Louie Dampier	1,575	80	3
8.	Mike Casey	1,535	82	3
9.	Ralph Beard	1,517	139	4
10.	Melvin Turpin	1,509	123	4
11.	Cliff Hagen	1,475	77	3
12.	Pat Riley	1,464	80	3
13.	Johnny Cox	1,461	77	3
14.	Kyle Macy	1,411	96	3
15.	Fick Robey	1,395	105	4
16.	Mike Phillips	1,367	120	4
17.	Mike Pratt	1,359	81	3
18.	Frank Ramsey	1,344	91	3
19.	Jim Andrews	1,320	80	3
20.	Sam Bowie	1,285	84	3

**306 To Go
For All-Time
UK Record**

Coach Bob Boyd's Postgame Comments

Following are Coach Bob Boyd's comments after his Mississippi State Bulldogs were defeated by Kentucky 88-62 last Saturday evening at Rupp Arena:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Boyd: I thought being in foul trouble hurt early, to whatever chances we had, hurt our chances to say the least. We need to have (Anthony) Blakely and Raymond Brown in the game if we are going to be competitive. The fact that Kentucky shot the field goal percentage that they shot (72.2 percent) was probably the major factor in the lopsidedness of the game. Because of the kind of defense, the position kind of defense, that I thought we had to play... on many of their perimeter shots our defense was trying to jam the passing lanes.

Question: Any reason for keeping Brown in after he picked up his third foul in the first half?

Boyd: No, because Blakely already had four. We're not very deep at that position and Raymond has to be in the game.

Question: Does Kentucky look like a championship team?

Boyd: They certainly played well tonight. I think Kentucky played as well as any team we've played. The kind of defense that was effective for us against Georgia was not effective against Kentucky, (though) it made no difference what it was. But we thought against Auburn we played a reasonably good game. What we had hoped to do was to mix up our man and zone defenses. That didn't affect Kentucky. Kentucky's attitude towards the game was very good. It could have been less than that because of their recent win at Alabama. They seem to me to have a (certain) degree of intensity that good teams need to have. I point that out because you can never take that for granted. Kentucky should be commended for their approach to this game, which



Bob Boyd

I thought was very solid. Their intensity level was good, and as I said it could have been less than that based on what I think that last game (Alabama) meant to them.

Question: It seems that your ballclub is still giving a good effort?

Boyd: They are. People in your business (writers) are looking for. 'How is the losing affecting the team? Or, did the announcement, prior to the season, have a noticeable effect on the team? All those things are so subjective, it's difficult for me to sense. I don't think it has (had an affect). We've struggled. For us, our level of intensity is good and we do continue to play.

Oscar L. Combs

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spect is Owensboro's **David Hogg**, a 6-3 junior guard who is averaging 14 points per game for Randy Embry's Third Region power.

Hogg edges out Mason County's **Deron Feldhaus** and Henry Clay's **Sean Sutton** as the state's No. 1 prep junior.

Feldhaus is a 6-6 forward who is really tough in the paint and averages 20 points per game for his dad, Allen, a former UK star.

Sutton, son of UK boss Eddie Sutton, has turned Henry Clay from one of the region's better clubs into a state contender. He's averaging 21 points per game for coach Al Prewitt and you can certainly see Eddie Sutton's influence all over him.

Rounding out the top five junior list are 6-5 forward John Pelphrey of Paintsville and 6-3 guard Stan Shelby of North Hardin.

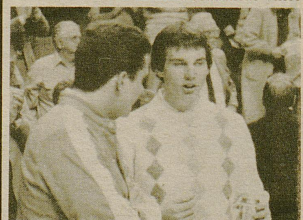
Bolus lists 6-4 sophomore guard-forward Junior Graves of Louisville Seneca as the fourth best underclassman in the state. Son of ex-high school coaching great Bob Graves, Junior has developed into a great swing player and scores 15 points per game for coach Glenn Collie.

Others in the Top 12 Kentucky underclassmen list are Mike Hall of Jeffersonton, Jeff Quarles of Hopkinsville, Prince Stewart of Lafayette, Desmond Porter of Louisville PRP, Kevin Ellery of Washington County and Richie Farmer of Clay County.

HITS AND MISSES . . . While Eddie Sutton's honeymoon continues to blossom in Kentucky, new Arkansas boss **Nolan Richardson** is feeling the heat likes he's never felt it before.

And the letters to the editor in *The Arkansas Democrat* are taking their shots, often and loudly. In the February 9 edition, the newspaper devoted almost two pages to the transition from Sutton to Richardson and most of the letters blamed either Richardson or Arkansas athletics director **Frank Broyles** for the Razorbacks' sudden collapse this season. (The Hogs were 11-13 overall at last glance and in

seventh place in the SWC). One writer said, "...Words can't express the gutwrenching sickness inside of me, but I will try to give my opinion in a nutshell. Hawgball stinks. Nolan needs to step down. Arkansas fans deserve more than this. In such a short time, Richardson has destroyed an entire program that took years to build." Then the writer goes on to say Broyles is the reason for the crisis, causing Eddie Sutton to leave for a better situation. That was one of many letters, mostly critical of both Broyles and Richardson. . . Should **Kentucky** beat **Georgia** this Saturday in Athens, it would become the first time since 1978 that the Wildcats have won seven road games in the SEC. . . Prep sports writer **Mike Fields** of *The Lexington Herald* compiled a great series of articles on father-son basketball situations where



Sean Sutton

players' fathers are coaches. Those profiled included Eddie and Sean Sutton, Don and Brian Lane (Transylvania), Allen and Deron Feldhaus (Mason County) and Dave and Shannon Fraley (Pulaski County). Said the younger Sutton to Fields, "I've always thought the two top basketball programs in the country were Kentucky and North Carolina, and now to live here in Lexington and be able to go to the games and sit on the bench and watch UK play, it's great." Reckon father Eddie will recruit son Sean?

