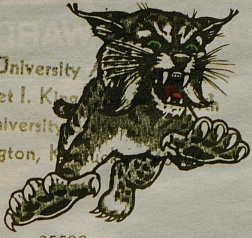


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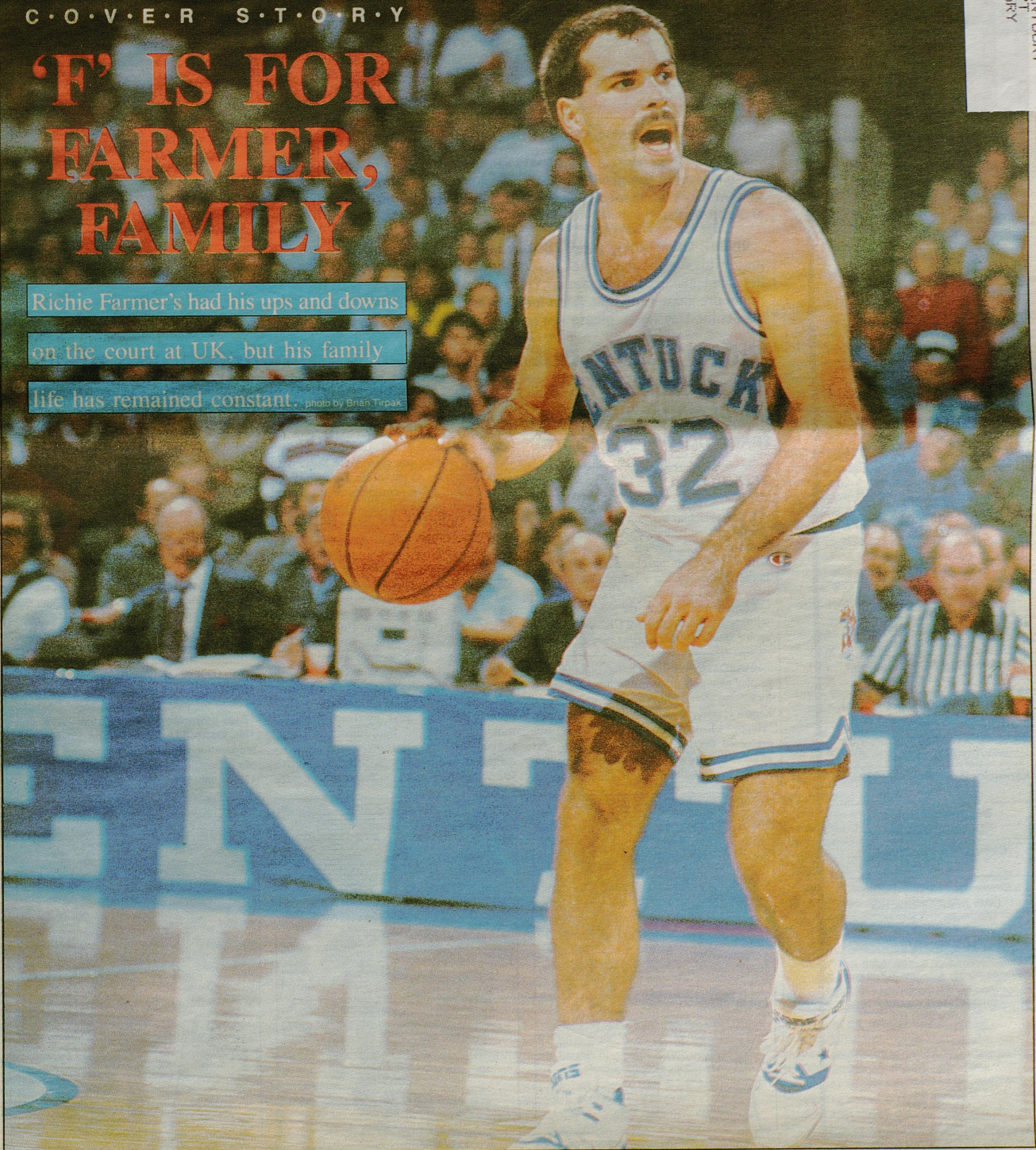
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## 'F' IS FOR FARMER, FAMILY

Richie Farmer's had his ups and downs on the court at UK, but his family life has remained constant. photo by Brian Tirpak



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## TRADITIONS, OLD AND NEW: 'SENIOR DAY,' UK AWARDS



PRE-GAME CEREMONIES:

ABOVE: UK's cheerleaders signal to the crowd that their team is No. 1 during the playing of "My Old Kentucky Home" prior to Kentucky's 98-95 victory over Auburn last Saturday afternoon at Rupp Arena. photo by Steve McFarland



RIGHT: UK shooting guard Derrick Miller, the Wildcats' lone senior this season, fights back tears as he stands with his mother, Bernice Hawkins, and stepfather, Frank Hawkins, during the emotional pre-game festivities. For a look at Derrick coming through his Senior Day hoop, please see page 12. photo by Steve McFarland

## Pitino hands out team awards following home finale

### Reggie Hanson, UK's junior center, cleans up, takes home four awards

#### TCP staff report

Extracurricular activities before and after Kentucky's thrilling 98-95 victory over Auburn last Saturday—the 26th consecutive win the Wildcats have racked up in their home finale—were a mixture of traditions, both old and new.

Prior to the contest, the 24,174 on hand witnessed a pair of age-old UK customs: UK senior Derrick Miller hurling himself through

AWARD-WINNERS (left to right): Radio play-by-play announcer Cawood Ledford and coach Rick Pitino share a joke during the presentations; Reggie Hanson is congratulated by Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler after the junior center was presented the Leadership Award; Pitino and athletics director C.M. Newton embrace following the presentations. photos by Steve McFarland

a large paper hoop bearing his likeness; then another tear-jerking rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home," given this year by Othello Pumphrey of the Lexington Symphony.

The estimated 20,000 that stuck around after the game, however, were treated to something new. As part of his expanded post-game radio show—complete with several commercial breaks and also taped for delayed telecast by the UK TV Network—Wildcat coach Rick Pitino, with the assistance of radio play-by-play voice Cawood Ledford, handed out team awards as voted on by the UK coaching staff.

The awards presentation is usually reserved for Kentucky's basketball awards banquet following the season, but Pitino said he wanted to change the format so that more fans could witness the proceedings.

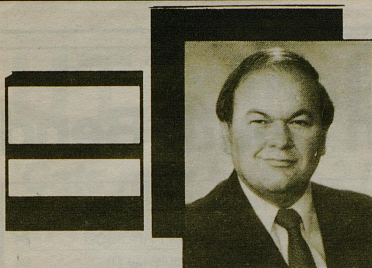
In previous years, awards have almost always been distributed evenly among team members, sort of a share-the-wealth philosophy. Not so this year, as five UK players took home all the hardware—headed by junior center Reggie Hanson who earned a team-high four trophies. Sophomore forwards Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphrey won three

awards each. Miller and sophomore Richie Farmer won one each. UK's assistant coaches even got in on the act. Pitino awarded his four assistants the "Best Defensive Player Award," citing their endless hours reviewing videotape and work on the practice floor.

The various award-winners are as follows:

- **Best free-throw shooter:** Richie Farmer
- **Most rebounds:** Reggie Hanson
- **Fewest turnovers/minutes played:** Deron Feldhaus
- **Best defensive player:** UK assistant coaches Herb Sendek, Billy Donovan, Tubby Smith and Ralph Willard
- **Mr. Hustle award:** Deron Feldhaus
- **Leadership award:** Reggie Hanson
- **Student-athlete of the year:** John Pelphrey
- **Outstanding senior:** Derrick Miller
- **Most improved player:** Deron Feldhaus
- **Fan of the year:** Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler
- **Best playmaker:** John Pelphrey
- **Mr. Deflection (based upon total steals, recoveries, blocked shots, tipped passes, etc.):** Reggie Hanson, John Pelphrey
- **Most valuable player:** Reggie Hanson





## OSCAR L. COMBS

CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

## Pitino's 'Cats have chance to go out with a bang

Two more games and Kentucky basketball fans can begin focusing on a) the Kentucky baseball season, b) the Wildcat football spring practice, or c) Wildcat basketball recruiting for next season.

Such is the way of life in the Bluegrass. Each of the above will have his/her followers, but there are a pair of hardwood events left before putting the sneakers up with the mothballs for a few months.

Kentucky concluded its home schedule Saturday with a victory not unlike most of the 13 others this season, a cliff-hanger to the end.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Kentucky was supposed to maul the Tigers, a team that was picked to fight UK for the cellar position of the SEC.

In the end, the two are battling it out, but for the No. 4 spot in the league. So, in the end, Kentucky won its final home game the same way it won most of the others, with determination and hustle to the very end in a tight contest.

The 98-95 victory capped a perfect 9-0 league mark at home, a feat most everyone thought impossible back in early January.

The victory also insured UK of avoiding a second straight losing season, another mission most thought impossible. I know the Wildcats' gung ho, supercharged Rick Pitino would cringe at the thought of using the term "avoiding a second straight losing season" because he doesn't believe in negatives, but Rick, old buddy, it got pretty negative around this place the past several months. Hard times were knocking almost every day.

Kentucky basketball was fair game for everyone. You know how politicians are, they gauge the pulse of the peasants and then the bigwigs go grandstanding. Problem was, even UK's good ole college prez chipped in on the action. Of course now, everyone knows he was only shining his own crown. But you got a good one now, he's a good ole Kentucky boy, one who will support you and the program through thick and thin.

Hey, Rick, he's got to be a pretty good fella. He's smart enough to know where to be when the Big Blue and the Big Orange get together. That's what I call support.

OK, OK, the season isn't over. There's still Ole Miss Wednesday and Notre Dame Monday, but you'll have to pardon some of the fans because of all the hoopla last Saturday and the fact your kids have already chalked up at least a .500 season.

### TWENTY-SIX DOWN, TWO TO GO

Twenty-six games down and two to go. As Pitino said after Saturday game, if the 'Cats don't win another game, it's been an exciting and rewarding year. But the best could be yet to come.

A win in either game and UK would begin another long string of winning seasons. Over the past half-century, UK has suffered only three non-winning seasons, two were 13-13 slates in 1967 and 1974, the other a 13-19 slate last season.

On Wednesday, UK goes to Ole Miss, which has been one of the league's major

disappointments this season. Picked to finish as high as third in the SEC by some preseason publications, the Rebels have suffered from a rugged pre-conference schedule and several untimely injuries.

Still, Ed Murphy has a great player in Gerald Glass to develop his game plan around and this will be the Ole Miss version of senior night in Oxford.

Add the road factor and UK's chances of pulling an upset are not very bright. UK's won only once on the road this season and that came at Florida where most everyone else has enjoyed like success.

On paper, an upset victory in South Bend sounds almost as ridiculous, but there could be a remote possibility. First of all, Notre Dame's NCAA dreams are on the bubble, so to speak.

Digger Phelps' hopes of being invited to the big show were dealt two serious setbacks recently. After getting a monumental boost by shocking Syracuse on the road, the Irish were upset at home by DePaul and then lost to Georgia Tech.

The Irish find themselves in almost a win or else situation the rest of the way. Which brings us to this weekend.

First, Notre Dame hosts top-ranked Missouri on Saturday. Two nights later, the Irish close their home season with UK.

Kentucky could benefit either way. If Notre Dame beats Missouri, the Irish could be celebrating too quickly when a 14-13 or 15-12 non-ranked UK comes in.

On the other hand, if Notre Dame loses to Missouri, the Irish could be depressed from blowing their NCAA slot.

Either way, UK has everything to gain and nothing to lose in this one. Plus, it will be Kentucky's only nationally-televised game of the year, so to speak.

SportsChannel America, which has rights to Notre Dame games, plans to televise the game on a tape-delayed basis all across the country. It's no big deal for the Irish, but to the young Wildcats who have fought their hearts out, well, it could just be the extra edge needed to cap off an unbelievable comeback.

### THOMPSON COULD COMMIT TO UK

Auburn might have been on the minds of most UK fans last Friday evening but Pitino was more concerned about a recruiting trip to eastern Kentucky.

Pitino was to fly by helicopter to Paintsville and take in the Feds Creek-Johnson Central game. His aim was to take a look at hot-shooting guard Jody Thompson, a youngster who some say may be the state's purest shooter since the days of ex-Wildcat Troy McKinley.

For the past few weeks, Pitino has been lamenting the loss of departing senior Derrick Miller and the lack of people to take his place from three-point range next year.

Problem is, even if someone is out there to fill the bill, UK has no scholarship available because the NCAA-imposed limit (three) has been used by Jamal Mashburn, Gimel Martinez and Carlos Toomer.

But reports out of eastern Kentucky has it that Thompson would be more than

willing to walk on at UK this fall if he is promised a scholarship for the remaining three years.

Lately, Thompson has been attracting lots of attention, and from some big-name schools like Louisville, Ohio State and a few others.

So Friday night was the first time Pitino had a chance to watch the youngster in person since the opening recruiting period started in late February.

Pitino accomplished his mission, but it wasn't without an obstacle. His helicopter began icing up and was forced to cut the trip short. The aborted trip ended at the airport in Mt. Sterling—Pitino thought it was "Mt. Pilot"—where the party borrowed a car for the rest of the trip.

The good news is that, according to our reports, both Pitino and Thompson were happy about the eastern Kentucky trip.

Thompson scored 31 points and indications are that Pitino was more than impressed.

Insiders tell us that Thompson—who was on hand for the UK-Auburn game—most likely will announce his intention to attend UK on Monday, Feb. 26 (this issue of TCP actually went to press on Sunday evening).

### HAPPY'S DAY

I don't know who's responsible (let's just say all UK officials can take a bow), but wasn't that a really nice thing to do when former Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chandler was honored as the Wildcats Fan of the Year after the final home game Saturday?

Even more moving was the embrace given him by the 'Cats' Most Valuable Player, Reggie Hanson.

It's been three years since Happy has delivered his version of "My Old Kentucky Home" at the Wildcats' home finale as his health has not permitted. Although confined to a wheelchair, not even sub-freezing temperature and snow flurries could keep the man away from Rupp Arena Saturday.

A lot has been written and said about the former governor over the past couple years and not all of it has been flattering. The governor is aging and in poor health, a condition that would not permit most of us to be in full control of our real thoughts and actions. Sometimes his words have not matched his thoughts, but his actions over a lifetime have been of far greater importance. Those rulings and decisions cannot and should not be ignored.

No one can deny what he has meant to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the thousands upon thousands of people whose lives he has touched. From the young and unfortunate to the dramatic Jackie Robinson ruling that first permitted blacks in the major league baseball.

It certainly was an honor well-deserved and one that rates a bow for C.M. Newton and Rick Pitino.

### HITS AND MISSES:

•Among the UK officials attending the

Kentucky-Tennessee game in Knoxville last Wednesday was UK interim president **Charles Wethington**, who hopes to become the university's full-time president. A longtime UK administrator, Wethington is best known for building one of, if not, the nation's finest community college systems. His success with the community colleges is one of several reasons why many believe he is not only qualified, but the one best suited for the UK presidency. Obviously, the man has a great feel for the needs of all *Kentuckians* as a result of his contacts and travels around the commonwealth. The fact that he is a Kentuckian should not be held against him. Last time I checked, most Kentuckians are proud of their heritage. Wethington and UK athletics director **C.M. Newton** accompanied the team to Knoxville...

•Departing the local scene after the SEC tournament in Orlando will be **Scott Fowler**, the UK beat writer for the Louisville *Courier-Journal*. Fowler, one of the bright young writers in the country, will be joining the *Miami Herald* where his duties will include covering the University of Florida. You might say the newspaper will be getting a young writer with plenty of experience in what he is about to cover, that being the current investigation of the Florida athletics program. You'll be reading more about Fowler in the future, I'm sure, because he's destined to become one of the great sportswriters of our time. Just you wait and see. Sorry to see you go, Scott...

•Get well wishes go out to coach Pitino's wife, **Joanne**, who has been in a New York hospital the past couple weeks but is expected home, perhaps even before you read this. Mrs. Pitino endured complications during the pregnancy of the UK's first child but doctors expect everything to be OK. For those of you who have called our offices about a mailing address for the Pitinos, mail should be sent to the UK Basketball Office, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Ky. 40506...

•Introduced during the Kentucky-Auburn game as part of "Bring Back the 'Cats'" series were ex-stars **Bob Burrow** and **James Lee**. Lee, who was the popular sixth man on the 1978 national championship team, was lean and mean, but as always, with that friendly smile. Actually, James is in better shape today than he was when coaches were trying to keep his weight down during the March stretch drive in 1978...

•Congratulations to former Wildcat **Jim Master**, who got his first regional television opportunity last Saturday as a color analyst. The Jefferson-Pilot network tabbed Master to work with veteran **Marty Brenneman** on the telecast of the Vandy-Florida game from Nashville. Master, who handles color with play-by-play announcer **Ralph Hacker** on the UK Television Network, was approached by J-P a couple months ago. And a tip of the hat to Hacker who OK'ed Master's skipping the UK-Auburn game to take advantage of the

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**UK OPPONENT SCOUTING REPORT**

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

# 'Pitino Ball' closes first season in South Bend

**Irish looking for NCAA bid; Wildcats are playing for pride**

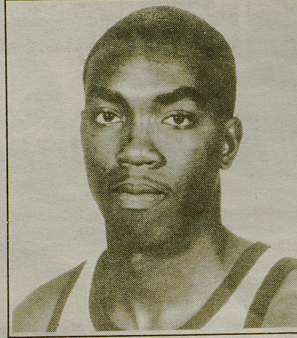
**LOCATION:** South Bend, Ind.  
**FOUNDED:** 1842  
**ENROLLMENT:** 9,500  
**NICKNAME:** Fighting Irish  
**COLORS:** Blue & Gold  
**CONFERENCE:** Independent  
**ARENA:** Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center  
**HEAD COACH:** Digger Phelps  
**PHELPS' RECORD VS. UK:** 2-11  
**SERIES RECORD:** 31-16, UK  
**FIRST MEETING:** 1929  
**SERIES RECORD AT UK:** 2-0, UK  
**SERIES RECORD AT ND:** 7-2, ND  
**SERIES RECORD, OTHER SITES:** 27-9, UK  
**1988-89 OVERALL RECORD:** 21-9  
**POSTSEASON PLAY:** 1-1 in NCAA

**PROBABLE STARTERS\***  
 G — Joe Frederick (13.8 ppg., 1.6 rpg.)  
 G — Elmer Bennett (10.3 ppg., 1.5 rpg.)  
 or Tim Singleton (4.5 ppg., 1.4 rpg.)  
 F — LaPhonso Ellis (15.2 ppg., 12.6 rpg.)  
 F — Keith Robinson (14.3 ppg., 7.5 rpg.)  
 F — Monty Williams (7.8 ppg., 4.0 rpg.)

\*scoring and rebounding averages through first 23 games



Coach Digger Phelps



Keith Robinson

**ND SCHEDULE/RESULTS**

84	SAN FRANCISCO	64
73	Louisville (1)	84
72	at Indiana	81
68	at Marquette	80
86	UCLA	84
97	VALPARAISO	90
86	LAFAYETTE	71
97	BUTLER	65
75	at Creighton (OT)	77
86	at USC	81
80	at Boston College	67
78	at La Salle	86
74	at Rutgers	69
64	at LSU (2)	87
88	WICHITA STATE	78
107	MIAMI (FLA.)	60
97	DAYTON	79
76	at Duke	88
63	at SMU	49
82	at Houston	93
79	MARQUETTE	76
66	at Syracuse	65
62	DEPAUL	63
80	GEORGIA TECH (OT)	88
Feb. 28	at Dayton	
Mar. 3	MISSOURI	
Mar. 5	KENTUCKY	
Mar. 10	at DePaul	

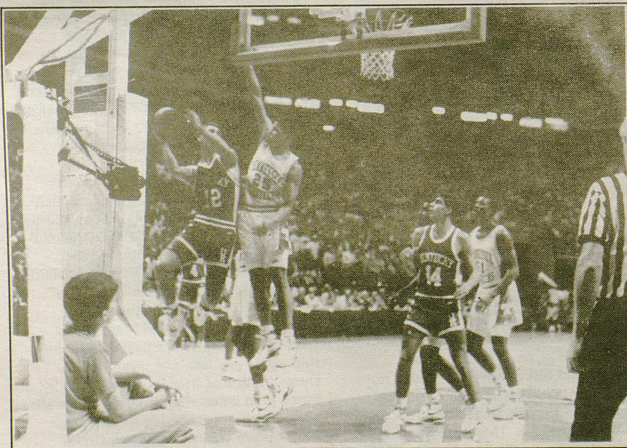
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 (2) Superdome: New Orleans, La.  
 □ Home games in ALL CAPITALS

**1989-90 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH ROSTER**

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)
12	Elmer Bennett	G	6-1	165	So.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
30	Tim Crawford	G	6-4	180	Sr.	Frankenmuth, Miss. (High)
35	Kevin Ellery	F	6-5	225	Jr.	Springfield, Ky. (Washington Co.)
20	LaPhonso Ellis	F	6-9	238	So.	East St. Louis, Ill. (Lincoln)
3	Joe Frederick	G	6-4	190	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Greenhills)
40	Jamere Jackson	G-F	6-2	195	Sr.	Peoria, Ill. (Manual)
43	Scott Paddock	C	6-9	245	Sr.	Plantation, Fla. (South)
50	Keith Robinson	C-F	6-9	225	Sr.	Buffalo, N.Y. (Cleveland)
10	Tim Singleton	G	6-1	180	Jr.	New Orleans, La. (Carver)
22	Daimon Sweet	G-F	6-5	200	So.	Beaumont, Texas (Central)
5	Keith Tower	C	6-11	235	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Moon Area)
32	Monty Williams	F	6-7	205	Fr.	Oxon Hill, Md. (Potomac)



**TENNESSEE 102, KENTUCKY 100**



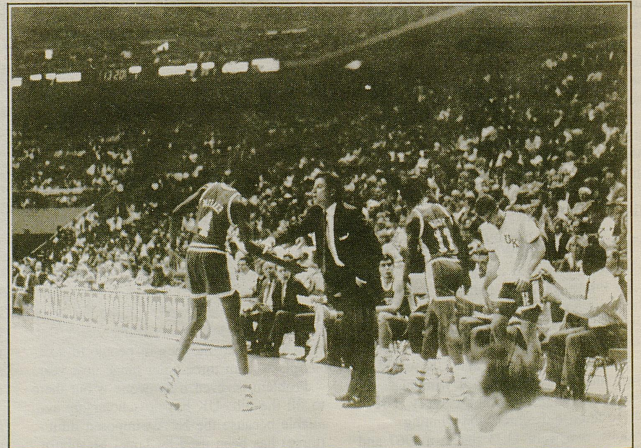
Wildcat forward Deron Feldhaus (12) tries to get a shot off over Tennessee's Steve Rivers as UK's Jeff Brassow (14) and UT's Ian Lockhart (51) look on. Feldhaus continued his solid play against the Vols, scoring 20 points and snaring five boards in 36 minutes of action.

photo by Russell Rice



Kentucky coach Rick Pitino steps out on the court to have a word with Wildcat guard Derrick Miller. Miller scored 18 points and was instrumental in helping UK cut an 18-point Tennessee lead with six minutes remaining to just two.

photo by Russell Rice



**TENNESSEE 102, KENTUCKY 100**

# UT's Vols survive UK 102-100

## 'Cats rally to cut 21-point deficit to two, can't pull off repeat of earlier come-from-behind win over UT

by TCP managing editor Russell Rice

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — They came, they saw, they almost conquered.

