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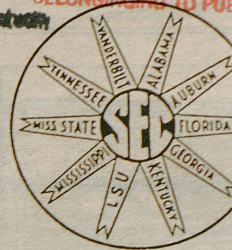


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Abracadabra!

Eddie Sutton will try to throw a little hocus-pocus on opponents as 'Cats take 6-4 record into this week's games with Vanderbilt and Florida.

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'Dogs turn tables with 84-72 win

Turnovers, poor effort on boards excellent shooting for UK, allow Georgia to knock 'Cats out of chance for 1st

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

For much of the current basketball season, Hugh Durham's Georgia Bulldogs have been somewhat of a disappointment, but just as poorly as the 'Dogs played at Rupp Arena a month ago, they played as brilliantly Sunday afternoon in Athens.

The result was just as awesome in the reverse direction.

With Alex Kessler pouring home 22 points and collecting a game-high 13 rebounds, the 'Dogs pounded Kentucky long and hard and walked away with a convincing 84-72 victory although UK delivered a late scare.

Kentucky, which had hoped to grab a share of the lead in the wild-and-wooly Southeastern Conference, dropped two games off the pace and now must hope for an upset in Nashville on Wednesday or risk being put in a situation of having to pull several major upsets on the road.

Georgia turned the trick at home before a crowd of 9,812 with a national television audience tuned in to ABC Sports.

Kentucky's gameplan, as has been most of the season, was to control the tempo of the game, rebound and to hit a high percentage of its shots.

The Wildcats were successful on one of the three counts, hitting 53.6 percent to Georgia's

SEC Standings*

| Team | Conference | | Overall | |
|-------------------|------------|------|---------|------|
| | W-L | Pct. | W-L | Pct. |
| LSU | 7-3 | .700 | 15-6 | .714 |
| Alabama | 7-4 | .636 | 15-5 | .750 |
| Tennessee | 6-4 | .600 | 13-6 | .684 |
| Florida | 6-4 | .600 | 12-10 | .545 |
| Vanderbilt | 6-4 | .600 | 12-10 | .545 |
| Kentucky | 6-4 | .600 | 11-11 | .500 |
| Ole Miss | 5-5 | .500 | 11-8 | .579 |
| Georgia | 5-6 | .455 | 13-8 | .619 |
| Mississippi State | 3-7 | .300 | 9-10 | .474 |
| Auburn | 0-10 | .000 | 7-11 | .389 |

*thru games of Feb. 5

45.6 percent, but the 'Cats had twice as many turnovers as the homesteading 'Dogs (18 to nine) and got outrebounded 35-28. Turnovers, plus 26 of 31 free throw shooting provided the difference for the 'Dogs which improved their record to 13-8 overall and 5-6 in the SEC.

Kentucky, in losing, fell to 11-11 overall and 6-4 in the SEC. Had UK won, it would have moved into a tie for first place.

To Eddie Sutton, it was just a matter of a very good club playing a very fine game.

"We just thought Georgia played a whale of a game," said Sutton following the con-

test. "Of all the games we've seen them play on film, I thought they played as well today as I've seen them.

Georgia jumped out to a 7-4 lead in the early going but Kentucky fought back and took command of a 14-13 lead when Reggie Hanson hit a jumper. After the two clubs traded leads a couple times, Georgia went on top for good when Litterial Green canned a three-pointer 27-18 and UK never recovered.

Sutton pinned the loss on lack of rebounding, saying that the 35-28 deficit was actually worse than the statistics indicated.

"If you're going to pinpoint one area for the loss, just look at the rebound totals, it seemed a lot worse."

Kentucky was beaten 19-11 on the offensive end.

In the end, it was the free throw line which killed the 'Cats. Georgia marched often and was as accurate as Daniel Boone himself with Kessler hitting 14 of 17 from the charity line.

Once Georgia got out to its double-digit lead, the 'Dogs fell into a comfortable groove, never threatened until the game's final minutes when UK sliced the score to 76-70 but could get no closer.

For Georgia boss Durham, it was a sweet victory, one which included a little revenge but more importantly took a notch out of the distance between Georgia and Kentucky in the league race.

"Our players will really enjoy this one," said Durham. "Kentucky is the program by which all other schools in the SEC measure themselves. Although they have lost some players, any time you beat coach Sutton and his team, it's a great accomplishment for the players. That and it's a big win in the conference."

While the 'Cats were battling the 'Dogs, the UK Board of Trustees and the UK Athletics Board were meeting with UK president David Roselle and listening to the university's official response to 18 NCAA allegations.

Did those briefings affect UK's game preparation?

"I'm sure that didn't help our preparation very much," Sutton told a *Louisville Courier-Journal* reporter. "I'm not looking for alibis, but that would have an adverse effect on any basketball team."

Kessler was joined in double-figure scoring by Patrick Hamilton with 16, Green with 15 and Cole with 10. UK was paced by forward Chris Mills who scored 19 while Derrick Miller chipped in with 16 and LeRon Ellis with 13.

| OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|----|------|-----|-------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|----|----------------------|-----|------------------|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| VISITORS (Last Name, First) | | | | | | Date 2/5/89 | | | Site Georgia Coliseum - Athens, GA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No. | Player | PTS | FG | FTA | FT% | REB | AST | BLK | STL | PF | TP | MIN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Reggie HANSON | 14 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | Chris MILLS | 19 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | LeRon ELLIS | 16 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 34 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Derrick MILLER | 16 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 38 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Sean SUTTON | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Deron FELDRAUS | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Chris JONES | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | Richie FARMER | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Johnathon DAVIS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | John PHELPHREY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Jeff CINNAM | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50 | Mike SCOTT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals) | | | | | | | | | | | 33 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | 56 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 28 | 26 | 72 | 14 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 20 | |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 14x24 = 58% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 16x32 = 50% | | Game 30x56 = 53% | | Deadball | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-PT. FG %: 1st Half 2x3 = 67% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 3x8 = 37% | | Game 5x11 = 45% | | Rebounds | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FT %: 1st Half 3x4 = 75% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 4x4 = 100% | | Game 7x10 = 70% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| No. | Player | PTS | FG | FTA | FT% | REB | AST | BLK | STL | PF | TP | MIN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Rod COLE | 4 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Marshall WILSON | 6 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Alec KESSLER | 22 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 14 | 17 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Litterial GREEN | 15 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Pat HAMILTON | 16 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Jody PATTON | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Mike HARRON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Lee HOWARD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Alex WYNN | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | Arlando BENNETT | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | Neville AUSTIN | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals) | | | | | | | | | | | 22 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | 76 | 57 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 31 | 19 | 16 | 35 | 16 | 84 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 20 |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 14x30 = 46% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 12x27 = 44% | | Game 26x57 = 45% | | Deadball | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-PT. FG %: 1st Half 5x6 = 83% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 1x4 = 25% | | Game 6x10 = 60% | | Rebounds | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FT %: 1st Half 9x10 = 90% | | | | | | | | | | | 2nd Half 11x15 = 80% | | Game 20x31 = 80% | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KENTUCKY | 33 | 39 | | 72 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEORGIA | 42 | 42 | | 84 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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CATS' PAUSE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Wish I could say UK mess is nearly over, but...

With Sunday's meeting with the UK Board of Trustees and the UK Athletics Association Board of Directors behind him, UK president David Roselle has leaped his largest hurdle and heads to the homestretch with hopes of bringing the UK basketball controversy to a final settlement.

Although you may hear and read elsewhere the worst is over, don't believe it just yet.

I would love to report that it's just a matter of formality and this "basketball mess" will quickly fade to the status of just a bad nightmare.

The fact is, the only tough part of the investigation which is history is the huge and controversial task of in-house investigating and the formulating of an official response to 18 charges from the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

We now have that. As Dr. Roselle said over the weekend, responses to the charges were placed in one of three categories, either: accepting responsibility, denying the charge or a category which said there was insufficient evidence to merit a conclusion on the part of the university.

It is that last category in which one of the two more serious claims now rests as far as the university is concerned. The center of one charge is the infamous Emery Worldwide Freight package which allegedly contained \$1,000 and was sent to Claud Mills, UK freshman Chris Mills' father, by UK assistant Dwane Casey.

In UK's official response, according to sources close to UK, the university says it can not arrive at a conclusion of exactly what happened and whether or not money was placed in the package by anyone at UK.

According to those same sources, UK will accept responsibility in the academic fraud case involving UK sophomore Eric Manuel as well as a couple minor charges.

On the plus side, the university is challenging several charges, including ones which accused UK of giving players free housing in the summer.

Of five charges against recruiting buff Bill Chupil, the university reportedly will challenge only two.

Sources also say that UK uncovered a couple situations involving outside pay given to one or more UK assistant coaches. One source said two coaches received payments of \$10,000 each and had not reported the outside income to UK officials, which is required. The sources said UK officials do not consider that situation to be a major problem in dealing with the NCAA as neither is thought to be illegal.

What Sunday's meeting did was to clear the air with two groups of people who are charged with administering policies and procedures of the university and its athletics program.

Several members of both boards had sought such a briefing, insisting that the purpose of serving on the boards would

be undermined if they did not have prior knowledge of the response when it is made to the NCAA.

Several board members were contacted following the executive session and they unanimously agreed that the response was just and to their approval.

Members were quick to point out that there were no changes made in the response and that no one sought to have any changes made to the response after hearing Dr. Roselle give a summation of the UK stand in the closed session.

Now, the response is in the hands of the NCAA. The next step will arrive around the first of March when lawyers and officials of both the NCAA and UK meet to sift through the more than 2,000 pages of UK's response and determine if any and how many of the charges may be quashed before they are turned over to the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

The Committee on Infractions is scheduled to meet in San Diego (not Charleston, S.C. as previously stated) in late April. Dr. Roselle said he expects the entire ordeal to be over by the last of May.

Usually, the infractions committee issues its verdict anywhere from a week to two weeks after its hearing. In almost all instances, the university accepts the finding of the committee, but there is a court of last resort, an appeal before the President's Council if the university should decide not to accept the committee's final ruling.

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JUST WHAT DOES this mean for the future? Will Eddie Sutton and his staff be able to retain their jobs at the university?

Dr. Roselle said the university, in its response, pointed out what corrective measures the university has taken to date, but he would not speculate on the future, adding that he nor the university had any plans for any further action.

When asked if there could be further action in the future, he responded by saying the university will continue its policy of not speculating.

There are some who believe the entire situation has been blown out of proportion and that everyone on the UK staff will remain untouched.

But those same people remain perplexed about Roselle's continued media briefing of saying that the university will run a clean program and will rebuild its once-proud basketball tradition. That, they admit, doesn't sound like a program which could be vindicated.

Another interesting injection into the situation were comments last week by Dr. Roselle.

At a meeting in Louisville, Dr. Roselle said the coaching staff would be held responsible for any violations of NCAA rules. Does that mean any disciplinary action or dismissals would come only if, and after, the NCAA should find UK guilty?

There has also been speculation among some quarters that UK assistant Dwane Casey has already been assured he would be offered other employment at the university outside the athletics department at the end of the season.

Joe Bill Campbell, Casey's legal counsel, declined to comment on that report.

On the good-news side, there seems to be optimism around high-placed UK officials that penalties may not be as harsh as previously thought by some.

During his impromptu press conference Sunday, Roselle hinted that if the NCAA does subscribe to a policy of being lenient on schools which conduct intense self-investigations, that surely UK should qualify.

Those thoughts reminded us once again of his speech to the Louisville Rotary Club last week. He emphasized to the Jefferson County group that he was doing everything in his power to defend the UK program because he did not want to allow the university to be in position of receiving the death penalty sometime in the future.

Of course, UK does not qualify for the death penalty this time, but if you should be found guilty and given probation on a major charge, then a second conviction anytime within five years could result in the death sentence at UK.

Because of the university's thorough and completely independent investigation, some observers believe the NCAA will illustrate its appreciation of UK's effort when it delivers the final verdict and penalty.

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ON THE HARDWOOD, Kentucky dropped to 11-11 Sunday after suffering an 84-72 loss to Georgia in Athens.

Georgia avenged its earlier loss to the 'Cats by racing out to an early 10-point lead and never looked back.

Had Kentucky won, the Wildcats would have moved into a first-place tie with LSU for the conference lead.

For Kentucky to remain in the league race, it's important for UK to sweep Vanderbilt and Florida this week, both of which are contenders themselves.

LSU leads the race with a 7-3 record with Alabama second at 7-4. Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Florida and UK are tied for third at 6-4 with Ole Miss at 5-5 and Georgia at 5-6.

Only Mississippi State (3-7) and Auburn (0-10) are out of the league race. Ironically, two of LSU's four SEC losses have come at the hands of Mississippi State.

This week is crucial. A pair of wins would not only put UK at 8-4, but would put greater distance between the 'Cats and two of the contenders.

On Wednesday, Sutton and his 'Cats will be facing the new UK athletics director (C.M. Newton) in a game which has sparked lots of controversy from the

media in Nashville.

Two Nashville sportswriters called for Newton to resign after he announced his decision to take the UK job last month. They questioned the possibility of a conflict of interest when the two schools meet.

Newton responded by saying he'll do what he always does when he plays Kentucky and that is to try and beat their fannies.

Vanderbilt, at 12-10 for the season, needs the victory just as badly as UK does as far as postseason consideration is concerned. A homecourt loss at this stage of the race and the Commodores would find themselves in a very longshot situation.

On the other hand, Kentucky can ill afford another defeat. A loss would put UK back under that dreaded .500 mark at 11-12.

After Nashville, UK returns home for a Saturday date with Florida, a team which has been up and down all season.

Last month, UK caught the Gators as flat as pancakes and walked all over Norm Sloan's outfit in Gainesville. It was the poorest outing I've seen a Florida team exhibit against Kentucky in years.

Of course, Kentucky's outstanding play had a little something to do with it. Since the first meeting, Florida has responded by beating up on Georgia in Athens and beat Ole Miss 78-67 last week after losing to Stanford in the first basketball game ever staged in the Orlando Magic's new arena.

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THIS WEEK THE ANNUAL race for signing the nation's top blue-chip football recruits is on and if early reports from around the commonwealth are any indication, coach Jerry Claiborne will once again control the state.

Despite losing the state's Mr. Football—Louisville's Jeff Brohm—for the third straight year, Claiborne and his staff pretty much cleaned up with about two or three other exceptions.

Unlike past years, practically every major prospect in the state had verbally committed to a school long before the signing date arrived.

Claiborne said he would be mighty pleased with the crop of his commitments, if they all follow through and sign. He has indicated his major disappointment was losing Brohm.

Although some had speculated that Louisville would make major inroads on UK after the Cardinals went 8-3 this past fall, the various verbal announcements seemed to point otherwise.

However, the final tally won't be in until all the signings are released next week.

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HITS AND MISSES . . . Speaking of football recruiting, the noticeable absence
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Ellis-led 'Cats down 'Dogs 73-61

After watching a few horror flicks—game films of previous UK losses—the 6-10 center played a starring role in win

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON — Kentucky center LeRon Ellis oozes with basketball ability.

Unfortunately, the laid-back lad from Los Angeles also seems to snooze at times on the court.

And when you snooze, you lose. At least Kentucky has been when LeRon has failed to set his alarm.

Take Saturday, Jan. 28, when Ellis scored a season-low four points as Kentucky lost to Mississippi.

Last Wednesday night, the "other" Ellis showed up and woke up before some of his severest critics—the Rupp Arena crowd.

Result: Ellis scores a team-high 21 points and nine rebounds as the 'Cats win 73-61 over Mississippi State.

But scoring and rebounding were just two spokes in Ellis' wheel of fortune last Wednesday. The sophomore also had five assists, no turnovers and played some solid defense.

Ellis said he was just concentrating better. But teammate Chris Mills said his teammate may have been up late watching movies.

No, it wasn't *Monty Python's Quest for the Holy Grail*—his favorite. These, in fact, were horror movies.

Like *Kentucky vs. Indiana*. Or *Kentucky vs. Louisville*. Or, the latest, *Kentucky vs. Mississippi*. In each Ellis played the ghost. You couldn't find him. Mills said the study of the horror flicks showed one thing—LeRon was better square than he was leaning sideways.

"We noticed that in every game he didn't play well he would get the ball and turn the opposite way," said Mills.

"From the strong side he would shoot a leaning shot instead of squaring up to the bucket and exploding for the shot. He would be off-balance."

Ellis took the movies to heart. He also became more of an active participant on the floor. Against the 'Dogs, he seemed to be in the flow of the game from the start. He would kick the ball back several times before positioning himself for the pass.

Ellis scored six of Kentucky's first 14 points, including a slam off an alley-oop pass from Mills. This put the 'Cats on top 14-8 at the 12:47 mark.

"He let the offense come to him tonight," said Mills. "When he does that he plays real well."

Richard Williams, the Mississippi State coach, was certainly aware that he caught the Tustin, Calif., native on one of his on nights.

If Ellis hadn't showed up the Bulldogs might have been able to break a horrible string of losses (22 straight) in Lexington.

"Maybe we can win one up here before I die," said Williams. Poor Richard.

The Bulldogs' taskmaster had better not count on it if Ellis and the 'Cats play like they did Wednesday night. Mississippi State played well. But Ellis and Company were exceptional.

Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton said he felt Ellis could have a big night against the 'Dogs—if...

If he came to play.

"I told him it makes no difference if you go out and make mistakes," said Sutton in his post-game remarks. "Just go out and play

hard. And I thought he did that tonight. It's the best he's played in a long time."

Indeed, Ellis was the man from whence all things flowed.