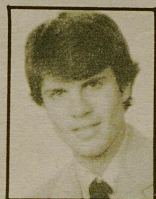
Gardner Adjusted To Defensive End, First Year

Learned Discipline Ways At Trinity

When Carwell Gardner accepted a scholarship to the University of Kentucky, he realized that he was entering a well-structured football program that stresses self-discipline. After all, he attended Trinity High School in Louisville which expects discipline by wearing a tie to class. So, when Gardner came to UK he had been accustomed to the strict rules that corresponds with being a student/athlete.

"I'm used to it," said Gardner, acknowledging that he didn't mind the emphasis placed on discipline at the University of Kentucky. "The discipline here is basically the same as it is at Trinity."

Unlike many freshmen that enter the Kentucky program, Gardner, a newcomer to the college scene in 1985, was not redshirted. Although he did display glimpses of a veteran performer at the defensive end position, he was not entirely enthused with his rookie season.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I wasn't happy with my performance because I felt I could have done better," said the UK sophomore-to-be. "I didn't show my full potential."

Not knowing of his playing status in his first campaign as a Wildcat, Gardner admits the thought of sitting out his first season was not enticing.

"I wasn't looking forward to being redshirted," Gardner said. "When I came here they (UK coaching staff) said it would depend on me. So, I came here and just played like I can play."

Adjusting To Defensive End Rather Well

Although he played various positions on the defensive line and at linebacker as a prep player, Gardner didn't object to becoming a defensive end in UK's wide-tackle-six alignment. It's a position he's taken a liking to rather well.

"I like defensive end because you do the same things as linebackers and defensive backs," said Gardner, whose high school team plays the same basic defense as Kentucky's. "At linebacker you've got the whole field but at defensive end you just have one side. You are basically playing three positions in one as a defensive end."

As a backup last season, Gardner had a tough time seeing extensive playing time behind senior standouts Brian Williams and Steve Mazza. Growing more acclimated to the Wildcats' multiple defensive scheme, meanwhile, Gardner possesses the tenacity that would make any coach smile.

"I just love the game," said Gardner regarding his affection for football. "When I am out on the field everything is out of my mind and I'm strictly concentrating on football."

What displeased Gardner last season was the manner in which some of his teammates could not jell as a cohesive unit.

"We should have done better," remarked Gardner. "We just didn't play as a team and played as individuals."

Gardner, however, expects the squad to rebound from last year's subpar 5-6 record and anticipates the defense to be a hard-knocking unit.

High Hopes For Little Brother, Who's 6-Foot-5, 210 Pounds

"By looking at everybody working out in the weight room I think the defense is going to be pretty tough," said the Louisville native. "We have a lot of young hard hitting players that are coming back."

He is also looking forward to his brother Donnie making an impact for the Cats in the upcoming future. Donnie, a 6-5, 210-pound defensive lineman at Trinity, recently signed a letter-of-intent that he would be joining his brother at the University of Kentucky. For the most part, Gardner has no objections with his brothers' decision who chose the Wildcats over Purdue.

"To tell you the truth I'm happy about him coming here," said Gardner. "My mom would call me and say he was a little bit worried about his decision because my brother is a little bit flaky. But I was edging him to come here."

Presently, the UK staff plans on putting the younger Gardner (Donnie) at defensive tackle, but may move him to tight end if the tackle spot doesn't work out. However, Gardner thinks his brother will have no problems adjusting to the UK program.

"I think he will fit in pretty well after he gets into the program and gets some weight on him," said Gardner of his brother and new Wildcat teammate. "We will probably get along like we always have. We played football together since we were little kids. It always has been the same with me moving up one year and him coming right behind me."

While in high school Carwell Gardner was an All-State linebacker and was instrumental in helping his team post an impressive 43-5 record during his career at Trinity. What impressed recruiters most about Gardner was a body frame of 6-2, 210 pounds, and his overall speed and quickness.

Gardner has also worked hard in the classroom as academics played a key role in his decision to attend UK.

"UK had a nice academic program with CATS (Center for Academic Tutorial Services) while it was basically getting started when I was being recruited," said Gardner. "I also like the way coach (Bill) Glaser (Wildcat defensive guard coach) recruited me."

Stayed In Bluegrass Because of Mom

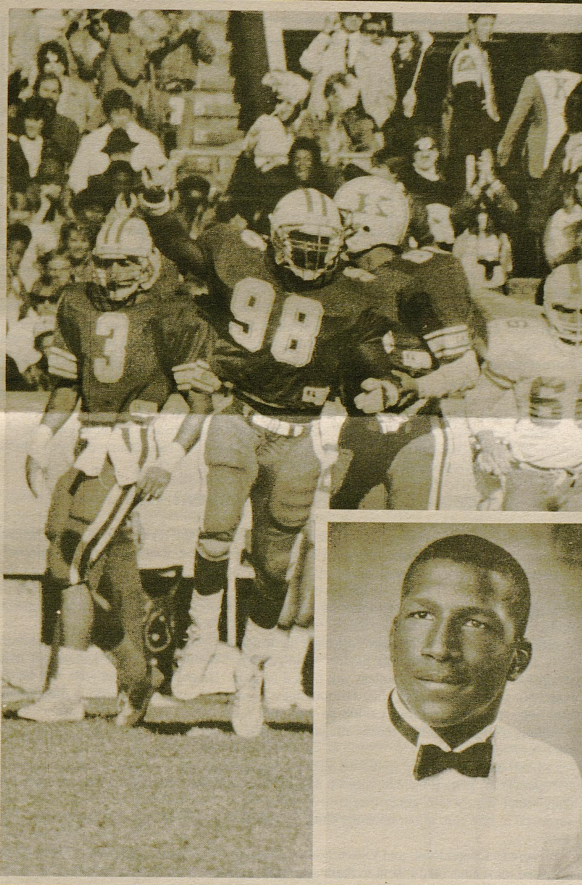
Another reason he remained in the Bluegrass was he didn't want his mother traveling great distances to see him play football.

