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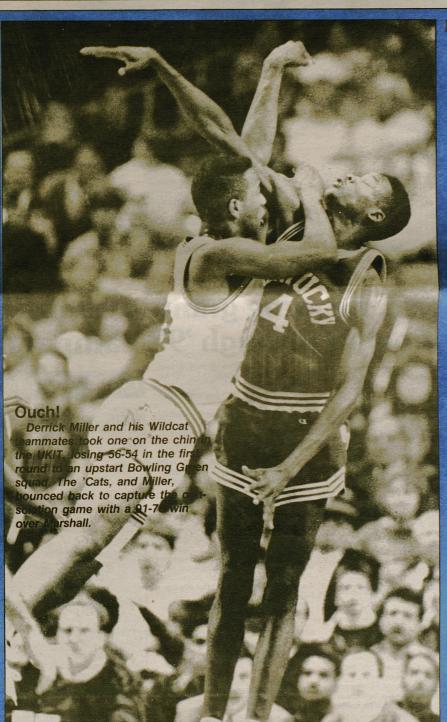
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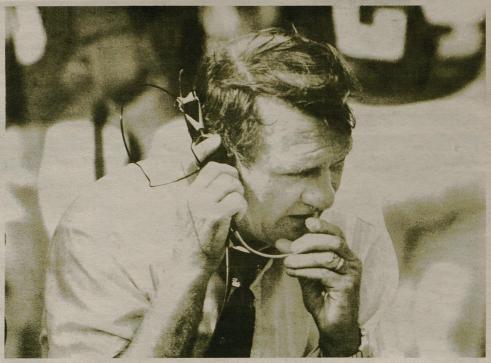
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It's official. Jerry Claiborne will be calling plays for the Wildcats through the 1993 season. It marked the second extension for the coach in his UK tenure.

Jerry Claiborne granted contract extension through '93 campaign

By associate editor Nick Nicholas

University of Kentucky president Dr David Roselle didn't have to look far to find his football coach for the next five seasons. Last Tuesday Jerry Claiborne, who ranks fifth among active Division I-A coaches, was awarded a four-year extension to his contract Claiborne's previous contract didn't run out until the end of next season.

"I am delighted to receive the contract ex-tension and look forward in continuing to lead the University of Kentucky football program," said Claiborne in a release. "Our coaching staff is appreciative of the support and confidence given to us by the Board of

Directors and the administration."

For Claiborne it marked the second contract extension in his career at UK. His first renewal came eight days before his '84 squad upset Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl. It, too, was a five-year extension

In a two-minute meeting with the UK board of Directors, Roselle read Claiborne's past accomplishments, which included the coach's overall winning percentage (59.4) and the program's most recent victory, a Top 5 ranking in graduating its student-athletes among Divi sion 1-A schools.

Thus, Claiborne was literally given a vote of confidence with a unanimous decision

from the Board of Directors.

Roselle said that while under Claiborne the Wildcat football program has "operated as to be compatible and supportive of the academic

mission of the university."
Claiborne's extension, which runs through the 1993 season, comes despite his teams' in ability to compile winning slates in the last four seasons. The results on the field have been less than average—20-23-1—since his

Off the field Claiborne's program has been

During the 60-year-old coach's tenure, a highly successful turnabout in the classroom along with the addition of the 5.7 million E.J.

Nutter Training Center have developed.

That's not to say, meanwhile, that Roselle will be satisfied with future 5-6 records.

Asked if he would stick by his past beliefs that if Claiborne's achievements off-the-field continue he would be content with 5-6 records—the university's CEO said, "I didn't

"I think what I said was that I was looking for several things out of an athletic program.

"One, is to comply with NCAA

"Another is that it's very fair to the student-athlete, meaning that we recruit young people who are capable of succeeding cademically. And to see to it that they dohelp them succeed academically.

"And the third thing is that the program be competitive

"I believe those are the ingredients that I

look for in an athletic program."

Roselle said his three check points were not necessarily in order but made sure to point out that Claiborne has "met my expecta-

Not only has a long term goal been set (Claiborne's contract now runs through the 1993 campaign) but Roselle is pleased for short-term reasons as well. During the meeting of the Board of Directors he openly said that this season's recruiting will be benefited because of the extension.

Extension for Jerry

Claiborne at UK

1982	0-10-1
1983	6-5-1
1984	9-3
1985	5-6
1986	5-5-1
1987	5-6
1988	5-6
Seven Years	
▶Post season action:	Hall of

Fame Bowl in 1983 and 1984.