The battling Wildcats of Rick Pitino, encouraged by an estimated 5,000 UK fans who trailed a stream of blue down the 170-mile stretch of I-75 from Lexington to Knoxville, fought valiantly from 19 points down at halftime—and 18 down as late as the 7:45 mark of the second half—before losing to Tennessee 102-100 before 20,251 fans in Thompson-Boling Arena.

The orange-clad Vols owned the Wildcats during the latter part of the first half, but Pitino's band of seven iron men put on a patented second-half run that cut a 58-39 Vol halftime lead to 91-82 with 6:13 remaining.

During that spurt, Kentucky got three-pointers from Richie Farmer, John Pelphrey and Reggie Hanson as the Wildcats finished with 26 such attempts, breaking a record of 24 set 11 days earlier by LSU.

Then the Wildcats cut the lead to 100-98 on a short jump shot by Hanson with 1:18 to play. The junior center from Somerset, fouled on the play, bounced his free throw off the front of the rim.

Hanson had a chance to tie the score at 0:32, missing the front end of a one-and-one. Greg Bell hit two free throws 10 seconds later and UT was able to run out the clock after Hanson scored inside with 0:07 remaining.

"Reggie was nearly exhausted," Pitino said of Hanson, who led UK scorers with 22 points and seven rebounds. "I told him it was a real accomplishment just to hit the rim (on his missed free throws down the stretch)."

Hanson played all but one minute of the fast-paced game. Derrick Miller logged 38, Deron Feldhaus 36, Pelphrey 33 and Sean Woods 26 minutes.

"In the NBA, you learn how to lose and go on to the next game," said Pitino, who coached the New York Knicks the last two seasons. "For the first time in my life, I can honestly say losing doesn't come easy, but to a certain extent I can accept a loss because of how my team performed."

"With this style of play if you don't have 10 guys, it's not ineffective. It's kind of bordering on the impossible."

He promised help is on the way and the Wildcats soon would have the needed personnel to fit into his general scheme of things.

The two teams fought evenly in the early going. The Vols jumped to a 12-2 lead, but UK fought back twice to take four-point leads. The score was tied at 35-35 with 6:31 remaining in the first half when Tennessee scored 12 unanswered points. Jeff Brassow hit an inside shot for UK, but UT scored eight more unanswered points to lead 55-37 with two minutes remaining in the half.

A layup by Pelphrey was countered by Vol freshman Allan Houston, who hit three of four free-throw attempts for the 58-39 UT margin at halftime.

The Vols went ahead 60-39 on a Reese dunk at the start of the second half and led by 21 on two other occasions before the Wildcats made their big run.

The Wildcats fell to 13-12 overall, 9-7 in the SEC, dropping to fifth place, a half-game behind Tennessee (14-10 overall, 9-6 in the SEC). The loss was their ninth in 10 games

### UK-UT ITEMS NOT TO GO UNNOTICED

- The win for Tennessee unknotted the long series between the two schools in Knoxville. The Vols now hold a 36-35 advantage over Kentucky in K-town. The Wildcats still lead the overall series, which began in 1910, 111-56.
- Former Wildcat player Eric Manuel, who transferred to Hiwassee College—a two-year school Madisonville, Tenn., about 70 miles from Knoxville—last season after the NCAA ruled him ineligible to play for UK, was among the 20,251 in attendance.
- Also in the stands was UK interim president Charles Wethington.

away from Rupp Arena. In an earlier game in Rupp, UK came from a 15-point deficit to defeat the Vols 95-83.

"I reminded the players on the bench, we aren't going to have another Lexington," Vol coach Wade Houston said, referring to that game. "We were going to fight through the screens to prevent the three-point baskets. Whatever it took, we weren't going to quit."

Bell led UT scorers with 29 points; also in double figures were Ian Lockhart (21), Houston (20) and Reese (18). Joining Hanson in double figures for UK were Feldhaus, 20, and Miller and Pelphrey, 18 each.

In addition to his usual contributions on offense, Miller limited Houston to 0-for-4 from the floor in the second half.

"I was a little surprised they didn't go to

Houston more when we came back on them," Miller said. "He's such a great player—probably the best young player in the conference. At the end I had no legs from playing defense, and from trying to deny him the ball, so I tried to be careful to take no bad shots."

Miller was echoing the words of Pitino, who had been highly complimentary of Houston, son of the Tennessee coach, after the UK-UT game in Lexington.

The Wildcat coach had complimented the young Houston on a fine freshman beginning and predicted that he would be a star of the future.

Which means the Wildcats can look to more interesting matchups during the next three years.

### UK-Tennessee play-by-play

TIME	KENTUCKY	SCORE	TENNESSEE
19:57		0-2	Reese dunk
19:22		0-5	Bell 20 ft.
18:59	Miller 17 ft.	2-5	
18:23		2-7	Lockhart 4 ft. follow
18:07		2-9	Reese layup
17:35		2-12	Bell 21 ft.
17:18	Feldhaus 12 ft.	4-12	
16:52	Miller 20 ft.	7-12	
16:34		7-14	Reese dunk
16:27	Pelphrey FTA, FT	8-14	
16:21		8-16	Reese dunk
16:01	Miller 22 ft.	11-16	
15:36	Miller layup	13-16	
15:05	Hanson layup follow	15-16	
14:29	Hanson layup	17-16	
13:42	Feldhaus tip-in	19-16	
13:20		19-18	Groves FT, FT
13:13	Pelphrey layup, FT	22-18	
12:35		22-20	Reese dunk
12:12	Hanson layup follow	24-20	
11:44		24-22	Houston 10 ft.
10:33		24-24	Bell 14 ft.
10:17	Woods 8 ft.	26-24	
10:04		26-27	Bell layup, FT
9:04		26-29	Wiseman tip-in
8:42	Feldhaus 20 ft.	29-29	
8:19	Hanson layup	31-29	
7:54		31-31	Houston 18 ft.
7:44	Hanson layup	33-31	
7:15		33-33	Lockhart layup
6:42		33-35	Houston layup
6:31	Farmer FT, FT	35-35	
6:10		35-37	Reese layup
5:37		35-39	Lockhart layup follow
5:26		35-41	Reese dunk
4:24		35-44	Houston 20 ft.
3:38		35-45	Bell FT, FTA
3:10		35-47	Lockhart layup follow
2:58	Brassow layup	37-47	
2:42		37-49	Lockhart FT, FT
2:18		37-52	Groves layup, FT
1:51		37-55	Houston 20 ft.
1:28	Pelphrey layup	39-55	
0:41	Technical: UK bench	39-56	Houston FTA, FT
0:16		39-58	Houston FT, FT

#### OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Date 2-21-90 Site Knoxville, Tenn.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)																										
No.	NAME	PTS	FG	FTA	REB	AST	BLK	S	MIN	PF	TP															
12	Deron Feldhaus	21	7/21	3/5	3	3	2	3	5	3	20	2														
34	John Pelphrey	11	6/12	2/4	4	4	5	3	6	5	18	1														
35	Reggie Hanson	9	10/16	1/4	1	4	4	3	7	5	22	1														
11	Sean Woods	9	4/5	0/0	1	1	1	1	5	8	9	2														
4	Derrick Miller	9	8/22	2/10	0/0	2	2	4	3	18	3	1														
14	Jeff Brassow	4	2/4	1/1	2	0	2	1	1	3	5	1														
20	Tony Cooper	DNP																								
23	Jehoniah Braddy	DNP																								
32	Richie Farmer	4	2/4	1/2	4	4	0	1	1	2	9	3														
33	Jonathon Dawkins	DNP																								
42	Michael Parks	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1														
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												0	3													
TOTALS												39	74	19	26	13	19	11	20	3	76	00	19	13	13	200
TOTAL FG % 1st Half (38-34 .71)												2nd Half (23-40 .575)				Game (52.7)				Deadball Rebounds		2				
3-P. FG % 1st Half (3-11 .273)												2nd Half (6-15 .400)				Game (34.6)										
FT % 1st Half (4-6 .667)												2nd Half (8-13 .615)				Game (68.4)										

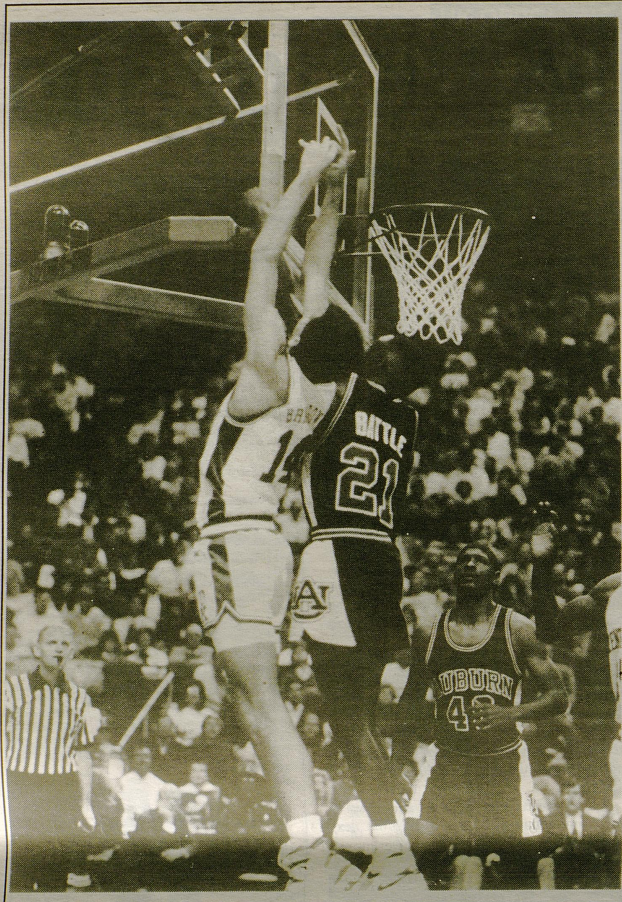
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No.	NAME	PTS	FG	FTA	REB	AST	BLK	S	MIN	PF	TP												
34	Bonnie Reese	11	8/11	2/2	2	2	4	3	7	4	18	3											
25	Steve Rivers	11	5/5	0/0	3	4	1	3	4	3	5	5											
15	Ian Lockhart	9	11/13	3/4	6	7	1	3	2	2	21	2											
20	Allan Houston	9	5/15	2/3	9	10	0	5	5	0	20	5											
23	Greg Bell	9	7/13	3/6	12	18	2	1	3	2	29	4											
10	Jay Price	DNP																					
15	Ron Taylor	0	0/1	1/1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1											
21	Eric Smith	DNP																					
22	Lang Wiseman	1	1/3	1/1	0	0	1	5	6	3	2	2											
24	Rickey Clark	DNP																					
30	Michael Curry	0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	7											
33	Carlus Groves	2	2/3	0/1	3	3	1	1	2	2	7	7											
47	Shaun Thompson	DNP																					
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												3		0									
TOTALS												33				61				100			
TOTAL FG % 1st Half (22-34 .647)												2nd Half (11-25 .440)				Game (51.6)				Deadball Rebounds		2	
3-P. FG % 1st Half (10-25 .400)												2nd Half (1-6 .167)				Game (43.2)							
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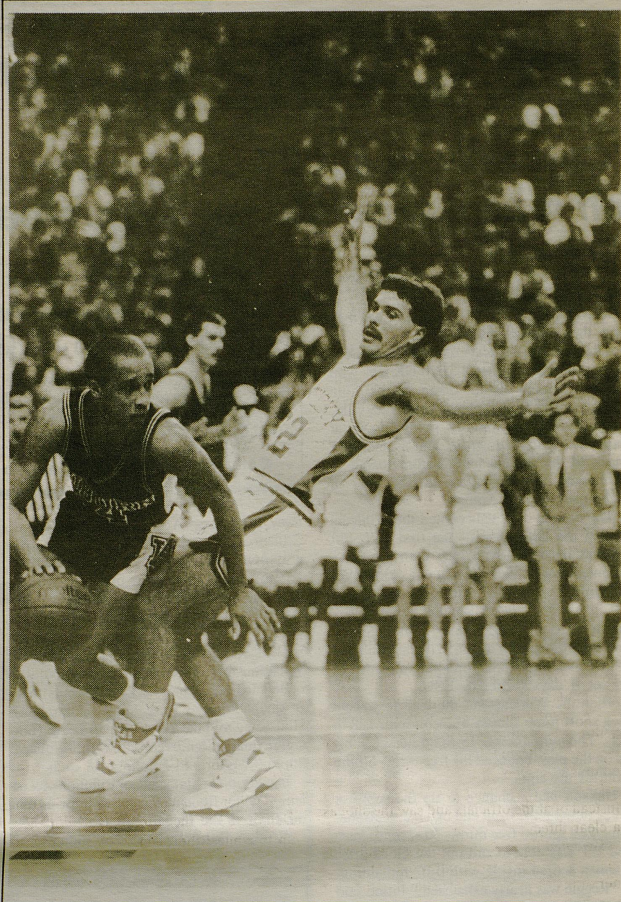
SCORE BY PERIODS										
	1st H	2nd H	OT	OT	TOTAL					
KENTUCKY	39	61	1	1	102					
TENNESSEE	38	44	1	1	102					

Technical Fouls: UK 1, Tennessee 0  
 Attendance: 20,251 (PB13) 20,251 (TN004) 100%  
 Officials: Danny Jackson, David Day, Jim Oja  
 Technical Fouls: UK 1, Tennessee 0  
 Attendance: 20,251 (PB13) 20,251 (TN004) 100%

HALF				39-58			
19:29		39-60	Reese dunk				
19:03	Feldhaus 6 ft., FT	42-60					
18:47		42-62	Lockhart dunk				
18:35	Farmer FT, FT	44-62					
18:08		44-64	Lockhart 8 ft.				
17:52	Pelphrey layup	46-64					
17:43		46-67	Bell 6 ft., FT				
17:25	Woods layup	48-67					
17:00		48-69	Rivers FT, FT				
16:53	Pelphrey 20 ft.	51-69					
16:30		51-71	Rivers layup				
15:38	Miller layup	53-71					
15:00	Miller layup follow	55-71					
14:38		55-73	Lockhart layup follow				
14:13	Brassow layup	57-73					
14:00		57-75	Bell FT, FT				
13:16	Brassow FT, FTA	58-75					
13:01		58-76	Bell FTA, FT				
12:51	Feldhaus FT, FT	60-76					
12:13		60-78	Groves layup				
11:54	Feldhaus 20 ft.	63-78					
11:02	Miller 15 ft.	65-78					
10:48		65-79	Bell FT, FTA				
10:40	Hanson 16 ft.	67-79					
10:05		67-81	Bell 6 ft.				
9:38		67-82	Houston FT, FTA				
9:28	Pelphrey layup	69-82					
9:03		69-84	Reese FT, FT				
8:35		69-87	Bell 20 ft.				
7:47		71-87					
7:45	Pelphrey FT, FT	73-87					
7:20	Farmer 9 ft.	75-89					
6:57	Farmer 20 ft.	76-89					
6:45		76-91	Houston FT, FT				
6:35	Hanson 20 ft.	79-91					
6:13	Pelphrey 20 ft.	82-91					
5:59		82-93	Bell FT, FT				
5:00	Miller 15 ft.	84-93					
4:41	Woods 9 ft.	86-93					
4:19	Hanson FTA, FT	87-93					
3:48		87-95	Lockhart layup				
3:24	Hanson layup	89-95					
3:04		89-96	Bell FT, FTA				
2:51	Feldhaus layup	91-96					
2:24		91-97	Lockhart FT, FTA				
2:17	Woods 12 ft.	93-97					
2:01		93-99	Lockhart layup follow				
1:53	Hanson 20 ft.	96-99					
1:26		96-100	Rivers FT, FTA				
1:18	Hanson layup, FTA	98-100					
0:32	Hanson FTA						
0:22		98-102	Bell FT, FT				
0:07	Hanson follow layup	100-102					
FINAL 100-102							



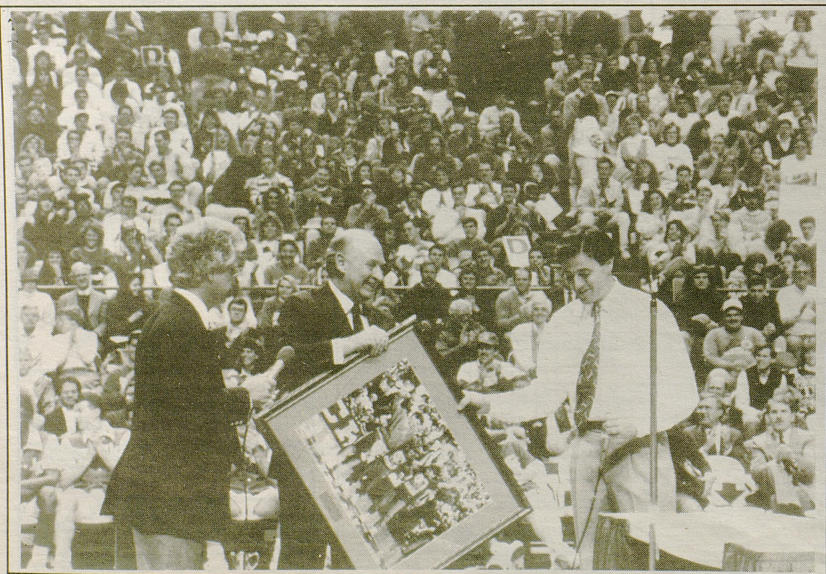
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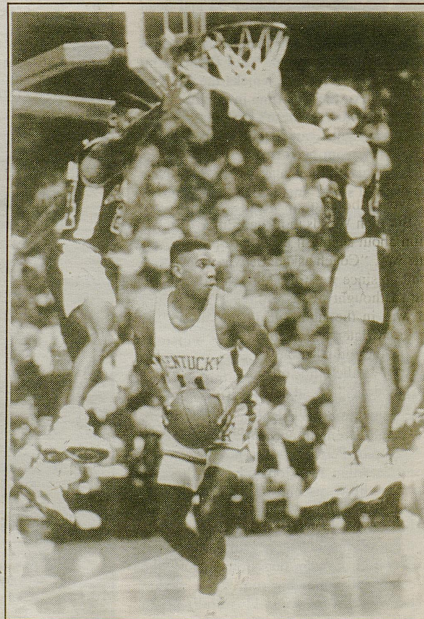
**BATTLE ON THE GLASS:** Kentucky freshman forward Jeff Brassow and Auburn's Ronnie Battle fight for a loose rebound. Battle proved to be battle-tested, scoring a game-high 30 points, including four three-pointers.

**DON'T FALL, RICHIE:** Auburn speedy point guard Reggie Gallon has the advantage over Wildcat reserve Richie Farmer. However, Farmer had his moments, including a trey in the second half, giving UK a 66-57 lead.

### KENTUCKY 98, AUBURN 95



**SOMETHING FOR THE COACH:** 101 president Van Florence and Cawood Ledford hand Rick Pitino a picture of his three sons when they formed the "Y" in the K-ENT-U-C-KY cheer earlier this year.



Photos by Steve McFarland

**SURROUNDED:** Looking for someone to dish off to, sophomore Sean Woods tries to sneak a pass past a pair of Tigers. Woods' 9 assists give him 150.

# UK outlasts Auburn 98-95

## 'Senior Night' begins and ends in celebration; 'Cats pull out the broom with 9 SEC wins in Rupp

by TCP staff writer Pancho Easterwood

It wasn't so much Big Blue as a big boo-hoo Saturday afternoon as the tears flowed at Rupp Arena. Derrick "Deke" Miller brought out the hankies in the beginning and played a key role in the end as Kentucky edged out Auburn, 98-95.

However, the lone senior's home swan song almost turned into an ugly duckling before a crowd of 24,174. In fact, it was almost a big boo-boo in the last frantic seconds. At least this is what UK coach Rick Pitino thought after seeing Auburn guard Ronnie Battle pump in a long jumper with 14 seconds left to make it 96-95, UK.

Or was it a three-point shot, thus tying the score at 96-96 as the scoreboard said?

Pitino looked at the officials to hold up both arms—the signal for a three-point goal—and was relieved when they didn't. But then you could have wrapped him in a straightjacket at what happened next.

UK point guard Sean Woods knew it was a three-point shot. He took the in-bounds pass and, much to Pitino's consternation, sailed down the floor. Like a good point guard is supposed to, he had glanced at Battle's feet instead of at the officials and saw the shot as a clear three.

He acted like a man possessed...with winning. He caught John Pelphrey out of the corner of his eye and hit him. Pelphrey then hit the short six-foot shot from the baseline. UK led 98-95 with four seconds left.

"I'm supposed to look at things like that," Woods said in explanation of his mad dash down the floor. "He (Battle) was well beyond the line. In a crucial part of the game a good point guard is supposed to look at things like that."

Forward Deron Feldhaus, located just a few feet away from Battle, concurred.

"I clearly saw it as a three-pointer," Feldhaus said. "For sure."

Pitino jumped all over Woods when the 'Cats huddled after a UK timeout with three seconds left. "He started chewing us out," Feldhaus said. "He asked us what we were doing."

Woods bore the brunt of Pitino's ire.

But then Woods mollified Pitino as he told him about seeing it as a three-point shot all the way. "Coach asked me why I pushed the ball up since we still had the lead, and I told him I thought it was a three," Woods said. "I was in the right and got fussed at."

Pitino later absolved Woods in the post-game individual awards ceremony at mid-court. "I called time out and asked Sean why he had done that and he said, 'Coach, the guy (Battle) made a three.' I looked up at the scoreboard and he was right."

"But I checked with the officials and they said no...there was no three. Sean actually made a very smart play. The players acted intelligently making that transition."

Auburn coach Tommy Joe Eagles, naturally, saw it differently. He felt Battle had a clear three. It did happen right in front of him. "I will reserve final judgment until I see the game film," Eagles said. "We don't need to tarnish this game by controversy. I say it was a three-pointer. If I am wrong, I will apologize...in writing."

Auburn still had three seconds left.

### AUBURN-KENTUCKY NOTES NOT TO GO UNNOTICED

□ Around 20,000 Wildcat fans remained to watch Rick Pitino present team awards during the coach's post-game show.

□ The next time Kentucky plays a Southeastern Conference game at Rupp Arena, it will put on the line an 11-game home-SEC winning streak.

□ This contest pitted Cinderella against Cinderella. The Wildcat story is well-documented—picked by many to finish ninth or 10th in the preseason SEC polls. Auburn, led by first-year coach Tommy Joe Eagles, was picked alongside UK in the conference cellar. Meanwhile, Auburn came into Lexington riding a four-game winning streak, an 8-7 conference record, and 12-14 overall.

Everyone in Rupp Arena knew what Notre Dame had done to Syracuse the week before in three seconds. The Irish had won with a three-pointer at the buzzer. And they had gone the length of the floor to do so.

Eagles had wanted the Tigers to spread the floor and get the ball to Battle at the side for a three-pointer. Instead, Chris Brandt had to inbound a 20-foot pass to Derrick Dennison. Dennison dribbled the ball quickly over the mid-line but couldn't get a final shot off.

"I had told the team in the timeout to play their man and not help out," Pitino said. "I told them to not be afraid to make a steal."

Miller, the lanky 6-5 senior with the hippy-hop, then made his last move at Rupp. Dennison lost the dribble as Miller moved up to contest the Tiger.

The 'Cats seemed to have the game in hand

just minutes before when center Reggie Hanson made a brilliant one-on-one move with the shot-clock running down to score. This made it 90-85, 'Cats with 2:35 to play. Then Feldhaus hit a follow shot off a miss by Woods. Auburn seemed doomed. But Auburn has been a mirror of the 'Cats all season.