"One of the reasons I came here was that it was close to home and so that my mom could see me play," said Gardner, who chose UK over the likes of Georgia, Michigan and Clemson.

"She left the decision up to me. When I had a visit with another school she would come along, and wouldn't say much during the visit.

"She just left it up to me."

Nowadays, Gardner is working towards a degree in Business Administration and is striving to improve himself during winter workouts in hopes of rectifying last year's disappointing record.



Gardner Earns First-Year Playing Time

"I'm looking to getting stronger and I'm trying to get my speed down (time)," Gardner said. "I'm coming along pretty well."

"This year I think we are going to be more of a team. I think we'll have a totally different attitude next year and I'm expecting to do my best and show how I can really play."

AROUND THE SEC

A grand jury will decide whether a jury should hear a drug trafficking case against former Tennessee quarterback **Tony Robinson** and ex-running back **Kenneth Cooper**. Both players are charged with selling cocaine to undercover agents, and a Knox County Sessions judge referred the case to a grand jury in Knoxville. Robert Ritchie, Robinson's attorney, indicates that Robinson was nothing more than a witness to the alleged crime and that undercover officers had used entrapment to arrest the two players. Tennessee received two verbal commitments from a place-kicker (Reno, Nevada) and a linebacker (Princeton, New Jersey), **Dirk Borgognone**, who last year set a national high school record with a 68-yard field goal, said he chose Tennessee over Arizona State because of the Vols' traditional outstanding kicking game. Joining Borgognone is linebacker **Bruce James**. James selected UT over such powerhouses as Michigan State, West Virginia, Ohio State and Miami, Fla.

Adkins Faced Tough Times Under Rupp

Tied The Knot And Still Played For Adolph

Most every Kentucky kid grows up with dreams of racing up and down the court in a Kentucky "Big Blue" uniform, scoring hoops for the Wildcats, hitting the game-winning shot at the horn.

Only a few lucky ones even get the opportunity. Still . . .

Sometimes life doesn't go the way we would like for it to. That's the way it was for former prep All-American Earl Adkins, who says his University of Kentucky basketball career was somewhat disappointing.

"Things never worked out for me like I wanted it to at UK," said Adkins last week in a phone interview from Morganfield, Ky. "I thought I had a good career, but I didn't get along with (UK head coach) Adolph (Rupp) real well. He was so difficult to play for."

The rift, says Earl, between him and "The Baron" was because Adkins had married his high school sweetheart, the former Beverly Netwon of Ashland, right out of high school. According to Adkins, he was the first of Rupp's players that was ever married while on the squad.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I couldn't put basketball first," he explained. "And I understand how Coach Rupp felt about that. But I'd still do it the same way. I could play college basketball and still be married."

Adkins says he knew that Rupp was being harder on him than on the single players during preparation for the post-season tournament after the 1954-55 regular season was over.

"It was my sophomore year and we were getting ready to play Marquette in the NCAA Tournament at Northwestern University," Adkins explained. "Before the final practice when we were getting ready to depart, Adolph told me I was going to start against Marquette. But during our scrimmage I made two bad passes and he yanked me out. I only played two minutes against Marquette. And that destroyed my confidence."

Adkins was so distraught he sat out the next season due to academic problems. But he eventually returned to help the Wildcats win the NCAA National Championship in 1958. He was the sixth man on Rupp's "Fiddlin' Five."

Coach Rupp's Nicest Comment Was . . .

"During my senior season, Coach Rupp gave me one of the nicest compliments he ever gave anyone," Adkins stated. "He said I was one of the best sixth men in the country."

That statement was probably based upon Adkins' performances in a few key games that season. He scored 14 points in the second half of a 74-55 victory over the University of Georgia at Atlanta, doing most of his damage after the Bulldogs had pulled within five points midway through the second period.

Adkins also poured in 25 points during a game against Vanderbilt University that season.

"I was very happy with those games," said Adkins. "But it's difficult to understand what it was like to play for Rupp unless you played for him. He could be a real jerk. But he did teach me some good things, like the toughness it takes to get along in life. I didn't mind him being tough. I just didn't think he was very fair."

Adkins also believes the recent allegations made by former UK basketball players also isn't very fair.

"I'll tell you that nobody on the 1958 championship team was ever paid," Adkins stressed. "At least, to my knowledge they weren't. Myself, I was on what was called a 'married' scholarship, which barely took care of Beverly and me. We were paid \$118 per month, which was supposed to take care of our housing, clothing and food. And that was only during the school year."

"I went to Coach Rupp and Coach (Harry) Lancaster," Adkins continued. "I was eating only one meal a day and I went to them asking if I could at least be able to get a free lunch. They both said, 'Hell no, Earl. Do you want the NCAA to come over and investigate us?'"

Adkins believes that even if some of the former athletes were given gifts of cash and other goods, they shouldn't have talked about it.

"Even if those people did get the money, they shouldn't have said anything about it," Adkins stated. "And, of course, we still don't know if it's true or not."

Adkins said he really looked forward to game days because he was assured of at least getting two meals that day.

"At Lunch We'd Usually Have A T-bone Steak"

"At lunch we'd usually have a T-bone steak, a baked potato and salad," he explained. "Then at our pre-game meal we'd have a small fillet, toast, honey and coffee or tea. That was pretty high eating for me."

Growing up in Ashland, Ky., life wasn't easy for Adkins. His father left his mother when Earl was only six-weeks old. His mother was forced to get a job as a chambermaid, working odd hours while Earl and his older brother, Ray, were cared for by their grandmother.

"I used to listen to UK games on the radio," said Adkins. "My hero was Ralph Beard, who played with the 'Fabulous Five.' I love the university, I'm blue through and through."