He made things easier for Mills, who had 19 points, including three three-point goals.

Guard Derrick Miller had 15 points, Deron Feldhaus had three boards and some hustle plays, and Mike Scott hit two big shots late in the game to snuff out Bulldog comeback hopes.

"A lot of people were on LeRon after the Mississippi game," admitted Mills. "But we knew we needed him to play well for us to be able to win. We feel he can do what he did tonight in every game."

Kentucky, buoyed by Ellis' play, took a 33-23 halftime lead despite the fact the Bulldogs never missed from the field in the first 10 minutes. For the half they were 10 of 15 (67 percent).

However, the 'Cats took advantage of nine Mississippi turnovers, five steals and a big edge on the offensive boards to fashion their 10-point margin. They also were helped when forward Cameron (Smoke) Burns did not set the gym afire.

But, then, how could he since he got the ball only twice?

"Our guys didn't do a good job of getting him the ball," said Williams. "Hey, he's hitting on 70 percent of his shots. Hey, we just had to do a better job of getting him the ball."

They did the second half. Burns was so hot the 'Cats couldn't touch him underneath as he hit on six of six shots, most of them early in the second half.

When the Smoke had cleared Mississippi had pulled within five points twice, at 34-29 and 36-31.

However, Ellis reacted with a 10-foot jumper and Miller hit a three-pointer to up

the margin again.

Mills then got into the flow as UK jumped out to a 52-37 lead with 9:34 in the game. He hit three three-point shots in this stretch.

"Sometimes when I'm out there I don't feel as comfortable shooting that shot," said Mills. "But tonight when I made the first one I felt comfortable putting it up."

Williams said the shots down by the old Mills stream were ones he would expect from the California freshman.

"He's supposed to be the best player in L.A. the past 7-8 years," said Williams. "I'd expect him to be able to do that. But do you know Tony (Watts) is the best player in Rolling Fork, Miss.?"

The postgame media horde laughed at that. But Watts is no laughing matter. The son of Slick Watts, the former NBA star, he led the Bulldogs with 17 points.

But even as an outside man looking in, Watts could see it was the man from Tustin who was the difference.

"He (Ellis) really hurt us on the boards...he made a lot of second shots," said the slick son of Slick.

That was the Watts line. But Sutton pointed to two other things that enabled his team to rebound from the disastrous loss to Ole Miss.

First, he pointed to UK's edge on the offensive boards as the reason for their first-half advantage.

As for the second half, a timely shift from a man defense to a zone seemed to confuse the Bulldogs. It came after the Bulldogs had closed to 36-31 with 14:54 left.

"Yes, it did bother us," said Williams. "They are so big with Scott and Ellis underneath and Miller out front."

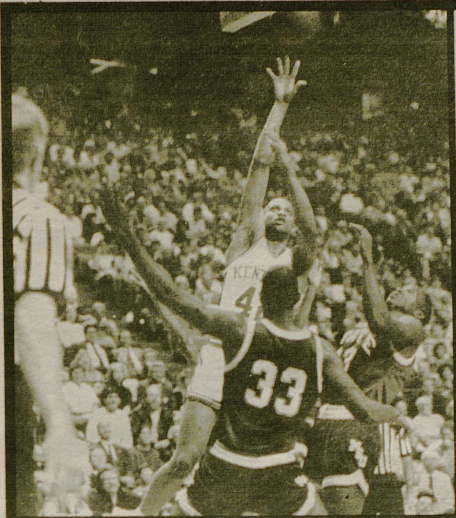
But, in the final analysis, one big man stood the tallest of all. The real LeRon Ellis stood up. And was counted.

UK-Mississippi St. play-by-play

| Time | Kentucky | Score | Mississippi St. |
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| 19:25 | Sutton 16 ft. | 2-0 | |
| 18:24 | Ellis layup | 4-0 | |
| 17:48 | | 4-2 | Lockhart FT, FT |
| 17:41 | Miller layup | 6-2 | |
| 17:08 | | 6-4 | Carter 15 ft. |
| 16:19 | Ellis follow layup | 8-4 | |
| 15:41 | | 8-6 | Watts 17 ft. |
| 14:42 | Miller 12 ft. | 10-6 | |
| 14:15 | | 10-8 | Ch. Nichols layup |
| 13:48 | Mills FT, FT | 12-8 | |
| 12:48 | Ellis alley-oop dunk | 14-8 | |
| 11:39 | | 14-10 | Lockhart layup |
| 11:07 | Miller 18 ft. | 16-10 | |
| 10:57 | | 16-12 | Lockhart 12 ft. |
| 10:35 | Hanson layup | 18-12 | |
| 9:29 | Miller 21 ft. | 21-12 | |
| 8:17 | Mills follow layup | 23-12 | |
| 8:14 | | 23-14 | Watts 10 ft. |
| 7:04 | | 23-16 | Watts 8 ft. |
| 6:40 | Ellis 12 ft. | 25-16 | |
| 5:26 | | 25-18 | Watts 18 ft. |
| 4:55 | Scott 9 ft. | 27-18 | |
| 4:01 | Feldhaus 9 ft. | 29-18 | |
| 3:39 | | 29-21 | Hartsfield 20 ft. |
| 2:49 | Mills 7 ft. | 31-21 | |
| 2:18 | | 31-23 | Burns layup |
| 1:55 | Ellis 14 ft. | 33-23 | |
| HALF 33-23 | | | |
| 19:41 | | 33-25 | Burns layup |
| 18:28 | | 33-27 | Watts FT, FT |
| 18:01 | Ellis FTA, FT | 34-27 | |
| 17:51 | | 34-29 | Ca. Nichols layup, FTA |
| 17:33 | Ellis 8 ft. | 36-29 | |
| 17:05 | | 36-31 | Burns follow dunk |
| 15:55 | Miller 21 ft. | 39-31 | |
| 15:37 | | 39-33 | Burns dunk |
| 15:08 | Mills 21 ft. | 42-33 | |
| 14:53 | | 42-35 | Burns FT, FT |
| 14:45 | Ellis layup | 44-35 | |
| 12:56 | | 44-37 | Burns 4 ft. |
| 12:28 | Mills 20 ft. | 47-37 | |
| 11:23 | Miller 14 ft. | 49-37 | |
| 9:34 | Mills 20 ft. | 52-37 | |
| 9:02 | | 52-40 | Boykin 22 ft. |
| 8:47 | Ellis FT, FT | 54-40 | |
| 8:42 | | 54-43 | Hartsfield 21 ft. |
| 7:21 | | 54-46 | Merritt 21 ft. |
| 6:49 | Ellis FT, FT | 56-46 | |
| 5:30 | | 56-47 | Ca. Nichols FT, FTA |
| 5:05 | Scott tip | 58-47 | |
| 4:37 | | 58-49 | Burns 10 ft. |
| 4:01 | Scott 10 ft. jumphook | 60-49 | |
| 3:27 | | 60-51 | Burns 12 ft. |
| 2:47 | | 60-53 | Burns dunk |
| 2:25 | Miller FTA, FT | 61-53 | |
| 1:52 | Hanson FT, FT | 63-53 | |
| 1:33 | | 63-55 | Watts follow layup |
| 1:25 | Mills FT, FT | 65-55 | |
| 1:11 | Farmer FT, FT | 67-55 | |
| 0:59 | Mills FT, FT | 69-55 | |
| 0:52 | | 69-58 | Merritt 22 ft. |
| 0:32 | Hanson layup | 71-58 | |
| 0:22 | | 71-61 | Watts 24 ft. |
| 0:01 | Ellis tip | 73-61 | |
| FINAL 73-61 | | | |

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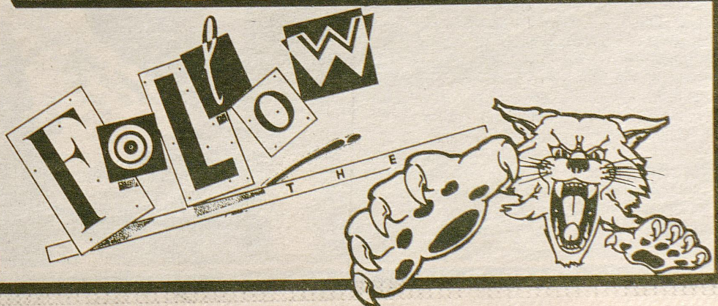
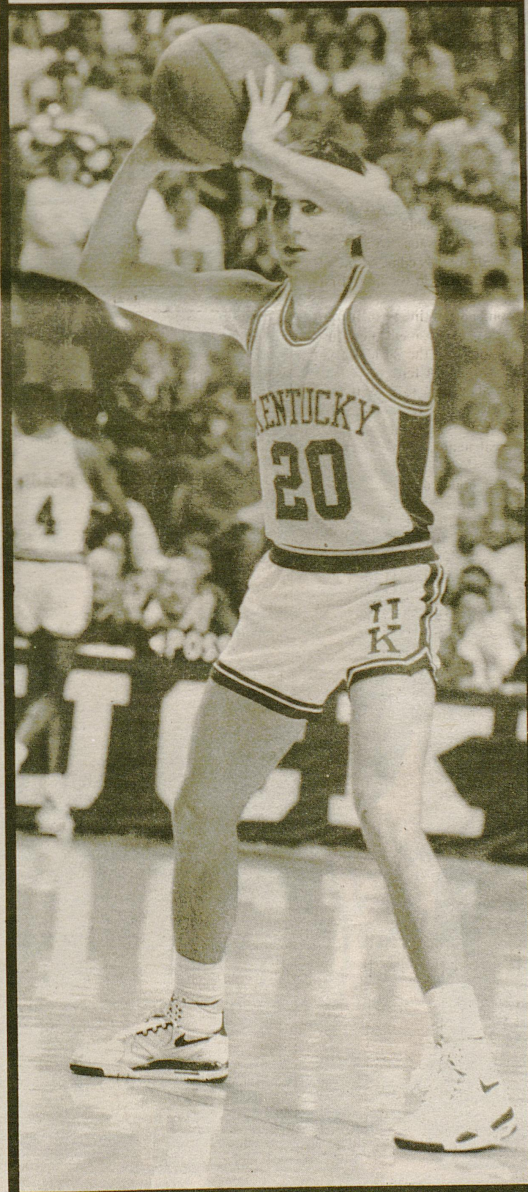
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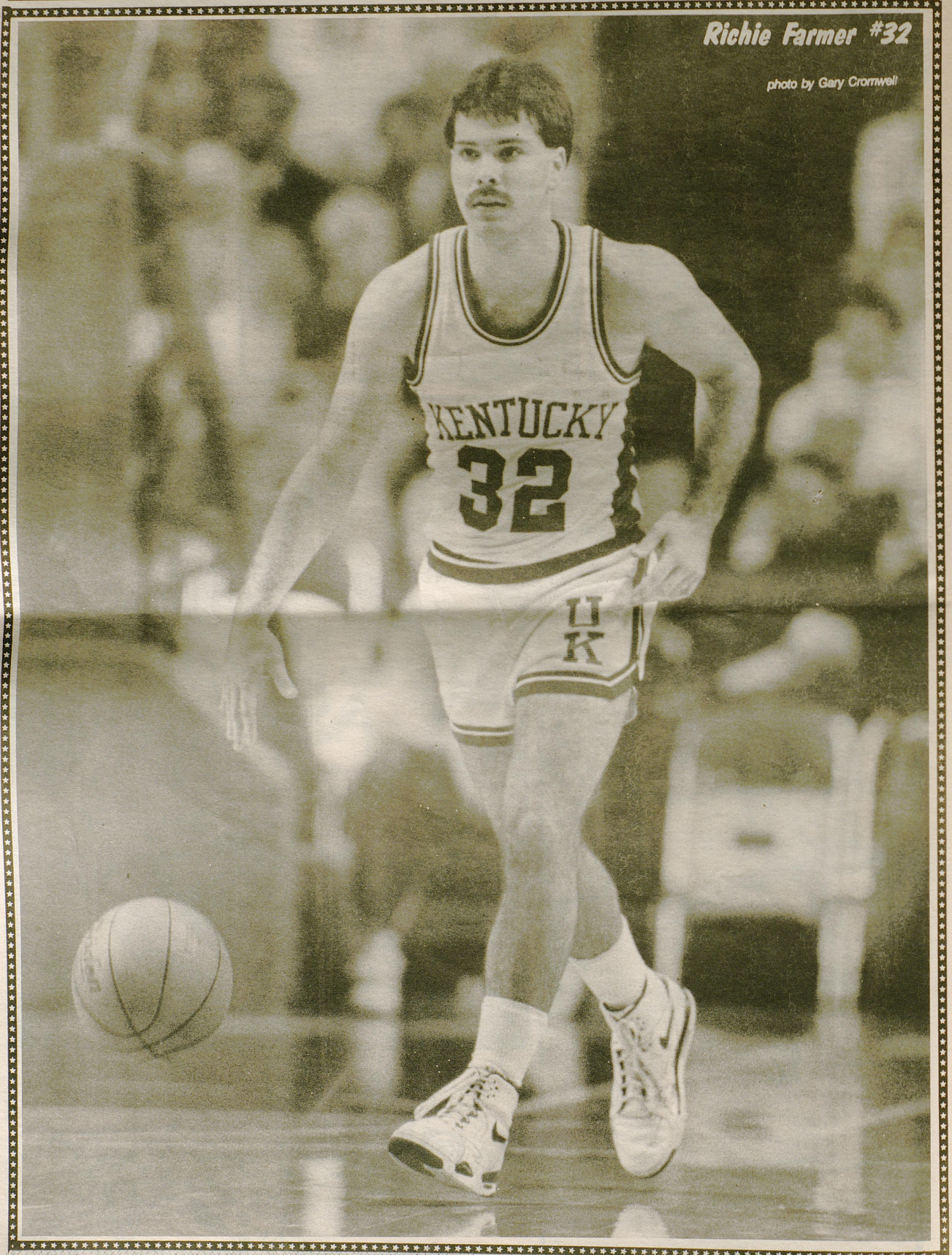
Top left, clockwise: Chris Mills was one of the main reasons Kentucky notched another SEC win, a 73-61 victory over Mississippi State. Mills scored 19 points, including a perfect six of six from the stripe; Richard Williams' club has shown a great deal of improvement, thus a reason for him to be optimistic about the future; LeRon Ellis and State's Chancellor Nichols battle for position; and UK guard Sean Sutton looks to add to his team-leading assist total.

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Richie Farmer #32


photo by Gary Cromwell



Father-son combos nothing new in college hoops

SEC's Suttons, Murphys latest on the list

The father-son, coach-player relationship currently represented in the Southeastern Conference by Eddie and Sean Sutton of the University of Kentucky and Ed and Sean Murphy of Ole Miss is a concept dating back to



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the very roots of basketball.

The first such combo of note involved none other than Forest "Phog" Allen, the "father of basketball coaching," who coached his son Bobbie at the University of Kansas shortly before World War II. The younger Allen averaged 7.1 points per game for the Jayhawks, finishing second to Ralph Miller, in 1940, when low scores were the rule. Allen scored a game-high 13 points as Kansas lost to Indiana 60-42 in the NCAA championship game that year.

Following Allen's example two decades later was his star pupil, Adolph Rupp, whose son, Adolph F. Rupp Jr., better known as Herky, started three of the nine freshmen games in which he saw action in 1960 and was a little-used reserve forward in two varsity seasons.

As a nonscholarship sophomore studying prelaw the following year, Herky played a total of 12:39 in five games, hitting two of three field goal attempts and one of one from the line for a total of five points.

"If I think he can help, he'll play," Rupp said at the time. "If not, not even his mother could persuade me to use him."

The young Rupp was held out of action the following season to "help his development." After scoring only six points (one of seven field goals and four of four free throws, finishing his career with five of five from the line), in nine games and receiving a letter the following season, Herky passed up his final year of eligibility in favor of graduating on time.

"Some people say that you make a mistake letting your own son play for you," Rupp said later. "We tried to get Herky to go to other schools. He said, 'No, I want to go where they play the best and this is the place to go.' Of course, it would have been tough for me going out and telling other people, 'Send me your son,' and then they'd say why didn't you keep your own boy instead of sending him somewhere else?"

After being named head basketball coach with teaching assignments at Atherton High School in Louisville shortly after graduating from UK, the young Rupp said: "My father never encouraged me to coach. In fact, he didn't want me to be one. But I'm going to see how I do and maybe I'll want to coach in college later."

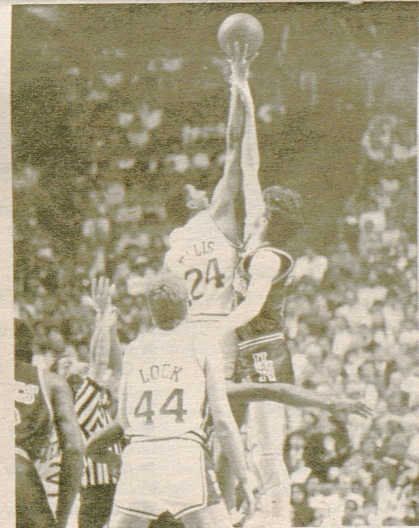
Concerning playing for his father, he said: "It all depends on the father and the son, and it's hard for me to imagine whether I would want a son of mine playing for me. But I certainly don't regret it. I wanted to play under the best coach in the business, and I did."

After a successful coaching career at Atherton and Shelby County, which he took to the state tournament, Herky quit coaching to enter the banking business. His son Chip played at Vanderbilt for C. M. Newton, who was a member of UK's 1951 NCAA championship squad, and then at West Virginia under Gale Catlett, who was an assistant coach at UK during Adolph Rupp's final year (1972) as head coach.