This was an afternoon of record deflections on the part of UK (it had a team record 45). It was a game of reflection for Auburn. They claved back hard...just like the 'Cats have done all season.

Dennison's three-pointer and Battle's layup cut it to 92-90 with 1:16 to go. Pelphrey then copped a pair of free throws to make it 94-90 with 36 seconds left. But the Battle was intent on winning the war. He hit a three-pointer with Miller hanging all over him and

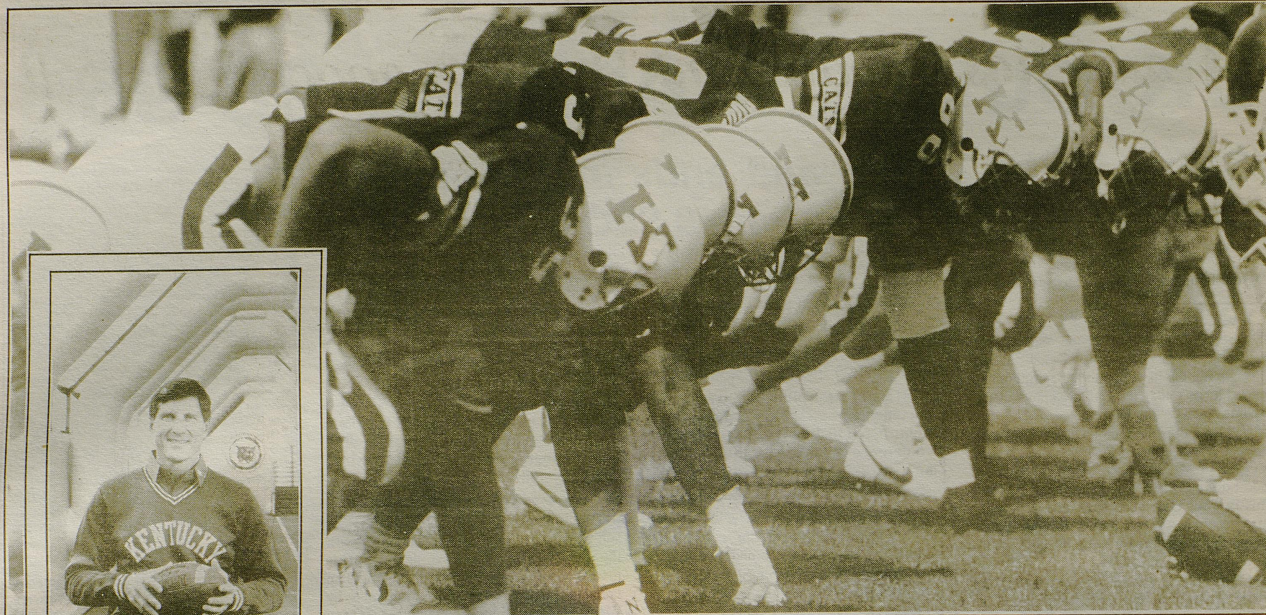
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### UK-Auburn play-by-play

TIME	KENTUCKY	SCORE	AUBURN
19:45	Woods layup	2-0	
19:28	Miller layup	4-0	
19:22		4-2	Brandt layup
18:53		4-4	Dennison layup
18:36	Pelphrey layup	6-4	
17:48	Pelphrey 12 ft.	8-4	
17:26		8-7	Battle 21 ft.
16:51		8-9	Dennison dunk
16:24	Miller 8 ft.	10-9	
15:52		10-11	Gallon 15 ft.
15:30	Hanson dunk	12-11	
15:15		12-14	Battle 20 ft.
14:20	Feldhaus 5 ft.	14-14	
14:09	Feldhaus 19 ft.	16-14	
13:37		28-28	Battle 20 ft.
13:32	Woods FT, FTA	15-15	Brandt FT, FTA
13:07	Hanson 20 ft.	20-15	
12:24	Browss 21 ft.	23-15	
12:13		23-17	Battle FT, FT
12:03		23-19	Caylor follow
11:29		23-21	Battle layup
10:04		23-23	
9:08	Miller 20 ft.	26-23	
8:38	Feldhaus layup	28-23	
8:14		28-25	Battle 16 ft.
7:28		28-28	Battle 20 ft.
7:28		28-30	Arnold FT, FT
7:12	Pelphrey FT, FT	30-30	
6:57		30-31	Brandt FT, FTA
6:48	Hanson FT, FA	31-31	
6:41		31-33	Gallon FT, FT
6:24		31-35	Brandt layup, FTA
6:10		31-37	Gallon layup
5:43		31-39	Dennison FT, FT
5:29	Browss FT, FT	33-39	
4:56	Feldhaus layup	35-39	
4:41		35-41	Battle follow
3:09	Browss 12 ft.	37-41	
2:18		37-43	Caylor 14 ft.
1:42	Pelphrey layup	39-43	
1:34		39-45	Battle FT, FT
1:13	Browss 20 ft.	42-45	
1:02		42-47	Caylor FT, FT
:47	Hanson FT, FT	44-47	
:35	Farmer FT, FT	46-47	

No.	Name (Last-First)	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT	FTA	FT%	3PT	3PTA	3PT%	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
24	Dennison, D.	5	9	1	1	3	4	2	3	5	4	14	5	3	1	2	2	2	29	
40	Arnold, Zane	4	4	0	0	5	6	3	0	3	5	13	1	2	2	2	2	2	22	
44	Browss, Chris	3	6	0	0	2	7	1	1	2	4	8	1	2	1	0	2	25		
41	Gallon, Reggie	9	4	10	0	2	4	0	6	5	4	12	3	5	0	1	5	7	27	
21	Battle, Reggie	9	11	20	4	8	4	5	3	4	7	5	30	1	4	0	0	31	37	
22	Caylor, John	5	9	0	1	8	11	3	3	11	0	18	2	3	0	1	3	9	39	
15	Pelphrey, Larry	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	40	
03	Wrencher, Champ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	41	
31	Smith, Richard	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	42	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)													2	0	2					
TOTALS		32	62	5	13	26	37	18	22	40	29	95	13	21	3	5	20	0	200	
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half		51.7%		2nd Half		51.5%		Game		51.6%		Deadball								
3-PT FG %: 1st Half		50.0%		2nd Half		21.7%		Game		31.5%		Rebounds		6						
FT %: 1st Half		70.0%		2nd Half		70.4%		Game		70.3%										
HOME (Last Name, First)																				
No.	Name (Last-First)	PTS	REB	AST	BLK	STL	FT	FTA	FT%	3PT	3PTA	3PT%	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
12	Feldhaus, Deron	7	10	0	2	4	6	5	4	9	5	11	2	4	0	0	3	6	36	
21	Pelphrey, John	5	11	0	3	6	4	2	3	5	5	14	1	2	0	0	3	31	40	
25	Hanson, Reggie	6	11	1	2	11	13	5	6	11	3	24	2	0	3	3	4	40	41	
01	Miller, Derrick	9	8	15	4	4	0	0	2	2	4	4	20	0	2	2	2	31	42	
11	Woods, Sean	9	2	9	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	4	5	9	3	1	2	26	43	
14	Browss, Jeff	3	6	2	4	2	2	0	1	1	3	10	2	0	0	1	1	17	44	
32	Farmer, Richie	1	4	1	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	14	45	
33	Davis, John	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	
23	Braddy, Nehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	17	
42	Parks, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	
20	Cooper, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	17	
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)													1	0	1					
TOTALS		32	66	8	20	26	34	17	18	35	29	98	18	14	7	9	20	0	200	
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half		46.9%		2nd Half		50.0%		Game		48.5%		Deadball								
3-PT FG %: 1st Half		33.3%		2nd Half		50.0%		Game		40.0%		Rebounds		2						
FT %: 1st Half		80.0%		2nd Half		78.7%		Game		76.5%										
OFFICIALS: John Clawberky, Allie Prescott, & Doc Ferguson																				
Technical Fouls: Ky. bench-7																				
Attendance: 24,174																				
SCORE BY PERIODS																				
		1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL														
Auburn		47	48			95														
Kentucky		46	52			98														
FINAL							98-95													

□ TCP chart



UK scrimmage photo by Brian Tirpak  
Curry photo by UK sports information

## UK'S GRIDIRON AMBASSADOR

In the second of TCP's two-part series, Bill Curry chats about things he can't control, ie, bad recruiting info, being an ambassador and an opposing coach's wife's blueberry muffins

by TCP associate editor Nick Nicholas

*Valentines Day was an especially sweetheart of a day for Bill Curry. His Valentine cards were not your ordinary heart-shaped gifts. On Feb. 14, the new Kentucky football coach received 24 national letters of intent.*

*Not bad for the new kid at school.*

*If these players can someday live up to their high school clippings in a Wildcat uniform then Curry and his staff will have signed an excellent first class. Meanwhile, only the stars above can foresee the stars on the gridiron.*

*Following is the second of a two-part series from Bill Curry's press conference on Feb. 14, his sweetest day thus far as Kentucky's head coach:*

### MUSBURGER ON MT. RUSHMORE?

In last week's issue, Curry talked about the immense pressure on those 'true' freshmen playing Division I ball instead of getting situated and sitting out their first year.

He elaborated further on this predicament. "There are a few who will play, who will be ready to play, who are mature enough and will handle it," Curry said about UK's incoming freshmen. "But I don't know who they are. You (the media) don't know who they are."

"Only God knows that."

"What 17-year-old can run out there in front of a national TV audience, play in the Sugar Bowl and not be wasted by it, who knows? But there are some that can do it; there are some who are stars from day one. There are others who just can't handle it. They're not physically mature, they're not emotionally mature. I was one of those."

Curry, of course, played his college ball at Georgia Tech, where he lettered from 1962-64. Next, a bigger challenge awaited, because the Green Bay Packers picked Curry

in the 20th round.

His pro career was not typical of your average 20th round draft choice, however.

The former Packer center played on three NFL championships, and later participated in two Super Bowls with the Baltimore Colts, winning Super Bowl V in the final seconds over Dallas. And, Curry's progress on the field eventually led him to All-Pro honors in 1971-72.

He came a long ways during his days as a Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech.

"I did not play much until my fourth year in college," Curry, a co-captain his senior year, said. "I was that slow maturing. Carolyn Curry (his wife) says she is still waiting for maturity to strike. Some of us just mature really slow. What happens, the way the rules are today, the ones who are getting to play a lot of times walk around like this (Curry creates a stone-faced look). They just can't believe it."

"The amount of studying they have to do; they have to go get tutored. They have to be interviewed by Brent Musburger. This is like talking to Mt. Rushmore to them. You've got to visualize growing up in Timbuctoo, Ga., and all of a sudden there's Brent Musburger saying, 'Well, son, you're going to play in the national championship game. What do you think?' It just dawns on them."

"That's too much."

Curry believes a redshirt season can have its drawbacks as well.

Meaning?

Those who don't get to play are the ones back in the dorm with a scowl etched firmly on their face.

"So the bus pulls off on Friday, going to Los Angeles, Birmingham or wherever we're going to play and there stands that guy," Curry, using an example, said about this no-win dilemma. "He's just staring at the coach because he didn't get to go. He's not happy."

"So they are all unhappy; the ones that are playing are unhappy and the ones who are not

playing are unhappy.

"So if we had a rule that none of 'em (true freshmen) could play it would be great. It really would."

That would be a great relief to Curry.

### HOW BAD ARE THEY...?

If Curry ever were asked to do a monologue on the Tonight Show, the first joke he might try would be: "I never knew Acme Recruiting Service could be that bad..."

Altogether now: "How bad is it?"

They'rrrrrr so bad "they don't even know what school a guy goes to."

Folks, he's not laughing.

Again, Curry says there are some highly respectable organizations that make their living touting high school players. "There are some very good ones who have been around for a lot of years and really do have a grasp on the national scene."

Then there are those who couldn't tell the difference between a quarterback and a nickel back. "They call up some guy who lives in Coon Holler, Ga., and they say, 'Do you got any good players?' They say, 'Yeah, we've got a giant lineman here.'"

"So they get his name misspelled. His size is wrong. They say he's a great student and he isn't. They don't know what they're writing, and they're putting out ratings and selling these sheets of theirs. There are some really poor ones."

### RECRUITS GOOD 'NUFF FOR 'BAMA

When asked if many of UK's latest recruits would have been welcomed at Alabama, Curry proudly nodded with a positive reply.

"I'd be delighted to have 'em," he said. "There are some people on here (list of Wildcat signees) that we would have been thrilled to death, I mean a bunch of 'em, to recruit to the University of Alabama or Georgia Tech."

Curry confirmed that while at Alabama he was interested in UK's latest signees. The 'Bama staff, according to Curry, figured it

couldn't have been a factor with some of the future 'Cats due to the prospects' strong ties in the surrounding area.

### THE AMBASSADOR

Should a recruit's decision ever be primarily based on who is the head coach?

"My daughter just graduated from college in May and my son just started college in August. We were really anxious for them to pick a school. My son wants to play football; he's a walk-on football player. We didn't want him to pick a coach, but he did (George Welch). But he also happened to pick a very good school (Virginia)."

Did Billy consider Dad as his next coach? "At first, he picked his dad, but his mom rejected that. She said, 'No, you're not playing for him.' That's the truth. She said that would be too hard on all of us. He would like to be here, but..."

"You just can't rule the coach out because the coach is the ambassador. He's the one who walks into the living room. I think it would be good if you could."

"We tell all the people we recruit: 'You should look at the school as if you weren't going to play football because you may not. You may walk in front of a truck and tear your ankle up. Heaven forbid we pray that doesn't happen. But, be sure you'll be at a school where you're going to be happy.'"

"The other thing is, funny things happen to coaches on the way to anything," Curry said, chuckling along with the media.

### WELCH & BLUEBERRIES

Curry learned a recruiting tactic that he witnessed in his own backyard from Welch. Sandra Welch, the wife of Virginia's head coach, that is.

"Sandra essentially recruited both my children," Curry said with a broad smile. "That's what happened. She uses blueberry muffins."

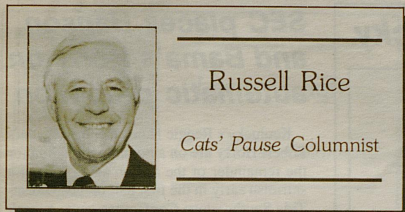
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# UK athletics department: Let the good times roll

Newton, Pitino, others preserving tradition

The innovations that C.M. Newton, Rick Pitino & Co. have brought to University of Kentucky basketball extend beyond the playing floor, creating an excitement that exceeds the bounds of wins and losses.



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

First and foremost, of course, is the style, flair and competitive nature of a young but experienced coach who has captured the imagination of all persons involved in Wildcat basketball.

Putting aside such fan-pleasing antics as standing up to the likes of finger-pointing, chair-throwing Bobby Knight, LSU's "Rev." Dale Brown and others who specialize in attacking the Wildcats, Pitino is to be commended also for giving more than lip service to the UK tradition.

Joe B. Hall was a good keeper of the tradition in the manner of successfully succeeding a legend—Adolph Rupp—and doing his utmost to protect the program against ever-increasing pressures from both within and outside of the university.

Hall is to be remembered for many things on the promotional side, including "Senior Night," the "Sixth Man," "Big Blue," and "Fan of the Year," most instituted during the reign of former athletics director Cliff Hagan, who originated the costumed Wildcat mascot.

Eddie Sutton, who spoke reverently of "Mr. Rupp," and UK basketball—"I would have crawled all the way from Arkansas"—gave UK a winning slate, but he also stepped on some traditional toes, switching shoe companies, taking over the roundball calendar business, etc., before the walls came tumbling around him.

However, there remained in effect for many years an unwritten rule—the retiring of jerseys/numbers—that had been in effect since some members of the "Fabulous Five" were involved in the gambling scandals of the 1950s and since Linville Puckett, a member of the undefeated 1954 Wildcat team, had his jersey/number? "unretired" after a difference of opinion with Rupp the following year.

In fact, Rupp was so embittered by the involvement of some of his boys in the scandals that he had them removed from the Memorial Coliseum "Wall of Fame," where pictures of past Olympians, Hall-of-Fame members, All-American and All-SEC performers are featured.

Those pictures were returned to the wall after Rupp and the players made their peace a quarter-century later, but the matter of singling out one player or members of a particular team for special recognition remained a relic of the past.

There were special team and individual recognitions at games during the reigns of Harry Lancaster and Hagan, but no further moves toward the retiring of any jerseys were made until two years ago, when the university retired the jersey of Dan Issel, UK's all-time leading men's scorer and the person whose 53 points vs. Ole Miss broke Hagan's UK single-season record of 51 set against Temple in 1953.

The ceremony, held just before tipoff of the UK-Louisville game, was such a closely guarded secret that the Issel family was neither notified of the plans nor invited to the game as guests of the university.

Issel, who was doing color for the UK TV Network during that game, was definitely surprised, but he also was disappointed that members of his family were not present. It seems that wife Sherry, a former Wildcat cheerleader who attended most of the home

games, had other plans that could have been easily changed for such an auspicious occasion.

Also honored at center-court during games that season were Basil Hayden, UK's first All-American, and Cawood Ledford, longtime radio "Voice of the Wildcats," on calling his 1,000th Big Blue game.

No one doubts that Issel deserves such an honor, but how about all those other fine players who contributed so much to the Wildcat tradition during the years before and after Hagan, Frank Ramsey, and Lou Tsioropoulos led the 1954 team to an undefeated season?

It would be presumptuous for one person to try to compile a list of those deserving to be singled out for special jersey-retiring recognition. Surely "Cotton" Nash, the "Fiddlin' Five," "Rupp's Runts," Kevin Grevey and the 1975 NCAA runnerup, Kyle Macy and the 1978 NCAA champions and the 1984 "Final Four" team as

Newton also wants to utilize the unused portion of Wildcat Lodge, space that was created by an NCAA edict several years ago, as a site for display of UK memorabilia.

Along that line, he doesn't want to take away from a long-proposed downtown museum, which never got beyond the committee stage.

Newton also talked about retiring more jerseys in the future, going back as far as Aggie Sale and LeRoy Edwards.

There is also Pitino's current desire to remove the 13-year-old floor in Rupp Arena, and replace it with a floor that is more Kentucky than Carolina blue.

Let the good times roll.

### SHAME ON YOU

- For the Tennessee student who sneaked up behind



Wildcat-great Dan Issel alongside his honored jersey two seasons ago.

individuals or units are prime candidates for such an honor.

And now the university gives us another breath of fresh air with such innovations as:

- Putting the pictures and numbers of past Wildcats on the lockers they occupied while playing for UK.
  - Introducing two Wildcat players of the past before each home game.
  - Conducting Pitino's post-game radio show at courtside and piping it through the arena's P.A. system.
  - Retiring jerseys in honor of former coaches Rupp and Hall, and hanging those jerseys along with other retired jerseys in Rupp Arena, with the promise of more of the same in the future.
  - Getting the students and everyone involved in a new spirit with upbeat pre-game music, the holding up and posting of "3" when Wildcats hit their three-pointers, "swoshing" when a UK free throw goes through the nets, etc.
  - Presenting the annual team awards on the Rupp Arena floor after the final home game of the season.
- In discussing these developments with Newton prior to the recent UK-Tennessee game in Knoxville, he reflected that upon returning to his alma mater in his present capacity he felt that it was losing the tradition of Kentucky basketball.
- "I want to preserve it," he said. "Rick doesn't know all that much about it, but he also wants to preserve it."
- He said the developments that have taken place this season have been a family effort more than a one- or two-person effort. In addition to Pitino, he gave credit to UK sports information director Chris Cameron and noted that for the past six months associate athletics director Gene DeFilippo has been working on the organization of a traveling UK basketball museum.

WKYT-TV's Rob Bromley during a courtside interview at Knoxville and held up a poster-sized reduction of the "Kentucky Shame" *Sports Illustrated* cover, we are reminded of those eternal words spoken at the scene of the crucifixion:

"Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

For the student in question, we review just a wee bit of history. When the Wildcats mentioned earlier were involved in the gambling scandals and the university ruled out of action for one year by the NCAA and the SEC, Tennessee was the only school to vote in UK's favor. Not long thereafter, when the Vols had the same kind of problem with player involvement in gambling, the university repaid UT's previous kindness by inviting the Vols to participate in the UKIT. No other SEC team ever has played in that tournament.

While Pitino downplayed the intensity of the UK-UT rivalry before and after the recent shootout in Knoxville, Vol coach Wade Houston said he was aware of the tradition because of close proximity (Louisville Cardinals coach the past 13 years) and that he felt it was a great rivalry.

Houston especially noted the large number of UK fans in attendance at the game, which was impossible when the Vols played their games in the old Stokely Center. When the Vols left that field house, much of the homecourt advantage remained behind, which is exactly what happened when UK moved to Rupp Arena. Of course, it's still extremely difficult to win on the road in the SEC, whatever the reasons.

With the current all-out attack on the SEC officiating fraternity, I'll risk the ire of many fans from both sides by saying that from my seat on press row at the end of

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# 'C A T S C A N S

Sports briefs about University of Kentucky athletics

## Future 'Cats to display talents this spring in Kentucky

To participate in Derby Classic and in Lexington AAU contest in coliseum

Kentucky basketball recruits **Jamal Mashburn**, **Gimel Martinez** and **Carlos Toomer** are scheduled to appear twice in the commonwealth this spring, participating in the Derby Classic in Louisville on April 21 and against the Soviet Union National Junior team on May 15 in UK's Memorial Coliseum.

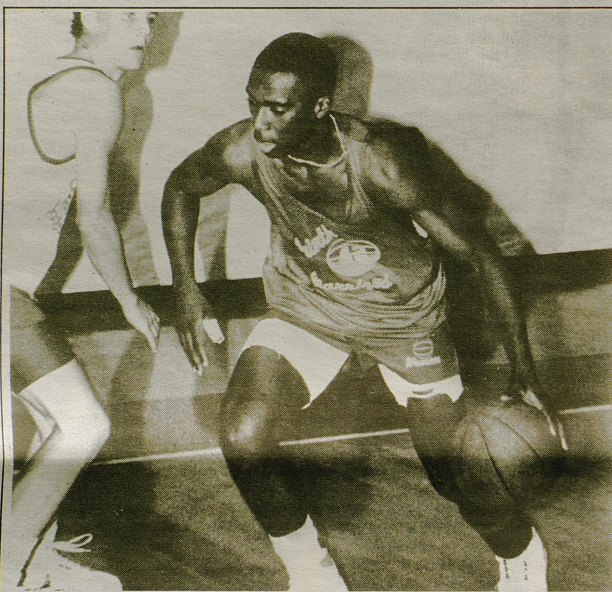
Among the other stars featured in the game with the Soviets will be **James Crutcher** of Lafayette, **Daniel Swintosky** of Lexington Catholic, **Keith Peel** of Jessamine County, **Andy Penick** of Pleasure Ridge Park, **Dwayne Morton** of Central, **Jody Thompson** of Feds Creek and **Kelly Wells** of Rowan County.

**Jim Lankster** of Sayre will be head coach of the Kentucky team, with **Gene Kirk** of Woodford County as his assistant.

"We think we've got a good group of players that fans will want to see," said **Louis Stout**, chairman of the sponsoring Kentucky AAU. "With all the excitement and enthusiasm that's been generated by Pitino-style ball, I think we'll have a good crowd."

The 1988 Kentucky AAU team, led by UK recruit **Shawn Kemp**, beat the Soviet Junior team in the Coliseum two years ago.

Ticket information for the AAU game may be obtained by contacting **Leigh Jeffcoat** at (606) 252-1908 or 299-1707. Derby Classic info will be available at a later date.