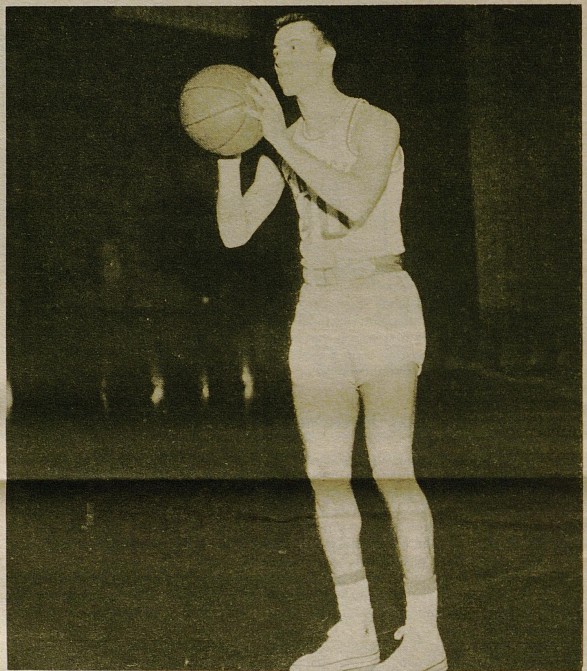
The hard times his family went through inspired Adkins to perform well in athletics. He played three years of football and basketball at Ashland High School, where he would make his reputation in basketball and attract scouts from all over America to beckon for his talents.

"I guess I was very determined," said Adkins, who averaged 23 points per game his senior

season. "I was at a high school reunion recently and one of my former classmates reminded me of a statement I'd made to him early in our senior year. I'd told him I was going to be the number-one player in America by the time I was through. And, sure enough, I did it."

Adkins was named "Mr. Basketball" that season, 1952-53, and helped Ashland advance to the State Tournament as the number-one team in Kentucky. But it lost to Paducah Tilghman, 48-47, in the tournament.

"Tilghman played slowdown," said Adkins. "I only scored 11 points because we couldn't get our hands on the basketball. (Lexington) Lafayette went on to win the tournament. And we'd beaten Lafayette that same season on the same floor (Memorial Coliseum)."



Earl Adkins

Rupp had watched Adkins play many times during his prep days and Adkins said Lancaster assured him that his upcoming marriage wouldn't affect his status at Kentucky.

"I'd been recruited by other schools, like N.C. State, SMU (Southern Methodist University), Clemson and Marshall," said Adkins. "But the state of Kentucky and the university were number-one in my heart. I couldn't go anywhere else."

But the 6-4 guard may have wanted to had he known what would happen in Lexington. As a freshman, Adkins posted a 15 ppg. average in six games on the freshman team. In his sophomore season, Adkins played in 15 games, accumulating 50 points. In his red-shirt junior season, he saw 120 minutes of action in 16 games and scored 48 points. As a senior, Adkins played in 19 games and averaged five ppg.

All-Americans Were A Dime-A-Dozen Then

"I didn't make All-American and go on to play in the NBA (National Basketball Association), which was a dream of mine," said Adkins. "But I have been pretty successful in my life. All-Americans were a dime-a-dozen then. There were only 12 teams in the NBA and All-Americans were getting cut left and right. I didn't get the opportunity to play, but how many people can make a living playing basketball, anyway?"

Adkins went on to coach basketball at four different high schools before entering academic administration.

From 1958 to '68, Adkins was at South Hopkins County, where he was the head coach and compiled an overall record of 71-39, Louisville Fairdale, Union County and Harrodsburg.

His best record with the Tomcats was 22-8, and after that he received a congratulatory letter from Rupp. He was an assistant coach one year at Fairdale, and then with the Braves, he had records of 8-13, 10-12 and 14-8. While Adkins was with the Pioneers, his teams had records of 15-8 and 12-11.

From there, Adkins went to the Henderson County school system, where he was a principal at an elementary school for four years. He then returned to Union County, where he was the principal at an elementary school in Morganfield for seven years before advancing to the central office, where he is now the director of pupil personnel for the 3,000-student school system.

Adkins, 52, returns to campus for weekend home basketball games. It is a four and one-half hour drive from Morganfield.

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After Win Over MSU

UK Coach Says He Couldn't Ask For A Better Effort

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after his team defeated Mississippi State to record its 22nd win of the season:

Question: Have you ever had a team shoot better than 70.0 percent from the field?

Sutton: I've had a few, but none have played any better than this ballclub played tonight. Under the circumstances (following the win over 'Bama) it surprised me that we could shoot that well. We not only shot the ball well but we played well. Defensively we did a good job as we did in all areas of the game. We're pleased that we're starting to get great help off the bench. I told (Robert Lock) to him to be patient and 'you're going to be a heck of a player for us.' And he is going to be a heck of a player. Tonight, he really broke out of it and I'm happy for Rob, and I know his teammates are.

Question: During the stretch where took your team took control of the game you were instructing the players to be patient on offense. Yet, they were firing away but making the shots. Your comments?

Sutton: That's one of those plays where you say, 'Be patient, be patient.' Then when the ball goes through the hole you say, 'Heck of a shot.' The team is playing with a lot of confidence right now. That's very, very important. They believe in themselves and they know that they are getting better. That's not to say we're not going to stub our toe along the way. But they do feel good about themselves.

Question: Is the ballclub in the right frame of mind, in regards to this stage of the season?



Sutton: The staff cannot ask any more of what our team has given us at the present time. Physically they're in good shape and we can control that. But I think more importantly, mentally and emotionally, they're in great shape. They're in such great shape that I'm going to let 'em off tomorrow. We'll get back Monday in preparation for Florida and Georgia. The thing that we've got to understand is that when we play hard and play smart we can play with most people in college basketball. When we don't then there are certainly a lot of teams across the country that can beat the University of Kentucky.