One of "Baron" Rupp's best friends and most bitter rivals throughout the years was Hank Iba, former Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State, coach whose 767 victories rank third to Rupp (875) and Allen (770) on the all-time Division I list of total victories.



UK's Eddie and Sean Sutton (above) and Ed and Sean Murphy of Ole Miss (below), the SEC's two father-son combinations, are carrying on a long tradition of family acts in college basketball.



Allen's son Moe played for him at Oklahoma State and later was head coach at Memphis State University before entering the pro ranks. Eddie Sutton also played for Iba.

Another Hall of Famer, Ray Meyer, fifth on the all-time win list with 724, coached his son, Joey, at DePaul. After serving as an assistant to his father, Joey succeeded him as chief of the Blue Devils.

Allie McGuire was more a floor leader than a scorer while playing for his father, Al, at Marquette. The younger McGuire hit 35.7 percent from the field as a sophomore, 39.9 percent as a junior, and 43.8 percent as a senior for a career average of 38.5 percent. However, he was a good free-throw shooter, hitting 84.4 percent from the line his senior season.

Danny Tarkanian, who played at Nevada-Las Vegas for his father, Jerry, winner of more than 500 games, hit

46.1 percent from the field and 68.9 percent from the line during three seasons with the Runnin' Rebels.

"I've always thought that coaches' sons have a tremendous advantage because they've been around the game so much longer than other people," said Eddie Sutton, whose son Sean was a fixture on the bench while Sutton was coaching at Creighton and Arkansas and during Sutton's first two years at UK.

"I remember at Creighton when Sean was just a preschooler," Sutton said, "and there he was sitting on the end of the bench. Chalk talks, timeouts—he wanted to be a part of everything."

"It's something I've always wanted to do," Sean said of playing for his father, "and it's everything I thought it would be. We get along great. He doesn't treat me differently than any of the other guys."

We feel that news about the sports programs at the University of Kentucky should be required reading for all of the state's high school students.

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Hospital stay makes you rethink your priorities

OK, Eddie: Maybe I'll write a book, too

An aspirin-cured feeling had been in my foot for a couple of days, but when the foot was so swollen that I couldn't get my shoe on, my boss told me, "You're going to the doctor - and no arguments."



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

I know you won't believe this, but I am blessed with a family physician who - are you ready for a shock? - will even come to your home when you need him! Dr. Charles P. Davis took one look and sent me off to see a vascular specialist. He, in turn, called for a non-invasive examination (that means they don't have to cut on you to see what's the matter). A nice lady named Pat Rogers, who has a son at UK, let me look at my own veins, courtesy of an ingenious machine. It took her very little time to discover my problem: blood clot.

Just those words were enough to scare me because it was a blood clot that caused the death of my mother.

So it was off to the hospital. As active as I am, there is no way that I could ever be a good patient. But the head nurse finally figured out a way to keep me in Baptist East Hospital in Louisville: She kept assigning increasingly prettier nurses to fuss at me. No kidding.

This, thank goodness, was only my second time in a hospital. The other time I broke a shoulder when I stepped on my loyal, loving @#&%^ cat.

Then I didn't have to worry about my oldest daughter. Her name is Sarah Cox, M.D., and those initials make her think that she can gang up on me with my other doctors. She's on the staff of Baptist East, an OB/GYN. I keep assuring her that I'm not pregnant and that she has no business sticking her nose into my care - but did you ever try telling a doctor anything?

Seriously, I think it does some of us fortunate ones good to be in a hospital and see some really sick people - and the wondrous physicians, nurses and other personnel who make hospitals miraculous places.

I thought of a recent letter to C.M. Newton, congratulating him on becoming the athletic director-to-be at UK. It was from one of Newton's teammates and roommates at UK, Guy Strong. But the letter also contained the news that one of their friends had died.

A.I. Wiseman had been a lifelong friend of Strong in Irvine, where both had been athletic stars. Strong, Newton and other Wildcats had fed A.I. off their plates when he visited Strong at UK.

A.I. (his name was Abraham Isaac, but one one but his REALLY close friends ever dared call him that) has died a lingering death, a cancer victim.

Strong's letter from one basketball coach to another contained these words, "It makes you stop and think just how insignificant basketball is."

TIMES CHANGE - Speaking of Newton, I had to laugh when I think of how much times have changed since he was hired by Transylvania for his first coaching job.

I was working my way through UK and one of my many jobs was covering the Transy basketball and baseball teams coached by the school's athletic director, Harry Stephenson.

Now when a coach is hired, a big press conference is called and the TV cameras are filled out.



Former UK coach Joe B. Hall, who does color commentary on basketball games for ABC Sports and the SEC TV Network, has shown tremendous improvement as a television analyst.

But I was at Transy on afternoon when Stephenson said, "Don't you go by the SAE house on your way back to (the UK) campus? How about stopping in and telling Newt that we've decided to hire him."

HOW'S THAT? - I found the news story exceedingly interesting when Eddie Sutton announced that he and all of his assistants are keeping diaries so they can write a book or books.

Hey, guys, really it's unnecessary. I've been keeping one for two years and I'll be glad to share. Besides, some of you aren't at practice enough to keep up. I will have to charge you something, say about \$19.95. That's about what my book will cost. I'll even autograph it for you.

OK NOW? - Seeing hospital volunteer Becky Blunk, widow of Courier-Journal photographer Al Blunk, reminded me of a great football story.

Blunk was shooting a Louisville Central football game one night, but he wasn't getting good pictures because everything was too far away.

Central High assistant Edward Q. Adams asked what was wrong. Adams called time and called the quarterback to the sideline. The next six plays were run right in front of Blunk.

"Got enough?" asked the cooperative Adams.

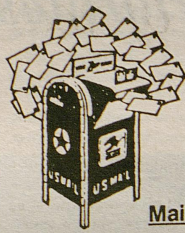
Assured that the C-J man was taken care of, Central went back to its game plan.

ST. X GROWS - When you consider St. Xavier's record in both academics and athletics, the Louisville Catholic school may be Kentucky's finest. Now it's going to get better with a \$5.5million athletic and assembly complex due to start this summer. Included will be an Olympic-size pool, weight room and wrestling room.

OLE MISS TICKETS - Over the years Ole Miss has depended on UK fans from the Jackson Purchase to fill up its gym when the Cats played there. As you know, the school refused to sell Kentuckians tickets this season.

Basketball never will be No. 1 in the Southeastern Conference, but it has come a long way. It used to be that some SEC teams scheduled their home games with Kentucky as places like Paducah, Owensboro and Louisville's Jefferson County Armory.

WAY TO GO, JOE - Joe Hall has improved tremendously since he's been doing analysis for ABC's No. 2 team. I thought he did a fine job with Gary Bender on the Louisville-Ohio State game.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor



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Losing interest, TCP

Dear sir:

I am not as excited about receiving the *TCPs* as I was one or two years ago. At that time, I could hardly wait for the postman to come by on Thursday or Friday, the days he delivered it to my house. But not so now. I wish your sports columnist would go back to the files and pull the issues of the *TCPs* from early 1970 through early 1980. Maybe that would help them improve their sports reports. One more thing. What UK fan wants to read Stan Torgerson's and Larry Donald's reports? I read Stan's column in our local Tennessee newspaper and I sure don't care about reading it a second time. Neither of the two men have anything good on UK to read about. If there is anything, it is negative!

Mr. Combs, you and your sports columnist are not doing a very good job on your sports coverage either. Please lay off the NCAA thing until it is over with. None of you know what is going to happen. The things you all write about the investigation is only your own opinion and it is not good. It is always about what a big mess UK is in. Why don't you look around and see what a mess some of the other universities are in? For the life of me, I don't see how the basketball or football team gets any encouragement from reading the *TCPs*. From your paper the football team would have a terrible season. They ended up with a good season and were on the verge of a great season and a bowl game.

I have just watched the UK and UT basketball game on ESPN. What a game! I am so proud of the team and their coach. I picked up my *TCPs* and look at the *TCP* Board of Experts. What did I see? A 5- to 15-point spread in favor of UT. I would never pick UT over UK (never). That is what I am trying to say: "Where does the team get any encouragement from the *TCPs*?" Just maybe you all will have something good to write about this week. If you don't dwell on the turnovers and what Ellis didn't do right. I got up at 3:30 a.m. this morning to watch the replay. I will repeat, what a great win for UK! Remember the team or coach does not go any place to lose a game, not even Tennessee. I'm sorry that I forgot to mention Dan Brandenburg, he is also doing a good job.

Well, living down here in Big Orange country, life will be very pleasant for a while now with the UK win. We have quite a lot of Big Blue fans in the Tri-Cities area.

While some of your reporters are thinking on what to write about, why not some news print on the fine young men and women in the UK sports program? Some of these being Mr. Randy Holleran, Mr. Oliver Barnett and others. I am sure you could come up with something interesting about these young people. If they played for UT, the paper down there sure would. I didn't even know that LeRon Ellis' sister was on the Lady Wildcat basketball team until the last week or two. Let us hear something about these young people.

I have been a *TCP* subscriber since the birth of the paper and have enjoyed it over the years very much. I just don't think it is as good as it was two or three years ago. How about Miller, isn't he a great shooter! Also

Mills and the others as well.

I would like to say that I'm with the UK Wildcat teams, both men and women all the way—win or lose!

A true Blue Wildcat fan,

Ernest E. Walden
Kingsport, Tenn.

Editors note: Ernest, first of all thanks for writing. We have to disagree with you, though. We believe, in our opinion, *TCP* is better than ever. You must have missed our issues when we featured Oliver Barnett and our postseason story on Randy Holleran after he was named to the All-SEC and other teams. Plus, our columnists have devoted their time to features on Derrick Miller, LeRon Ellis, Glenn Fohr, Jerry Claiborne and countless others. Concerning the NCAA allegations, we wouldn't want our readers to miss a thing, as it seems there are changing developments each week—good or bad news. If we didn't report about the NCAA investigation then we wouldn't be doing our job. In regard to Stan Torgerson's and Larry Donald's columns, they give our readers a broader range of coverage. In Stan's case, he's a veteran of various battles throughout the SEC... and Kentucky is in that conference. Larry Donald is considered one of the country's best authorities on college basketball, so we think that's an added bonus for *TCP* readers, too. Overall, we believe we give you the best coverage on UK basketball, football and baseball. Hang in there, Ernest. Know what I mean?

Proud to be a UK fan

Dear sir:

The Saturday victory over Tennessee in Knoxville made the season! Thanks guys for a beautiful win. Coach Sutton did a superb job of outcoaching DeVoe. I was so pleased and yes, surprised over the win. I am so proud of this group of men. I think this season, more than ever, I am proud to be a UK fan.

These guys have played their hearts out and I will always be a Wildcat fan even if we never have another winning season. But never fear, the Kentucky Wildcats will return. Better than ever, I believe that!

I hope each team member reads this.

And to Sean Sutton, I want to say, don't let those so-called fans get you down. You've done a great job. Any guy who wears the Blue and White deserves the respect of being a UK player. And he gets it from the real fans. The rest don't matter.

I think the coaching staff has done a great job. Every player on this team is All-American in my book.

Just keep up the good work and let's show the nation, "you can't keep a Wildcat down."

Lanny Asbridge
Lilburn, Ga.

Get off Eddie's back

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of (\$28.50) to renew my subscription to *The Cats' Pause*. I am renewing despite

you are against coach Sutton—Please get off his back! He is doing a superior job of coaching with all the adversity he and his coaches and players have had to go through for nearly one year.

Tell me some other coach who could do as well under these conditions? Better still—put yourself in his place and see your reactions.

Praise. Do not condemn!

Martha Taylor
Henderson

Good move, UKAA

Dear sir:

I read in your Jan. 14, 1989, issue of the Athletics Association's decision to take 400 basketball tickets away from the students and make them available to the public. I applaud that action, and urge them to do the same thing, except in much larger numbers, with the allotment of student football tickets.

This past fall we drove 400 miles from Atlanta to attend the "sold-out" UK-Alabama game. Much to my dismay and disgust, almost half of the seats in the upper section on the student side were empty because the students didn't bother to walk a few hundred feet to see one of the most exciting games of the season.

In watching the other televised games, it was obvious that this was not a one-time occurrence.

The Athletics Association should make those seats available to true Wildcat fans until the students "earn" the right to them by proving their support through better attendance. It must be very discouraging for our team to look up and see that huge block of empty seats.

This is the time for all of us—students, alumni and true fans—to rally behind our school and show our continued support.

Go Big Blue!

Ted S. Gum
Atlanta, Ga.

Stuck in Tennessee

Dear sir:

Please renew my subscription to *The Cats' Pause*.

Over the years as a subscriber, I have noted with keen interest the number of letters you receive from Tennessee from 'Cat fans. I used to feel deprived living in Chattanooga, but with *The Cats' Pause* and my satellite dish, it's almost like being home. It is great to be associated with a program that receives such widespread and loyal support in the face of adversity. Without *The Cats' Pause*, it would be impossible to unite the support and loyalty of our fans who seem to spread out all over.

I haven't noticed anything recently on football recruiting. Has Kentucky recruited anyone yet? Any promising JC transfers on the horizon? I have heard that the Kentucky high schools are loaded this year. Any thoughts?

I hope this fall you will give the football 'Cats the same support and emotional charge that you have given the basketball 'Cats in

a, should be, off year. Your publication has a significant impact on the programs and can have both positive or negative effect.

Keep up the good work.

Marc Kenyon
Hixson, Tenn.

Editor's note: Marc, next week we'll give you a thumbnail sketch on each of Jerry Claiborne's football signees. Word has it that UK has landed a potentially outstanding recruiting class.

Happy with coverage

Dear sir:

I really enjoy your magazine *Big Blue Basketball*. I have every copy of your magazine along with every copy of *The Cats' Pause*. I think they are both the best papers on the Wildcat happenings.

Yours truly,

Charles J. Theobald
Louisville

Searching for Dickie V

Dear sir:

Please print in your next edition of *The Cats' Pause* an address in which Wildcat fans can write Dick Vitale in protest to his statement calling Eddie Sutton to resign. This is a matter for UK to decide and I, for one, will not watch any more games Dick Vitale calls on TV.

I hope UK fans will get behind Eddie Sutton and support him until he is found guilty—if he is guilty. He and the players need all the support we can give them.

Thanks.

Faye Roberts
Hampton, Kentucky

Editor's note: Faye, your best bet would be to write Dick Vitale at ESPN, ESPN Plaza, Bristol, Conn., 06010.

An overseas note

Dear sir:

I'm tired of reading of alleged misbehavior by the UK Wildcat staff. My initial reaction was that the whole thing was a set-up and I still think so. The best way to prove a set-up would be to pass a hat and offer a reward for proof that it is a set-up. A big-money reward might start some consciences to work.

It seems awful peculiar that within six weeks of being cleared of the lies spread by lying journalist, that another journalist's brother-in-law coincidentally has a sealed package open up in front of him and a lot of cash fall out.

Let's take off our gloves, offer cash rewards, and expose some liars, wherever they are. If they are on the Wildcat staff, God have mercy on their souls.

C.E. Hayes
Meisenbach, West Germany

For Claiborne, this is most important week of year

Rundown on recruits UK expects to sign

This is the most important week of the year for Kentucky Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff. The battles UK wins, or loses, this week will determine just how well the Cats fare on the gridiron from 1990-93.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"Recruiting is the name of the game in college football," said UK assistant coach Greg Nord. "It makes coaching a lot easier when you have good players."

It also makes winning, something UK has had trouble doing the last four years, easier, too.

This year Division I schools could offer just 25 scholarships and not 30 as they had in past years. That meant coaches had to make earlier, tougher decisions on who to recruit or not recruit.

Still, UK expected a solid recruiting class and figured to fill all 22 scholarships it had available. The Cats had already given three 1989 scholarships to current walk-ons.

Expected to sign this week were:

- **Brian Evans, Pleasure Ridge Park** — He caught 55 passes for 935 yards and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.2 seconds. He was the first player to publicly commit to UK.
- **Eric Carter, Male** — The 6-3, 195-pound running back rushed for 2,470 yards and 38 touchdowns in his career. He averaged 8.3 yards per carry this season.
- **Marty Moore, Ft. Thomas Highlands** — The 6-2, 225-pound linebacker originally told Alabama he would sign but had a change of heart. He intercepted two passes and recovered four fumbles. As a fullback he ran for 986 yards.
- **Scott Gilley, Tampa, Fla.** — The 6-0, 180-pound wide receiver runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds.
- **Wesley Jackson, Manual** — The 6-4, 235-pound center was a first team All-State selection and his quickness is his biggest asset.
- **Salim Shadid, Male** — The 6-3, 180-pound defensive back intercepted five passes. He runs the 40 in 4.6 seconds.
- **Sean Smith, Male** — The 6-0, 225-pound linebacker picked Kentucky over Purdue.
- **Duce Williams, Bethel Park, Pa.** — The 6-0, 180-pound defensive back runs the 40 in 4.6 seconds and can bench press 325 pounds. He was a four-year starter.
- **Billy Campbell, Bates Creek** — The 5-11, 175-pound defensive back is regarded as Lexington's best player and intercepted five passes in 1989. He rushed for 1,285 yards and 11 touchdowns at tailback but was recruited for his defense. He picked UK over Florida and Eastern.
- **Ken Johnson, Riverside, Pa.** — The 6-1, 185-pound Pennsylvania product runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds and was recruited as a defensive end.
- **Jason Dombroski, Trinity** — The 6-3, 245-pound was considered the state's top prep lineman. He runs the 40 in 5.0 seconds.
- **Kurt Johnson, Paducah Tilghman**: He scored 21 touchdowns, including three on punt returns and two on kickoff returns. He caught 36 passes for 594 yards and rushed 47 times for 324 yards. Johnson, who runs the 40 in 4.5 seconds, was the Class AA triple jump champion last year.
- **Terry Samuels, Male** — The 6-2, 220-pound tight end was a second team All-State selection. He runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds.
- **Bobby Henderson, Tyler Junior College** — He's another tight end who can run the 40 in 4.7. He weighs



UK assistant football coach Greg Nord says recruiting is the name of the game.