Carlos Toomer (above) will team up with Mashburn and Martinez when the AAU team takes on the Soviet Union National Junior squad May 15.

## SEC places Hanson, and Bama's Horry on automatic probation

Kentucky's **Reggie Hanson** and Alabama's **Robert Horry** are on automatic probation for the remainder of the season as a result of a skirmish early in the first half of the Wildcat-Tide Southeastern Conference game a week ago at Tuscaloosa.

The two players won't have to sit out any games, but according to the rules an automatic one-game suspension will be invoked if either is involved in another fight this season. A third fight will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

The action marked the second time the SEC has invoked its three-step policy on punishments for fighting. The policy went into effect before the 1989-90 season.

In the only other time the SEC invoked such a penalty, centers **LeRon Ellis** of Kentucky and **Matt Geiger** of Auburn became involved in a brief exchange last season. Neither fought again, thus avoiding the suspension.

Kentucky players have been involved in two other incidents this season. Louisville's **LaBradford Smith** shoved UK's **Derrick Miller** in a game in Rupp Arena and **Maurice Williamson** shoved freshman **Jeff Brassow** in the first UK-LSU game.

Walk-on **Tony Cooper**, who was caught leaving the bench during the altercation, was not placed on probation. **Cooper**, along with **Hanson** and **Horry**, was ejected from the game.

## WILDCAT NOTES • WILDCAT NOTES • WILDCAT NOTES

### CURRY HAS A JOKER IN THE HAND

•**Joe "Joker" Phillips** has been named assistant football recruiting coordinator on **Bill Curry's** UK football staff.

A four-year letterman as a wide receiver for the Wildcats from 1981-84, Phillips will assist in all areas of recruiting and coordinate the Wildcat walk-on program. He turned down an offer as an assistant coach at Delaware to remain at UK.

"I'm delighted Joe has decided to stay with us," Curry said. "I've been impressed with him from the very beginning and I am not surprised he was offered a full-time job at another fine institution."

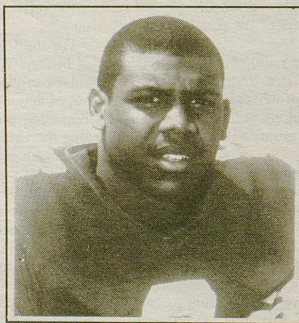
Phillips spent the last two seasons at UK as a graduate assistant coach under **Jerry Claiborne**. He primarily had worked with receivers. In his new position, he will have no on-the-field coaching responsibilities.

Phillips finished fifth in career receptions at UK with 75 for 935 yards and nine touchdowns. He played briefly in the National and Canadian football leagues. He was a member of the 1987 Washington Redskins team that won Super Bowl XXII.

Last summer, Phillips participated in the NFL Coaching Fellowship Program with Washington. He assisted Redskins' receivers coach **Jack Burns** during the team's training camp and preseason games.

### STEVE KELLEY HAS SURGERY

•University of Kentucky linebacker **Steve**



Joker Phillips to remain on UK payroll



Kelley should be 100 percent by spring



East Carolina hires Greg Nord

underwent out-patient surgery on his right thumb at the UK Medical Center last week.

The 6-foot-2, 232 pound junior from Hopkinsville received the injury during off-season conditioning drills. Team physician **Dr. Mary Lloyd Ireland** and **Dr. Ronald Burgess** performed the surgery, which repaired a torn ligament in the thumb.

"The whole procedure went as well as we could expect," trainer **Al Green** said. "Steve will begin rehabilitation next week and should be ready to participate in spring

drills."

Kelley was limited to action in four games during the 1989 season, mainly due to a chronic hamstring injury. Green said both the hamstring and thumb injuries should be at 100 percent when spring practice begins on March 20.

### •NORD ACCEPTS E. CAROLINA POST

Former UK assistant **Greg Nord**, 33, has been named runningbacks coach for the East Carolina University football staff, announced head coach **Bill Lewis** on Monday (Feb. 26). Nord has served the last eight years as

runningbacks coach for the UK staff under former head coach **Jerry Claiborne**.

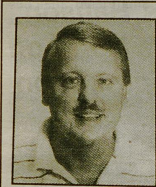
"We are very fortunate and excited about having someone of Greg's quality join our program," Lewis said. "There is no one in coaching I respect more than Jerry Claiborne and Greg's tenure on his staff is a tremendous asset. He'll be an outstanding addition to our staff."

Nord, a 1980 Wildcat grad, coached five of UK's top 12 all-time rushers—**Mark Higgs**, **George Adams**, **Marc Logan**, **Ivy Joe Hunter** and **Alfred Rawls**.

# Joe B. wouldn't take a million for honored jersey

Hall: Nothing could have meant more to me

He grew up in Kentucky, followed University of Kentucky basketball from the time he was knee high and even kept a scrapbook of all the All-Americans at Kentucky.



Larry Vaught  
Cats' Pause Columnist

That's how deep Joe B. Hall's roots run at Kentucky. No one cares more about the UK basketball program than Hall, who compiled a 297-100 mark in 13 seasons as the UK coach from 1973-85.

Hall bleeds blue. Always has and always will. And he's not ashamed of that, either.

"I always put the program first," Hall said. "That made any decisions I had to make easy. Putting the program first was a guideline I had that made everything else easier."

Hall's Wildcats won the NCAA championship in 1978. They were runners-up in 1975 and reached the Final Four in 1984. Eight times in his 13-year tenure UK won the Southeastern Conference championship.

His teams were 20-9 in NCAA Tournament play and Hall still ranks as the ninth winningest coach in NCAA play.

What makes his record even more remarkable, though, is that he had to follow the legacy of Adolph Rupp.

"Time takes a toll on all of us but few people are successful replacing a legacy," LSU coach Dale Brown said. "Joe did about as effective a job as anybody has ever done. Very few follow a legend successfully but he did. And he's not received enough credit for doing it."

UK officials, though, helped remedy that problem Feb. 15. Before the UK-LSU game they retired jerseys honoring Hall and Rupp. The jerseys now are hung from the Rupp Arena rafters along with 14 other jerseys of players UK had previously retired.

Hall knew nothing about the honor until it was announced. He walked to midcourt smiling and waving to the crowd but it was obvious it was an emotional time for him.

"I don't know of anything that could have been done that would have meant more to me," Hall said. "It wouldn't have meant as much if you had given me a million dollars.

"Nothing could mean more to me than to be recognized by the University of Kentucky like that. It was such a nice gesture and thought.

"I don't know anyone who has had a closer relationship with the university than me. I went to school there, played there one year and coached for 20 years. Who else fits that?"

Hall was the caretaker of the UK program when Rupp was forced to retire. He drove himself hard to succeed because he knew what Kentucky basketball meant to fans from border to border in the Bluegrass.

Many, though, questioned his coaching style and success. No matter what he did it wasn't enough. He was often criticized during UK's championship season and anytime the Cats lost in the NCAA fingers were pointed at Hall."

I never worried about what others thought," Hall said. "In my life what is important is how I felt about myself. I don't have a big ego. I cared about UK and I worked hard. As far as caring about the program and being a conscientious representative of the university I always did the best I could."

Ironically, Hall was honored on a night when the current UK team upset LSU in Rupp Arena and was cheered from start to finish despite a 12-10 record. For

years LSU used to try and upset UK when Hall was coaching and the 'Cats were crucified under Hall if they lost 10 or more games.

"The ropes come out sometime for everyone," Hall said. "I can remember when Dean Smith was hung in effigy at North Carolina and look what he's done. It's the nature of the beast. If you stomp your toe, you are in for it. That's just part of coaching.

"But the expectations of the fans are what makes Kentucky basketball great. They do not accept anything but the best and that's good for the program even if it can be tough on the coach."

Even when the criticism stung, though, Hall never considered leaving UK. He had no intentions of leaving Kentucky for any job.

"I had no place to go after I became the coach at Kentucky," he said. "I didn't try to sell myself to the world. I knew when my tenure at Kentucky was over, no matter when that was, that I would not go some place else to coach. Coaching at Kentucky is the pinnacle of college coaching. My focus has always been right here.

"Kentucky was my home. I wasn't going to pack up and leave. That probably added as much pressure as anything during my tenure. No matter what was said or written I was going to stay at Kentucky."

Many unfavorable things were written about Hall. It became fashionable for state and national columnists to trash Joe Hall and downplay any success he had.

Maybe it had something to do with the fact that Hall played no favorites. He treated media members from New York, Louisville and Atlanta just as he did those from Somerset, Danville and Elizabethtown. The big-time columnists and reporters often resented that.

His accomplishments on the floor were never enough for some.

"I often wondered why so many writers thought Joe's record was not of the same caliber as Adolph's," Katharine Hall, Joe's wife, said. "It wasn't baffling but it was bothersome."

Even UK, though, had not publicly recognized Hall for his contributions until last week. But from day one new UK coach Pitino had praised Hall for the battles he fought after following Rupp and the success he had.

"Rick doesn't feel in competition with anybody and I never did, either," Hall said. "He's a class person. He knows he has the ability to stand the test of time and is not frightened by anyone's reputation. He'll make his own reputation and not do it by stepping on anyone. But I really appreciate all the kind things he's said about me."

And anyone who follows Kentucky basketball should

appreciate what this man did and applaud the honor Kentucky bestowed upon him last week because it was long overdue.

### UK NOTES AND QUOTES:

□ Don't expect **Rick Pitino** and his staff to have their recruiting influenced by All-America teams or Mr. Basketball selections.

"We can't recruit somebody because he was Mr. Basketball or not recruit somebody because he wasn't," UK assistant coach **Ralph Willard** said. "We recruit kids because they fit our style, are good students and are tough mentally and physically. If we are recruiting correctly we'll start when a kid is a freshman or sophomore. We won't run out and recruit somebody just because he became Mr. Basketball."

Pitino will also be sensitive about recruiting in-state players because of the pressure those players face at Kentucky. "Kids here face a lot of expectations and it does put a lot of pressure on when a Kentucky kid comes here," Willard said. "That can be a tough cross to bear. The best way to go about recruiting in-state players is to make sure they can really contribute. Otherwise, we won't take an in-state player."

That should tell you how much UK thinks of Tollesboro guard **Chris Harrison**, who committed in November even though he's just a junior.

□ Before the season started almost no one gave UK a chance to have a winning season. Notice on "almost" because **Alan Cutler**, the colorful sportscaster for WLEX-TV, was the exception.

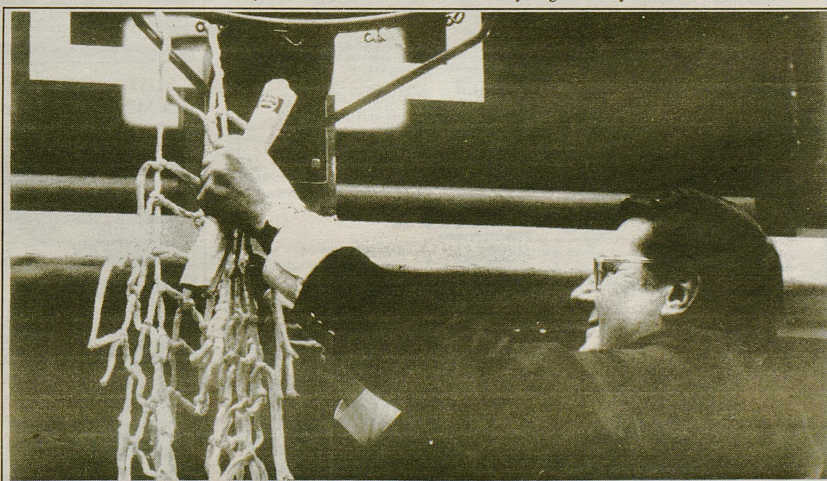
He wanted to bet me before the season started that UK would win more games than it did last year. Remember, UK won 13 last season and no way did I foresee the Wildcats getting close to that number.

But Cutler had watched Pitino work his magic in the Big East and felt the new coach would motivate UK's returning players to a level none of us could imagine. Cutler was right, too, and I'm sure that's something he'll never let us forget.

□ UK football players always thought **Jerry Claiborne** was a disciplinarian. Wonder what they think of new coach **Bill Curry** now that 5:40 a.m. workouts have started?

The early morning stretching and exercises are part of Phase II of UK's off-season conditioning. It will continue until spring drills begin.

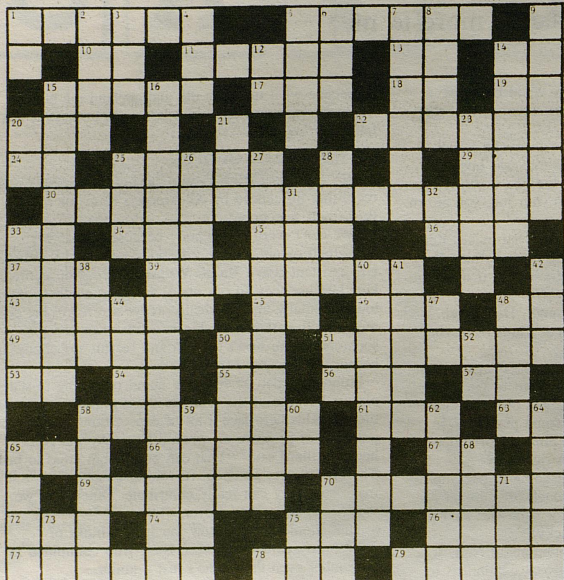
UK players will probably feel like their day is half over when an 8 a.m. class starts. But the early workouts teach discipline, cut down on late-night problems and make it easy to get to early classes.



Never did it enter Hall's mind to leave the University of Kentucky and coach another team.

TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE GREAT HARDWOOD TEAMS OF UK

ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ senior year squad lost only to Vandy and Jacksonville
- 5 2 for 27 Down
- 10 Abbr. for an NY Island
- 11 Big gun of #1-ranked '69-'70 Cats
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ & 67 Across were the original "Twin Towers"
- 14 Abbr. for "right"
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ sr. year brought NCAA title of '51
- 17 Given \_\_\_\_\_ the '78 NCAA Champs in scoring
- 18 Abbr. for "that is"
- 19 Double vowel
- 20 Abbr. for city of Ramblers & Blue Demons
- 22 4th Mills, Parker, 1 & 11 Across on AP
- 24 See 54 Across
- 25 Choir voice
- 29 Thousand
- 30 A.C., B.B., W.J., C.B. & K.R.
- 33 \_\_\_\_\_ ssey of 73 Down
- 34 "\_\_\_\_\_ the season to be jolly"
- 35 Scorecard abbr. to \_\_\_\_\_
- 36 Abbr. for "course"
- 37 Approval abbreviations
- 39 \_\_\_\_\_ junior year squad lost only to Tennessee & Texas Western
- 43 \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. & sr. squads were National Champs
- 45 Symbol for "tin"
- 46 Actor Wallach
- 48 Initials of sr. starter on UK's first national champions
- 49 Actor Flynn
- 50 Class of Origer of 16 Down
- 51 \_\_\_\_\_ scoring led UK's 3rd national champions
- 53 Mac \_\_\_\_\_ first name in 48 Down
- 54 Symbol for "bismuth"
- 55 Abbr. for New Orleans school
- 56 Hatton \_\_\_\_\_ 16 Down in scoring
- 57 Initials of Lawrence of Rupp's 16-1 Cats of '33-'34
- 58 No coach could match Rupp's \_\_\_\_\_ ways
- 61 Of age
- 63 2nd and 8rd of the five
- 65 Snake
- 66 UK's \_\_\_\_\_ NCAA title was Joe's finest moment
- 67 Initials of 33 Down
- 69 Detects by smell
- 70 2 for squad of 66 Across
- 72 Ship's direction
- 74 NE state abbr.
- 75 16 Down \_\_\_\_\_ a 23-6 record
- 76 Star of '69 "Miracle Mets" Tommie
- 77 Top scorer on Joe's NCAA runnerup team
- 78 30 Across \_\_\_\_\_
- 79 Intercept a pass

DOWN

- 1 Initials of top scorer of 27 Down
- 2 Jai
- 3 Poetic for "until"
- 4 Short for a relative
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ mates included Civens & Claytor on Hall's champs
- 6 Aged \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ senior year team won UK's fourth NCAA title
- 8 Fencing sword
- 9 Jr. forward of 26-2 Cats of '69-'70
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ was starting forward on Rupp's 3rd NCAA title team
- 14 Old-timers like to \_\_\_\_\_ the glory years
- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ teammates included Hagan, Ramsey & Watson on great '51-'52 team
- 16 V.H., J.C., J.C., A.S. & E.B.
- 20 Initials of 6-2 Cat of back-to-back NCAA champion teams
- 21 Soft pass
- 23 Gives off
- 25 Asian festival
- 26 \_\_\_\_\_ goals are in outer space
- 27 P.R., L.D., L.C., T.J. & T.K.
- 28 Jr. Gayle of the undefeated Cats
- 31 Cut of meat
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ was soph./jr. on UK's #1 ranked squads of early-'50s
- 33 6-10 sr. on Cats NCAA champs
- 38 Beginning for "dine" or "case"
- 40 After 30 Across, the Cats \_\_\_\_\_ their success
- 41 \_\_\_\_\_ rule
- 42 Federal agency
- 44 Batman and \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 Roman num. for uniform # of 48 Down
- 48 Soph. guard of NCAA champions Cats
- 50 "They faced \_\_\_\_\_ competition"
- 51 See 12 Down
- 52 First name of one of 16 Down
- 58 What haste makes
- 59 Rhymes with fifty; and that's what '50s were like for UK hoops
- 60 Follows "F"
- 62 It was always a \_\_\_\_\_ to see 27 Down play
- 64 His great UK career culminated in '70, when Cats were atop the polls
- 65 It's easy to \_\_\_\_\_ about UK's great hoops tradition
- 68 Anger
- 70 First name of 64 Down
- 71 British drink
- 73 Joined C.H., L.T., B.E. & 28 Down on great 25-0 team
- 75 Santa's word

Last issue's solution

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# UK 98, Auburn 95

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drew the foul. Auburn could tie it with his free throw.

Battle, who wound up with 30 points, missed. And Feldhaus iced two free throws as UK led, 96-93 with 25 seconds left. Battle then followed with his two...or was it three.

After trailing by a point (47-46) at half-time, the 'Cats took control of the game after two minutes in the second half.

Miller, who capped his rollercoaster career with a 20-point performance, ignited the surge.

Kentucky trailed 53-48 after two quick buckets by Zane Arnold and Reggie Gallon, a point-guard with outstanding quickness. Enter Deke. Miller hit a jumper and then converted a layup off a sensational backhanded feed by Woods.

Hanson took over with a steal and a subsequent slam which resulted in a three-point play and a 55-53 UK margin.

Then it was Deke again from three-point land and a follow by Feldhaus and UK led 60-53 with 16:18 left. Auburn never completely recovered from this spurt although it had the 'Cat fans on the edge of their seats until the end.

Or they had them throwing airplanes. Leading 68-57 after a layup by Hanson, the 'Cats were assessed a technical for the crowd throwing paper (airplanes) on the floor. The crowd had been warned once before. Pitino then grabbed the mike at courtside and said:

"Please point out the persons, not Kentucky fans, who are throwing objects. And

Ask them to leave."

Dennison then hit one of his two technical shots as the Rupp Arena security forces escorted a young man and woman from the arena.

Kentucky had great balance for the game with Hanson grabbing scoring honors with 24 points. He also had a team-high 11 rebounds. Feldhaus followed Miller with 18 while Pelphrey had 16. Jeff Brassow came off the bench with 10 points, all in the first half when the 'Cats struggled at times. Woods had nine assists.

Auburn, a relatively small team, matches up well against Kentucky. But in one area—quickness—it has an edge. And the Tigers exploited this in the first half to take a 47-46 lead.

Gallon had 12 points as he ran the show well. Rugged John Caylor added 18. Dennison had 14 and Arnold 13.

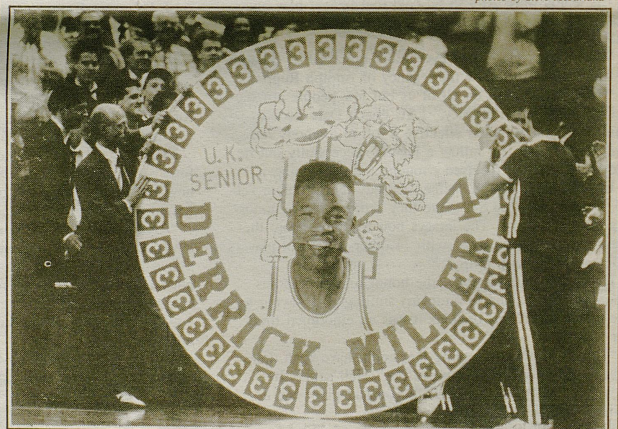
There were several lead changes and ties before Auburn took the lead for good in the first half at 33-31 on two free throws by Gallon. Auburn then increased it to eight (39-31) and enjoyed spreads of four-five-six points until leading 47-42 with 1:02 left in the half.

Kentucky then cut it to one point on a pair of free throws each by Hanson and Richie Farmer.

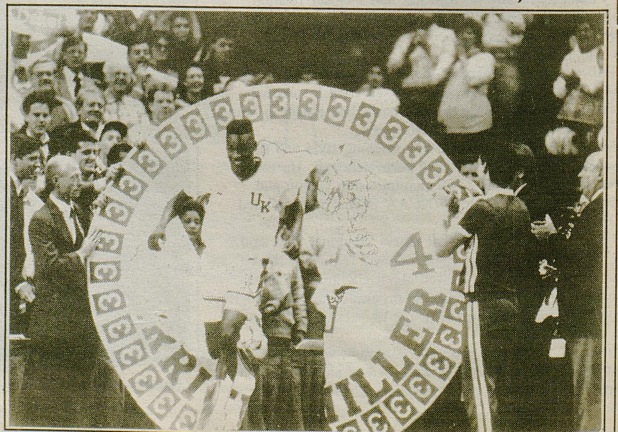
"That momentum swing right before the half helped us," Pitino said. "We played great basketball with our highest deflection total ever. That may have been the best we can play...I will take my hat off to them (AU)."

## DEKE

photos by Steve McFarland



BUSTIN' THRU—The traditional 'senior' hoop is ready for UK's Derrick Miller to run through; below, the Wildcat senior does just that.



# Twinkle, twinkle, little star, what coaches will go far?

## Madame Lezona Defensa reads SEC palms

Look, if Nancy Reagan can consult the stars, why can't we?  
So we headed for our favorite star gazer, Madame Lazona Defensa, who obliged by drawing horoscopes for



**Stan Torgerson**  
Cats' Pause Columnist

your favorite basketball coaches.  
Abracadabra! Check the signs.

**Hugh Durham, Georgia:** Born Oct. 26, 1937 under the sign of Scorpio: Entertaining guests at home has special appeal to him. Doesn't like travel nearly as well. Future includes, however, mid-March trip to NCAA Basketball Tournament. Will probably not stay long. Will suffer great loss in June when young man named Kessler moves out of his life. Friends like that are hard to come by. Expect Durham to be very lonely on the bench next year after Kessler leaves.

**Ed Murphy, Ole Miss:** Born July 1, 1941 under the sign of Cancer: Current love affair with thousands of Mississippi basketball fans expected to continue for at least another year. Faces difficult decisions in 1990 what with incoming 7-footer challenging son Sean for center position on team. Will probably undergo attitude change after season. No more Mr. Nice Guy due to losing Gerald Glass from team. Expected to return to hellfire and brimstone demeanor. Will meet a number of new people in November, all of whom will figure prominently in his life.