Question: How much did you fear a letdown tonight?

Sutton: This ballclub has matured a lot. I would have feared that very much maybe three weeks ago. But I believe the ballclub has matured and they understand their in a position now to where WE'RE going to go out hunting people. I told them I'm getting tired of being hunted; let's go out and hunt some folks. I thought they did that tonight. I hope they can do that next Wednesday evening when we play the Gators.

Question: Kenny Walker seemed to get a lot more shots inside against MSU's defense. Was the Bulldogs defense less effective than the other teams you've played recently?

Sutton: Mississippi State played a good basketball game, and that's hard to say when they got beat by the margin they did. I really believed they played a good ballgame. Defen-



sively, they played a good game, but we shot the ball so well. When you shoot 72.2 percent... when that happens it's pretty hard for the other ballclub to win. When you add that we only turned the ball over eight times, and you play solid defense, then that's a pretty good winning combination. When you start hitting perimeter shots the defense is going to have a tendency to spread a little bit to where you can get the ball inside. I have had teams shoot over 70 percent but I don't believe I've ever had a ballclub to have three players that had six assists or more — (James) Blackmon had six, (Ed) Davender had six and Roger (Harden) had 10. That's indicative of the way this ballclub thinks, they don't care who scores they just want to win. I'm proud of the ballclub.

KENTUCKY'S FOOTBALL SIGNEES

Al Baker, 6-foot-2, 222-pound running back, Trigg County HS, Cadiz: considered by many as the No. 1 prospect in the South. Despite nagging injuries, Al ran for 1,338 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior. Overall, rambled for 5,350 yards in four seasons at the western Kentucky school. Won events in the: Class A 100- and 200 meter state track winner; runner-up in state's shot-put title; and Kentucky's prep power-lifting winner in the 242-pound division. Considered Florida and Ohio State.

John Bolden, 6-1, 175-pound wide receiver, Male HS, Louisville: Bolden, while catching four passes for 106 yards, has only one season of football experience. Also played basketball all four years. Averaged 14 points per game. Considered Louisville and Murray.

Donnie Gardner, 6-5, 210-pound defensive lineman, Trinity HS: Joins brother Carwell, as sophomore-to-be is a defensive end. Donnie was selected as a first-team all-state performer. While at Trinity his teams compiled an impressive 35-4 slate, including two state championships.

Paul McDowell, 6-2, 205-pound linebacker, Ballard HS, Louisville: As a runningback rushed for 408 yards last season. Totaled 1,129 career yards. Can play almost any position. Played five different positions against arch-rival Trinity last season. Considered Ohio State and Louisville.

Mike Nord, 6-6, 230-pound offensive lineman, St. Xavier HS, Louisville: Is considered an excellent competitor who will probably add on about 40 pounds once he has finished his career at Kentucky. A hard worker. Throws the discus and shot-put for tracksters. Considered Purdue and Ohio State.

Carlos Phillips, 6-2, 220-pound linebacker, Owensboro Senior High, Owensboro: Named to AP first-team all-state squad. Has good quickness, and is a smart player. Like McDowell, an all-around player. On the list of Tennessee, Indiana and all OVS institutions

OUT-OF-STATE COMMITMENTS

Randy Holleran, 6-1, 234-pound linebacker, McKeesport HS, McKeesport, PA: In 10 games last season was credited with 101 solo tackles and 58 assists. Only unanimous selection to the Quad-A All-Conference team. Selected to the *Pittsburgh Gazette* top "44".

Ed Keenan, 6-3, 200-pound linebacker and defensive end, Tara Valla HS, Coral Springs, FL: Honored as one of the "Super 11" of South Florida. Team captain. Runs a 4.7 in the 40. First-team all-county. Team leader in tackles. Considered Florida State, Vanderbilt, Duke, Wake Forest and Indiana.

Mike Meece, 6-5, 210-pound tight end, Madeira HS, Maderia, Ohio: Earned many awards including: all-league, all-city, all-Ohio, and all-Southwest Ohio.

Chris Moga, 5-9, 175-pound wide receiver, Sabino HS, Tucson, Arizona: All-city, all-division and all-state selection. Is a speedster. One of the quickest players ever to sign with Kentucky. Runs a 4.4/40-yard dash. Won track awards in Louisiana and Colorado as club he was on toured these states. Averaged 6.8 yards per carry when running the ball. Holds Tucson city record for most yardage (296) in least amount of carries (16). Scheduled to play Arizona all-star game August 2nd.

Steve Phillips, 6-2, 184-pound wide receiver, Fairfield HS, Fairfield, Ohio: Also played strong safety in high school. Three-sport star — baseball, football and basketball. In football was all-conference, all-league, all-golden triangle and all-city.

Steve Phillips, 6-2, 184-pound wide receiver, Fairfield HS, Fairfield, Ohio: Also played strong safety in high school. Three-sport star — baseball, football and basketball. In football was all-conference, all-league, all-golden triangle and all-city. Caught 51 passes netting 865 yards. Scored eight TDs. Credited for 80 tackles. Forward on basketball team.

Gary Ralston, 6-3, 240-pound defensive lineman, Cuyahoga Falls HS, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio: Lettered three years for his high school team. Earned all-metro for two seasons. Also was named all-county and all-district.

Scott Rayburn, 6-3, 240-pound defensive lineman, L.V. Berkner HS, Richardson, Texas: First-team all-district for three years. Was named District 12-A Sophomore of the Year. Also a two-starter on his prep basketball team.

Dean Wilks, 6-5, 265-pound offensive lineman, Fairland HS, Proctorville, Ohio: All-state selection. Selected by the UPI as AA Lineman of the Year. Also, an all-conference hoopster. Considered Ohio University, Miami of Ohio and Marshall.