Claiborne overall

Virginia Tech (1961-70).	.61-39-2
Maryland (1972-81)	.77-37-3
UK (1982-present	.35-41-3

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Totals (27 years)......173-117-8 Overall Claiborne has taken his teams to 11 bowls-twice at Virginia Tech, seven times at Maryland and two times at the

University of Kentucky.



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'Cats need win against Indiana in the worst way

Enough is enough, so let's talk about

something positive for a change.

It would be easy to look back and dissect the Bowling Green disaster. It would be just as easy to say Kentucky could have lost to Marshall in the consolation game of the UKIT.

And you wouldn't have been wrong on

But everyone has heard enough of that Let's talk about the future, a future that will be history by the time some of you read this column later in the week.

First on the agenda will be Kentucky's date with Indiana Tuesday night at Rupp Arena. It won't be just another game ar I don't care what Bobby Knight says to the contrary.

Five times the General has walked into Rupp Arena with his Hoosiers and five times they have left losers. If he's ever going to turn the tables, this year is his

And they should. But will they

Yes, it appears the Hoosiers are headed in the right direction and the 'Cats are headed south, even after rallying back to beat Marshall Saturday.

Knight could never be in better position for a victory here. But never has Eddie Sutton needed a shot in the arm like he

needs Tuesday either.

First of all, a victory over Indiana would be a much-needed boost for confidence and morale for both the team and its fans. Nothing is enjoyed so much by Wildcat fans as a victory over the Big Red (unless it's a victory over another

variety of Big Red).

The game will also be televised nationally by ESPN with one Dick Vitale as the color analyst. We don't have to explain further on this matter.

The mountain being challenged by Sutton and his staff seems to be higher as the days go by.

Being such a young team, this club will bounce from tune to tune, and that can be expected of a team which sometimes has three freshmen and two sophomores in

The upset loss to Bowling Green was a devastating one and the emotional fallout of that one came close to playing a critical role in the following game

Such is the emotion of young players. And just as a loss can create a mental let down, an emotional victory can create confidence for a young team

That's why a victory over Indiana is so important. It can have far-reaching effects on Kentucky's game with Austin Peay next week and in turn would have the 'Cats eager for a Louisville challenge or seeking a rug to crawl under if UK should suffer back-to-back losses

Victories over Indiana and Austin Peay would give UK a 6-5 mark (the first time this year UK would be over .500) and guarantee the 'Cats of an even record as Kentucky begins Southeastern Conference play next week.

That, in itself, would be an accomplishment for a team which counts seven of its

top nine players as either freshmen or sophomores.

In a move which figures to add a great deal of credibility to the UK athletics department, acting athletics director Joe Burch plans to hold a monthly press con ference to discuss topics concerning UK athletics with the media.

Last Friday, Burch was available for an hour-and-a-half session with local and state media at Wildcat Lodge. Everything from the current NCAA investigation to monitoring of athletes' academic progress to his interest in the permanent athletics director's job was discussed rather frankly

with the media.

Burch told the media he is in the process of making several important decisions, including one which will result in the hiring of additional personnel in academic areas designed to help UK athletes get a better education at UK.

At the meeting Burch:

| Said UK will admit guilt to some minor violations to the NCAA but said final decisions have not yet been made on

final decisions have not yet been made the major allegations.

Said each and every UK coach (in basketball) would be heard before the university submits its finding to the NCAA at the end of January. He also said UK should have no problem in manifest the name extended deadling.

meeting the new extended deadline.

Said he believes the athletics department should become more involved with the rest of the university's community everyone will feel they are more of a UK

* Insisted the last in-house investigation tion by UK (one which was triggered by the Lexington Herald-Leader's Pulitzer Prize-winning stories) was a thorough one but one which was hampered by the newspaper's articles. He said those identified in the articles refused to confirm what was quoted in the newspaper ar ticles. Burch was an intregal part of that UK investigation.

Admitted he had thought of how few basketball players might be left at Kentucky next season if the NCAA should level a heavy hammer on the UK basket-

Because of the length and depth of the press conference, we believe the entire press session will be of interest to you. Because of our holiday schedule and the UKIT, we won't be able to bring that to you this week. The entire text will be published in the next issue of TCP, dated Jan. 7