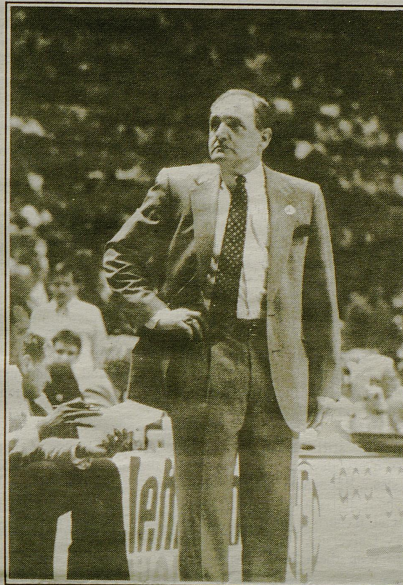
**Don DeVoe, Florida:** Born Dec. 31, 1941 under the sign of Capricorn: Will seek new career in 1990, probably agriculture on father's farm. Should do everything he can to correct Captain Ahab attitude problem as pointed out by recent acquaintance. Change in environment which held great promise turned out to be severe disappointment. Needs to make new friends and move back to colder climate. Will be given opportunity this month.

**Dale Brown, LSU:** Born Oct. 31, 1935 under the sign of Scorpio: Stars predict new book from him called, "How to Win Friends and Influence Referees." Will use all of preacher skills to implore young associate named Jackson not to accept offer of higher pay to change his career goals from SEC to NBA. Is planning early trip this month to Orlando, Fla., where he and his accompanying friends will almost certainly stay until the last day. Another trip is planned following week that may continue into April.

**Wimp Sanderson, Alabama:** Born Aug. 8, 1937 under the sign of Leo: Typical Leo. Wants to be King of the SEC jungle and is constantly on prowl during any time he leaves his lair. Very poor at protective coloration but doesn't really care. Is easy to spot in plaid costume. Should consider proposing basket be made bigger for his team to even up games. It is now obviously too small for his shooters. Will join Hugh Durham and Dale Brown on trips in late March but will probably not stay as long.

**Richard Williams, Mississippi State:** Born Aug. 22, 1945 under the sign of Leo. Easy to communicate with. No generation gap with young people around him. Stumbled across a Wildcat earlier this season and made him mad. Success in making friends with 18-year-olds in home state could make his life much happier.

**Rick Pitino, Kentucky:** Born Sept. 18, 1952 under the sign of Virgo: Needs somebody to look up to. Preferably



two somebodies to look up to like 7-foot somebodies. Should take speech courses to overcome language barrier encountered in present job. Does things his own way and will continue to do so in years ahead. His season will end in early March but in a few years will probably be extended into April. Should build shelf in office soon to hold upcoming Coach of the Year trophy.

**Tommy Joe Eagles, Auburn:** Born April 3, 1949 under the sign of Aries: Had great earlier career, then went to Auburn this season and was not expected to be heard from again. Was, however, heard from many times. Expected to re-emerge in 1991 with the help of talented group of young people newly acquired. Seeking lots of friends to give appearance of crowd during working hours. Stars predict a very successful future.

**Eddie Fogler, Vanderbilt:** Born June 12, 1948 under the sign of Gemini: Snappy dresser who hates stripes on other people. Recently received letter from former boss telling him an episode at work has not been overlooked and it better not happen again. Typical Gemini with two sides. Has accomplished much but not enough for a trip later this month.

**Wade Houston, Tennessee:** Born Oct. 9, 1944 under the sign of Libra: Very strong devotion to family since son helps him more than all others. Has been very successful in blazing new trail in SEC. Accustomed to achieving. Will probably be recognized by his peers as one of top achievers this year. Future looks bright.

### NOT FOR BROADCAST:

□ Vanderbilt's **Eddie Fogler** telling reporters he didn't regret his very strong outburst about the officiating in his team's game with Ole Miss: "If you're going to rob a bank it might as well be \$5,000 as \$500. If you get caught it's the same thing."

□ Former Tennessee coach **Ray Mears** was honored recently by having the post-game interview room at the Vols' Thompson-Boling Arena named after him. In nearly 25 years of watching SEC basketball we have never known a coach who thought, schemed, connived and did more unusual things to win a game.

□ Tennessee was 8-0 this season in games decided by five points or less until they ran into a one-point defeat



The outlook for Hugh Durham (left) and the Georgia Bulldogs looks good for this March; but Hugh will be lonely when Kessler (No. 33, above) leaves.

at the hands of Ole Miss. However, recently the Vols squad...

□ **Gerald Glass** has scored in double figures in 51 consecutive games for Ole Miss but that's not the school record. **John Stroud** holds that with 61...

□ At the rate **Kentucky** is scoring points this will be the most productive offensive team the 'Cats have had since 1971. They're averaging about 91 points per game. In '71 the average was 95.4 and in 1970, the No. 1 Kentucky scoring machine of all time, the average was 96.8. Those two teams, '70 and '71, are also the SEC all-time scoring leaders...

□ With this season's emphasis on the three-point shot here are a few NCAA individual records to keep in mind. Most three-point field goals made in a single game: 14 by **David Jamerson**, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1989 (17 shots); most consecutive three-point field goals made without a miss, **Gary Bossert**, II, Niagara, Jan. 7, 1987. Highest three-point percentage in a single game, three players tied with 7 for 7, 100 percent...

□ Here's the way the major football conferences finished in average home attendance per game last season: 1. **Southeastern**, 65,445; 2. **Big Ten**, 59,197; 3. **Pac 10**, 50,103; 4. **Big Eight**, 48,214; 5. **ACC**, 41,027; 6. **Southwest**, 37,541; 8. **WAC**, 33,545...

□ You figure this out. In SEC league games through Feb. 4, the home team won 40 of 50 for a winning percentage of .800. In the **Southwest Conference** through the same date the home team won only 19 of 41 for a winning percentage of .463. Beats me! Other leagues and the home team winning percentage include: **ACC**, 20 of 29, .689; **Big Eight**, 17 of 26, .654; **Big Ten**, 30 of 46, .652; **Metro**, 16 of 27, .593; **Sunbelt**, 17 of 30, .567; **Big East**, 21 of 42, .500. Only in the SEC does the home team own the scoreboard...

□ SEC men's basketball teams are 58-34 against non-conference opponents. That's 63 percent. Meanwhile, the SEC women's teams are 122-34 in play outside the league or a 78 percent success rate...

□ After the Ole Miss-Kentucky game at Rupp Arena, 11,000 fans stayed to hear Rick Pitino's post-game radio

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# 'F' IS FOR FARMER, FAMILY

16-month-old John Daniel may eventually break his records, but for now, Uncle Richie—who is experiencing a rebirth of sorts this season—is No. 1 among the Farmer hoopsters

John Daniel Farmer is only 16 months old, but already he shows an ability to drive to the bucket.

"He just goes straight ahead," said his uncle, Richie Farmer.

Farmer, Mr. Basketball of Kentucky two years ago, proceeded to chuckle at the thought of his tow-headed nephew driving in for a layup.

Somehow, it made his afternoon, which was partially filled with interviews with ever-prying reporters, game films and a rugged workout.

As he slumped in his seat at Memorial Coliseum, his face, showing a few days stubble, brightened as he thought of little John.

Of little John Daniel and his favorite Christmas toy, a Nerf basketball complete with goal.

"It's on the refrigerator at the house," Richie said. "He's working on his moves right now."

He loves his nephew deeply. And he cheerfully admits he's helping the family spoil him rotten.

"We don't give him much of a chance," Richie said. "He's the cutest baby in the world."

Richie Farmer was a three-time all-stater for the Tigers of Clay County. He was a legend in everybody's mind. And not without good reason.

He is the all-time scorer in state tournament history and was named Mr. Basketball following a senior season in which he averaged 27.1 points, 8.7 assists and 6.4 rebounds a game.

He's Clay County's all-time leading scorer with 2,937 points. His jersey has been retired.

But he would love to see those records fall some day to his brother Russ' boy, John Daniel Farmer.

"I told everyone when he was born that that is the Farmer who is going to break the scoring records at Clay County," Richie said. "I hope that happens some day."

Richie paused before adding: "But even if it doesn't happen, he's still my nephew... and I'll still love him."

Love is a four-letter word Richie and his family use a lot.

Few families have been closer than Richie, Russ, sister Rhonda and parents Richard and Virginia Farmer.

Today, as Richie was getting ready for practice, his mother was shopping in Manchester, some 80 miles away.

It is a clothing store co-owned by Richie's high school coach, the colorful and successful Bobby Keith. Or was she visiting. No matter, everybody in Manchester does both.

Baby John was crawling on the counter near the store's entrance. With that blond head and blue eyes he was the spitting image of Russ, his father.

Russ is 13 months younger than Richie.

## by Pancho Easterwood

Like his older brother, he was also a fine shooter. But he was an even better brother than he was a basketball player.

"We were always together," recalls Richie. "Oh, we had our good days and bad days. Some days we had fights. But we love each other a lot. We always played ball together and helped each other."

Russ, 19, has chosen not to pursue basketball in college. He's a fulltime student at Sue Bennett College in London, Ky. and working after school and nights at Shamrock Coal Company.

"I'm glad he is going on and getting his education because that is most important," Richie said.

Richie still sees Russ every day...and his sister, Rhonda too. Rhonda, 25, is a student at Eastern Kentucky University.

He sees them be-

been one to do that."

Richie averaged just nine minutes in 27 games for the troubled 'Cats. He averaged 3.1 points per game and made only 23 of 82 field goals (28 percent).

Oh, he had his moments. He had 15 points against Western Carolina, then back-to-back 12-point nights against Bowling Green and Marshall in the UKIT.

But then his playing time dwindled. After 12 minutes of PT against Indiana, he played sparingly.

His highlight film was the final seconds against Ole Miss. Farmer fed LeRon Ellis inside, got the ball back and hit a 21-footer that gave UK a 70-69 win.

Farmer also faced rumors that he was so homesick he was going to return home. For good. But he says that this was all media exaggeration.

"It wasn't as bad as everybody let on," Richie said. "Sure, I missed my family, but it wasn't like everybody let on. I was just trying to adjust."

Today coach Keith and his parents see a "new" Richie, so to speak, when he comes home.

Not that his parents see much of him. He's still the same old Richie in that he grabs his gun the minute he comes home. Then it's off to meet some of his friends, like Charlie House and Kevin Rice, and then on to his favorite sport—hunting.

"We don't see that much of him, he disappears," Virginia Farmer said.

But she sees enough to know Richie and his moods.

"He's real happy this year," Virginia said. "It's been a real turnaround."

The Farmers never interfered last year with Richie's problems...if one can call them that. They let him work it out like he's done all of his life.

"If he could handle the problem we left it up to him," Mrs.

Farmer said. "He never said anything. So we let him work it out."

There is a new Richie Farmer out there. You won't find it by looking in the statistics, although they show a lot of improvement.

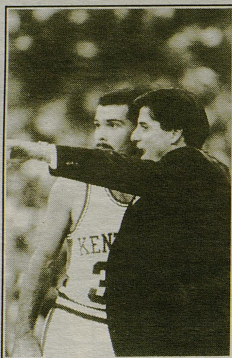
For example, his playing time is up to 18 minutes. He is averaging 7.5 points per game, has 30 steals, and 67 assists (through games of Feb. 7).

But it is a more confident Richie taking the floor these days. Like the one that showed up against LSU. When starting point guard Sean Woods got into early foul trouble, Richie ran the show. And ran it very well. And then he hit the crucial free throws that iced the win.

Richie agrees there is a new person wearing No. 32 these days.

"I feel I've grown up a lot since coach (Rick) Pitino came here," Richie said. "I've improved a lot and come a long ways. I'm going to work hard this summer and improve my game some more. Hopefully I can help them even more the next few years."

Richie, right, with the help of Billy Donovan and the rest of the UK staff, will spend his summer working on getting his jumper off against taller opponents.



Farmer, left, gives Rick Pitino much of the credit for his turnaround.



## THE FARMER FILE:

FULL NAME: RICHARD DWIGHT FARMER II  
 HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 180 CLASS: SOPHOMORE  
 BORN: 8/25/69 EXPERIENCE: ONE VARSITY LETTER  
 HOMETOWN MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL: CLAY CO.  
 HOBBIES: HUNTING, FISHING, SKEET SHOOTING  
 MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
 FAVORITE PLAYER: MICHAEL JORDAN  
 PRIMARY INSPIRATION IN SPORTS: BOBBY KEITH

### RICHIE FARMER'S CAREER UK STATISTICS

yr.	g-gs	fg-a/pct.	3fg-a/pct.	ft-a/pct.	reb-avg.	a	t	b	s	tp-avg.
'88-89	270	23-82/28.0	15-53/28.3	24-29/85.7	18-07	10	12	0	4	85-31
'89-90	261	57-148/38.5	31-94/33.0	50-59/84.7	47-18	72	36	2	31	195-75
TOTALS	531	80-230/34.8	46-147/31.3	74-87/85.1	65-12	82	48	2	35	280/5.3

cause their pictures have a special place in his room at Wildcat Lodge. They are always with him.

"The three of us were always close, everything we did we did together," Richie said. "It was difficult at first, leaving them. But I have their pictures as a reminder and I call them a lot...so it's not so bad."

Family and friends mean a lot to Richie. Like Keith, who remains a close family friend.

Keith's store is located in a shopping center in Manchester. Wal-Mart and Winn-Dixie are nearby.

Bobby Keith swaps basketball stories about as much as he sells clothes. Friends drop by to make it a town meeting hall. Everyone wants to know about Richie. And the University of Kentucky.

"When I go home I go there to rap with Coach," Richie said. "We stand around the counter and we talk to them and they talk to us."

Last year Richie wasn't talking as much. Always polite, Richie pretty much maintained a poker face to the people in town. Only an occasional smile would cross his face.

His mother could sense the difference. "He was subdued," Virginia Farmer said. "But he wouldn't talk much about it. He's not one to complain. He never has



**RICHIE FARMER: 1989-90 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

opponent	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	or-dr	tr	a	s	to	pf	b	time	points
OHIO	1-6	16.7	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	2	2	1	1	1	0	21:57	3
Indiana (Big Four)	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0	3-3	100.0	1-2	3	4	0	1	1	0	21:00	7
MISSISSIPPI STATE	2-4	50.0	0-2	0.0	3-3	100.0	1-0	1	0	0	1	2	0	14:49	7
TENNESSEE TECH	1-5	20.0	1-3	33.3	4-4	100.0	0-1	1	3	2	0	2	0	12:28	7
at Kansas	6-8	75.0	4-4	100.0	3-4	75.0	0-2	2	5	1	4	2	0	21:00	19
FURMAN	4-8	50.0	4-7	57.1	1-2	50.0	0-3	3	5	3	2	1	0	17:32	13
Portland	0-4	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	0	1	3	0	0	11:52	0
SW LOUISIANA	1-5	20.0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	17:24	3
NORTH CAROLINA	7-14	50.0	4-9	44.4	3-3	100.0	0-1	1	6	2	2	4	0	29:45	21
LOUISVILLE	4-7	57.1	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	9	3	2	2	0	19:37	10
at Georgia	0-2	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	2	1	0	0	2	0	15:00	0
at Vanderbilt	2-7	28.6	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	1-6	7	5	0	1	2	0	28:00	5
FLORIDA	2-3	66.7	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	8:29	5
at LSU	2-7	28.6	2-7	28.6	2-2	100.0	0-2	2	3	2	2	2	0	27:00	8
ALABAMA	1-4	25.0	0-2	0.0	2-2	100.0	1-1	2	2	2	1	0	0	18:30	4
TENNESSEE	4-10	40.0	2-7	28.6	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	7	4	5	1	0	23:30	10
at Auburn	1-3	33.3	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	2	0	0	1	0	10:00	3
OLE MISS	2-7	28.6	0-3	0.0	7-10	70.0	2-1	3	2	1	0	1	0	23:45	11
at Mississippi State	3-3	100.0	2-2	100.0	2-2	100.0	1-1	2	1	0	3	2	0	15:00	10
GEORGIA	1-5	20.0	1-4	25.0	3-4	75.0	1-1	2	1	1	1	3	0	8:53	6
VANDERBILT	2-6	33.3	0-4	0.0	2-3	66.7	0-4	4	3	3	1	3	0	19:48	6
at Florida	2-5	40.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	1	3	1	0	2	0	14:29	5
LSU	1-7	14.3	0-5	0.0	8-8	100.0	0-2	2	1	1	0	3	0	22:00	10
at Alabama	3-6	50.0	0-1	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-1	1	0	2	1	0	0	19:00	8
at Tennessee	2-4	50.0	1-2	50.0	4-4	100.0	0-1	1	3	0	3	2	1	15:00	9
AUBURN	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3	2-3	66.7	0-0	0	2	1	2	3	1	14:19	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>57-148</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>31-94</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>8-39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>471:00</b>	<b>195</b>

KEY fg-a: field goals-attempts, 3fg-a: 3-point field goals-attempts, ft-a: free throws-attempts, or-dr: rebounds, cr: def. rebounds, tr: total rebounds, a: assists, s: steals, to: turnovers, pf: fouls, b: blocked shots  
TDP: chart Source: UK sports information department



Now that there are no more members of the Farmer clan playing ball at Clay County—at least until little John Daniel suits up for the Tigers around 2002—Richie's talks with his brother Russ, left, and coach Bobby Keith, right, have moved to Keith's Manchester clothing store.



Keith also sees his former great with a new attitude.

"He's playing with a lot more confidence and enjoying it so much more," Keith said. "It's a big adjustment going from high school to college. A big adjustment. He spent that last year learning."

Farmer agrees with his old coach on that score.

"I feel a lot better," he said. "The style is different and there is the different personalities of coaches. I'm as happy this year as I've been. I'm really enjoying it."

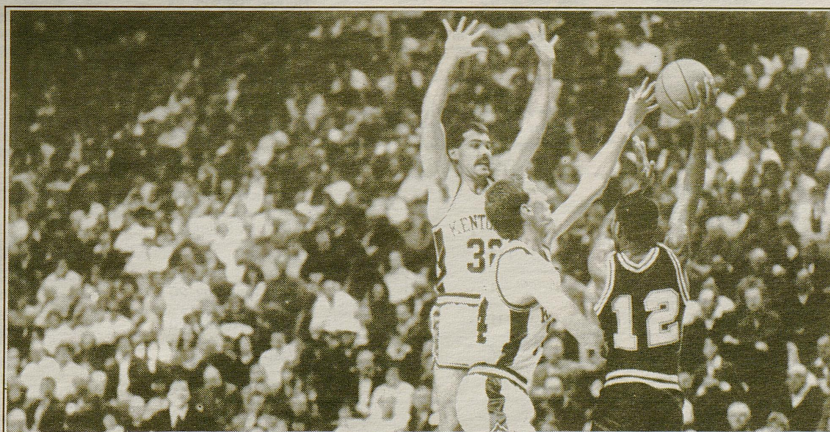
UK graduate assistant coach Billy Donovan knows all about the period of adjustment. In 1987 he led the Providence Friars in scoring (20.6 ppg.) and assists (7.1 apg.). But he remembers it wasn't all roses. There were a few thorns in his career, too.

Like Richie, who had shooting woes last year (28 percent), he remembers he shot the ball "terrible" his first two years in college. "From what I hear about Richie in high school is that he scored most of his points in the lane. He backed people in the lane and jumped over them," Donovan said. "And he has good legs and he gets off the ground. But you can't do that at this level."

No, at this level Richie is more apt to face a leaper like a Jerome Harmon

(Louisville) or Rick Fox (North Carolina), a couple of 6-7 guards.

"I think Richie understands and realizes he has to shoot over the top of people," Donovan said. "He's only 5-10 or 5-11 and guys 6-5 and 6-6 will stay back off of you, but can get up to you quick enough to challenge your shot."



Donovan has a simple prescription for Richie. Which is, take on someone bigger. "He needs to get a guy like Reggie Hanson or taller and play a lot of one-on-one," Donovan said. "He needs to work on getting his shot off and shooting over taller people since most of the time he's going to be going against taller guards."

Richie said he plans to do just that. Cur-

rently, he is working a lot one-on-one with

**Pitino's conditioning program and positive reinforcement have allowed Richie—helping John Pelphey trap 'Bama's Gary Waites below—to improve in all areas.**

of coming off the bench to replace Woods.

"I think we have gotten great guard play from both," Donovan said. "Richie is not concerned about his individual stats. He's more concerned with having the team win. That's the attitude we'd like to have with all the players. And I think they have done a good job of keeping that attitude."

Farmer and Woods. Woods and Farmer. It hasn't made a lot of difference. Combined they have made the most out of a difficult position in Pitino's up-tempo game.

"In this style of play the offense gears around the point man," Donovan said. "As a staff we'd like to see them give us 15-16-18 points a game...and 8-10 assists. If we get that from both combined, that's fine. Both players have done a fine job."

Farmer's play in UK's win over the Tigers and Dale Brown had to be satisfying for Richie.

For one big reason.

It was Brown who said he spurred former coach Eddie Sutton to recruit Farmer after he (Brown) showed up at the farm home of the Farmers two years ago.