Bob Watkins

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✓ Issel was unequivocal in saying Kentucky would have won the NCAA title in 1968 had not Mike Casey missed the season because of a broken leg.

✓ Recalled how Al McGuire used race hatred to fire his team up for the Wildcats in 1972, saying "to hear them (our opponents) tell it, we were playing under white hoods and Coach Rupp was the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan."

■ Typically Issel the player... "No matter how the points went in, I always loved to score. Most players don't like to admit they enjoy seeing a large sum of points next to their names in the box score in the next day's newspaper. I admit it. Some people get hooked on chocolate; I could never get my fill of points."

■ About his introduction to sports. "All my parents asked was that I try as hard as I could and finish the task that I started. When I see what some of the kids today have to endure from their parents, I marvel that they ever want to play sports of any kind."

■ This bit of irony, considering how far Issel has traveled. "By seventh grade I was playing sports in school. I was what you'd call a late bloomer. The values I learned at home — my father's tenacity and my parents' faith — stood me in good stead, because nothing was going to come easy for Dan Issel. I was what coaches called 'a project.'"

■ Several of Issel's views transcend athletic endeavors and are applications for every day.

■ His family life in Batavia was integral to his future. "If there is a lesson to be learned from my upbringing, other than the importance of a good, solid family life, it is that there is hope for kids who aren't blessed with ability at an early age."

■ "Our society might have a tendency to go at it a little early, to have the kids competing too soon. I was allowed to make my mistakes, to learn by trial and error. How often today can athletes say that?"

■ Issel writes, "By being allowed to fail, I became more aware of how imminent failure could be. And so I worked harder to avoid it."

■ Comment: More than Issel's achievements in basketball and business, it is this sort of look into the man that demonstrates true quality. The man's views are relevant and important.

■ "My high school English teacher told me if I didn't put my head into the books that first year in college that I'd be back home in Batavia after the first year," he writes. "My first semester (at UK) I made a 3.75, the highest grade point average of my college career. I was scared of failing."

■ At several points, Issel is both introspective and provocative. These passages: ■ About drugs in the NBA. "When I hear that crap about 75 or 80 percent of the players in the NBA taking dope regularly, I think one of two things: 1. either I'm living in a Mary Poppins world or 2. I just happen to hang out with the 20 percent who don't do drugs."

■ Comment: Issel offers the fan a rule of thumb for picking out the dope heads. "Look at the box scores for a while and watch for inconsistency in production from one night to the next. The dopers score 30 points one night and four the next."

■ About NBA referees. "I think officials are more vulnerable than players are to the wrong element. If I were a gambler and wanted to fix a game, I wouldn't go to a player; I'd go to an official. One or two calls can change the game's outcome."

■ About being 6-feet-9 inches tall. "It annoys tall people for someone to walk up and ask: 'How tall are you, anyway?' You wouldn't walk up to an overweight person and ask: 'How fat are you anyway?'"

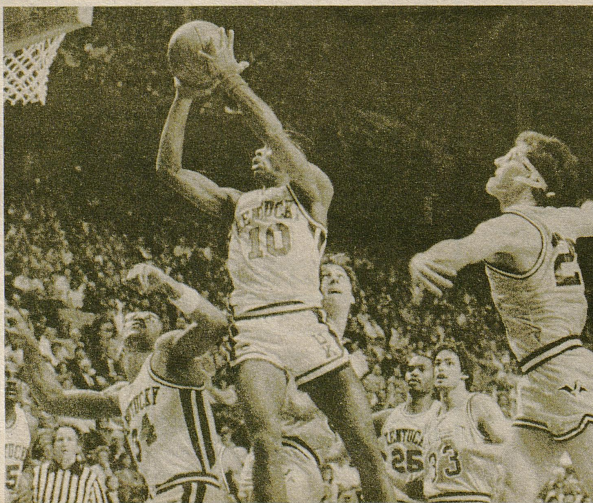
■ As a high school senior Issel intended to sign with Northwestern University even though his friends told him it was a "rich kids' school."

■ But during his official visit there Issel's host was a member of the basketball team named Ron Koslicki who took Issel to a movie and out to eat.

■ "What freaked me out is that Ron Koslicki ate his hamburger on a bun with a knife and fork," Issel writes. "Because Ron Koslicki ate hamburgers with a knife and fork I didn't go to Northwestern."

■ Issel became interested in Michigan after a visit to a Wolverines' game. "Cazzie Russell was an incredible player. But what I remember most about Cazzie was that he wore boxer shorts underwear with a drawstring in them. Man, that was hot. Being a boy from Batavia where everybody wore boxer shorts, I was amazed that this great basketball player wore shorts with a drawstring. See what impresses a young high school kid?"

And so it goes. ■



Jim Griesch

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Of course, this is true.

The greatest percentage of alumni of any "big name" athletic institution is more concerned with sports wins and losses, how well the coach is perceived by the media and public, how pretty the facilities look for national television exposure, and whether or not those facilities are filled with paying fans.

True.

Why?

The aura of success.

Let's look at the current situation in the Southeastern Conference.

Georgia is in the midst of the lawsuit, which has had the athletic director and football coach, Vince Dooley testify for the school.

It turns out that some five former Georgia Bulldogs played in a recent Sugar Bowl game AFTER the university KNEW they were ineligible. They could still play in that game, but would be ineligible when students enrolled for the next term, in January.

Georgia won the game. On national television. Before a sellout crowd. Made lots of money. Got lots of favorable (for the moment) recognition.

And, the five student-athletes (that's probably not the correct term for this five, but...) were shortly replaced by five more of similar size, speed, and ability.

No harm, no foul.

Last month, Louisiana State probably saw its hopes for a second consecutive SEC basketball championship go up in smoke with the dismissal of forward Nikita Wilson from school because of a problem with a grade.