235 pounds and is 6-3.

- **Rodney Jackson, Tyler, Texas** — The 6-3, 235-pound Jackson runs the 40 in 4.8 and is also a tight end.
 - **John Collins, Madisonville** — The 5-11, 253-pound Collins was a first team All-State pick and played four different positions. Collins, the brother of former UK standout Sonny Collins, runs the 40 in 4.9 seconds and can bench press 410 pounds. He was the Class AAA state shot put champion in 1988 and the state heavyweight champion in power-lifting.
 - **Barry Rich, Monroe County** — A four-year starter, the 6-3, 250-pound lineman was a first team All-State selection and many coaches consider him the best interior player in Kentucky.
 - **David Parks, Villa Rica, Ga.** — He is a 6-3, 245-pound defensive lineman who runs the 40 in 4.9 seconds.
 - **Sherman Williams, Chowan, N.C.** — Another defensive lineman, the 6-2½, 240-pound Williams has been timed in 5.0 seconds in the 40.
 - **Neal Page, Roswell, Ga.** — The 6-3, 225-pound Page is another tight end.
- Kentucky apparently will not sign a quarterback. Paul Hladon of Covington Catholic, considered the state's second best quarterback, kept UK in the dark about his plans until the Cats had committed all their scholarships.
- "He kept jerking the coaching staff around," said one UK source. "He wouldn't schedule a visit and when he finally did, all the scholarships were gone."
- Quarterback Jeff Brohm of Trinity and tight end William Pollard of Ft. Knox, considered the state's best two players by most experts, won't sign with UK.
- Brohm turned down Notre Dame and Vanderbilt along with UK to stay home and play for Louisville. Brohm became the third straight Mr. Football to turn his back on UK. In 1987 Frank Jacobs Newport picked Notre Dame while last year Kurt Barber of Paducah signed with Southern California.
- Pollard, who came to Ft. Knox this year, did pick the Irish and some recruiting experts rank him as one of the nation's best pure athletes. He can run the 100-meter dash in 10.4 seconds and has great hands. He caught 37 passes for 926 yards. His father, Willie, played for the Washington Redskins and his uncle, Frank, is a running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- "You always want to get all the best players but nobody can do that," said Nord. "We lost some players we would have loved to have but we also like the ones we are getting."

NOTES AND quotes from around the Southeastern Conference:

● **LSU Coach Dale Brown** on his team's lack of national recognition after the Tigers' recent win over Georgetown.

"I have my own poll," said Brown. "I don't care whether we're ranked by the wire services. I have a poll for desire, and a poll for hustle and a poll for love, and we're No. 1 in all of those."

● **Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton** on the constant pressure the current NCAA probe has put on him and his team.

"Every night I say a prayer before I go to bed that nothing new will happen," said Sutton. "It would certainly be a great help if we could just concentrate all our efforts on basketball and nothing else."

"We are a young team but we've also had an awful lot of distractions to keep us from getting on any type of a roll. We're no different from a lot of other teams, though. We play well one game and not quite as well the next."

● **How good is LSU freshman Chris Jackson**, the nation's second leading scorer?

"No one realized just how good Jackson would be," said Sutton. "He has to be the surprise player in college basketball this year. Take him off LSU and they would be about where everybody expected. Jackson gives them a new dimension and has taken them up a few notches over what was expected."

"Chris Jackson is the best guard around," said Ole Miss Coach Ed Murphy. "He's better than Rex Chapman. I know everybody in Kentucky will faint over that but it is true."

● **Alabama Coach Wimp Sanderson** on the criticism the SEC has taken this year.

"The SEC is better than some people have given us credit for being," said Sanderson. "We are as good as any league in America."

"The league is very balanced. The problem when you knock each other off is that people have a tendency to think the league is down and that's just not the case."

● **What kind of coach is Dale Brown?**

"Dale Brown is an unusual and controversial coach," said Murphy. "But cut through all of that stuff and he's a good coach. He has the ability to get guys with big egos all playing well together. That's not easy but just watch the way Jackson plays. That's a credit to Dale."

● **What has Chris Jackson thought of his spectacular play**, especially since point guard is supposed to be the most difficult position for a player to step into?

"I'm shocked that I've been able to do some of the things that I've been doing," said Jackson. "Mainly, I thought my freshman year would be like anybody else's. It's a hard time to adjust to playing college ball, learning a lot more things to do. I'm just doing the things I did in high school."

"There was no one really telling me to practice, though the person I always looked up to was Dr. J. Other than that, it was just me. I wanted it so bad. I want to be the best at what I'm doing, that's why I work so hard."

"There's always room for improvement and I'm never satisfied."

● **Mississippi State Coach Richard Williams** on Billy Packer's comments on the quality of high school basketball in Mississippi on a recent CBS game.

"I've never met Billy Packer but the guy left himself open to a lot of criticism knocking Mississippi high school basketball," said Williams. "I'm sure he insulted a lot of coaches and players by talking about how he couldn't understand how Chris Jackson developed so many moves growing up in Mississippi. It just showed a lack of knowledge on his part about Mississippi basketball. We have a lot of good coaches and players in Mississippi. Maybe they just are not as well known as some others. His remarks were somewhat insulting to all of us in this state."

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

(22-game totals, through games of Feb. 5)

Overall: 11-11 Home: 7-4 Away: 2-4 Neutral: 2-3 SEC: 6-4

| player | g-gs | fg-a | pct. | 3fg-a | pct. | ft-a | pct. | tp-avg. | reb-avg. | pf-d | a | to | blk. | stl. | min. |
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| LeRon Ellis..... | 22-21 | 145-274 | 52.9 | 0-2 | 00.0 | 78-108 | 72.2 | 368-16.7 | 121-5.5 | 69-2 | 43 | 51 | 25 | 30 | 702 |
| Derrick Miller..... | 22-19 | 117-233 | 50.2 | 39-94 | 41.5 | 44-58 | 75.9 | 317-14.4 | 66-3.0 | 46-2 | 46 | 44 | 1 | 16 | 626 |
| Chris Mills..... | 22-22 | 121-249 | 48.6 | 13-37 | 35.1 | 52-75 | 69.3 | 307-14.0 | 177-8.0 | 69-4 | 59 | 73 | 19 | 28 | 751 |
| Reggie Hanson..... | 22-22 | 89-172 | 51.7 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 49-64 | 76.6 | 227-10.3 | 101-4.6 | 75-3 | 35 | 42 | 19 | 32 | 722 |
| Sean Sutton..... | 21-21 | 38-92 | 41.3 | 7-19 | 36.8 | 17-33 | 51.5 | 100-4.8 | 37-1.8 | 51-2 | 105 | 51 | 0 | 22 | 676 |
| Richie Farmer..... | 20-0 | 20-65 | 30.8 | 13-43 | 30.2 | 19-22 | 86.4 | 72-3.6 | 16-8 | 16-0 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 190 |
| Mike Scott..... | 22-4 | 26-56 | 46.4 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 12-16 | 75.0 | 64-2.9 | 51-2.3 | 32-0 | 18 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 274 |
| Deron Feldhaus..... | 22-0 | 23-52 | 44.2 | 2-2 | 100.0 | 10-15 | 66.7 | 58-2.6 | 54-2.5 | 25-0 | 13 | 25 | 3 | 9 | 279 |
| John Pelphrey..... | 13-1 | 9-15 | 60.0 | 2-3 | 66.7 | 5-9 | 55.6 | 25-2.3 | 15-1.2 | 19-0 | 16 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 151 |
| Chris Jones..... | 3-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 3-5 | 60.0 | 2-6 | 2-6 | 1-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
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| Johnathan Davis..... | 8-0 | 1-4 | 25.0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 3-0.4 | 9-1.3 | 5-0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| Anthony Mathis*..... | 2-0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 0-0 | 00.0 | 0-0 | 0-0.0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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*Walk-on Anthony Mathis is academically ineligible
 Official stats left off a minute each to Jones and Ginnan

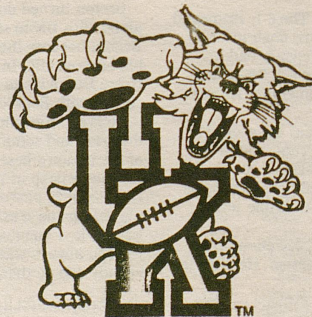
KENTUCKY SCHEDULE, RESULTS

| Date | Record | UK | Opp. | Opponent | Margin | Top Scorer | Top Rebounder | Att. (Site) |
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| Nov. 19 | 0-1 | 55 | 80 | Duke | -25 | LeRon Ellis, 17 | Chris Mills, 11 | 8,908 (N) |
| Nov. 25 | 1-1 | 56 | 54 | Iona | +2 | LeRon Ellis, 22 | Mike Scott, 7 | 3,765 (N) |
| Nov. 26 | 1-2 | 60 | 63 | Seton Hall | -3 | Chris Mills, 21 | Reggie Hanson, 6 | 3,250 (N) |
| Nov. 28 | 2-2 | 89 | 71 | California | +18 | Derrick Miller, 36 | LeRon Ellis, 8 | 3,652 (N) |
| Dec. 3 | 2-3 | 65 | 81 | Notre Dame | -16 | LeRon Ellis, 22 | Reggie Hanson, 7 | 45,214 (N) |
| Dec. 7 | 2-4 | 82 | 85 | NORTHWESTERN (LA.) ST. | -3 | LeRon Ellis, 37 | Reggie Hanson, 8 | 18,932 (H) |
| Dec. 10 | 3-4 | 78 | 60 | WESTERN CAROLINA | +18 | LeRon Ellis, 19 | Mike Scott, 5 | 18,253 (H) |
| Dec. 16 | 3-5 | 54 | 56 | BOWLING GREEN | -2 | Reggie Hanson, 14 | Chris Mills, 15 | 20,875 (H) |
| Dec. 17 | 4-5 | 91 | 78 | MARSHALL | +13 | LeRon Ellis, 33 | Chris Mills, 20 | 18,945 (H) |
| Dec. 20 | 4-6 | 52 | 75 | INDIANA | -23 | Chris Mills, 22 | Chris Mills, 11 | 23,212 (H) |
| Dec. 27 | 5-6 | 85 | 77 | AUSTIN PEAY | +8 | LeRon Ellis, 23 | Chris Mills, 10 | 18,178 (*H) |
| Dec. 31 | 5-7 | 75 | 97 | Louisville | -22 | Derrick Miller, 34 | Chris Mills, 10 | 19,502 (A) |
| Jan. 4 | 6-7 | 76 | 65 | GEORGIA | +11 | Reggie Hanson, 20 | Chris Mills, 12 | 21,209 (H) |
| Jan. 7 | 7-7 | 70 | 61 | VANDERBILT | +9 | Derrick Miller, 27 | LeRon Ellis, 10 | 23,338 (H) |
| Jan. 12 | 8-7 | 69 | 56 | Florida | +13 | Derrick Miller, 30 | Derrick Miller, 8 | 11,751 (A) |
| Jan. 14 | 8-8 | 62 | 64 | LSU | -2 | LeRon Ellis, 20 | Chris Mills, 11 | 24,288 (H) |
| Jan. 18 | 8-9 | 64 | 76 | Alabama | -12 | Derrick Miller, 19 | Chris Mills, 7 | 15,043 (A) |
| Jan. 21 | 9-9 | 66 | 65 | Tennessee | +1 | Derrick Miller, 23 | Chris Mills, 7 | 24,464 (A) |
| Jan. 25 | 10-9 | 86 | 76 | Auburn | +10 | Derrick Miller, 16 | Chris Mills, 11 | 23,506 (H) |
| Jan. 28 | 10-10 | 65 | 70 | Mississippi | -5 | Derrick Miller, 21 | LeRon Ellis, 10 | 7,375 (A) |
| Feb. 1 | 11-10 | 73 | 61 | MISSISSIPPI STATE | +12 | LeRon Ellis, 21 | LeRon Ellis, 9 | 22,017 (H) |
| Feb. 5 | 11-11 | 72 | 84 | Georgia | -12 | Chris Mills, 19 | Chris Mills, 8 | 9,812 (A) |

*Dec. 27 game vs. Austin Peay was played in Louisville's Freedom Hall but is counted as a home game ¹New Rupp Arena attendance record SEC record

REMAINING GAMES

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| Feb. 8 | Vanderbilt (A) |
| Feb. 11 | FLORIDA (H) |
| Feb. 15 | LSU (A) |
| Feb. 18 | ALABAMA (H) |
| Feb. 20 | Auburn (A) |
| Feb. 22 | TENNESSEE (H) |
| Feb. 26 | Syracuse (A) |
| Mar. 1 | MISSISSIPPI (H) |
| Mar. 4 | Mississippi State (A) |
| Mar. 9-12 | SEC tournament (Knoxville) |



Sutton's book talk looks like a bad omen to me

Coach K, Strong look good if Sutton is axed

SO, EDDIE SUTTON wants to write a book. A book that would air out all the dirty laundry surrounding the NCAA investigation of the Kentucky basketball program. A book, he says, that



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Cats' Pause Columnist

would make some people in Kentucky very nervous.

But then he has a meeting with UK acting athletics director Joe Burch and, all of sudden, he isn't going to write a book. Seems he was only kidding, that's all.

But more accurately, Sutton is going to write a book but not now. And it will cover his entire career as a coach, not just the UK investigation.

As for the part about making a lot of people nervous, well, that's still up in the air.

When I first heard the coach's comments, they struck me as a slip of the lip. It was like, read between the lines. I'm telling you something, but I'm not really saying it.

To me, it was the first real hint — although offhanded — that UK was about to take a fall for some major violations. I had suspected it all along, but I didn't know for sure. Everything so far has been little more than speculation, guesses and innuendo.

Here's how I saw it:

A VERY VISIBLE coach in a very visible program — one which just happens to be under NCAA investigation — says he's going to write a book that will make a lot of people nervous. He says some New York literary agents have mentioned six-figure advances for such a book. The agents say such a book could rival the impact of *A Season on the Brink*, the story of Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight written by John Feinstein.

Now I don't know a lot about book publishing, but I know what sells: dirt and lots of it.

Sure, Sutton could write a book about his coaching career and sell enough copies to make it worth his while, but it will never make the best-seller lists.

On the other hand, a book by Sutton about the NCAA probe with enough juicy, inside details and other poop that hasn't yet hit the fan could light up bookstore cash registers across the country.

Then, after Sutton tells some reporters about his intentions and the story hits the streets, what happens?

It's one of two things. Either Sutton thinks the whole deal was blown out of proportion, or he realizes that loose lips sink ships. The coach stands by the former, while I lean toward the latter.

The meeting with Burch, followed by the sudden shift into reverse by Sutton were bad omens.

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IF SUTTON AND company get the ax at Kentucky, who would be a good replacement?

The choice would have to fit one of two molds, as I see it.

One is that it would be a seasoned veteran with a squeaky clean reputation (sort of Jerry Claiborne's hardwood alter-ego). He might be the kind of coach to just stick around two or three years to revamp the program and head it back in the right



UK's LeRon Ellis shows up in the top 20 in a number of SEC statistics—including scoring, field goal percentage, blocked shots and rebounding.

direction before retiring.

The second is an up-and-coming coach who can weather the storm for a few seasons until the controversy has settled and the team is rebuilt for another run at national prominence.

In the first category, an ideal pick would be Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, the school from which UK president Dr. David Roselle hails. But Coach K doesn't seem very interested.

Krzyzewski's name has come up so much, in fact, that WSOC-TV in Charlotte, N.C., reported last week that he had talked with UK about the job.

The station's sports director said the job would be offered to Krzyzewski at the end of the year when Sutton and staff are history. Krzyzewski had no comment.

Roselle said, "No one's been authorized to make that contact, but it wouldn't surprise me if somewhere along there somebody said we'd like you to be at UK. He's (Krzyzewski) a great coach."

ANOTHER GOOD CHOICE would be Guy Strong, a former Wildcat now coaching at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Ky. His coaching resume includes a national championship at Kentucky Wesleyan, an Ohio Valley Conference title at Eastern Kentucky and stints at Oklahoma State and Virginia Tech.

Plus, Strong played on UK's 1951 national championship squad — one of his teammates was recently hired UK athletics director C.M. Newton — and was national small college coach of the year in 1966 while at Wesleyan. Someone by the name

of Adolph Rupp was major college coach of the year that same season.

An example of an up-and-coming prospect might be P.J. Charlesimo of Seton Hall, who has led the Pirates into the national Top Ten.

But, considering the appointment of Newton, look for someone fitting the first example cited above. Newton would have been an excellent choice as coach, but since he already has a new job, I expect someone cast from his same mold would be a favorite.

What do you think? Who would you like to see replace Sutton if that becomes necessary? Who do you think UK would hire if the position was open?

Drop me a line at *The Cats' Pause* and I'll get back to you.

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UP THROUGH THE loss to Ole Miss, here's how some of the Wildcats stand individually among the Southeastern Conference statistical leaders.