HITS AND MISSES Only a couple thousand basketball fans turned out for the Thoroughbred Classic last Saturday, but those who did show up saw an exciting 42-point exhibition from New Albany (Ind.) Floyd Central's Pat Graham, but it was Lafayette's Generals who once again pulled the big upset. In

other action, Tates Creek beat a Japanese all-star team while Bryan Station upset Chattanooga (Tenn.) Brainerd 77-71 in double overtime and Williamson (W.Va.) High turned back Henry Clay 61-55. I think it would be safe to say part of the reason for the low attendance was the fact the four-game classic had no UK-bound players in it, at least at the moment. Two players UK was interested in at one time Graham and Brainerd's Malcom Mackey have already committed to other schools And the NCAA cloud over the UK prorecruiting talk among Kentucky fans . . Down the road in Louisville, former UK assistant Leonard Hamilton and his assistant Defoard Hamilton and his Oklahoma State Cowboys pushed Denny Crum's Cardinals to the final wire before bowing 92-90. Johnny Pittman, the seven-foot Texas prep star who originally signed with UK, played just three minutes and did not score. A number of Lexingtonians made the tries to Lexingtonians made the tries to Lexingtonians made the tries to Lexingtonians. Hamilton's core. A number of Lexingtonians made the trip to Louisville to watch Hamilton's first game in the commonwealth as a head coach. Among those at Freedom Hall were ex-Wildcats James Blackmon and Ed Davender ding the first session of the UKIT last veek with former ex-Wildcat Roger Harden was his father, Al Harden, who Harden was his father, Al Harden, who was in town to catch a glimpse of another son who played a pair of games in the commonwealth over the weekend. The Hardens' youngest son, Rodney Harden, plays for Liberty University which defeated Eastern Kentucky Saturday and played Morehead State on Monday night. . . For you readers who live outside the state, check your local television listings. state, check your local television listings as to when the Kentucky-Louisville game will be played. It will be played on either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1, depending on the playoff schedule of the NFL. CBS Sports will be televising the game and the network will announced the day and time of the game after this weekend's pro football playoffs . . . UK officials estimated the attendance at the Friday session of the UKIT in excess of 20,000, but I'd be willing to bet everything I own that the actual turnstiles' count isn't even close to that figure. In light of all the other problems around the campus, you'd think they wouldn't be so absurb to insult the intelligence of those in attendance by sug gesting such a number . . . To say UK coach Eddie Sutton was upset with the 'Cats' performance Friday night would be stating the obvious. The locker room was closed for almost one hour after the game. The game ended at approximately 11 p.m. and it was very close to midnight before reporters, most of them working on deadline, were allowed in. In fact, it was the first time in my memory that a player wasn't even made available for the postgame "Star of the Game" show on the UK radio network. Later, Sutton said the players used the time to speak out and get some things off their chest. He term-

ed the session very beneficial for the team's morale and future . . . You ta

about pressure, had UK lost the consola-

tion contest to Marshall, it would have made history in a number of ways. It would have been the first time in the history of Rupp Arena that the 'Cats had lost back-to-back games. It would have been the first time that UK had lost both

Because of the holidays, we will not be publishing next week TCP will resume printing with the Jan. 7 issue.

games in the UKIT. It would have been the first time UK had lost three games at home within an 11-day period at Rupp Arena. And a loss would have given the 'Cats a 3-6 record, the worst start since Cats a 3-b record, the worst start since they moved to Rupp Arena in 1976 and the school's poorest start since Kentucky began the 1926-27 season by losing eight of its first nine games en route to a 3-13 overall record. . . Kentucky coaches have been on the recruiting trails recently. UK assistant Dwane Casey took in the King of the Blyegrees towered. UK assistant Dwale Casey work in the King of the Bluegrass tourney at Louisville Fairdale last week. Although there's been very little mention of recruiting of late, looks like Kentucky's best shot of going after talent is going to be the junior college route and working ahead on underclassmen . . . While the anead on underclassmen . . . While the Wildcats went through a two and half hour workout on Thursday prior to the UKIT, coach Sutton was able to make only the final 30 minutes or so. He was If the final 30 minutes or so. He was meeting up with his attorney, Terry McBrayer, along with UK acting athletics director Joe Burch and UK's hired legal counsel, Jim Park. They were discussing the NCAA investigation and going over material compiled by the university. Isn't it nice how some schools can skirt around the rules, like the University of Copyrile feetball teach. Georgia football team? According to a wire service story over the week, two Georgia football players will be ineligible to attend Georgia next semester, but they will be allowed to participate in the Gator Bowl later this month. Seems as though the Bulldogs are going to a technicality of an appeal process to keep the players eligible. The players reportedly do not have the necessary grade-point average to be allowed to stay in school. For a program which has experienced such an academic scandal, you'd think officials wouldn't even consider such an appeal, but one has to wonder if the fact it's Vince Dooley's last game and that one of his top stars (running back Tim Worley) happens to be involved, perhaps, just perhaps, Georgia officials are turning their heads to this one. And I thought Jan Kemp was still on campus . . . Sing on the subject of right and wrong, can Kentucky fans be anything but pessimistic after what happened to the Houston football program last week? The Cougars were hit with a three-year probation which includes a ban on post season bowls for two years and no live television for one season. The Cougars will also have their scholarships cut in half (to 15).