Wilson's Problems At LSU Attracted National Attention

It seems he failed to pass a remedial math class, and that two appeals simply left no alternative. Wilson is gone.

But, the catch here is that Wilson, a junior athletically, failed a remedial course.

Most colleges offer such opportunities for students with weak backgrounds in certain areas of studies to make up for their problems through "zero level" courses. For instance, a remedial class in English composition might be labeled English 091, or something like that.

Most students take such a course in their first or second semester, during the freshman year.

Remember, Wilson is (was) a junior!

Why was a man who held advanced (athletically, anyway) standing taking a remedial level course?

You can bet it wasn't because he wanted to get ahead in his studies.

Sure, juniors sometimes take a 200 level (sophomore year) course, and even a 100-level (freshman year) class. You can see that in any college. It happens when someone wants to add a minor, change minors or majors, or just wants to take a certain course for fun.

But, remedial classes should be taken with the idea of trying to build up an academic reference to the point where a freshman can move from Point A to Points B, C, D, E, F, and G (graduation).

Colleges should not have athletes taking remedial level courses just to stay eligible.

Think that happens only at Louisiana State? Heh, heh.

NCAA Tries To Clean Up Act

All of this comes at a time when the NCAA has just begun to act as if it wants to clean up its own messy house. Part of the clean-up effort has been to toughen academic requirements for both the entering athlete and the successfully progressing student-athlete.

Sure, these measures have been attacked from several sides, for a variety of reasons.

Presidents and administrators of the so-called black schools have been the most vocal, citing great numbers of their former athletes who were able to earn degrees, despite not having the background from high school that would allow them to enter those schools in the future.

I have no problem with that. Obviously, the students those presidents have talked about deserved the opportunity to attend college, and made the most of it.

Those students are to be applauded, congratulated, and respected.

The schools that made sure those students got their degrees are to be accorded the same respect.

Mel Holbrook

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"I love it," he says. "I see Phil Johnson and Billy Ray Lickert. We have dinner with them all the time."

Adkins says All-American Kenny Walker may be the most complete player to ever don a Kentucky uniform.

"I've seen some great players during my time," Adkins said. "But there's never been anybody here who could do it all like Kenny Walker can."

"I Loved Harry Lancaster Very Much"

Adkins, whose wife of 32 years is also a graduate of UK and is now a school teacher, has three children. One was born during their stay at UK. Linda lives in Louisville, as does Mike, who is a senior at the University of Louisville. Their youngest son, Greg, is in aviation school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. All three are married and two of the families are expecting children.

Adkins' parents are deceased—including his mother, his step-father and his father. His older brother, Ray, died of a heart attack over a year ago.

"I really have no connections to Ashland anymore," Adkins said. "My sister-in-law still lives there and we love her dearly and visit once a year."

Adkins said his best memory of UK is of the late Lancaster, who was a father figure to him. "Harry and I were very close," said Adkins. "He was like a father to me. I loved him very much. I wrote a letter to him shortly before he died and his daughter told me at the funeral he cried when he read it. I loved Harry Lancaster very much."

It was a friendship Adkins will forever cherish, just as he will always cherish his days at the University of Kentucky, a place where you truly learn how to cope with life, a life of laughter and sometimes, a little sorrow.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*Kentucky football Coach Fran Curci and his staff traveled north and south last week as they inked 26 high school prospects to national letters-of-intent to play football at UK. Heading UK's out-of-state signees are Greg Wimberly from the junior college ranks, Steve Willis, UK's first-ever signee out of Moeller High School and Ty Richmond, a defensive back from Texas. Among the list are nine in-state players, including all-stars Eddie Simmons, Choo Choo Lee, Kerry Baird, Jeff Smith and Ron Knott. *Kyle Macy sank a 22-foot jumper before the horn sounded as Kentucky defeated LSU 76-74 in Baton Rouge, giving the Cats their 32nd Southeastern Conference championship. The game went into overtime when UK lost an eight-point lead because they were unable to hit some clutch free throws and LSU missed a last second shot. UK then failed to score on the first

possession of the overtime and LSU went into a stall with 4:20 left. However with 27 seconds left, a jump ball was called between Greg Cook and UK's Sam Bowie. Kentucky gained possession and called a timeout, setting up a double screen for Macy's winning shot. UK's Fred Cowan and LSU's Ethan Martin had exceptional games: Cowan hit 12 of 18 shots and scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Martin hit 12 of 15 shots and scored 29 points. UK also got 16 points from Sam Bowie and 11 each from LaVon Williams and Macy.

*More than 8,000 fans, Lt. Gov. Martha Layne Collins and former Kentucky Gov. Happy Chandler were on hand at Memorial Coliseum to greet the UK basketball team after their 76-74 triumph of LSU which gave UK the SEC regular season crown. Collins read a proclamation which declared Feb. 25 as "University of Kentucky Wildcat Day."

*What started as an emotional high almost ended in an emotional low as UK barely down-

ed Mississippi State 71-65 in Rupp Arena. The game started with the introduction of UK seniors Kyle Macy, Jay Shidler and LaVon Williams, making their final home appearance. State led seven minutes into the second half. Macy led UK with 18 points while Sam Bowie added 14 and Derrick Hord came in to bust the State zone for 14 points. Charles Hurt also sparked the 'Cats with two strong moves to the basket.

Ten Years Ago

*Although seven conference losses have all but eliminated UK from an NCAA berth, the National Invitational Tournament says it is interested in the Cats, but it may be necessary they win their final four games. UK is presently 12-10 on the season.

*In a game that was closer than the final 94-87 margin, UK downed Mississippi in Oxford. Jack Givens led the Cats with 30 points and 12 re-

bounds while Mike Phillips scored 24 points and hauled in 11 rebounds. UK guards Reggie Warford and Larry Johnson each chipped in 12 points. Eugene Harris led the Rebels with 29 points. UK raised its SEC record to 8-7 while Ole Miss lost for the 20th time in the last 21 outings.