"I really don't know if this is true or not," Richie said. "It could be. I liked coach Brown and the program down there

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# KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(26-game totals, through games of Feb. 24)

OVERALL: 14-12

HOME: 13-3

AWAY: 1-8

NEUTRAL: 0-1

SEC: 10-7

player	g-gs	min-avg.	fg-a	pct.	3fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	reb-avg.	pt-d	a	to	blk	s	tp-avg.
Derrick Miller	26-26	880-33.8	184-466	39.5	94-274	34.3	41-53	77.4	89-3.4	67-1	35	50	12	32	503-19.3
Reggie Hanson	26-26	796-30.6	150-306	49.0	33-89	37.1	86-118	72.9	187-7.2	104-6	44	57	37	58	419-16.1
Deron Feldhaus	26-25	883-34.0	131-263	49.8	32-85	37.6	94-126	74.6	179-6.9	77-4	55	46	3	20	388-14.9
John Pelphrey	26-24	779-30.0	104-241	43.2	43-117	36.8	91-123	74.0	139-5.3	104-3	68	62	20	57	342-13.2
Sean Woods	26-25	656-25.2	91-183	49.7	4-14	28.6	54-84	64.3	58-2.2	86-2	150	70	2	45	240-9.2
Richie Farmer	26-1	471-18.1	57-148	38.5	31-94	33.0	40-59	84.7	47-1.8	44-0	72	36	2	31	195-7.5
Jeff Brassow	26-2	456-17.5	67-162	41.4	29-81	35.8	19-29	65.5	98-3.8	77-3	26	24	10	38	182-7.0
Nehemiah "Junior" Braddy	18-0	92-5.1	12-37	32.4	4-16	25.0	2-3	66.7	16-0.9	5-0	6	7	0	1	30-1.7
Johnathon Davis	24-1	180-7.5	15-43	34.9	0-2	0.0	6-12	50.0	48-2.1	51-4	3	15	11	6	36-1.5
Tony Cooper	11-0	18-1.6	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	2-0.2	4-0	2	2	0	2	4-0.4
Skip McGaw	6-0	11-1.8	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	3-0.5	1-0	0	0	1	1	2-0.3
Michael Parks	12-0	28-2.3	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	3-0.3	2-0	1	2	0	0	3-0.3
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## KENTUCKY SCHEDULE/RESULTS

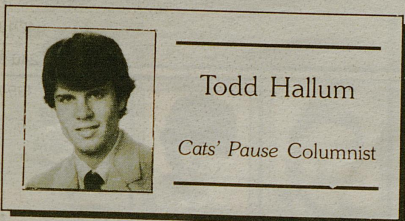
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Nov. 28	1-0	76	73	OHIO	+3	Reggie Hanson, 24	Reggie Hanson, 14	23,037
Dec. 2	1-1	69	71	Indiana (Big Four Classic)	-2	Deron Feldhaus, 23	Reggie Hanson, 11	40,128
Dec. 4	2-1	102	97	MISSISSIPPI STATE	+5	Derrick Miller, 21	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,132
Dec. 6	3-1	111	75	TENNESSEE TECH	+36	Derrick Miller, 36	Reggie Hanson, 10	23,145
Dec. 9	3-2	95	150	at Kansas	-55	Derrick Miller, 32	Deron Feldhaus, 7	15,800
Dec. 19	4-2	104	73	FURMAN	+31	Derrick Miller, 21	John Pelphrey, 8	22,841
Dec. 22	5-2	88	71	PORTLAND (UKIT)	+17	Sean Woods, 20	Deron Feldhaus, 9	18,639
Dec. 23	5-3	113	116	SW LOUISIANA (UKIT)	-3	John Pelphrey, 24	Deron Feldhaus, 10	20,112
Dec. 27	5-4	110	121	NORTH CAROLINA	-10	Deron Feldhaus, 27	Reggie Hanson, 9	19,098
Dec. 30	5-5	79	86	LOUISVILLE	-7	Reggie Hanson, 24	Deron Feldhaus, 16	24,089
Jan. 3	5-6	91	106	at Georgia	-15	Reggie Hanson, 23	Reggie Hanson, 6	9,671
Jan. 6	5-7	85	92	at Vanderbilt	-7	Derrick Miller, 23	Derrick Miller, 9	15,399
Jan. 10	6-7	89	81	Florida	+8	Sean Woods, 20	John Pelphrey, 7	23,782
Jan. 13	6-8	81	94	at LSU	-13	Jeff Brassow, 25	Deron Feldhaus, 13	14,085
Jan. 17	7-8	82	65	Alabama	+17	Reggie Hanson, 20	John Pelphrey, 8	23,299
Jan. 20	8-8	95	83	Tennessee	+12	Derrick Miller, 28	Deron Feldhaus, 11	24,245
Jan. 24	8-9	70	74	at Auburn	-4	Derrick Miller, 21	Deron Feldhaus, 6	8,633
Jan. 27	9-9	98	79	Ole Miss	+19	Deron Feldhaus, 21	Reggie Hanson, 11	24,103
Jan. 31	9-10	86	87	at Mississippi State	-1	John Pelphrey, 20	Reggie Hanson, 15	7,505
Feb. 3	10-10	88	77	Georgia	+11	Sean Woods, 20	Reggie Hanson, 8	24,075
Feb. 7	11-10	100	73	Vanderbilt	+27	Derrick Miller, 40	Reggie Hanson, 11	23,896
Feb. 12	12-10	78	74	at Florida	+4	Deron Feldhaus, 17	Deron Feldhaus, 6	6,151
Feb. 15	13-10	100	95	LSU	+5	Derrick Miller, 29	Reggie Hanson, 12	24,301
Feb. 17	13-11	58	83	at Alabama	-25	Deron Feldhaus, 18	Deron Feldhaus, 7	15,043
Feb. 21	13-12	100	102	at Tennessee	-2	Reggie Hanson, 22	John Pelphrey, 9	20,251
Feb. 24	14-12	98	95	Auburn	+3	Reggie Hanson, 24	Reggie Hanson, 11	14,174
Feb. 28				at Ole Miss				
Mar. 5				at Notre Dame				



# For the SEC's sake, is at least one club NCAA-ready?

LSU, Georgia, 'Bama only real hopes

With the SEC basketball regular season now heading down the stretch toward post-season tournaments, the league for the most part has been a whipping boy for jokes regarding its strength this year. In fact, some have



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said the league has been at its lowest point in years. But as SEC teams position themselves for post-season play, it just might be premature to speculate just how far some of them may go in NCAA Tournament action this month.

For example, LSU has been the conference focal point throughout the year with the Tigers consistently being rated in the Top 10. Although Dale Brown has had trouble finding the right chemistry at times, the Tigers certainly are a squad to be reckoned with once tournament time rolls around. The twin towers of Shaquille O'Neal and Stanley Roberts will give matchup problems for any team the Tigers will face and it's unlikely any team can stop LSU's All-America guard Chris Jackson.

Another team that has had its share of ups and downs is Alabama. The Tide, picked by some media members to win the conference, is a prime example of a team that never is as bad as its worst game or as good as its best game. That theory was no more evident than a couple of weeks ago, when the Tide played its worst game of the year in a homecourt loss to Mississippi State, but bounced back to totally dominate Kentucky on that same floor a few nights later.

One of the knocks against the Tide is that it doesn't shoot well as a team, averaging in the 45 percent range. But keep in mind that once tournament play begins the teams start to feel the pressure and therefore shooting percentages usually are down. Thus, this factor may work in Alabama's favor.

The third SEC team to keep in mind is Georgia. Going into the final phase of the season, Hugh Durham has done another masterful job in making the Bulldogs a real force in the SEC race. Like Alabama, the 'Dogs have gone through periods of inconsistency, but recently have been one of the hottest teams in the league. They have been nearly invincible at home and have saved their best play for the end of the season. Durham has something he usually doesn't have and that's height. With 6-foot-11 Alex Kessler and 6-10 Neville Austin along the front line to complement forward Marshall Wilson the Bulldogs could be a tough team to handle in tournament action.

Finally, let's not leave out the so-called also-rans such as Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State. Although both Vandy and MSU have pretty much eliminated themselves lately, Eddie Fogler and Wade Houston have done fine jobs, respectively, at those schools. The Volunteers just might back-door themselves into the NCAA with a nice showing in the SEC tournament. The Vols are somewhat of a long shot but if they can get some good front line play from Ian Lockhart, Steve Rivers and Ronnie Reese to go with the likes of Allan Houston and Greg Bell, look out.

Southeastern Conference basketball was a big flop in last year's NCAA Tournament with no team winning a tournament game. But when you take into consideration coaches such as Dale Brown, Wimp Sanderson and Hugh Durham and put them in a tournament situation anything can happen. Each has proved himself in tournament play and either is capable of advancing a team in a tournament.

The SEC certainly hasn't been one of the toughest conferences in the country, but it has tremendous youth



Dale Brown (left) and Wimp Sanderson are two of three SEC coaches who can help erase some of the conference's embarrassment from last year's 0-6 record in NCAA play.

and promise. LSU, Georgia and Alabama appear to be the early favorites to redeem the league's sub-par showing during the regular season. So don't be surprised if the SEC's reputation is uplifted by the time the NCAA Tournament is reduced to just the "Sweet 16." With a little luck, those three teams certainly are capable and have coaches who have been there in the past. For the SEC's sake, let's hope at least one can make it to the regional finals, if not all the way.

#### UK GRAB BAG:

□ During the Reggie Hanson-Robert Horry skirmish at the UK-Alabama game in Tuscaloosa, another player who should have been ejected was **Richie Farmer**, who was the first Wildcat to leave his team area and rush onto the floor. However, the officiating crew, apparently not noticing or completely ignoring Farmer in the excitement, ejected UK walkon **Tony Cooper**. When asked about the incident, Farmer just laughed...

□ Former UK basketball player **Mike Pratt** has traded in his TV headset for a coaching clipboard. The 41-year-old native of Dayton, Ohio, has left his position as analyst for the Charlotte television network to become an assistant to interim Hornet head coach **Gene Littles**, who recently replaced the ousted **Dick Harter**. A veteran of the old American Basketball Association, Pratt was head coach at UNCC and most recently served as a scout for the Hornets. Incidentally, Harter had some unkind words to say about former Wildcat **Rex Chapman**, especially in the area of shot selection. Sounds familiar, doesn't it, **Eddie Sutton**?

□ Wildcat fans got a jolt recently when ABC's **Roger Twibell** and **Cheryl Miller**, during a telecast of the LSU-Vanderbilt game, said UK could be a threat in the upcoming SEC Tournament. Both announcers were talking about UK's surprising season and didn't realize that the 'Cats are not eligible to participate

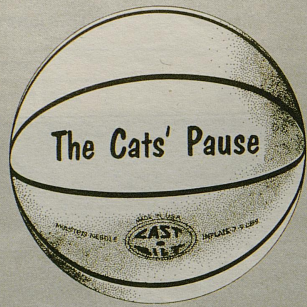
in post-season play for two years due to NCAA sanctions. They quickly corrected the miscue. However, the gaffe drew the ire of *USA Today* television critic **Rudy Martzke**...

□ Former UK basketball assistant **Wayne Breeden** hopes to one day get back into college coaching soon. Because of budget cutbacks, Breeden recently lost his head coaching position at Lindsey Wilson. He is back in Lexington working in sales and says he's looking forward to the next couple of weeks to visit with former colleagues **Leonard Hamilton** at Oklahoma State and **Rick Barnes** at Providence. Breeden coached with Hamilton while at UK and with Barnes as an assistant at George Mason...

□ There has been a Far Eastern flavor to this year's UK team. **Shunichi Okuno**, head coach of Toshiba Corp.'s basketball squad in Tokyo, has been with the 'Cats for the entire season. Okuno also is the assistant coach of the Japanese Olympic team. He hopes to take some of **Rick Pitino's** fast-break philosophy back to the Orient. How do you say "three-pointer" in Japanese?...

□ We hear that former UK quarterback **Bill Ransdell** is in Italy preparing to play in a new professional football league there that is known as the World League of American Football... In the Where Are They Now department comes word that former UK fullback **Tom Wheary** is a golf pro at Maysville, Ky...

□ Notre Dame guard **Keith Adkins** won't be playing against UK as the Wildcats close their season March 3 at South Bend. The Paintsville native (and too a former teammate of UK's **John Pelphey**) has transferred to Marshall. Adkins cited a lack of playing time as the reason for his exodus. Last season, he played a total of 38 minutes in 15 games and the prospects didn't look any more promising this year.



TCP's Board of Experts (?)

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Last week	19-6 (.760)	19-6 (.760)	21-4 (.840)	21-4 (.840)	23-2 (.920)	19-6 (.760)
Season total	252-78 (.764)	237-93 (.718)	250-80 (.758)	248-82 (.752)	249-81 (.755)	249-81 (.755)

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ALABAMA AT AUBURN	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 6	AUBURN 3	ALABAMA 1	AUBURN 3	ALABAMA 6
GEORGIA AT TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE 6	TENNESSEE 4	GEORGIA 6	TENNESSEE 2	GEORGIA 2	TENNESSEE 3
VANDERBILT AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	MISS. STATE 4	MISS. STATE 3	MISS. STATE 5	MISS. STATE 1	MISS. STATE 3	MISS. STATE 3
MINNESOTA AT INDIANA	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 2	INDIANA 2	MINNESOTA 1	MINNESOTA 3	INDIANA 2
LOUISVILLE AT SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	LOUISVILLE 9	LOUISVILLE 6	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 7	LOUISVILLE 5	LOUISVILLE 8
MEMPHIS STATE AT VIRGINIA TECH	MEMPHIS ST. 1	MEMPHIS ST. 3	MEMPHIS ST. 1	VA. TECH 2	MEMPHIS ST. 3	MEMPHIS ST. 3
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OLE MISS AT LOUISIANA STATE	LSU 14	LSU 13	LSU 11	LSU 13	LSU 16	LSU 14
TENNESSEE AT VANDERBILT	VANDERBILT 6	TENNESSEE 3	VANDERBILT 3	VANDERBILT 4	VANDERBILT 3	VANDERBILT 2
ALABAMA AT FLORIDA	ALABAMA 3	ALABAMA 12	ALABAMA 9	ALABAMA 14	ALABAMA 1	ALABAMA 10
VIRGINIA AT MARYLAND	MARYLAND 12	MARYLAND 6	MARYLAND 3	MARYLAND 6	MARYLAND 6	MARYLAND 6
MICHIGAN STATE AT MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA 6	MICH. STATE 2	MICH. STATE 1	MINNESOTA 3	MINNESOTA 2	MINNESOTA 2
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OHIO STATE AT NORTHWESTERN	OHIO STATE 1	OHIO STATE 3	OHIO STATE 6	OHIO STATE 4	OHIO STATE 4	OHIO STATE 6
PITTSBURGH AT PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE 12	PROVIDENCE 6	PROVIDENCE 9	PROVIDENCE 7	PROVIDENCE 1	PROVIDENCE 4
SETON HALL AT ST. JOHN'S	ST. JOHN'S 6	ST. JOHN'S 6	ST. JOHN'S 8	ST. JOHN'S 9	ST. JOHN'S 5	ST. JOHN'S 5
STANFORD AT CALIFORNIA	CALIFORNIA 4	CALIFORNIA 2	CALIFORNIA 7	CALIFORNIA 8	CALIFORNIA 3	CALIFORNIA 6
DAYTON AT XAVIER	XAVIER 12	XAVIER 10	XAVIER 10	XAVIER 11	XAVIER 12	XAVIER 10

# Dogs aren't playing like 'dogs' in Big East, SEC

But, as of late, Hoyas have been barking

□These are some very happy days in Storrs, Conn. where the **University of Connecticut Huskies** have finally delivered a Top 10 team which was so craved by the sports populace in this state. But how good is this



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team, really?

Well, I've not seen them play in person and television certainly doesn't provide all the answers, but I'm wondering if it was telling the way Providence approached UConn? By staying inside and giving the Huskies the perimeter jumpshot were the Friars showing us the design flaw in UConn? Also, don't forget coach **Jim Calhoun's** team is young and inexperienced in the tournament lifestyle, all of which suggests I don't agree with those drawing a parallel between this team and last year's NCAA finalist from Seton Hall...

□And **John Thompson** certainly must be wondering about his **Georgetown** team. The Hoyas, long suspect in the backcourt, have had solid play in that area all year. Inside who offers a more feared twosome, offensively or defensively, than **Alonso Mourning** and **Dikembe Mutombo**? But twice the Hoyas have lost at home in Big East play. And never have they really been as dominant as their talent would seem to suggest. Strange...

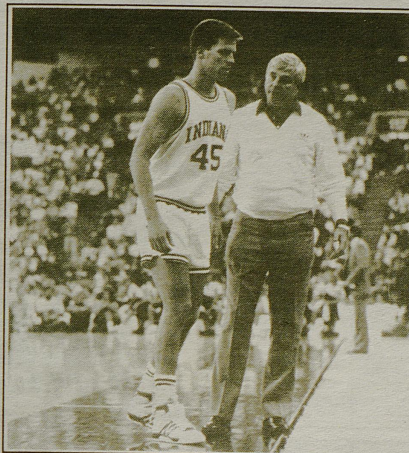
□How come **Michigan** suddenly became a better team without Sean Higgins? As Indiana coach **Bob Knight** suggested, Higgins gives and takes away with his presence in the lineup. But it is still difficult to imagine that the Wolverines can enjoy much of an NCAA tournament run without him...

□As we sit down to discuss All-America teams I am struck by the serious shortage of big players. Unlike recent years where there has been an oversupply of forwards, this year the position is lacking. Go beyond **Derrick Coleman** and **Larry Johnson** and you start struggling for names. Conversely, the guard spot is loaded with candidates. **Chris Jackson**, **Rumeal Robinson**, **Dennis Scott**, **Gary Payton**, **Anthony Peeler** and on down the line. A game of cycles, I guess...

□**Auburn** has made a nice rally since January arrived under first year coach **Tommy Joe Eagles**. Before this stop, of course, Eagles had a very successful stay at Louisiana Tech. He seems like the perfect guy for Auburn, but as **Sonny Smith** can tell you, it is a difficult spot to sustain a winning tradition...

□Until a few weeks ago **California** had never won a game in UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. But the Bears upended the Bruins and in doing so established themselves not only as a contender for the Pac-10 title, but a team which will have to be given very serious NCAA tournament consideration. Quietly, coach **Lou Campanelli** has had a nice run at a school which was considered a basketball boneyard. I find it interesting that his name hasn't been included in the Virginia coaching rumor swirl. After all, Campanelli built a very successful program just down the road from Charlottesville at James Madison University...

□Another guy who has overseen a very successful year without much notoriety is **Hugh Durham** at Georgia. The Bulldogs are going stride for stride with their more celebrated counterparts from LSU in the Southeastern Conference race. My only recollection of this team came from the televised game against Alabama when it looked like Georgia's side of the scoreboard might never reach 50. Obviously, things have improved since that night for Durham's team...



Indiana's Sir Bobby Knight (above) says Sean Higgins taketh and giveth away from Michigan. Although the Wolverines look better, it's hard to imagine them doing well in the NCAAs without Higgins.

□If nobody else is curious, then I'll ask the question: Okay, Digger, tell me where **Elmer Bennett** has been all year? On a club which sorely lacked direction how could Bennett have been buried so deeply on the pine for so long?...

□Let's pass along some kind words for coaches who are deserving.

✓Northwestern's **Bill Foster** carries bravely on in Evanston. While it is true the Wildcats are ticketed for their traditional spot looking all the way up the Big Ten standings, it is also a fact that things are better. Northwestern is competitive at home and its fans are very enthusiastic. But it is also true that losing is still predictable for a school which wants things both ways—Ivy League academic standards, but Big Ten paydays. Foster is a man who knows what it takes to build a successful program and it must be tough on him understanding that he just doesn't have the necessary tools to get it done here...

✓Last year I had occasion to see the **Oregon Ducks** play two games, an experience which couldn't be considered memorable. It was a bad team with a future which didn't appear much brighter. You can understand my surprise, then, when recently surveying the standings and noticing that coach **Don Monson's** team is above the .500 mark and has become a worthy foe at home. There's never been much doubt about Monson's sideline capabilities, but, like Foster, he's in a situation which doesn't allow much opportunity to build a powerhouse. The Ducks have made it exciting this year, though, and that's a tribute to him...

✓I used to kid Southern Mississippi's **M.K. Turk** that he'd be smart to not join all the other big time coaches who make these off-season pilgrimages to New York for a day spent schmoozing with television executives and broadcasters. Instead, I suggested he come see me in Detroit sometime. He'd laugh and promise he was going to accept my offer. Then something happened. Southern Mississippi won the NIT and he told me that he now felt he didn't need to come to Detroit and could, instead, join the other coaches in New York. Well, okay. M.K. still does a tremendous job in a disadvantaged situation. At last week's Golden Eagles were 16-8 with a shot at the NCAA tournament and, at the very least, the NIT. That's quite an accomplishment because if you think



about it, how many great basketball players grow up dreaming of playing in Hattiesburg, Miss?...

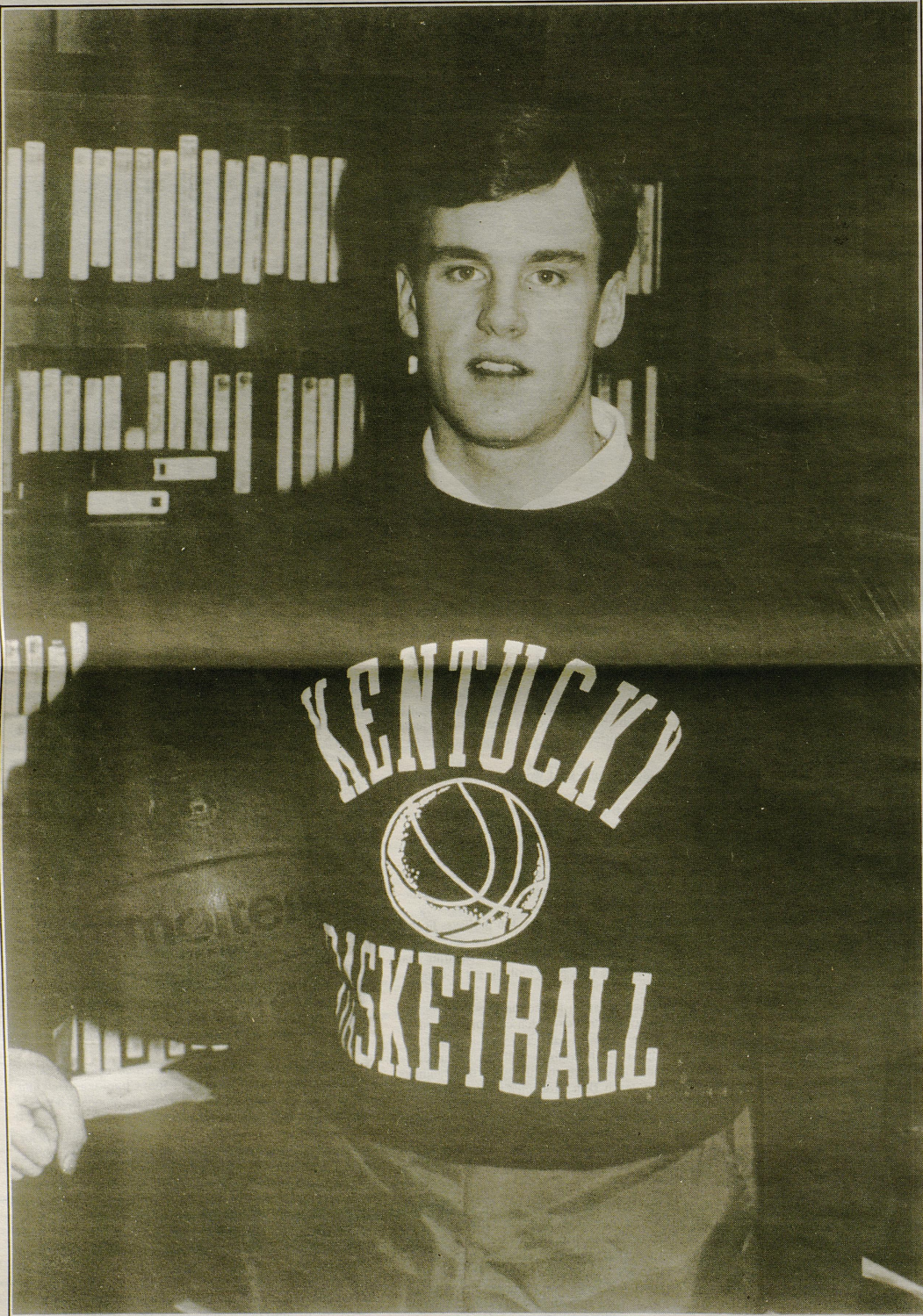
□I'm puzzled by the whole story at **Drake**. This is a school which made no secret of its ambition to be successful in basketball. Even in the **Gary Garner** days, there was a strong commitment on the school's part to make it happen on the hardwood. When Garner was broomed and **Tom Abatamarco** was hired it seemed like a good marriage—aggressive school, proven recruiter. Instead it became a nightmare this winter when the team revolted and Abatamarco was "reassigned" within the athletic department. Recently Abatamarco quit that job and shuffled away from Drake leaving a series of unanswered questions behind. No, he wasn't involved in any NCAA rule breaking, but, yes, he was deemed to be overly tough on the players. So what does that tell us? I mean, isn't **Bobby Knight** the standard by which all basketball discipline is measured? And when you contrast Drake's action with that of Arkansas State, which stood squarely behind its coach in like circumstances, you have to think either there were many more untold details or that the Des Moines school ruined a man's career for no good reason at all. In either case, I'd certainly like to hear more about the whole episode...

□When a writer for *Eastern Basketball* magazine called St. Bonaventure's first year coach **Tom Chapman** to tell him the publication wanted to do a story on the Bonnies, he said: "I didn't know you guys ran obits"...