LeRon Ellis is ninth in scoring, while Derrick Miller is 14th and Chris Mills is 20th. Ellis is also 12th in field goal percentage, eighth in blocked shots and 20th in rebounding.

Miller is 14th in three-point percentage and fifth in free throw percentage. Mills is eighth in rebounding and Sean Sutton is fourth in assists. Reggie Hanson is 10th in blocked shots, seventh in free throw percentage and 10th in steals.

The SEC leaders are: Scoring — Chris Jackson, LSU, 27.9 points per game; Field Goal Percentage — Dwayne Davis, Florida, 71.3; Three-point Percentage — Keith Askins, Alabama, 50.0; Blocked Shots — Doug Roth, Tennessee, 2.7 per game; Rebounding — Dwayne Schintzius, Florida, 10.5 per game; Free Throw Percentage — Jackson, 81.7; Assists — Gary Waites, Alabama, 6.9 per game, and Steals — Gerald Glass, Ole Miss, 2.9 per game.

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REMEMBER CEDRIC JENKINS?

While Cedric's career at UK was largely unspectacular, his sister Tammye is making a name for herself on the hardwood for fifth-ranked Georgia.

She leads the Lady Dawgs in scoring (15.1) and rebounding (7.5) and is in the top 10 in each category in the SEC stats.

LeRon Ellis' sister Lisa is also coming around for coach Sharon Fanning's UK Lady Kats. She scored 24 points and grabbed 9 rebounds against No. 8 Ole Miss recently.

The Ellis family itself could field quite a team with 6-6 Lisa, 6-11 LeRon, LeRoy Jr. (now at Kentucky Wesleyan), LeRoy Sr. (former pro) and any other random relative.

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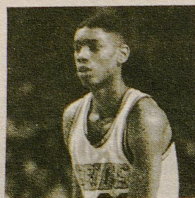
FEB. 8 WAS the first day football blue-chippers could sign national letters of intent and we shall soon know who Jerry Claiborne's Cats came out with in the recruiting wars.

While UK has garnered some verbal commitments from some quality in-state talent, the Commonwealth's cream of the crop continue to go elsewhere.

Wide receiver William Pollard of Fort Knox has said he'll sign with defending national football champion Notre Dame.

The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Pollard said his final five choices were Indiana, Penn State, Nebraska, Florida State and Notre Dame before he narrowed it down to Florida State and the Irish.

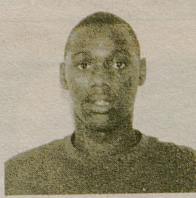
PREP RECRUITING REPORT:



Allan Houston



Travis Ford



Troy Smith



Dan Hall



Sam Liberatore



Greg Franklin

RICK BOLUS' TOP 100 KENTUCKY SENIORS FOR '88-89

TOP 10

| Player | Ht. | Pos. | School | Comments |
|--------------------|------|------|----------------------------|---|
| Allan Houston | 6-5 | G | Louisville Ballard | U of L-bound 2-guard versatile as they come; 24 ppg. |
| Travis Ford | 5-10 | PG | Madisonville-North Hopkins | Missouri-bound lead man is state's top scorer; 32 ppg. |
| Mike Allen | 6-0 | G | Lexington Bryan Station | Shake-and-bake combo guard headed for Georgia |
| Dan Hall | 6-7 | F | Marshall County | Versatile forward scores in or out, should please Vandy |
| Troy Smith | 6-8 | F | Ft. Knox | Stong PF dominates paint but grades point to JC route |
| Dewayne Crittendon | 6-5 | F | Shelby County | More 4 than 3, but athletic forward needs better grades |
| Allen Tolley | 6-4 | G | Louisville Eastern | TCU, Furman battling for this 2-guard who has 16 ppg. |
| Sam Liberatore | 6-5 | G | Bardstown | N. Mexico-bound combo guard deadly from long range |
| Greg Franklin | 6-4 | G | Central City | Southpaw combo guard inked by Austin Peay |
| Mark Bell | 5-8 | PG | Louisville Ballard | Jet-quick PG; Jr. academically; Barton Co. (Kan.) CC? |

TOP SLEEPER

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|--------------|-----|---|---------------------|---|
| Richard Mudd | 6-2 | G | Louisville Waggener | Louisville's leading scorer hits for 25 ppg.; has 3.4 GPA |
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SECOND 10

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|----------------|------|----|----------------------|---|
| Scott Sivills | 6-7 | F | Trigg County | Blue-collar type will play at Murray next year |
| Jaron Brown | 6-5 | F | Louisville Eastern | Cumberland and Georgetown like his 19 ppg.; ACT? |
| Kenny Phelps | 6-0 | G | Louisville Male | Deadly shooter; 23 ppg., grades point to JC route |
| Travis Ziegler | 6-7 | F | Jeffersonton | Georgia St., Morehead like this combo forward; 15 ppg. |
| Leonard Rhodes | 6-6 | F | Fairdale | Leaper who rebounds, runs floor; grades will force JC |
| Donald Smiley | 5-10 | PG | Jeffersonton | Georgia St.-bound PG hits for 16 ppg., must pass ACT |
| Scott Sutton | 6-5 | F | Lexington Henry Clay | Smart 3-man with 3-pt. range, but needs quickness |
| Jerry Hurt | 6-9 | C | Butler County | Academically ineligible this year, thus, JC route for him |
| Andre Jones | 6-6 | F | Lexington Lafayette | Murray St.-bound forward is athletic; needs more offense |
| Al Pouncy | 5-11 | G | Covington Holmes | Deadly shooter with 3-pt. range, grades may be suspect |

SECOND SLEEPER

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|------------|-----|----|-------------------|---|
| Tim Brooks | 6-0 | PG | Louisville Valley | Lightning quick, excels in transition; grades point to JC |
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THIRD 10

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|------------------|------|-----|-----------------------|---|
| Aaron Collie | 6-3 | G-F | Louisville Valley | Marshall-bound; can stroke jumper; is he quick enough? |
| Sean Hammonds | 6-5 | F | Pleasure Ridge Park | Athletic forward must improve perimeter game; ACT? |
| Mike Burd | 6-2 | G | Hart County | Deadly stationary shooter eyeballed by Army, Navy |
| Tony McFadden | 6-1 | G | Bowling Green | Athletic 2-man has tools for lower Division I |
| David Thornton | 6-2 | G | Louisville Southern | Lefty among Louisville's top scorers (24 ppg.); grades? |
| Rob Nunnery | 6-11 | C | Berea | Ideal project for lower Division I; best days are ahead |
| Brett Eades | 6-1 | G | Paris | Combo guard approached by Navy; Needs strength |
| Aaron Greenfield | 6-5 | F | Lexington Bates Creek | Athletic, gets results; in-between size for mid-major |
| Russ Farmer | 6-0 | G | Clay County | Sharpshooting 2-guard |
| Mike Hampton | 6-7 | F | Meade County | Rugged 4-man (plays FB, too) with nice J; Speed? |

THIRD SLEEPER

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| Dondry Gay | 5-11 | PG | Clark County | Athletic; penetrates and handles well but needs better J |
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FOURTH 10

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| Willie Eames | 6-7 | C | Lexington Lafayette | Inside banger with 15-ft. range; No quickness or leaping ability |
| Jon Castleberry | 6-8 | C | Lexington Henry Clay | Transy could lead for this big man with nice stroke in paint |
| Donyel Acton | 6-2 | G-F | Owensboro | Athletic inbetweenner can score, rebound, run; Can he convert? |
| Victor Hunter | 6-4 | F | Glasgow | Among best in 4th Region; scores, rebounds, runs |
| Henry Webb | 6-1 | PG | McDowell | Excellent ballhandler, passer but size, speed will limit him |
| Derek Varney | 6-1 | G | Scott County | Smart combo guard with 3-pt. range; just needs strength |
| Jerry Pelphrey | 6-5 | F | Paintsville | Excels in football; good 3-man for Division II |

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| Lincoln Washington | 6-5 | F | Western Hills | Leaping PF lacks 3-man skills; grades point to JC route |
| Joe McGeorge | 6-1 | G | Bell County | Roundball, football star; good southpaw 2-man for Division II |
| Jerry Gross | 6-1 | G | Campbell County | Bethel (Tenn.) most interested in radar shooter; quickness? |

FOURTH SLEEPER

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| Burt Pouncy | 5-11 | PG | Covington Holy Cross | Quick penetrator; outside shot and grades are suspect |
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FIFTH 10

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|-----------------|------|-----|---------------------|---|
| Steve Devine | 6-2 | PG | Central City | Kentucky Wesleyan-bound floor maestro needs scoring punch |
| Ryan Crutcher | 6-5 | F | Louisville Central | Athletic forward lacks range; Georgetown interested; grades? |
| Rodger Simms | 5-11 | PG | Clay County | Jet-quick lead man fits into transition game; can fill it up |
| Scott Alexander | 6-2 | G | Dilce Combs | Deadly shooter from 3-pt. range, handles nicely at 2-guard |
| Quinn Drake | 6-3 | F-G | Louisville Atherton | Athletic in-betweenner; drills J from baseline; can he convert? |
| Danny Roberts | 6-9 | C | Cumberland | Needs intensity; Cumberland College eyeballing him |
| Chris Collins | 6-1 | G | Paintsville | One of best 3-pt. shooters in nation...if you leave him open |
| Chris Brown | 6-3 | G | Madison Central | Hard-nosed combo guard can light up scoreboard |
| Kevin Mumphrey | 6-4 | F | Carroll County | Agressive defender, rebounder; scores mostly from 15 ft. and in |
| Ryan Harris | 6-3 | F | Scott County | Nice-shooting 3-man; athletic skills; can he play in backcourt? |

FIFTH SLEEPER

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| Kyle Elza | 5-11 | G | Laurel County | Solid 2-man can stroke jumper with range; size will limit |
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SIXTH 10

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|--------------------|------|----|---------------------|---|
| Wayne Ricketts | 5-11 | PG | Pleasure Ridge Park | Excellent in transition; 17 ppg.; JC start because of low ACT |
| Chris Whitney | 5-11 | PG | Christian County | Quick athletic point man can score; size dicates Division II |
| Tom Vincent | 6-6 | F | Edmonson County | Agressive 4-man excels on hardwood and gridiron |
| Dickie Joe Shannon | 6-0 | G | McDowell | 3-pt. shooting his forte; lacks point skills for Division I |
| David Mills | 6-1 | G | Knox Central | Deadly 3-pt. shooter doesn't miss when left open |
| Matt Beck | 6-8 | C | Louisville Doss | Big man's a little soft; Has touch, size but needs strength |
| Kevin Engler | 5-9 | PG | Hughes-Kirk | Lightning quick, makes things happen on both ends; size? |
| Ernest Langley | 6-4 | F | Greenville | Rugged, athletic 4-man; needs to hone J and GPA |
| Michael Kessler | 6-6 | F | Monroe County | Can shoot to 15 feet and run; grades are borderline |
| Chris Slater | 6-0 | G | Pikeville | Combo guard has everything but needs more size |

SIXTH SLEEPER

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|---------------|-----|---|---------------|---|
| Mark Holbrook | 6-5 | F | Morgan County | Can shoot and pass at 3-man or go inside and play 4-man |
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SEVENTH 10

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|-----------------|------|-----|---------------------|--|
| Lee Taylor | 5-10 | PG | Louisville Doss | Quick combo guard can shoot with range; size will limit |
| Ryan Watkins | 6-3 | G-F | Russell | Athletic swingman needs to play harder; grades? |
| Jeff Brohm | 6-2 | G | Louisville Trinity | 2-guard has already signed to play football with U of L |
| Keith Hale | 6-7 | C | Sheldon Clark | Not close to potential; a project for Division II |
| Tyrone Cook | 6-4 | F | Russellville | Quick forward among 4th Region's best; backcourt game? |
| Brian Floyd | 6-9 | C | Louisville Eastern | Little soft, not having good year; has size and nice J |
| Mike Anthony | 6-8 | C | Louisville Central | Project for Division II; needs to develop offensively |
| Charles Webster | 6-5 | F | Pleasure Ridge Park | 4-man tough on boards but low ACT will force JC |
| Jim Hornbuckle | 6-5 | C | Murray | Among top in 1st Region, but can he convert to play forward? |
| Tremayne Donald | 5-10 | G | Paducah Tilghman | Jet quick, needs to develop more control and a J; GPA is 2.4 |

SEVENTH SLEEPER

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| Jason Heinig | 6-1 | G | Bullitt Central | Hit 77 from 3-pt. range in one game this season |
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EIGHTH 10

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|------------------|------|----|----------------------------|---|
| Derek Hamilton | 5-10 | PG | Bourbon County | Penetrator can score and dish off; size? |
| Mark Tandy | 6-6 | F | Louisville DeSales | Mechanical lefty can bang but lacks quickness |
| Herbert Arnarson | 6-4 | F | Madisonville-North Hopkins | Blue-collar 3-man can stroke J with range, but not a guard |
| Bob Mason | 6-6 | F | Paris | Diamond-in-raw combo forward |
| Jonathan Frasier | 5-11 | G | Glasgow | Scoring guard can run all game; needs better PG skills |
| Jerry Jones | 6-5 | C | Montgomery County | Gets results in paint but can he convert to forward? |
| Doug Calhoun | 6-6 | F | Henderson County | Lean forward's best days are ahead; needs strength; 3.1 GPA |
| J.B. West | 6-3 | F | Middlesboro | Power forward gets results; needs to work on J and grades |
| Chris Long | 6-7 | F | Harrodsburg | Late-bloomer needs strength, better J to insure Division II |
| Mike Langhi | 6-8 | C | Marshall County | Best described as a project with best days ahead |

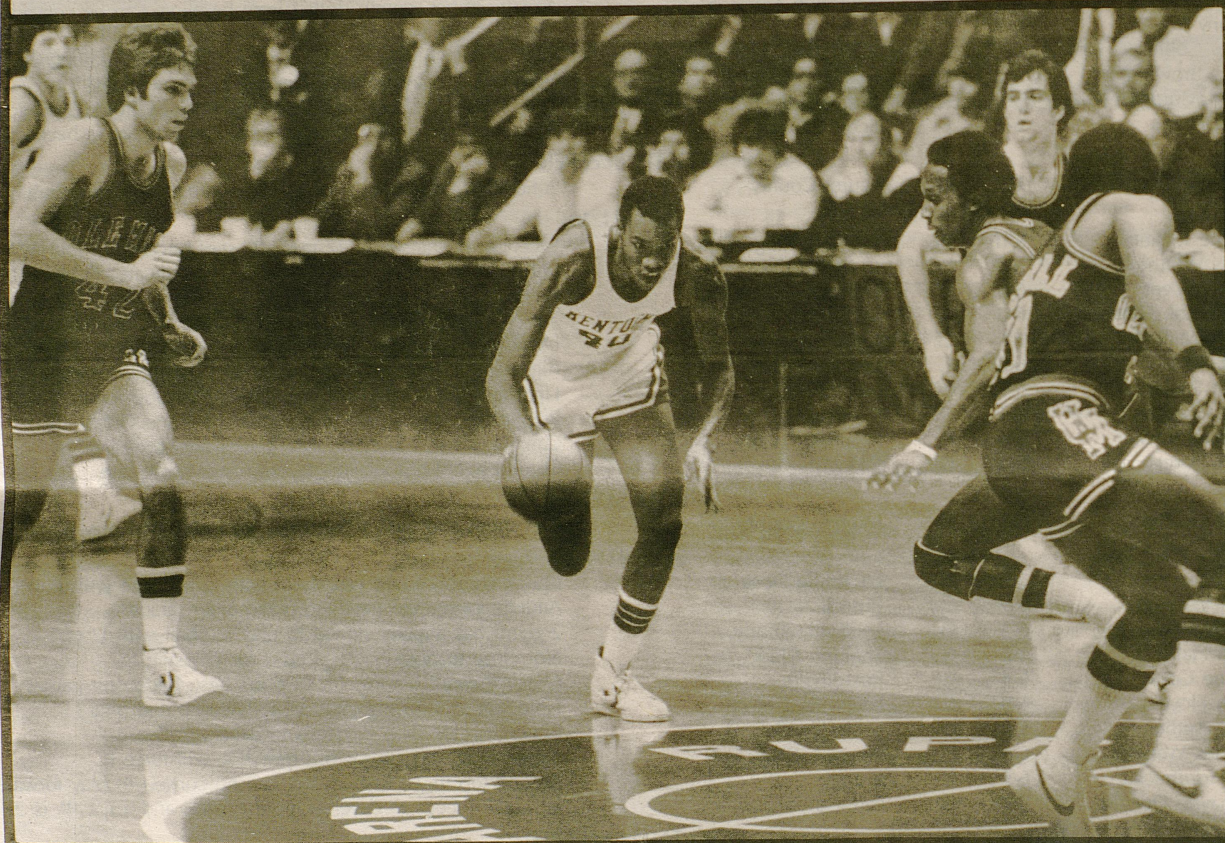
EIGHTH SLEEPER

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| Paul Jackson | 6-2 | G-F | Oldham County | Excellent athlete having fine year; can score with the J |
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COMPLETING KENTUCKY'S TOP 100 SENIORS

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Scott Elliott, 6-6, C..... | Louisville St. Xavier | Jason Hardison, 6-0, G-F..... | Hughes-Kirk |
| Chris Hurt, 6-5, F..... | Metcalfe County | Phillip Ratliff, 6-4, C..... | Lawrence County |
| Curry Edwards, 6-4, F..... | Louisville Butler | Tom Hager, 6-5, F..... | Burgin |
| Brian Compton, 5-10, PG..... | Warren East | Eddie Thompson, 5-9, PG..... | Ft. Knox |
| Marcus Harris, 6-1, G..... | Louisville Moore | Keith George, 6-0, G..... | North Bullitt |
| Freddy Bowling, 6-0, G..... | Virgie | Kenneth Neace, 6-0, G..... | Buckhorn |

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Run-and-gun: The latest trend in college basketball

Yep, 331 points scored in a single game

It's hard to believe how the game of college basketball has changed over the course of the past two decades. First, the dunk was re-legalized in the '70s. Then, the implementation of the shot clock which eliminates stall



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tactics. Finally, via the professional ranks, the three-point shot made its way into the college game.