Fifteen Years Ago

*The UK freshmen team bowed 95-93 to Alabama in overtime. Ronnie Lyons scored 36 points for UK while Raymond Odums scored 26 for Alabama.

*Larry Steele was the showstopper as Kentucky beat Alabama 101-74. Although Steele played only 22½ minutes, he scored 18 points and pulled down eight rebounds. There were 60 turnovers in the game and UK center Tom Payne was ejected from the game. Tom Parker led UK in scoring with 21 points.

*The Wildcats regained their position in the Top Ten this week, climbing to tenth in the AP poll. UCLA and Marquette are one-two.

*UK stunned Vandy with a 119-90 win. Six UK players scored in double figures as the 'Cats converted 53.9 percent of their field goal attempts. Tom Parker paced UK in scoring with 26 points.

*Jesse Stuart broke the school record in the shot put by some two feet at the SEC indoor track meet.



Wildcat Quiz

1. When was the last time UK lost to Georgia in Athens?

- a) 1985
- b) 1983
- c) 1981
- d) 1979

2. True or False? Georgia has never swept the home-and-home series with the Wildcats.

3. Who was UK's first Academic All-American?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Louie Dampier
- c) Bret Bearup
- d) Mike Pratt

4. Who was the Wildcats' leading rebounder in the 1983-84 Final Four season?

- a) Kenny Walker
- b) Melvin Turpin
- c) Charles Hurt
- d) Sam Bowie

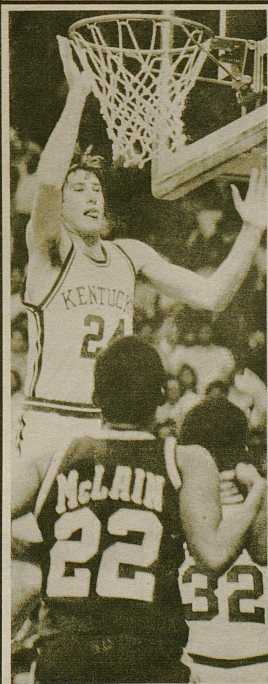
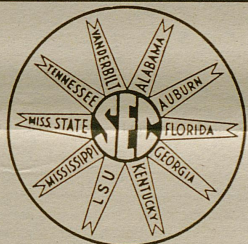
5. In which of the following seasons did Kentucky record its greatest margin of victories in one season?

- a) 1951-52
- b) 1953-54
- c) 1965-66
- d) 1977-78



Answers

- 1. 1985
- 2. False (Georgia won both regular season games last season)
- 3. Louie Dampier
- 4. Sam Bowie (313-9.2)
- 5. 1953-54 (27.2 in 25 games)
- 6. 7
- 7. 22
- 8. Dallas Mavericks
- 9. False (Walker received the award after the 1982-83 season)
- 10. North Carolina (East Regionals in College Park, Md.)



Bret Bearup

6. How many times has UK appeared in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT)?

- a) 3
- b) 7
- c) 10
- d) 15

7. What number did former UK player Cliff Barker wear while playing for the Wildcats?

- a) 22
- b) 28
- c) 50
- d) 52

8. What NBA team drafted former Wildcat guard Dicky Beal?

- a) New Jersey Nets
- b) Cleveland Cavaliers
- c) Atlanta Hawks
- d) Dallas Mavericks

9. True or False? Kenny Walker was not the SEC's "Freshman of the Year" during his first season for the Wildcats.

10. What team eliminated UK from the NCAA Tournament in 1977?

- a) VMI
- b) North Carolina
- c) Notre Dame
- d) UCLA



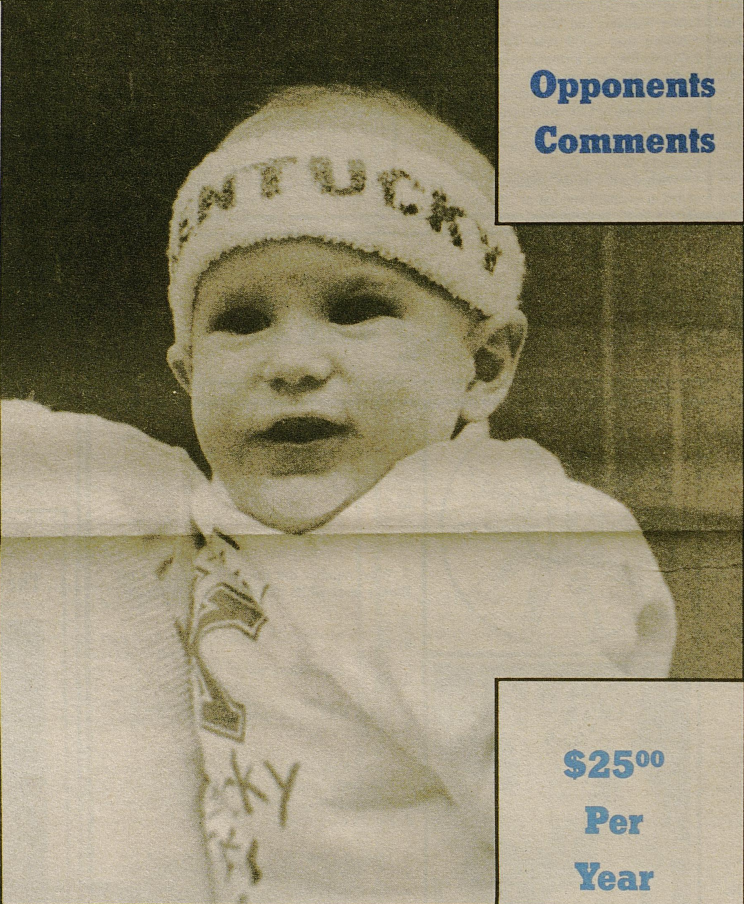
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