□Nice to see **Texas Tech** reward coach **Gerald Myers** for his many successful years with the Red Raiders by giving him a new contract. This came despite an eyesore season which stood 5-18 with four games to go...**Texas A&M** administrators, who sacked their longtime coach **Shelby Metcalf** in midseason, could have learned something by watching how the Myers' case was handled...

□Creative complaint of the week comes from Iowa's **Tom Davis** who says one of the reasons his team has been so poor this year is because of the Big Ten schedule. Davis is annoyed that on eight occasions this winter, Big Ten teams have faced Iowa right after playing Ohio State. What this does, says Davis, is better prepare teams for the Hawkeyes because Iowa and OSU play a very similar style (ex-Buckeye coach **Gary Williams** was a former Davis assistant and current OSU coach **Randy Ayers** learned from Williams goes the Davis theory). Yes, Davis was serious...

□I think we need the tournament to come save all of us...



**'Cat assistant Billy Donovan**

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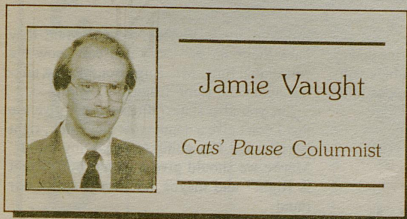
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# NBA is next challenge for UK's Derrick Miller

Jack Givens, now a scout, says 'Deek' can make it

As Wildcat fans know, Derrick Miller's basketball career at UK is about to come to an end. After Miller plays his last game as a Wildcat when Kentucky visits Notre Dame on Monday, he will be



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looking for an opportunity to play in the National Basketball Association next season. He knows it won't be easy.

If Miller, whose hometown is Savannah, Ga., gets to play for the Atlanta Hawks in his home state, he'd be on cloud nine. Making it in the NBA is a big honor, but donning a Hawks' uniform would be icing on the cake.

"That would be a dream come true," Miller said after a recent UK victory in Rupp Arena. "I watch the Hawks play all the time and I think in order for me to play in the NBA, I have to do a lot of off-season work, but I think the mentality is there. You know I think I can help them because one of their weakest spots right now is the shooting guard. That has been one of the things that has hurt them for a long time. But they have a great team. It's a great city and I'd love to play for them."

Former UK star Jack Givens, scouting for the Orlando Magic, has said that Miller might be able to hook up with an NBA expansion team with his long-range bombing skills, especially if the 6-foot-5, 170-pound guard "bulks up" his skinny frame this summer.

However, another scout, who asked that his name not be used, expressed some doubt about Miller's NBA chances.

Miller realizes making the NBA roster won't be a piece of cake. He just wants a fair chance.

As one of the SEC's top players this season as he is hitting about 19 points a game, ranking among the top five scorers in the league. He is very pleased with the way his senior season has gone and he would like to be selected All-SEC, an honor he never has won.

"Right now I'm happy to be one of the top players in the SEC," he said. "That's something I've worked for the whole year. One of my goals was to stay here and try to accomplish that. Everybody has dreams of being All-SEC and making All-American. The thing that helped me from my freshman year to now is that I listen to people (for advice). I listen a lot."

## DICKIE V: WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

•When TV basketball analyst Dick Vitale was in the process of becoming the first cable sports star, he was making about \$60,000 for 60 events on ESPN. That was six years ago.

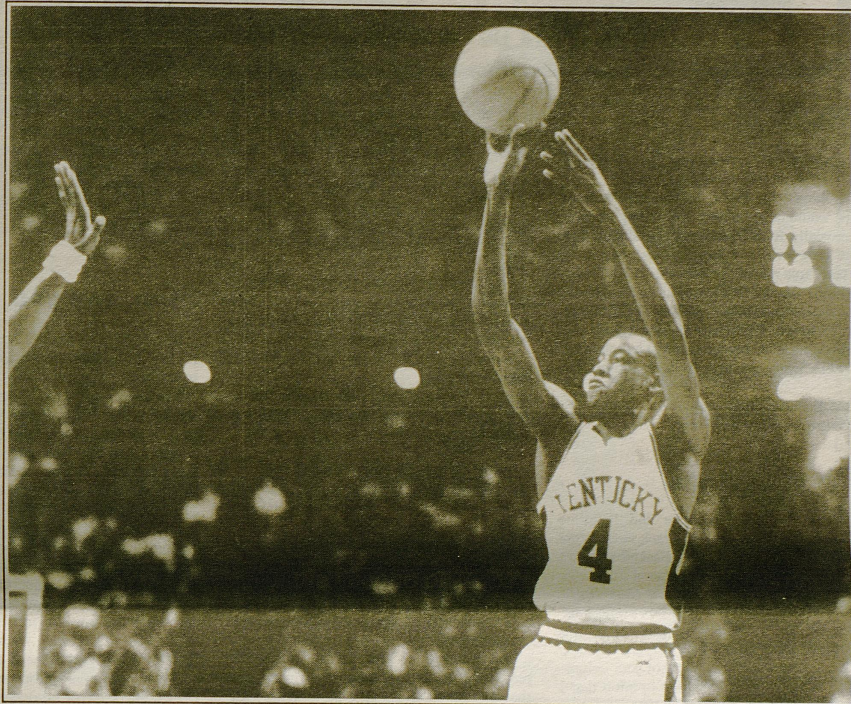
Since then, Vitale's stock has mushroomed. Today, it is reported that he earns \$450,000 a year from his TV contract with ABC and ESPN. That's not all as he also has other deals, giving him a total of nearly \$1 million a year.

"Some people think I'm too much," Vitale said in a recent *USA Today* interview, "but I'm like the guy in *Broadcast News*. My life has exceeded my dreams."

Many roundball fans have complained that Vitale is out of control whether he's on TV or kissing his CBS rival Billy Packer (as he did during the Big East Conference media day before the season).

"Hey, what you see is what you get," Vitale says. "I'm no different now than I was in the sixth grade. Guys take shots on me but they can't take away my enthusiasm."

"I've learned that you're going to have critics if you're knowledgeable and candid. I'm part of Howard Cosell's



After shooting his way into the top five in scoring in the SEC this season, Miller says his next goal is to play in the NBA.

jackocracy, but I've taken advantage of it. I violate all the rules, but the bottom line is that people react to me."

## DALE BROWN & WADE HOUSTON

•After LSU defeated Tennessee 119-113 in a regionally televised game at Knoxville, Tiger mentor Dale Brown had some kind words for Tennessee rookie coach Wade Houston.

"I'm happy for Wade," Brown said. "We're a half-century behind in terms of successful black coaches and we have one here."

That game saw two star players score a total of 92 points. LSU's Chris Jackson poured in 49 points, including 10 of 20 three-pointers, and UT freshman Allan Houston gunned in 42 points.

## BATTLE 'STU-ING' IN THE BIG APPLE

•Kentucky coach Rick Pitino's successor for the New York Knicks, Stu Jackson, has been upset with the media that reports about his NBA squad.

After Jackson took forward Pete Meyers, who was playing outstanding defense, from a recent game at Boston, the coach walked toward several writers seated at court-side and said, "By the way, Pete's exhausted if you're wondering why I took him out."

As reported earlier, Jackson served on Pitino's staff as an assistant for the Knicks and at Providence.

## DIS 'N' DATA:

•Former Florida Gator assistant **Monte Towe** has been hired by the NBA's Charlotte Hornets on a trial basis as an analyst for their TV games. Towe was a standout guard for coach **Norm Sloan** and later served on Sloan's staff at N.C. State and Florida. Sloan and his assistants were forced to leave Florida before this season began due to NCAA violations...

•Former UK star **Saw Bowie** is enjoying a good NBA season after years of leg problems, averaging around 13 points and 10 rebounds a game for the New Jersey Nets. He is among the NBA leaders in the rebounding department. However, his relationship with the New Jersey team officials is somewhat on shaky ground. Bowie recently had a shouting match with coach **Bill Fitch**, who said his team is not exactly "physically endowed. Guys like Sam are affected (by the rigors of NBA travel) more than others." Some of Bowie's teammates, including ex-Auburn star **Chris Morris**, reportedly also are having problems with Fitch. Meanwhile, Bowie isn't too pleased about the progress toward a new contract. He said the Nets were offering \$500,000 less per year than he is asking...

•Did you know that six head coaches of women's basketball teams in the SEC are men?...

•If I had a vote, Kentucky basketball coach **Rick Pitino** would easily be my choice for national Coach of the Year honors...

•In my last column, the name of UK football coach **Bill Curry**'s agent was misspelled. The correct name is **Robert Fraley**, a former Alabama football player...

•Virginia football coach **George Welsh** can stake claim to one of the more unusual coaching accomplishments. He is one of only two coaches who have the most victories at two different NCAA Division I-A institutions. Welsh is the winningest coach at Navy and Virginia, while **Paul "Bear" Bryant** has the most wins at Kentucky and Alabama...

•Freshman **Lisa Harrison**, the Kentucky's Miss Basketball in 1989, is doing well as a key reserve forward for the Tennessee Lady Vols. A native of Louisville, Harrison, who lists former UK star **Rex Chapman** as an athlete she admires, is majoring in communications with an interest in broadcasting...



# VIEWPOINT

## Letters To The Editor

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### Oh, Stan...

The article by columnist Stan Torgerson was unbelievable to say the least.

It amazes me that a "nondescript" columnist would take the liberty of telling a coach, especially Rick Pitino, how he should handle Dale Brown. I feel the team has found a real "role model" in Rick Pitino, and Pitino himself was the first to admit that maybe the incident should have been handled differently. However, Pitino was making a point that intimidation by anyone is not to be tolerated.

Let's leave coaching to Rick Pitino.

GALE PORTER,  
Louisville, Ky.

### Oh my, Stan...

As a Kentucky graduate and longtime Wildcat fan, I look forward each week to the arrival of my *Cats' Pause*. Basketball news is a rare commodity in Alabama and news about UK is even more rare. *The Cats' Pause* gets beyond the headlines and box scores, and is usually very informative about all of the Wildcat sports programs.

However, occasionally, one of your columnists will come forth with an opinion that I must take issue with. It seems that journalists must be taught in journalism school that when in doubt you must be negative. Obviously, Stan Torgerson finished high in his class in negative journalism.

His latest jewel is an "open letter" to Rick Pitino about how he should act toward other SEC coaches. I find Mr. Torgerson's suggestion that coach Pitino should be essentially a "wimp" when dealing with other coaches as exactly opposite to the way that UK fans and players would expect a good coach to act.

UK has had to put up with much too much garbage from other conference coaches over the past few years under coaches that were content to just listen and not show any support for their players or the program when attacked by the likes of Dale Brown and other SEC coaches.

Mr. Torgerson has the luxury of writing his opinions and not having to immediately react to criticism or attacks on his work. He does not have to deal with weekly conference calls with his peers that might not agree with him and find that his comments and reactions are in the paper the next day.

Would not Mr. Torgerson come to the defense of his colleagues on *The Cats' Pause* team if they were to be verbally attacked by the competition? It appears to me that Mr. Torgerson has not fully thought out his criticism and looked at the issue from coach Pitino's perspective.

As a UK fan, I can see the scenario much different from Mr. Torgerson. I see the situation as one in which coach Pitino is new in the league and the other coaches are testing him to see how far they can go before they get a reaction from him.

They want to see if things have changed at Kentucky or if UK still has a coach that wimps out and won't come to the defense of his players and program when attacked by other coaches trying to get a psychological

edge on Kentucky or just plain jealous of the successful Kentucky program. I support coach Pitino in the manner that he has dealt with Dale Brown, Richard Williams and other SEC coaches. I think that he is making it easier on his players, rather than more difficult, by letting these coaches and schools know that UK will not take their licks lying down.

Unlike Mr. Torgerson, I hope coach Pitino is reading the letters from UK fans that show overwhelming support for his program and his actions, rather than the negativism of a columnist trying to stir up something where there is nothing.

Keep *The Cats' Pause* coming. Most of the information is just good reading for a faraway Wildcat fan.

LARRY G. FORSTON,  
Wetumpka, Ala.

### My oh my, Stan...

In response to *TCP* columnist Stan (we're on a first-name basis, right?) Torgerson's article in the Feb. 17 issue of *TCP*, I have just one question. Who cares what troubles him when it comes to Rick Pitino or his UK players? It seems Stan is bothered by the fact that Rick stood up for his players in the LSU game down there and in the process ruffled "Mr. Wonderful" Dale Brown's feathers. Shouldn't have done that, huh, Stan?

You're worried that now LSU's crowd is really going to be tough on us. By the looks of Stan's picture in *TCP*, it seems obvious that he's been around long enough to know that the UK game is already their biggest game of the year.

Hey, Stan, the crowd can't play the game and even if they could, I think our 24,000 fans could more than even things up when they come to Rupp. What's their biggest crowd, 14,000? Gee, that's awesome.

Maybe you heard about our game with them the other night at Rupp Arena? Buddy, if you think we're going to worry about crowds at LSU, Mississippi State, etc., when we have crowds like this you're sorely mistaken.

Speaking of Mississippi State, who you also mentioned, I hope they do put up a monument signifying Jan. 31, 1990. Hope they leave extra room on it too, so if they could ever get 8,000 fans to a home game they could all sign it. That would be a bigger upset than beating UK. Whew! That kind of crowd is worthy of some real nightmares for our players.

Stan, thanks, but no thanks for all your warnings. Kentucky players and fans have taken enough flack from every sportswriter in the country the last two years to last us a lifetime.

We sure don't need you, Mr. "I love anything in Mississippi" telling us how to run our program. After what our players have been through lately, excuse them if they're not overly concerned with opposing teams' home crowds now nor in the future.

We've weathered the worst and it comes from people like you sitting behind a typewriter typing about something you know very little about. Stan, since you dish out

advice freely, how about listening to some. Find some nice little paper or magazine down in Mississippi that cares what troubles you and work for them. UK fans, coaches and players sure don't.

DALE WRIGHT,  
St. Joseph, Mich.

### Stan, say you didn't

In reference to Stan Torgerson's column: Rick: "Us against the world" doesn't work in college.

Mr. Torgerson, I read your column every week in *The Cats' Pause* and have great respect for your articles and enjoy them very much. I consider you very knowledgeable and informative. However, I must take exception to this particular article because I'm not sure where you are coming from.

First, you mention the attitude in the NBA as compared to college. Man, when you're in competition, what makes the difference what level you're at concerning winning attitudes? It's always "us against the world" and that holds true for everyone whether you're the San Francisco 49ers, Michigan Wolverines or the Harvard debating team.

You say the episode between coach Dale Brown and coach Pitino should never have happened. You are absolutely right! But why are you directing your article and pointing a finger at coach Pitino and the 'Cats as if it's all their fault? Coach Pitino does not have to, nor will he take any undeserved crap from Dale Brown or anyone else. Eddie Sutton didn't, Joe Hall didn't and for sure Adolph (Rupp) didn't.

Is this a tradition of UK basketball coaches or could it be a normal human trait of any highly competitive person?

You mention it's tough to play LSU on their home floor. So what else is new? You say beating UK and their coach will be a Holy Crusade. It already is. They always pack the gym, get crazy and play UK tough. Always have and probably always will. They hate UK.

You mention "the normally pacific Mississippi State crowd." Wow! Mr. Torgerson, where the h... have you been? Don't you remember Babe McCarthy and some of those teams? They always get crazy, pack the gym and play UK tough down there. Always have and probably always will.

They hate us. The incident between MSU coach Richard Williams and coach Pitino was mostly numerous newspaper articles that were misinterpreted and grossly blown out of proportion.

You mention there are easy places to play in the SEC. Where!!! Georgia fans, you say, are no factor. They sit back, there aren't many of them and they don't really get into the game. Also, don't argue with Hugh Durham or the fans will get serious. Ha! They always pack the gym, get crazy and play UK tough. Always have and probably always will. They hate UK.

You say Auburn is always easy. They pack the gym two days ahead of time, get crazy and give UK a hard time. Always did and probably always will. They hate UK basketball.

You also say Ole Miss is currently no

problem nor is Florida. When? Man, they pack the gym, get crazy and you know the rest of that tune. Mr. Torgerson, are we talking about the same league?

Sir, you also state, "Please don't give me that I don't give a damn what they think, right is right and I'm going to speak my mind." Maybe we should give a damn, but "Right is Right" and maybe we should speak our mind.

Say or think what you will, UK basketball has been viewed by other SEC schools with admiration and envy, same as the Bear and Alabama football. UK is one of the very few schools that will fill the gyms around the SEC. But I know that you know that.

Dale Brown and LSU, Richard Williams  
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### Oscar Combs

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opportunity. As happens frequently, one opportunity leads to another and that was the case with Master's situation. His vacancy created a shot for WKYT-TV's Dick Gabriel...

•The UK-Notre Dame game will be tape-delayed over the normal UK Television Network. Check local listings for time and station. In central Kentucky, the game will be replayed at 10:30 p.m....

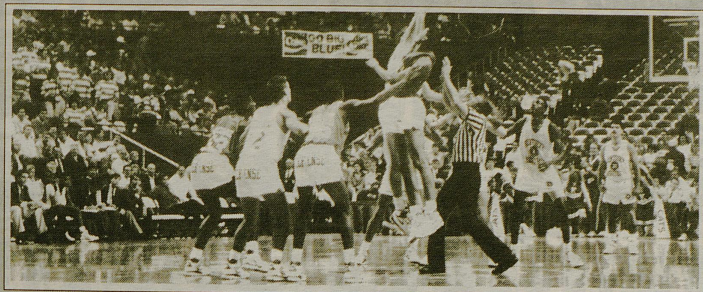
•At his weekly press conference, Pitino said plans are underway to replace the playing floor at Rupp Arena for next season. Pitino said there are several reasons for replacing the floor, including the lack of Kentucky blue (he says Carolina blue is not appropriate) and the absence of a Wildcat. Pitino said he wants the outline of the state in the center circle. Pitino is not the first UK coach who wanted the changes, but he is the first coach who is making sure the changes are made...

•Pitino also said he will meet with Newton about the possibility of petitioning the SEC for inclusion in next year's SEC tournament. The UK coach says he owes it to senior-to-be Reggie Hanson to try and get the ban lifted a year earlier. Pitino said more emphasis should be placed on the reform UK has made and not to penalize the innocent players who stayed and the people trying to do the things the right way. Hanson's coach also pointed out that the only two times UK was completely out of a game came when Hanson played only sparingly. When UK lost by 55 at Kansas, Hanson played less than a quarter of the game. And the crushing loss at Alabama came with Hanson in the locker room for all but the opening two minutes of the game. He was ejected for fighting...

•After going through the SEC (except Oxford), Pitino says it's tougher to win on the road in the SEC than it was in the Big East. He also predicts the SEC is "going to be a dynamite conference" next season. Most everyone concedes the SEC has been a very weak conference this season and last...

# KENTUCKY

# A L E N D A R



## MARCH '90

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
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Baseball: Savannah Shootout Savannah, Ga. Augusta College 11 a.m.		Baseball: Eastern Michigan (H) (DH) 1 p.m.	Baseball: Indiana (A) 3 p.m.	Baseball: Louisville (A) 3 p.m.	Baseball: Youngstown St. (H) (DH) 1 p.m.	Baseball: Savannah Shootout Savannah, Ga. Armstrong State 2 p.m.
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Baseball: Kentucky St. (H) 2 p.m.	Baseball: Ky. Wesleyan (H) noon		Baseball: Xavier (H) 3 p.m.			Baseball: Georgia (H) (DH) 1 p.m. WDKYTV Ch. 56
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Baseball: Georgia (H) 1:30 p.m. WDKYTV Ch. 56		Baseball: Lincoln Memorial (H) 3 p.m.	Baseball: Indiana State (A) 2:30 p.m.	Baseball: Butler (H) 3 p.m.		Baseball: Tennessee (A) (DH) 1 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Baseball: Tennessee (A) 1:30 p.m.	Baseball: Morehead (A) 3 p.m.	Baseball: Eastern (A) 3 p.m.				Baseball: Mississippi St. (A) (DH) 2 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### PREVIOUS GAMES

- Nov. 28: Basketball—UK 76, Ohio 73
- Dec. 2: Basketball—Indiana 71, UK 69
- Dec. 4: Basketball—UK 102, Mississippi State 95
- Dec. 6: Basketball—UK 111, Tennessee Tech 76
- Dec. 9: Basketball—Kansas 150, UK 95
- Dec. 19: Basketball—UK 104, Furman 73
- Dec. 22: Basketball—UK 88, Portland 71
- Dec. 23: Basketball—SW Louisiana 116, UK 113 (OT)
- Dec. 27: Basketball—North Carolina 121, UK 110
- Dec. 30: Basketball—Louisville 86, UK 79
- Jan. 3: Basketball—Georgia 106, UK 91
- Jan. 6: Basketball—Vanderbilt 92, UK 85
- Jan. 10: Basketball—UK 89, Florida 81
- Jan. 13: Basketball—LSU 94, UK 61
- Jan. 17: Basketball—UK 82, Alabama 65
- Jan. 20: Basketball—UK 95, Tennessee 83
- Jan. 24: Basketball—Auburn 74, UK 70
- Jan. 27: Basketball—UK 98, Ole Miss 79
- Jan. 31: Basketball—Mississippi State 87, UK 86 (OT)
- Feb. 3: Basketball—UK 88, Georgia 77
- Feb. 7: Basketball—UK 100, Vanderbilt 73
- Feb. 12: Basketball—UK 78, Florida 74
- Feb. 15: Basketball—UK 100, LSU 95
- Feb. 17: Basketball—Alabama 83, UK 58
- Feb. 21: Basketball—Tennessee 102, UK 100
- Feb. 24: Basketball—UK 98, Auburn 95



Rick Pitino



Keith Madison

## Officiating in SEC has reached state of emergency

Refs should 'Get good or get gone'

Everyone who follows college basketball is aware of the escalating changes that are reducing the competition of speed, skill and the sharpness, conducted in a sport-smannlike manner, into roughneck, riotous communal



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

fighters.

The men charged with the duty of controlling these fuming, seething situations are the referees and their aides, the umpires. They are regularly insulted, harried, harassed, threatened and even attacked by this new wave of team followers. They are interrupted, vilified, denigrated, cursed and lied to by the coaches, who want all the calls to favor their teams.

The game officials are protected only by police assigned to them by the game manager. When they cannot con-

trol the players and the coaches, the fans and team followers sometimes burst into action, which all the police cannot control, and riots erupt.

The chief cause of the trouble is the continual impressing of more size, speed, weight and jumping ability into the 50- x 94-foot floor space and the two 10-foot high baskets, the game's original design. With each increase in athleticism or pressure of personal criticism, more stress is compacted into an outgrown stressful situation.

Unless we relieve the "Refs" of carrying the whole load, by assigning responsibility to the coaches for keeping order, we will need a tougher breed of man to referee.

Doubts about the overall competence of the strained current SEC crews are league wide. Even editorials are being carried in major newspapers. The best refs work nearly every day we play. They are on the road or in the air constantly—with one umpire of little experience and one a rookie. The *Nashville Tennessean* advised that steps be taken to upgrade the quality of SEC officiating immediately—and taken in public view.

Personally, I feel we are in a state of emergency. John Guthrie, who scouts for SEC-quality officials constantly and holds clinics for them, must accelerate the process. He needs to prepare at least a dozen new men capable of immediate placement, and to get tough with the ones

now on hand who are not progressing. I offer a motto: Get good or get gone!

When the SEC began basketball in 1932-33 the referees were usually two outstanding high school coaches in the area of the home team, chosen by the coach for their knowledge of the rules and their ability to recruit. Generally, they worked well, but close calls favored the home team. It was expected.