The changes make you wonder just how such great coaches as Adolph Rupp, Hank Iba, Phog Allen and John Wooden would relate to the current trend of college hoops. It would definitely be a treat just to see how some of the outstanding basketball minds of yesteryear would be coaching their teams with all the new rules changes.

And if you don't think the college game has changed much, then you must have missed the two games this season played by Loyola-Marymount and U.S. International.

Early this year, the clubs lit up the scoreboard for 306 points, Loyola-Marymount coming out on top 162-144. You would have thought it would take a while to top that. And you'd be wrong.

They met again last month with similar results. The Lions won again, this time by the incredible sum of 181-150. No, we're not talking about a late-night NBA tilt featuring the L.A. Lakers, but a college team which broke five NCAA scoring records in a single night.

What would Rupp think? Der Baron would probably roll over in his grave if he ever saw his Wildcats give up those type of numbers in a basketball game.

To get a better grasp of what happened in college basketball's all-time high-scoring game, here are a few tidbits from Loyola-Marymount vs. U.S. International II:

□The total of 331 points broke a single-game record for points scored by two NCAA schools.

□Loyola-Marymount's total of 181 represents the most points ever scored by an NCAA team. The Lions had shared the previous record, 164, with Jerry Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels of UNLV.

□U.S. International's 150 represents the most points scored by a losing team.

□The Lions also shattered the record for most points scored in the first half of a college basketball game, racking up 94 points before intermission.

Maybe the most startling stats to come out of the game, though, were these: On the average, a shot went up every 11 seconds, a bucket was scored every 14 seconds.

It makes you wonder what those former coaching greats would say about how they would relate to the new style of play.

"Everything happens so rapidly you really don't have time to say, 'Wow, look at that score,'" said Lions' coach Paul Westhead, who coached the run-and-gun Lakers in the NBA before coming to Loyola-Marymount. "We just don't ever think about that. It's a rapid-fire kind of game. You kind of wake up about 3 o'clock in the morning to think about it."

As if 181 points weren't enough, Westhead said his club could have had much more had the circumstance been different.

"Not whimsically, I think had the game been closer, we would have stayed firing out," he said. "We missed some foul shots and we were flat for a while, but that's human nature. We also tried to get some people some playing time, so we had the reserves in.



What would Adolph Rupp have thought if he would have been involved in a college basketball game in which 331 total points were scored?

"If it had been a five-point game, we'd have been over 200. But that's for another night."

Not only would Rupp, Iba and Company have a tough time digesting the incredible lack of defense, they would also have a difficult time working the officials.

"You can't question an official about a call because he'll say: 'Which one?'" Westhead said. "Everything's just at such an incredible up-speed."

Yes indeed, this style of care-free, offensive basketball is a take-off from Tarkanian's original version of the Runnin' Rebels from the mid-70s, and the same style employed by big bad Billy Tubbs at Oklahoma, whose Sooners were ranked No. 1 before falling to Oklahoma State last weekend.

Nowadays, it's an ideal style of play if a team has the capable athletes and some depth. But how would some of the great coaches try to stop it? It's a great conversation topic to discuss and one that could receive different responses. In addition, that's not to demean some of the great coaches of the past because I'm sure Iba or Rupp could adapt to this different style of play. But boy, it sure would be fun if we could hear Adolph talk about his scouting report on the running, gunning bombers from Loyola-Marymount.

□**UK NOTEBOOK:** Because of the NCAA's new rule of limiting scholarships per year for college football programs, UK was not able to sign as many in-state players

as it has in the past. UK fans should not fret, however, because not every state school in the nation was able to covet every single prime in-state prospect...Three of the big-name in-state kids who got away from UK were **William Pollard** of Ft. Knox and **Aaron Payne** and **Jeff Brohm**, both of Louisville. Pollard was considered one of the premier prep tight ends in the commonwealth this season and was pursued by many of the so-called big schools. So it was a disappointment to the UK staff when Pollard opted for this year's national champion, Notre Dame. Pollard is not a Kentucky native, however, having moved to the state late in his career, so he didn't have an allegiance to UK. Payne opted for Ohio State. Brohm decided to stay home and join his brother at U of L, where his father also played...Former UK offensive tackle **Greg Kunkel** is getting another shot at the NFL. The New York Giants recently signed Kunkel as a free agent. Kunkel was a late-round draft choice of the Los Angeles Raiders in 1987 and will be attempting his third shot with an NFL club...From the in-case-you-were-wondering department: Louisville center **Pervis Ellison**, who recently went down with a strained ligament in his knee, does have a million-dollar insurance policy with Lloyds of London. According to NCAA rules, players are allowed to take out such insurance on themselves. Arizona's **Sean Elliot** and Florida's **Dwayne Schintzius** also have similar policies. Ellison is expected to return to action at 100 percent this season.



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Questions which pop up every now and then

Stuck with Dale Brown or Linda Evans?

Things I often wonder about

□Is Auburn basketball coach Sonny Smith as funny at home as he is during interviews and press conferences? He may be the all-time SEC humorist and the most



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quotable man in the league.

□Will John Bostick finally get his shot at being a head coach now that C.M. Newton is leaving Vanderbilt for the Kentucky A.D. job? Bostick has been C.M.'s assistant for many years, both at Alabama and at Vandy, and if anyone ever deserved the opportunity to move up, he does.

□What went through the architects mind when he designed the Georgia Coliseum? It has a stage at one end like a high school gym, it's dark like a high school gym, it's drab like a high school gym and it has 11,200 seats like a college gym.

□Will Eddie Sutton survive the current NCAA investigation at Kentucky? Is there a better coach in the country than Sutton? Will C.M. Newton's being named as the new A.D. help him or hurt him? And do Kentucky people realize they've hired a man in Newton who will make his own decisions whether the alumni like it or not?

□Has there ever been another basketball coach like Dale Brown? We don't think so. If we were shipwrecked on a desert island with only one other person for a companion it would be Dale Brown. Other than Linda Evans, of course! There is, I would guess, one thing more interesting than talking with Dale, namely living in a grass shack with Linda.

□Will LSU's Tommy Hodson have the glorious year as a senior he was supposed to have as a junior—and didn't?

□Do you suppose Prop 42 will stay on the books or will the John Thompsons of this world get it rescinded? And if it does remain in effect, will the NCAA finally make high school athletes understand that it is next to impossible to cheat your way into a college scholarship and that you have to study something in high school besides girls and Miller Lite to qualify?

□Does Norm Sloan at Florida have a media friend in this world?

□Is there any basketball coach in this league I admire as a person more than Hugh Durham at Georgia? He tells it like it is, he doesn't jack the press around and besides that he can coach.

□Will we all have to endure four more years of daily Chris Jackson stories in our local newspapers and what can they write about this LSU freshman that hasn't already been written in his first half season?

□What happened to those coaches and writers who griped their heads off when Gerald Glass of Ole Miss was named to the preseason All-SEC team before he had ever played a game in the league? And how good does Glass make those who voted for him feel now because who in this league is any better?

□Will Alabama people ever get off Bill Curry's back and let him get about his job of winning football games which he does very well?

□Has the rash of discipline problems around the country in both football and basketball finally made fans realize that these kids are just that—kids—and that disciplining them is just as important as coaching them?

□Has there ever been a better basketball official in the SEC than Don Rutledge and if so, who?

□Do you agree the conference basketball tournament is the one most exciting sports event of the SEC year and if not, which would you nominate but please don't say the Sugar Bowl?

□Have we ever had a better collection of school presidents than those in the conference right now and has there ever been a sharper division between the good athletic directors and the bad ones? There are some great leaders in the various athletic departments around the SEC and there are also several who couldn't manage a discount shoe store.

□How long before the NCAA member schools vote to allow a 12th regular season football game?

□Can Tennessee, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and LSU feel certain they will continue to sell out their big football stadiums in the face of an ever increasing number of games on free TV?

□Speaking of free TV, how long before we have to pay for games and events which we can now watch for nothing?

□Will the Georgia football program stay up now that Vince Dooley is gone?

□Could this be the year someone wins the league basketball championship with six defeats? It's never happened, but it's possible.

□Can Pete Maravich's scoring record ever be topped and isn't that the most foolish question of all because it never can and it never will?

□Or is the most foolish question of all the one in which somebody wonders whether an Ole Miss or a Mississippi State or a Kentucky or a Vanderbilt might consider getting out of the Southeastern Conference when in actuality their conference affiliation is their most valuable possession?

□**NOT FOR BROADCAST:** The technical foul on the Vanderbilt crowd for throwing tennis balls at Florida's Dwayne Schintzius marked the third time this year a Gator opponent has been hit with a "T" for the same reason. In Vanderbilt's case it cost the Commodores the game since Schintzius made both free throws with one second to play and sent the game into overtime where Florida won it. . . Before the season started Don Kessinger, former Ole Miss great and color man on their radio broadcasts told me Gerald Glass could be the greatest basketball player ever to wear the Red and Blue. "Better than you," I asked, "or John Stroud?"

"Better than anyone," Don said. Now at the mid-season mark it's obvious Don was right. . . Mississippi State and Ole Miss have split their season series in each of the last four basketball campaigns with each school prevailing on its home floor. . . Basketball has caught fire in Alabama. The Tide says it expects the remainder of its home games to be sellouts. . . Kentucky's win over Tennessee in Knoxville marked only the third time a Wildcat team had won on the Vols' home court since Adolph Rupp retired in 1972. Further, the crowd of 24,464 was the largest to ever witness an SEC game. . . When you think Auburn, don't think 1989. Just remember Sonny Smith has taken his team to five straight NCAA appearances and an average of 20 wins per season over those five years. He's down now, but he'll be back. As a matter of fact, with what little he has left, Sonny has his team playing pretty well. The Tigers are not winning, but they are competitive. . . When Georgetown played LSU in New Orleans, it was virtually old home week for the Hoyas. Four New Orleans players have signed with coach John Thompson in the last five years. . . Not since Tennessee's famed Ernie and Bernie show with Ernie Grunfeld and Bernard King has the SEC seen a tandem like LSU's Chris Jackson and Ricky Blanton. The two of them are averaging almost 52 points per game which is even better than Grunfeld and King who hit for 51.5 between them in 1976. . . Auburn's Smith, analyzing his team: "We're just not big enough or strong enough to take the night after night pounding." . . Ole Miss has a 900 number their fans can call on national signing day to keep up with their football recruiting. It costs 50 cents to hear the constantly updated recorded message. Last year saw 4,940 calls made to the recruiting number which represented 10,720 minutes. . . No one questions that the SEC is down this year but has there ever been a better collection of young talent come into the league? Two or three years from now we may see the highest of competition in SEC history. . . The Florida radio play by play job is open. Announcer Dave Steele has resigned to become the voice of the new Orlando NBA team.

THE LAST WORD: LSU athletics director Joe Dean commenting on the effect of Proposition 42:

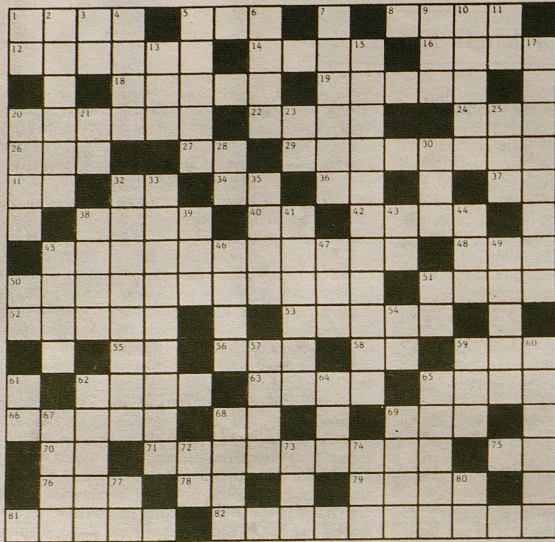
"People want LSU to be like Harvard during the week and play like Oklahoma on the weekends."



Sure, Sonny is having a rough time this year, but let's don't forget his past record

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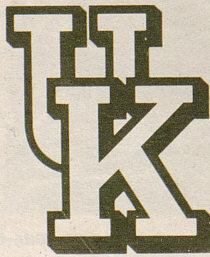
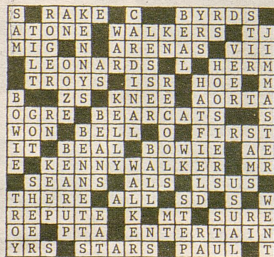
By Dan Krueckerberg



CATS ON THE LINE: TOP FREE THROW SHOOTERS

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 In this manner | 1 Initials of Terry; led '63-'64 Cats |
| 5 61 Down made 438 | 2 in FTage |
| 8 First name of 43 Across | 3 FTage led #1 Cats of '51-'52 |
| 12 Hit 95 of 106 FTs in '81-'82 | 4 You and I |
| 14 Abbr. for "American" | 4 FTA or FTI for Cats on the line |
| 18 Feminine name | 5 Shot over 500 FTs as '50s Cat |
| 18 Anew | 6 Macy 115 of 129 FTs in '77-'78 |
| 19 Hit 81% of FTs as '74-'75 freshman | 7 Addictive narcotic |
| 20 Led "Fiddlin' Fiver" in FTage | 9 See 30 Down |
| 22 Led "Rupp's Runts" in FTage | 10 Kingly |
| 24 "Run _____ gun" | 11 Initials of FTage leader of "Fab Five" |
| 26 Years B. Coffman led Cats in FTage | 13 The self |
| 27 Initials of Cat with most FTs in one year | 15 Rupp's last top FT shooter |
| 29 Led '50-'51 Cats in FTage | 17 Hit most FTs(131) among all Cat freshmen |
| 31 Follows "Q" | 20 Led Joe's '82-'83 Cats in FTage |
| 32 Initials of Don; hit 101 of 122 FTs as a junior in the '50s | 21 Abbr. for a football position |
| 34 Initials of '49-'50 FT leader Bill | 23 Initials of 15 Down |
| 36 Abbr. for an European country | 25 The _____ teams include Cubs and Reds |
| 37 Abbr. for class of S. Baesler when he hit 85.52 of his FTs in '62-'63 | 28 Initials of Hall/Sutton Cat who attempted over 500 career FTs |
| 38 Placed | 30 With the timeout they hoped to "_____" |
| 40 Initials of 57 Down | 31 Made most FTs by a Cat senior |
| 42 Abbr. for "election" | 33 Big Ten state |
| 45 Hit 87.3% of FTs for Hall's '80-'81 Cats | 35 Valuables container |
| 48 Beagle mate | 38 Exit |
| 50 Successful on 83 of 100 FTs in '73-'74 | 39 Excavate |
| 51 Cart animals | 41 Shot nearly 80% from the line in great Cat career of the '70s |
| 52 Former Attorney General | 43 Initials of '60s Cats' top FTage shooter |
| 53 _____ location is in North Carolina | 44 As soph. he led '56-'57 Cats in FTage |
| 55 Initials of Eddie's boy | 45 Join |
| 56 _____ Diego | 46 Ages |
| 58 Question response | 47 Lamprey |
| 59 Kyle Macy holds the _____ career record with 89.0 FTage | 49 Macy seemed to _____ miss a FT |
| 61 _____, nickname is the Tigers | 50 Initials of Cat with amazing 91.2 FTage in one season |
| 65 Watery parts of blood | 51 Initials of ML shortstop Smith |
| 66 Traded | 54 _____ one could shoot FTs better than Kyle |
| 68 Initials of '40s Cat England | 57 His 180 FTs made in one season was record which stood for 21 years |
| 69 Airport abbr. | 59 Body of water |
| 70 Abbr. for "troop" | 60 Mike _____ FTage was 78.5 in Cat career |
| 71 Led '49 National Champs in FTage | 61 1st name of fine FT shooter for coach E.S. |
| 75 Initials of Bill; FTage leader of the undefeated '53-'54 Cats | 62 Two-time '60s FT leader Furestful |
| 76 Circle part | 64 Abbr. for "United Arab Republic" |
| 78 _____ A or RNA | 65 Stem |
| 79 SEC foes | 67 Etc. mate |
| 81 Hall's first top FT shooter | 68 Hit 82 of 93 FTs in '70-'71 |
| 82 _____, 80% from the line came in Cat career of early-'70s | 69 Michigan State TB Blake |
| | 72 _____ hit 99 of 119 FTs as '66-'67 senior |
| | 73 Made Wrigley famous |
| | 74 Eggs |
| | 77 _____ made 480 FTs in '60s Cat career |
| | 80 Compass abbr. |

Last Week's Answers



UK-Vandy to be an emotional affair; Gators have improved

Compiled by The Cats' Pause staff

When C.M. Newton was named Kentucky's new athletics director last month one of the first questions asked to the Dean of the SEC was: "How special will the Kentucky-Vanderbilt game be on Feb. 8 in Nashville?"

Newton, as cool and crisp as the air in Alaska, noted that it would be no different than any other Wildcat-Commodore matchup. "We're just going to try to beat their families," the Vanderbilt coach, who takes over at UK on April 1, replied. "Just like they will try to do to us."

It's interesting to note that both the Cats and Commodores are 6-4 in conference play, trailing SEC leader LSU by a full game.

Like UK, Vandy, too, had a chance to tie for the lead last Saturday. But a 77-67 setback at Alabama destroyed that possibility. In that game, designated three-point bomber Barry Booker tied his school record of seven bonus shots. Earlier this season he hit seven.

While Booker was scoring 23 points, his backcourt mate Barry Goheen was having his share of troubles. The Marshall County product hit on only one of 11 attempts for the field for a total of three points.

Earlier last month it was Goheen who by himself almost pulled out a win for Vanderbilt in Lexington. His 20-point effort, six of 10 from three-point land, cut a UK 16-point advantage to two points. UK was able to hold on to preserve a 70-61 victory. The loss was Vandy's first in conference play.

Junior guard Derrick Miller scored a game-high 27 points, five coming from three-point distance, as the Cats at the time posted their second conference win in as many tries.

As far as postseason possibilities are concerned both Vandy, 12-10, and Kentucky, 11-11, are hanging on for dear life. A couple of losses down the stretch might mean that the 'Dores and 'Cats would be faced with winning the SEC Tournament, thus an automatic bid in the NCAA's.

Florida versus Kentucky: Florida will be looking for revenge when the Gators invade Lexington this Saturday. Although Norm Sloan's team dropped a non-conference decision to a veteran Stanford team, 84-69, the Gators were able to come back the next day (last Sunday) to defeat Ole Miss 78-67.

The Gators have been playing well of late, winning four of their last five conference games. The last time these two teams got together Kentucky easily handled Sloan's club with a 69-56 win in Gainesville. Again it was Miller leading the way, contributing team-high efforts in points (30) and rebounds (8). Kentucky's only other win away on the road was a one-point win in Knoxville.

UK OPPONENTS' PROBABLE STARTERS
Vanderbilt

GUARDS: Barry Goheen (6-3, senior, 20 points in last outing against UK)
Barry Booker (6-3, senior, 14 points against UK)

Derrick Wilcox (5-11, junior, 0 points against UK)

FORWARD: Eric Reid (6-8, junior, 11 points against UK)

CENTER: Frank Kornet (6-8, senior, 12 points against UK)

FLORIDA

GUARDS: Renaldo Garcia (6-2, sophomore—6 points in last outing against UK)

Clifford Lett (6-3, senior, 5 against UK)

FORWARDS: Dwayne Davis: (6-7, sophomore, 5 points against UK).

Livingston Chatman (6-8, sophomore, 6 points against UK)

CENTER: Dwayne Schnitzius (7-0, junior, 20 points against UK)



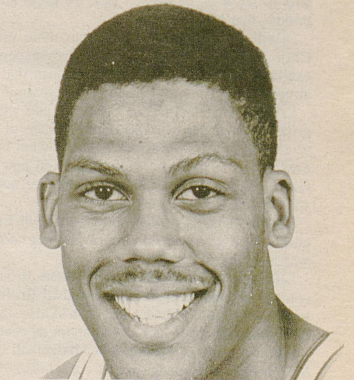
C.M. Newton



Barry Booker



Norm Sloan



Livingston Chatman

Ohio State could be big surprise in NCAA tourney

Don't be fooled by LSU-G'town: SEC is down

□ Gary Williams makes an interesting statement about his Ohio State team when he says: "We are a tough team to play once." Because the Buckeyes go at such a frenetic pace and because they are starting to get con-



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tributions from Prop 48ers Treg Lee and Eli Brewster, this really is the kind of team which could make a deep run in the NCAA tournament—which is, as you recall, a one-game knockout affair...

□ It isn't likely that Kendall Gill would be available to Illinois until at least the first round of the NCAA tournament and that's not good news for Lou Henson's club. As the coach points out, the loss of Gill is especially difficult for the team to absorb because he now must use two or three players in a rotation to create the same things Gill provided. In the end, it will probably be what shortstops Illinois' bid for Seattle...

□ There's talk of seven Big East teams getting invites to the NCAA tournament, and I suppose that's possible, but six is probably more realistic. Villanova, which played an excellent pre-league schedule, is on the bubble along with Providence, which had a lot of easy Ws in the lineup, Pittsburgh, they of the impressive win list, and UConn. There'll be a heightened sense of desperation for these teams coming down the stretch. A pretty good basketball team will probably get left home...

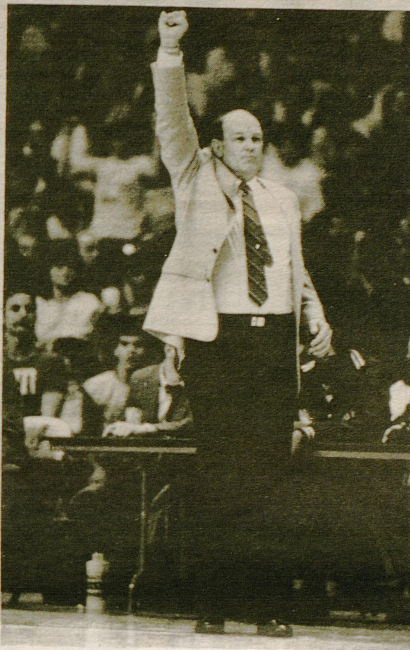
□ Don't be fooled by LSU's heroic win over Georgetown in the Superdome. True, the win does give the beleaguered SEC something about which it can brag, but the conference is still woefully down. Looking back to last spring, it is easy to suggest that Kentucky and Florida seemed to have all the credentials to be Top Twenty teams, but it has all fallen apart for those two programs. Tennessee isn't as good as anticipated. Ditto Georgia. I'll buy the argument that it is a league with young talent, but I'm not sure anyone can reasonably explain how a conference located in the proximity to the kind of talent afforded these schools could ever run into such a drought...

□ To date, no one's in sight of Indiana's Bobby Knight for Coach of the Year honors. His Hoosiers absorbed some awful beatings early in the year, but have rallied to lead the Big Ten as the season passed the halfway mark. Nobody expected that to happen. One thing that's interesting about Knight is his ability to adjust as a coach. For a personality which comes across as so inflexible to the public, he changes style when he walks to the chalk board. I've said I don't think the Hoosiers can make a deep tournament run with a lineup that small, but, like Ohio State, Indiana is probably a difficult team to play once...

□ Hard Luck Club of the Year? Easily Arizona State. The three top players, Tarence Wheeler, Emory Lewis and now Mark Becker have been lost for the season with injuries. Good-guy coach Steve Patterson deserves something kinder...

□ It's kind of funny to listen while NBA scouts talk about the pro potential of Ohio State's Jay Burson. He's got them confused and uncertain, a situation I've never seen in all my basketball years. I mean those guys are never in doubt...

□ Grumbings are being heard down in Dayton, where longtime coach Don Donoher hasn't won much lately. And how about this from former Marquette player Marc Marotta on Warriors' coach Bob Dukiet: "I don't know why they haven't made a change yet. The alumni



James Madison coach Lefty Driesell is having problems of late waving in opposing teams to his home court.

at Marquette would have to be a bunch of androids not to be upset with what's going on!...

□ Kentucky's Eddie Sutton is threatening to write a book if he's pushed out in Lexington and former Indiana star Steve Alford is said to be authoring a book on life with Bobby Knight. This has certainly become a new facet of college basketball, one which signals the newfound and widespread interest in the game. Think about it, do you think some ex-player's book on Adolph Rupp would have been a big seller 20 years ago?...

□ Please, a little objectivity where Michigan's Glen Rice is concerned. The guy is a vertical player, meaning everything he does is in a straight up-and-down manner. There's nothing that's lateral in his game. I think he's a good enough shooter and athletic enough to play in the NBA, but his limitations will become more obvious at that level...

□ One player the pro scouts love is Florida State's George McCloud. He's 6-9 and a great perimeter shooter, having already won a couple of games for the Seminoles at the wire. Consensus is he'll be the first guard taken in next June's NBA draft...

□ Right now speculation is that Louisville's Pervis Ellison would be the top pick, although who shows up from the undergraduate ranks will greatly shape the route of the draft...

□ Minnesota certainly has turned its program around, having become almost unbeatable at home. The Gophers still haven't learned the fine art of winning on the road, but the Big Ten team which wins the conference will have to chalk up a win in Williams Arena and that, obviously, is no easy task...

□ They tell me one of the most exciting shows in college basketball is Blue Edwards at East Carolina. He's been lighting it up for the Pirates this winter...

□ I still get a bit sad watching Bill Foster, a distinguished coach, trying to coax something out of Northwestern. Given all he's endured over the years, surely there's got to be a better fate than caretaking a Wildcat program which, simply, isn't given the equipment to compete in the Big Ten. Frankly, I'd like to see



him get a shot elsewhere and at least be able to go away from the coaching game with a degree of dignity...

□ Lefty Driesell is finding it difficult to get teams on his schedule at James Madison. The big-timers are not interested in a home-and-home deal because JMU has a number of talented transfers sitting out (Steve Hood and Fess Irvin) and no one goes on the road much anymore when there's a reasonable chance to lose. Unless, of course, television pays them to do so...

□ Jeff Lebo's dad, Dave, formerly a highly-successful coach in Pennsylvania (his teams won that state's last four state championships with Lebo and Billy Owens), has taken a year's sabbatical to be able to see all of his son's games at North Carolina...

□ La Salle's move out of the Palestra (the Explorers will begin using the old, but refurbished, Civic Center as a home court) is another strike at the Big Five. Director Dan Baker is trying to keep this storied group together, but as college basketball evolves into the 1990s it looks like the Palestra will be dark on more and more nights...

□ Among those teams who'll tee it up next Thanksgiving in Maui are Louisville, North Carolina, Villanova and Missouri. Sounds to me like that's the basketball place to be...

□ Proving the old adage the numbers in sports often lie, Loyola-Marymount's Hank Gathers leads the nation in scoring and rebounding (opportunity is almost everything), yet I don't hear pro scouts raving about his potential to play in the NBA...

□ "To be honest," says Pitt's Brian Shorter, "I'm surprised to be doing the things I'm doing so far."

Imagine how Panther opponents must feel and try to imagine how good the kid will be next year when a wave of freshly-recruited frontcourt talent wanders in. He seems to be one of the few Prop 48ers able to shake off the effects of a year in moth balls and contribute immediately.

□ Michigan's Terry Mills, for instance, is a mere shadow of his high school self and Marcus Liberty, an all-world proposition coming out of high school, hasn't helped much at Illinois yet...

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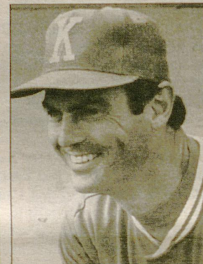
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| Basketball: Syracuse (A) noon CBS | Baseball: Penn State (at Lakeland, Fla.) 1 p.m. | Baseball: Arkansas (at Lakeland, Fla.) 1 p.m. | | | | |
| Baseball: Penn St. (DH) (Lakeland) 11 a.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | |

PREVIOUS GAMES

- Jan. 3: Women's Basketball—Morehead def. UK 74-70
- Jan. 4: Basketball—UK def. Georgia 76-65
- Jan. 6: Women's Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 74-68
- Jan. 7: Basketball—UK def. Vanderbilt 70-61
- Jan. 8: Women's Basketball—UK def. Middle Tennessee 68-66
- Jan. 11: Women's Basketball—UK def. Eastern 83-77 (OT)
- Jan. 12: Basketball—UK def. Florida 69-56
- Jan. 13: Women's Basketball—UK def. Marshall 72-61
- Jan. 14: Basketball—LSU def. UK 64-62
- Jan. 16: Women's Basketball—UK def. Kentucky State 91-53
- Jan. 18: Basketball—Alabama def. UK 76-64
- Jan. 18: Women's Basketball—UK def. Louisville 77-73
- Jan. 21: Basketball—UK def. Tennessee 66-65
- Jan. 21: Women's Basketball—Tennessee def. UK 101-87
- Jan. 24: Women's Basketball—Western def. UK 79-75
- Jan. 25: Basketball—UK def. Auburn 86-76
- Jan. 28: Basketball—Ole Miss def. UK 70-65
- Jan. 28: Women's Basketball—Ole Miss def. UK 70-52
- Feb. 1: Basketball—UK def. Mississippi State 73-61
- Feb. 4: Women's Basketball—Georgia def. UK 92-70
- Feb. 5: Basketball—Georgia def. UK 84-72



Eddie Sutton



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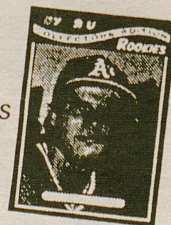
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on UK's list of commitments was the quarterback position. One football observer said, however, that UK still might spring a surprise within the next week or so . . . **Host Communications** of Lexington will be returning as the radio rights holder for the UK football and basketball games this fall after a nine-year absence. Host produced UK basketball and football for UK in the 1970s but the **Kentucky Network** has held rights since the early 1980s. Host Communications wrestled the rights from Kentucky Network last week when the Lexington firm offered some \$2.7 million for a three-year contract. Host's bid was about \$70,000 more than the runner-up Kentucky Network and third-place **Clean Channel Communications** (which owns WHAS Radio in Louisville), which bid about \$2.5 million. The winning bid is

almost \$1 million higher than the current contract. Host scored another big victory the same day, winning television rights to both UK football and basketball for the next three years. The firm, headed **Jim Host** (who is a UK alum), also produces game-day programs for the university as well as the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference. Final approval, according to UK officials, is a formality and should come at the next meeting of the UK Athletics Board. And what was Host's reaction to winning the bid? "Well, it ain't over 'til the fat lady sings," said Host to one of his officials who had attended the bid opening. Host said he had not had time to get into the inner-dealings on which stations in the big-city markets of Louisville and Cincinnati would be carrying the games next year. "Obviously, I would like to see it like it was in the old days with WHAS," said Host, "but it

isn't. I just haven't had time to get into that because of all the other things we're doing with the NCAA. I expect to spend some time on that in the near future though." Host also revealed that the Voice of the Wildcats, **Cawood Ledford** will be around for at least one more year as the play-by-play announcer. Host, who is in partnership with Ledford, said the two sit down each year to discuss the future. "Cawood has been working on a year-to-year deal with the Kentucky Network. We met just recently and whether or not he'll be around one or five years, I don't know, but he will definitely be back next year." More next week on different avenues UK radio and television may be headed in the next few years . . . What a big, big victory that was for **Leonard Hamilton** and his Oklahoma State Cowboys last Saturday in Stillwater. Hamilton, the ex-UK assistant, and his Cowboys shocked No. 1

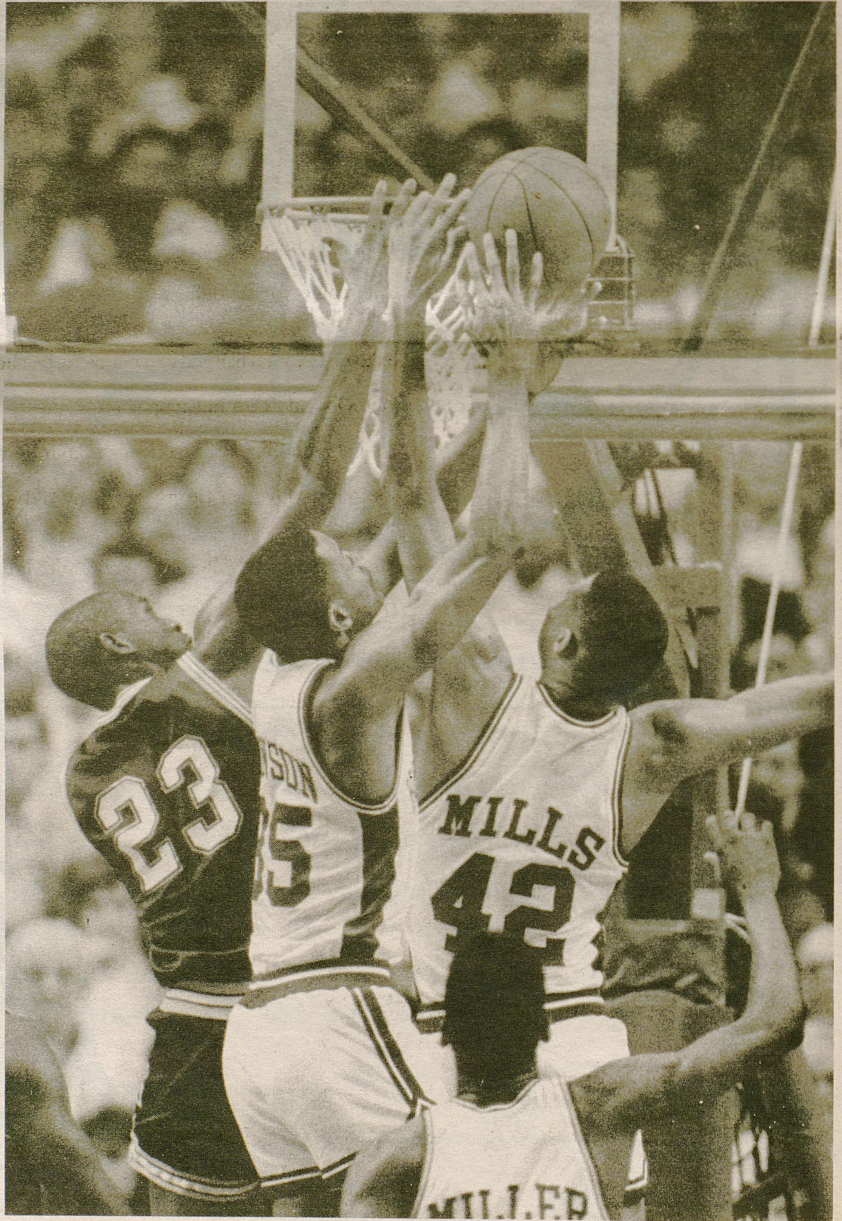
ranked Oklahoma 77-73 in what has to be the biggest victory of Hamilton's career. State has quietly built itself a strong reputation in the Midwest with a 13-6 overall record and is in third place in the Big Eight Conference behind Top Ten clubs Missouri and Oklahoma. The Cowboys will be a definite preseason Top Twenty pick next season . . . Don't look now, but unless a couple SEC schools get their act together, the conference may not have a single team with less than 10 losses by the season's end. Five (**UK, Vandy, Florida, Mississippi State and Auburn**) already have 10 or more losses each. **Ole Miss and Georgia** have eight each while **Tennessee and LSU** have six each. **Alabama** has five. All clubs have at least eight remaining games before the SEC tournament gets underway March 9-12 in Knoxville's Thompson-Boling Arena.