Coach Adolph Rupp, teacher of basketball to all schools that wanted to learn the game, along with Kentucky, taught referees too. He was the recommendation necessary for the Basketball Officials Association, and they were quite naturally grateful.

At that time the master referee was Bowser Chest of Nashville, Tenn. This great man taught the game, sportsmanship and proper conduct to the players by taking the time to explain penalties to them. Mr. Chest was in absolute control, as a professor in his lecture room, with quick, clear whistles and firm, fair decisions. Fortunat was the young referee trained by Mr. Chest. Not even Rupp challenged Chest.

Dan Tehan, the sheriff of Cincinnati, always ran the game without the volunteer advice of coach Rupp. John A. McPherson was a good tough ref, a little later. Kentucky scorer was cussing John and jabbing his finger at him after a call against the 'Cats, so McPherson bit the finger and moved right along.

# UK's Bat 'Cats hit diamond for first time this weekend

## Madison's young club opens season with three games in Greater Savannah Shootout

### TCP staff report

Forget the power struggle between major league baseball players and owners. Baseball is back, college baseball that is. Friday (March 2), Keith Madison, entering his 12th season at UK, and the Bat Cats play the first of a three-game set in the Greater Savannah Shootout. The Bat Cats, 28-25-1 last season, tangle with Mercer.

Following is taken from Keith Madison's press conference last Saturday:

**About this team:** "We are very excited about the baseball season coming up. Over the past three or four weeks we've had great weather. We've had several intrasquad games. Coach (John) Butler, coach (Bob) Smith and coach (Jim) Hinerman and all the players have done a great job getting ready for the season.

"One reason we're so excited to get started is that we've seen several teams play on television already. After seeing other teams play, practice is not really quite the same; you want to get out there and play, too. If we can get a few good days of practice in the next week, we'll be at least mentally ready to play. Only time will tell whether we're physically ready to play.

"We've had some great practices and some good intrasquad games. I'm real excited that Vince Castaldo (.363 average in '88, eighth nationally in doubles with 27) is recovered nicely from his knee injury. Rod Bolton (6-5 in '89, 85 strikeouts in 87.0 innings worked) has come up with a new pitch that will make him even a stronger No. 1 pitcher for us. And our freshmen pitchers have been very impressive. We have a very young pitching staff and a lot of progress and a lot of our success will depend on how quickly these freshmen pitchers come around to support Rod.

"Vince is making a transition, having made All-Southeastern Conference second base (2nd team), he's now going to be playing third base. It's not a very difficult transition for him since he played third base in junior college. Rod, I think, is one of the premiere pitchers in college baseball. He's probably a little bit underrated. He beat Mississippi State last year when they were ranked No. 1 in the na-

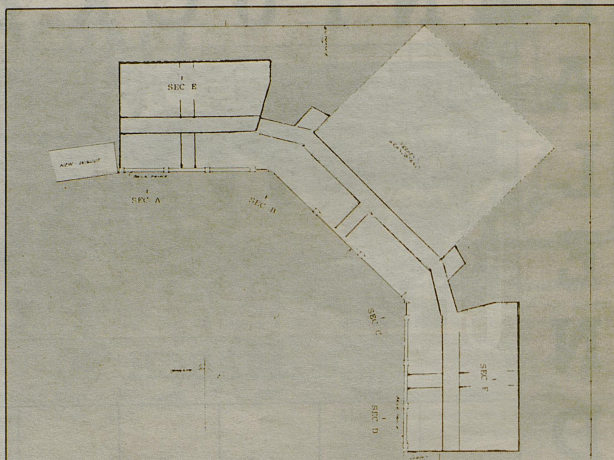
tion. He lost to Texas A&M in the bottom of the last inning by one run, when they were ranked No. 1 in the nation. So he drew all the tough assignments last year as a junior and fared very well. He was one of the leaders in the Southeastern Conference in strikeouts last year. We feel these guys are leaders along with Darin Rieman (second and third base, .254, 34 base on balls in '89) and Ricky Norton (catcher-rightfield, .311, 5 HRs in '89). And we're excited about this year.

"Unlike last year, we're not ranked in the Top 20 preseason-wise, but that makes it a little more of a challenge for us. We've got a lot to prove with this young pitching staff and with an 'experienced' team at each position."

**More about UK's pitching:** "We've made some good progress with these freshman pitchers. We have seven freshman pitchers who all have strong arms and have talent. We, at this point, don't know what they're going to do against competition like LSU and Mississippi State. But if they come around like I think they have, I think we'll finish fourth or fifth in the Southeastern Conference. We're being picked to finish sixth or seventh by most people. But I'm going to be optimistic, like I usually am. We're the kind of team, when we get into the Southeastern Conference tournament—the top six teams get in—if our pitching continues to progress and if our young arms come around and mature, we're the kind of team that could win that conference tournament. We're going to have some ups and downs because we are young. But because of our pitching depth and because the experience we have in our infield positions and catching position, we've got as good a shot as anyone."

**About who's best in the SEC:** "Most of the polls have Mississippi State to win it, LSU second, Georgia third. I think Georgia is the best team in the league this year. They have the most experience and I've seen some very good progress by that team."

**About the \$520,000 Shively Field renovation:** "Right now, the project supervisor says that the stadium will be about 90 percent finished the first home game. And by the end of March it will be 100 percent finished."



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## 1990 KENTUCKY BAT 'CAT BASEBALL SCHEDULE

date	opponent	time	Mar. 24 (Sat.)	(DH) at Tennessee	1 p.m.	April 19 (Thur.)	WESTERN KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
Mar. 2 (Fri.)	(1) Mercer	11 a.m.	Mar. 25 (Sun.)	at Tennessee	1:30 p.m.	April 21 (Sat.)	(DH) at LSU	5 p.m.
Mar. 3 (Sat.)	(1) Armstrong State	2 p.m.	Mar. 27 (Tue.)	at Morehead	3 p.m.	April 22 (Sun.)	at LSU	3 p.m.
Mar. 4 (Sun.)	(1) Augusta College	11 a.m.	Mar. 28 (Thur.)	at Eastern Kentucky	3 p.m.	April 24 (Tue.)	AUSTIN PEAY	7 p.m.
Mar. 6 (Tue.)	(DH) EASTERN MICHIGAN	1 p.m.	Mar. 31 (Sat.)	(DH) at Mississippi State	2 p.m.	April 25 (Wed.)	(DH) WEST VIRGINIA	4 p.m.
Mar. 7 (Wed.)	at Indiana	3 p.m.	April 1 (Sun.)	at Mississippi State	3 p.m.	April 26 (Thur.)	at Middle Tennessee	8 p.m.
Mar. 8 (Thur.)	at Louisville	3 p.m.	April 3 (Tue.)	MARSHALL	4 p.m.	April 28 (Sat.)	(DH) at Auburn	7 p.m.
Mar. 9 (Fri.)	(DH) YOUNGSTOWN STATE	1 p.m.	April 4 (Wed.)	at Western Kentucky	4 p.m.	April 29 (Sun.)	at Auburn	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 10 (Sat.)	(DH) OHIO	1 p.m.	April 7 (Sat.)	(DH) VANDERBILT	5 p.m.	May 1 (Tue.)	CINCINNATI	7 p.m.
Mar. 11 (Sun.)	KENTUCKY STATE	2 p.m.	April 8 (Sun.)	VANDERBILT	1:30 p.m.	May 2 (Wed.)	(TV) EASTERN KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
Mar. 12 (Mon.)	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN	noon	April 10 (Tue.)	at Marshall	3 p.m.	May 5 (Sat.)	(TV) (DH) ALABAMA	5 p.m.
Mar. 14 (Wed.)	XAVIER	3 p.m.	April 11 (Wed.)	(TV) LOUISVILLE	7 p.m.	May 6 (Sun.)	(TV) ALABAMA	2 p.m.
Mar. 17 (Sat.)	(TV) (DH) GEORGIA	1 p.m.	April 12 (Thur.)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	7 p.m.	May 8 (Tue.)	GEORGETOWN	7 p.m.
Mar. 18 (Sun.)	(TV) GEORGIA	1:30 p.m.	April 14 (Sat.)	(TV) (DH) OLE MISS	5 p.m.	May 9 (Wed.)	at Wright State	4 p.m.
Mar. 20 (Tue.)	LINCOLN MEMORIAL	3 p.m.	April 15 (Sun.)	(TV) OLE MISS	1:30 p.m.	May 12 (Sat.)	(TV) (DH) FLORIDA	5 p.m.
Mar. 21 (Wed.)	at Indiana State	2:30 p.m.	April 17 (Tue.)	MOREHEAD	7 p.m.	May 13 (Sun.)	(TV) FLORIDA	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 22 (Thur.)	BUTLER	3 p.m.	April 18 (Wed.)	WRIGHT STATE	7 p.m.	May 17-20 (Thur.-Sat.)	(2) SEC Tournament	TBA

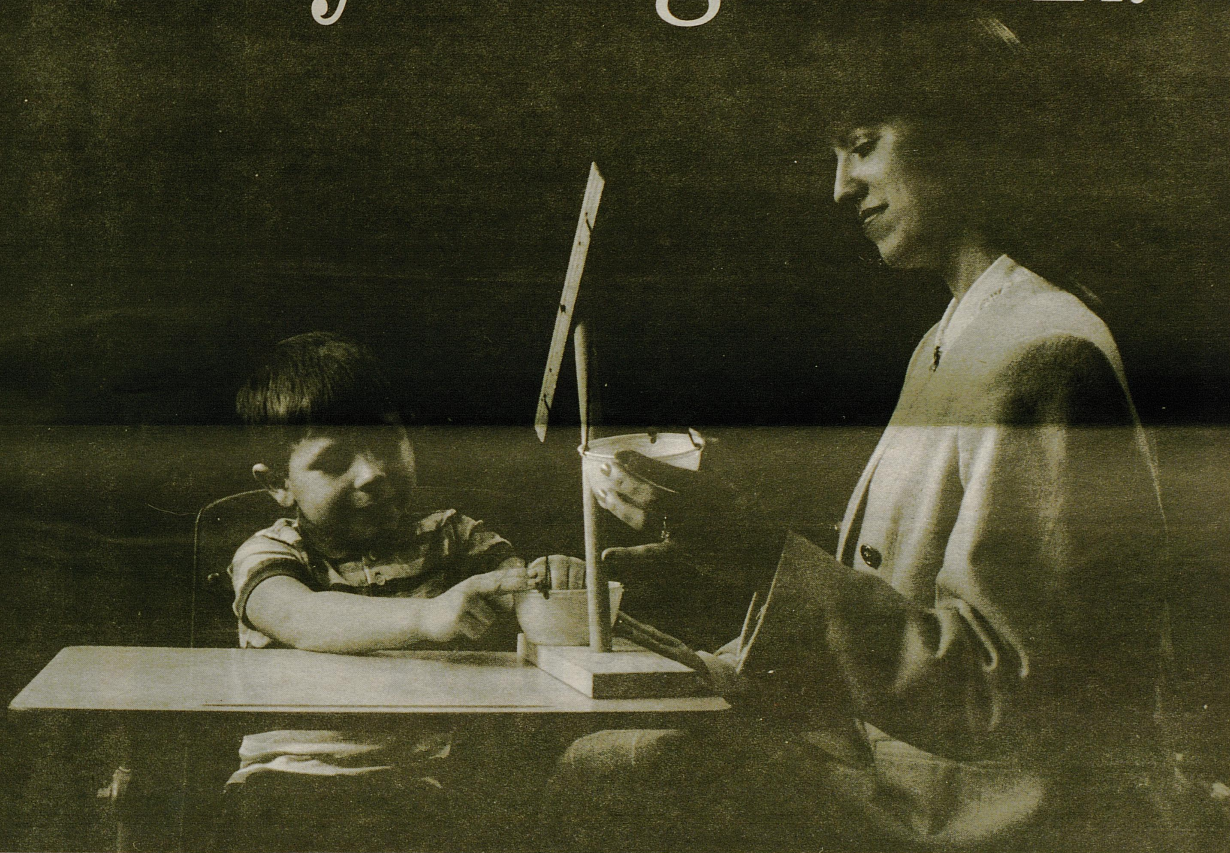
(1) Greater Savannah Shootout: Savannah, Ga.  
(2) SEC Tournament: Hoover, Ala.

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## 'F' is for Farmer, family

(Continued from page 15) and thought he was a class person." Brown showed some class when he congratulated Farmer for putting down six-of-six free throws in the last 1:05 of play for the 100-95 UK win.

"He said, 'Nice job...way to step up and hit them,'" Richie said. "He's a nice person." Of course, Brown also felt Richie was the person the Tigers had to foul in the closing seconds. As he later related to the news media, he felt Richie might be a little tight.

But why foul Richie, the best free throw shooter, percentage-wise, last year (85.7%) and

leading again this year (84.6%)?

"Well, I think Brown looked at it like Woods had played most of the second half and Richie was cold off the bench and hadn't played that much," Donovan said.

"But, as a coaching staff I think the guy you want on the line is Richie. He's one of your best free throw shooters and he's used to taking those shots because he was put into that situation in high school."

Farmer said he never thought too much about LSU and Baton Rouge last year when he was going through some trying times with the 'Cats.

"Well, anytime...when things aren't going right there is a tendency to second guess things you've done," Richie said, "but I've never really felt that much about wanting to leave."

Richie has also taken a new look to go with a new outlook. He's always sported a semblance of a mustache, but this one is a bit thicker. He now has longer hair that is pleasing to his mother.

"She felt it was too short last year," Richie said, smiling. "I decided to let it grow. Last year my dad tried to get me to shave my mustache. He said he'd shave his if I did...then he backed out on me."

Chris Cameron, UK sports information director, tapped his shoulder. Time to move on.

Richie, a lot lighter now, is also light on his feet. He got up to go. Practice was nigh.

Yes, this is a ripening Richie Farmer. His mother was the first to recognize it.

"My son has grown up," she said "He's more mature. I can tell."

She also says Richie may be a pretty good prognosticator.

"You know, he could be right," she said. "John Daniel could be the one to break his old records. He's hitting about 100 percent now from the line...at the refrigerator."

## Curry

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That immediately brought a laugh from several media-types.

"She does," Curry said. "She does. It's unbelievable."

### WHAT'S NEXT

Although Curry mentioned that UK had already begun to check out next year's crop, the staff's main task at hand is to get the present 'Cats ready for spring practice—March 20.

"We'll continue with our lifting and off-season conditioning," he said. "We have different phases we go into. We're working primarily on strength up to this point. (Then) we'll go more to endurance and agility in addition to strength between now and spring practice.

"It gets a little more demanding for the players."

Have you had a chance to examine film of last year's team?

"I'm not going to watch any," Curry said.

"I don't want any biases. Some of my coaches have watched some to see if a certain guy has a strong arm. But I told 'em I don't want to

make any decisions based on last year's team.

"We want guys, who may not have done well, to feel they have a new lease on life, because we'll get some great play out of some people who might have thrown in the towel with the previous staff.

"That's not because of us but that's because the way people are. Especially adolescents."

## Stan Torgerson

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show, which is broadcast over the Rupp Arena loudspeakers. To put that in perspective, a crowd of 11,000 would rank 28th nationally in attendance per game...

□ Does Vanderbilt have depth? Look at it this way. Coach Eddie Fogler has used at least nine players in every game and nine players are averaging at least 17.8 minutes of playing time in every game...

□ Guttiest move of the year: Georgia guard Rod Cole hitting three straight free throws with :04 left to send his team into overtime against LSU, a game the 'Dogs eventually won...

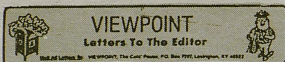
□ Personal guess: The proposal to move the three-point line back will never get out of the rules committee. The proposal to widen the three-second lane will pass.

### THE LAST WORD:

Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy, pictured at right, on a wider lane:

"Of course they've got to call three seconds. You could spend eight seconds now and nobody calls it. My center can't cross the lane in three seconds."

Murphy's center is his son, Sean.



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and Miss. State, etc., will never take crap from anyone nor should they. But I gotta believe that one Mr. Pitino, coach of the University of Kentucky Wildcats, will never back down, nor should you or I or anyone else expect him to.

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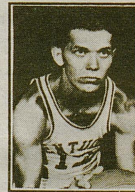
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# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## One Year Ago

✓The *Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch* reported that Wildcat basketball coach Eddie Sutton would be gone "in 10 days or two weeks" and would be replaced by New Jersey Nets assistant coach Lee Rose.

"That's all news to me and as far as I'm concerned there's no basis for that," said Sutton, who added that he had no plans of leaving his post.

✓Cellar-dwelling Auburn hit a blistering 62 percent of its shots from the field to hand the Wildcats their sixth straight loss 77-75 at Auburn.

UK trailed by as many as 10 in the first half before rallying to take a 42-40 halftime advantage. The lead changed hands back and forth in the final period before Derrick Denison's free throws with six seconds remaining broke a 75-all tie.

The loss left the UK with an overall record of 11-16 and 6-9 in the Southeastern Conference with three remaining league games. The win was one of just two league victories all season for the Tigers, who finished 2-16.

## Five Years Ago

✓The Georgia Bulldogs, ranked 18th in the nation in the *Associated Press* wire service poll, withstood a last-ditch rally by Kentucky to win a crucial SEC contest 79-77 before 23,230 at Rupp Arena. The win, which was the first-ever (including the SEC tournaments in 1982 and 1986) in Rupp Arena for Georgia, enabled the Bulldogs to slip into a first-place tie with LSU, both at 11-5.

The Wildcats fell to 10-6 in the conference, and were in third place with two games remaining.

The key play of the game was when Horace McMillan tipped in a missed free throw by teammate Gerald Crosby. McMillan's basket put Georgia ahead 79-75 with 13 seconds left in the game.

The win also allowed Georgia to sweep the regular-season series with Kentucky for first time, a feat the Bulldogs would repeat in the 1986-87 season.

## 10 Years Ago

✓Kyle Macy hit a 22-foot jumper before the horn sounded as UK defeated LSU 76-74 in Baton Rouge, giving the 'Cats their 32nd SEC championship. The game went into overtime when UK lost an eight-point lead by missing some clutch free throws and LSU missed a last-second shot.

Kentucky's Fred Cowan and LSU's Ethan Martin had exceptional games. Cowan hit 12 of 18 shots, scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds. 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.

✓What started as an emotional high almost ended in an emotional low as UK barely downed 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.

✓Seven-foot center Sam Bowie, playing with a bandage on his leg after suffering an injury in the first half, scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds as top-seeded UK defeated ninth-seeded Auburn 69-61 in the first round of the Southeastern Conference tournament held in Birmingham, Ala.

Although UK took the lead for good at 6-4, the Wildcats had to fight for their lives in order to advance to the semifinals. Fred Cowan scored 11 points for Kentucky and Kyle Macy added 10.

## 15 Years Ago

✓In the final home appearance for UK seniors Kevin Grevey, Bob Guyette, Jimmy Dan Connor, Mike Flynn, Jerry Hale and G.J. Smith, it was freshman Rick Robey who sparked the 'Cat to a 109-84 win over Vanderbilt.

The 6-foot-10 freshman center scored 28 points, got 10 rebounds and brought the crowd to its feet with a steal and behind-the-back dribble for a layup. Grevey also scored 28 points. Connor scored 15 and Flynn chipped in with 11.

## 20 Years Ago

✓UK squandered a 15-point lead, but downed Vanderbilt 90-86 to avenge its only loss of the season. Dan Issel had 31 points and Tom Parker 21.

✓Dan Issel and Mike Pratt were named to the SEC's first team by *United Press International*, but Pete Maravich of LSU won Player of the Year honors. Bob Lienhard of Georgia and John Mengelt of Auburn also were on the first team. Larry Steele of UK made the third team.

Issel also was named *Associated Press* first-team All-America while Pratt received honorable mention.

✓Kentucky's Adolph Rupp was named Coach of the Year in the SEC.

## 35 Years Ago

✓Eighty-eight candidates, one of the largest groups ever, reported to Blanton Collier's opening of the Wildcats' spring football drills.

✓Kentucky's Bob Burrow was named third team All-America by *Associated Press*. Billy Evans received honorable mention. Both were placed on the All-SEC squad as UK was the only team with two placements.

✓The Wildcats celebrated Adolph Rupp's silver anniversary by smothering Tennessee 104-61 before 12,520 fans in Memorial Coliseum. The win gave the Wildcats the SEC title.

# WILDCAT QUIZ

## Last stop: South Bend

- Who leads the series between Kentucky and Notre Dame?
  - LaPhonso Ellis
  - Kevin Ellery
  - Jamere Jackson
  - Joe Frederick
- Who is Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer?
  - David Rivers
  - Kelly Tripucka
  - Austin Carr
  - John Shumate
- During a Notre Dame-UK battle in the 80s the Wildcats shot a blistering 75 percent from the field for the game. What year did this feat take place?
  - 1980
  - 1982
  - 1984
  - 1986
- During his career at Notre Dame, Irish coach Digger Phelps has established a reputation of knocking off No. 1 ranked teams. How many has he defeated?
  - three
  - five
  - seven
  - nine
- True or False? Digger Phelps has more than 400 career coaching victories.
- What current Irish player had four steals versus the Wildcats in a win in Indianapolis' Big Four.
  - Keith Adkins
  - Kevin Ellery
  - Tim Singleton
  - LaPhonso Ellis
- Who is Notre Dame's top returning

- scorer from last season?
  - LaPhonso Ellis
  - Kevin Ellery
  - Jamere Jackson
  - Joe Frederick
- What Irish player led Notre Dame in scoring versus UK last season?
  - Jamere Jackson
  - Kevin Ellery
  - Joe Frederick
  - Keith Adkins
- What team eliminated Notre Dame from the NCAA Tournament last season?
  - TCU
  - Georgetown
  - Vanderbilt
  - SMU
- What SEC team did the Irish defeat in last year's NCAA Tournament?
  - Kentucky
  - LSU
  - Vanderbilt
  - Tennessee



## Answers

- Kentucky (31-10)
- Austin Carr
- 1982
- Seven
- True
6. Tim Singleton
- Joe Frederick (647 ppg.)
- Kevin Ellery (15)
- Georgetown
- Vanderbilt

## Russell Rice

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the floor near the UT bench I thought the whistle-blowers did a creditable job.

Mark you, I'm not saying a word about what happened at the other end, because my ringside, unobstructed view was in the limited area in my close range of vision.

My comment is that in most cases the officials officiate as good as the coaches coach and better than the radio and TV announcers and the fans officiate from their less-than-prime-time locations.

Do you realize how much schooling, training and experience go into the production of an official on the Division 1 level? And yet we have fans from all walks of life who by their actions, thoughts and comments seem to know more about calling a game than do experienced persons who officiate two or three games a week.

Let's all rotate a few times. Let the radio and TV announcers and officials swap positions for a UK-LSU game; then choose three fans from a random drawing to exchange their seats for striped shirts at a UK-UT game.

Of course, we'll also have to swap money at the same time, with the radio/TV fees being exchanged for the officials' stipends, with the fans also receiv-

ing officials' pay while the officials must pay for those three seats in the stands. Who is getting the short end of this stick?

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

•Feb. 12, 1990—UK coach Pitino advocates gradually raising the baskets to 10 feet, five inches by the year 2000, moving the three-point line to the international distance and widening the court.

•New York City, January, 1935—UK coach Rupp advocates putting back the center jump, taking the backboard and net off—just leave the hoop on—and raising the hoop five feet.

## PARTING THOUGHT:

•When one of Rupp's Wildcats asked later if he really meant all of the above, the "Baron" replied, "Hell, no! But anything for a column."





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