NOW IS THE TIME TO PRAY FOR UK?

University of Kentucky president David Roselle appears to be praying at UK's recent game with Mississippi State. Roselle said that the university's report to the NCAA, more than 2,000 pages, was mailed last Monday (Feb. 6). The 'Cats' fate will be decided later this spring. On the court, Kentucky defeated the Bulldogs by 12, only to lose four days later at Georgia by the same amount. Still, the Kentucky Wildcats remain in the hunt for the regular season title, trailing front-runner LSU by just one game.

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Talkin' basketball with UK coach Eddie Sutton

Exclusive Q&A with the head Wildcat

After coach Don DeVoe of Tennessee refused to grant a brief, exclusive interview with this columnist following the recent Kentucky-Tennessee hoop clash in Knoxville, I approached Kentucky mentor Eddie Sutton and he was



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

generous enough to give one of his few one-on-one interviews this season.

But, before we get to Sutton's interview, I had asked DeVoe if he could give five or 10 minutes of talk when he finished his postgame radio show. DeVoe, obviously unhappy with his team's stunning 66-65 setback to Kentucky, said he didn't want to talk.

However, I explained to him that the article only concerns the issues involving college basketball. DeVoe, to my surprise, walked away. DeVoe has been known to be fairly cooperative with the news media.

That was unlike three years ago when coach Sonny Smith of Auburn granted an exclusive interview moments after his Tigers had lost an 80-79 heartbreaker to Tennessee at the old Stokely Athletics Center. Smith was sincere and very calm in that brief interview.

But, in fairness to DeVoe, he is one of the best bench coaches in the country. And, perhaps, the next time I see him, we will have a good, down-to-earth basketball discussion.

So, after Sutton—my early choice for SEC Coach of the Year honors this winter—had completed his postgame press conference and radio show, he had several thoughts on various topics—the SEC's 18-game conference schedule and TV exposure, to name a few.

The 52-year-old Sutton may have discussed some of the issues previously, but here are his latest thoughts:

Jamie Vaught: Are you in favor of reducing the SEC schedule from 18 to 14 games?

Eddie Sutton: Yes. I am. I really believe when you play 18 games and turn right around and play a conference tournament, you get to see those people too many times. I know the first year I was at Kentucky, we had to beat Alabama four times—twice in the league race, once in the SEC tournament and we met them again in the NCAA (tournament). Same thing happened with LSU. We met them four times, beat them three times and then got beat (in the NCAA tournament) for the right to go to the Final Four.

I think also if they would cut the schedule down, that would allow all our institutions to play some top-notch intersectional games which I think are important. We could play some games with the Big East, the ACC, the Big Ten, the Big Eight. So, I'm very much in favor of going from an 18-game round-robin to 14 games.

Jamie Vaught: What are your feelings on freshmen eligibility?

Eddie Sutton: I personally would like to see freshmen come in and allow them to get adjusted to college. It is a difficult adjustment going from high school. Certainly, we all know they have to make adjustments academically, but it is also athletically. But it's social as well. But then give them four years of eligibility. Today, it takes about 4.6 years for most people to get a degree. That's the national average, not just for athletes, but that is for everybody. Let the freshmen come in and let them practice (during their first year) and give them four years of eligibility. I doubt if that will ever happen because of the additional money it will cost for scholarships. But that is



Sutton says he would like to see the SEC's round-robin schedule shortened, the three-point line moved back and adjustments made to Proposition 48.

my feeling.

Jamie Vaught: What about Proposition 48?

Eddie Sutton: Well, I think you have to have standards which determine whether a person can be admitted to college. I'm not opposed to Proposition 48. I think one thing that Proposition 48 does not take into account is work habits. You're taking strictly the test scores and also what you make in high school. I think Proposition 48 is good. I think maybe there has to be some adjustments on it, however.

Jamie Vaught: What about Proposal 42 (which modifies Proposition 48's rules concerning athletic scholarships for freshmen, eliminating the "partial qualifiers"?)

Eddie Sutton: I'm opposed to the amendment 42 (which was passed last month). I think they need to complete that five-year study that they were going to do. I would be disappointed if they don't rescind that before it actually goes into effect (in 1990). I would like to, even with Prop 48, see one change that would allow the partial qualifier to come in and allow him to practice but he can't play the games. That's a big penalty to take a year away from them. Also, it gives the coaches an opportunity to supervise him and put him in a structural situation and better oversee what he is doing. There is no proof that anyone has come up with that just because he is not practicing, he is going to be a better student. If he is a partial qualifier, I think he should be given that opportunity (to receive a scholarship).

Jamie Vaught: Do you feel the new Proposal 42 would encourage cheating?

Eddie Sutton: Well, that's what (Indiana coach) Bobby Knight said when the Prop 42 was passed. That's one of the things that could come into play.

Jamie Vaught: Do you think college basketball is overexposed?

Eddie Sutton: There are a lot of games that are televised. I don't know whether it is overexposed or not. We're in a period of time where I guess basketball is as popular as it has ever been. So, maybe, it is overexposed. If you're a basketball junkie, you could certainly watch a lot of games.

Jamie Vaught: Is there any current talk of moving the three-point line further away from the basket?

Eddie Sutton: I was on the (NCAA Basketball) Rules Committee for six years. I was one of the ones that voted in the (shot) clock and I think it has been good for

college basketball. I think the three-point shot has been good, but it's too close. I think the rules committee will certainly take a look at it and maybe move it back to the international line, which I think would be nine inches back. I think it would make for a better college game. I think the three-point range for high school is good, but for college, maybe it's a little too close.

Jamie Vaught: When would the rules committee meet next?

Eddie Sutton: They meet only once a year. The rules committee only meets during the Final Four. So, if they make that change (in the three-point line), it would have to come in Seattle (during the first weekend in April).

□DIS 'N' DATA: Roundball mentor **Wimp Sanderson** has been coaching at Alabama for nearly 30 years, including 20 seasons as an assistant. Asked what has motivated him to stay in coaching as long as he has, Sanderson replied: "What would Wimp do if he retired? I don't think I could sit around the house all day. There have been times when I have not come into work during the morning and by about 9 a.m. I'm climbing the walls. "But I think the biggest factor is that I like collegiate basketball. I like being with the kids, the association with other coaches and the people around college athletics. I think over the years, I have gotten better at being a player's coach. I have worked at that aspect of coaching. Plus, I have had some success at this level and that helps, too..."

With all the Proposition 48 talk, it is interesting to note that there are many NBA players who have played for a junior college at some point in their collegiate careers. According to *The Sporting News*, more than 10 percent of NBA players listed in the Jan. 19 team rosters have played for a two-year school. Because of the NCAA's current academic guidelines, many youngsters are taking the juco route to prepare themselves academically and/or athletically...

Whatever happened to **Tito Horford**? The last time I looked he was playing for the Milwaukee bucks in the NBA as a rookie benchwarmer. The 7-foot-1 Horford played two mediocre seasons at Miami (Fla.) after several bizarre recruiting battles...

If you have a strong or interesting viewpoint about UK or SEC athletics that you would like to share, just drop me a line. You can mail them to:

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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

Bob Boyd had seen the opposition at its best. In the end he knew his club was no match for the University of Kentucky basketball team.

"Kentucky played well and beat us in every way possible," said Boyd, head man of the Mississippi State Bulldogs. You see, Kentucky had just crushed Boyd's team 88-67 before 23,548 fans at Rupp Arena.

It was a game which had shades of December for the Wildcats and featured a total team effort.

Many of the UK players had a good game, but the play of forward Kenny "Sky" Walker stood out the most. The freshman poured in 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead UK in both categories.

State jumped out to an early 16-0 lead, but the hosts battled back and by intermission

owned a 39-31 edge. In the second half the 'Cats started to pull away with a Dirk Minniefield dunk, a slam in which his head was over the rim at his highest point. Minniefield, of course, is a 6-foot-3 guard.

Kentucky upped its advantage to 25 points with more than five minutes to go and coasted the rest of the way.

Forward Derrick Hord sank a last-second desperation shot to allow the 'Cats a 71-69 victory over Auburn.

With the score tied at 69-all, UK called timeout and set up a play where it would spread out the floor and get the ball inside to Melvin Turpin. Dirk Minniefield was trapped outside and could not get it into Turpin. He then passed the ball over to Hord, who coolly sank the basket for the thrilling victory.

The contest started in controversy. At the 18:07 mark of the game, Charles Hurt fouled

Charles Barkley, and the Auburn player retaliated by hitting Hurt in the back.

Barkley was ejected from the game while Hurt stayed in.

Turpin led all scorers with 25 points, Jim Master contributed 20. Chuck Person led the Tigers with 17 points and 10 rebounds. The victory improves Joe B. Hall's squad to 16-5 overall and 8-4 in Southeastern Conference play.

Football coach Jerry Claiborne signed 27 players to national letters-of-intent to play for the University of Kentucky. Seventeen of those signed come from the Bluegrass State. Claiborne called his second Wildcat recruiting class, "good but not great."

Eight Years Ago

In winning for the 18th time in 22 decisions, Kentucky played perhaps its best game of the season by defeating Alabama 77-62. Kentucky jumped out to an 18-9 lead, were ahead by 13 at the half and opened the margin to 24 midway through the second half. The victory gave Joe B. Hall's troops revenge. Earlier this season UK lost 59-55 at Tuscaloosa.

The Wildcats' combination of man-to-man and zone defense caused the Tide to hit a terrible 30.4 percent from the floor on 21 of 69. Kentucky's offense was highlighted by 10 dunks and led by seven-foot center Sam Bowie's 21 points and 14 rebounds. Bowie hit eight of 11 shots.

Guard Dirk Minniefield tossed in 16 points and dished out nine assists. Jim Master scored 10 points. Ken Johnson led Alabama with 21 points while All-Southeastern Conference forward Eddie Phillips scored 16, but hit just four of 15 from the field. The 'Cats outrebounced the Tide 48-43.

Leading by two points at 38-36 with 8:32 showing on the clock in Oxford, The University of Kentucky reeled off seven straight points following a timeout and went on to defeat Mississippi 62-55 before a hostile crowd.

Center Sam Bowie led the Wildcat charge by converting a three-point play on a turnaround jumper and scoring off an offensive rebound. Bowie went on to score 13 points in the final eight and a half minutes and lead Kentucky with 25 points and eight rebounds. Bowie hit nine of 14 from the field. He was the only Wildcat in double figures.

Lexington Lafayette product Dirk Minniefield contributed eight points and the same amount of assists. He was also involved in an altercation with Mississippi playmaker Sean Tuohy, which resulted in the game being stopped following debris poured on the floor.

Elston Turner led the Rebels with 19 points. Both teams shot well, with UK hitting 22 of 39 from the field and Ole Miss 23 of 39 points.

The win was also a milestone for UK coach Joe B. Hall. It marked his 200th career victory at Kentucky, in his ninth season as head coach.

Fourteen Years Ago

The Kentucky Wildcats took their game downtown to defeat Georgia 86-72. Hot shooting Kevin Grevey, who scored 27 points, and outstanding all-around team defense were the keys.

Auburn coach Bob Davis' new career got a lift as the Tigers stunned the Wildcats 99-97 in overtime. The loss for the Wildcats dropped them out of the SEC championship race, as they dropped to 7-5 in the league standings.

Grevey kept his scoring pace, netting 32 points for the Wildcats.

Kentucky squeezed past the Big Orange

of Tennessee with a 61-58 victory. Kevin Grevey led the 'Cats with 16 points and teammate Ronnie Lyons added 12.

Twelve Years Ago

The University of Kentucky streaked by the Florida Gators 104-78 in a game which featured a sparkling relief performance from Truman Claytor, a fight and the traditional Wildcat romp.

Claytor hit a 20-footer at the end of the first stanza to give the 'Cats with a comfortable 47-37 lead, then opened the second half with five straight baskets to keep the Gators at bay during a time in which they were threatening to rally.

Claytor finished with a team-high 22 points on seven of eight shooting from the field. Larry Johnson was close behind with 21 points on nine of 13 shooting from the field.

Six Wildcats scored in double figures as Jack "Goose" Givens and Rick Robey each pitched in 15. Center Mike Phillips added 13 and Lexington Henry Clay product James Lee scored 10.

Robey hauled in 15 rebounds. The fight occurred in the final minutes when Gator Richard Glasper and UK's Jay Shidler traded punches under the Gator basket. No one was hurt in the brief tangle but both were thrown out of the contest.

Al Bonner led Florida with 23 points. Forward Jack Givens poured in 24 points and Rick Robey hauled down 15 boards as the Kentucky Wildcats claimed an 89-82 decision over a stubborn Auburn team at Rupp Arena.

Kentucky threatened to blow the game open several times after opening a 15-point lead in the first stanza, but the Tigers never gave up. However, the Tigers never got closer than the final margin after the early minutes of the contest.

Union County's Larry Johnson followed Givens in the scoring column with 18 points. The inside tandem of Rick Robey and Mike Phillips, aka "King" and "Kong", scored 16 and 13 points, respectively.

Auburn's Mike Mitchell scored 21 for Auburn while Myles Patrick added 18 and Eddie Johnson 16.

Thirty Two Years Ago

Mississippi State, gaining its first win over Kentucky in the last 12 meetings, defeated the visiting 'Cats 89-81. However, the defeat didn't drop UK in the Southeastern Conference standings as second place Tulane fell to Vanderbilt.

Bob McCarthy's boys broke open a close game with a 26-12 scoring spree in the second half, wiping out a five-point Wildcat lead.

Four of Kentucky's five starters fouled out in their efforts to catch up. Six-foot-seven Bailey Howell led the Bulldogs with 37 points.

Wildcat sophomore Johnny Cox paced the 'Cats with 28 points. Gerry Calvert added 14.

Kentucky center Ed Beck was rushed to see his ailing wife, who is in serious condition with cancer. Beck will miss Kentucky's next game.

Despite regulars Ed Beck and Adrian Smith not in the lineup, the Kentucky Wildcats eased to a Chicago Stadium college scoring record with a 115-65 win over Loyola.

The final score would have been higher if Loyola had not played a slowdown game in the initial 12 minutes. Dazzling sophomore Johnny Cox paced the Wildcats with 32 points despite sitting out the final 12 minutes.

Vernon Hatton, in his first start since a Dec. 31 appendectomy, scored 20 points.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Gators and 'Cats

1. Florida junior Dwayne Schintzius said earlier in the season that he will stay for his senior season. What was the focus of his decision?

- a) He wants to go to a Final Four?
- b) His brother, Travis, will play for the Gators next season?
- c) He wants to be the Gators' all-time leading scorer?
- d) He's been offered a tennis scholarship for Florida next season?

2. Norm Sloan coached a national championship team for what institution?

- a) Florida
- b) Kansas
- c) North Carolina
- d) North Carolina State

3. The first time these two teams played each other, who was Kentucky's leading scorer?

- a) Derrick Miller
- b) LeRon Ellis
- c) Reggie Hanson
- d) Chris Mills

4. True or False? Dwayne Schintzius was the Gators' leading scorer in the 69-56 Kentucky win in January?

- a) MTV
- b) KET
- c) USA

5. In that game, which television network covered the game?

- a) MTV
- b) KET
- c) USA

d) ESPN

6. Which of the following former Gators is a resident of Ashland, Ky.?

- a) Steve Williams
- b) Vernon Delancy
- c) Andy Owens
- d) Gerald Henderson

7. Who became Florida's first All-American? Hint, he won this award in the 1967-68 season.

- a) David Miller
- b) Neal Walk
- c) Richard Glasper
- d) Skip Higley

8. Former Florida associate SID, Chris Cameron, is currently the sports information director at Kentucky. Which of the following statements is true about young Cameron?

- a) He is a part-time recruiter for the basketball staff?
- b) He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky?
- c) He is president of the Florida State fan club of Lexington?
- d) He is a graduate of the University of Florida?

9. True or False? UK lost to Florida in the SEC Tournament in 1985.

- a) True
- b) False

10. True or False? Florida plays its games in the Fred C. O'Connell Center.

- a) True
- b) False

Answers

- 1) His brother, Travis, will play at Florida
- 2) Neal Walk
- 3) Derrick Miller (30 points)
- 4) True (he scored 20 points)
- 5) ESPN
- 6) Gerald Henderson (He lettered in 1956)
- 7) Neal Walk
- 8) He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky
- 9) True (55-58)
- 10) False (It's the Stephen C. O'Connell Center)

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