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UK makes Bowling Green's day

Kentucky comes out ahead in the stats, but playing not to lose, instead of to win, costs Wildcats in 56-54 loss

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON - Close games used to turn Kentucky basketball teams into a pack of Clint Eastwoods.

Let a team get close late in the game and ou could almost see the sneer come to their collective faces.

"OK punk, make my day," they would seemingly snarl.

And then teams would fade away

Now, not only are the 'Cats making teams days. They are making their years. Or

To beat Kentucky at Rupp Arena before 20,000...well I wouldn't care if they were 0-6," said Bowling Green State guard Joe Gregory. "It would still feel the same. This is something I'll never forget." Kentucky, 3-5 after losing the first game

of its own invitational for only the second time the tourney's 36-year history, indeed is like the aging gunfighter. Once a top gun, he now tries to hide his shakes and fears as foes

eek to build reputations.
FIRST IT WAS Northwestern State, an 85-82 nightmare. Last Friday it was Bowling Green State, a 56-54 winner.

Deja vu.
The 'Cats again lull their 20,875 fans some of whom seem to have been counted twice—into a festive mood with a 32-22 halftime lead. Just like they did against the

Louisiana bunch.

And then they take a holiday

But Gregory and his sidekick, Darrell McLane, were not on liberty. Instead, they took liberties with a soft UK defense out

Gregory and McLane combined for 23 econd-half points to spearhead Bowling Green's victory.

"It was one of the biggest wins, if not *the* biggest win in our school's history," said Bowling Green coach Jim Larranaga. Funny, Northwestern State coach Dan Bell

Tainly, Normacsell and Color barbers said practically the same thing.

The loss sent the lacklustre 'Cats into the consolation game of the UKIT against Marshall. Marshall lost to Arkansas State in the first game, 81-73.

Poor shooting, especially in the second half, sloppy play, soft defense at the guards, and some uninspired play by LeRon Ellis contributed to the demise of the 'Cats.

ELLIS, A 6-10 SOPHOMORE, has a tendency to relax, especially on defense. Friday he seemed to be in his own time zone. both on offense and defense

His poor offensive production (a total of nine points) may not have been all his doing.

The 'Cats seemed more content to put it up from outside the second half instead of try-ing to find Ellis off some picks. But why be

picky?
"I think it was probably a combination of their defense and LeRon's not working hard to get open," said UK coach Eddie Sutton. "Or his teammates not getting him the ball when he was open."

Ellis' troubles surfaced early in the second half when he loafed coming back up the court and almost committed his fourth foul, a foolish grab. Exit Ellis and enter 6-10 Mike

It was at this point McLane, a sub, came into to ignite the Bowling Green team with

a three-point shot. It preceded a 7-0 stretch that helped the Falcons to climb back in, 34-29.

Two more three-pointers by McLane and long jump shot set the table for his mate,

Gregory's 15-footer and two three-pointers sparked Bowling Green to a 54-47 lead with

"OUR QUICKNESS made the difference," said Gregory. "Especially on (Richie) Farmer and (Sean) Sutton. "I thought it took its toll on them having to chase both of us the whole game. And then down

the stretch ...well, maybe they were tired.
They couldn't defend that shot."
Gregory probably was right. When
Gregory hit a three-point shot over Sutton
with 3:46 left, Sutton pulled Sean and inserted Farmer. Derrick Miller picked up McLane. It was Bowling Green by six, 52-46. Desperation time.

Reggie Hanson, perhaps the most consisregger Haison, perhaps use most consistent of the starters, hit a bucket and Ellis, working hard in the pivot for a change, cashed in on a three-point play. Make it 54-52 with 58 seconds to go.

UK had to commit three fouls to put Bowling Green at the line. Which they did, but letting precious seconds go by at the same

UK appeared to have a good shot at the tie-ing bucket when Miller stole the ball after it appeared to deflect off teammate Chris Mills. But Miller rushed a pass downcourt

of Mills and Gregory swiped it.
Gregory nailed two free throws to make it
56-52 with 28 seconds left. But Farmer missed a three-pointer as the fans groaned.

However, the hero of Clay County slapped the ball out of Gregory's hands on the inthe out out of Gregory's hands on the in-bounds play. Fifteen seconds were left. With six seconds left Farmer drove the lane to put up a left-handed layup to make it 56-54. UK then got another break when Ed Col-bert Bouling Grandway.

bert, Bowling Green's center, couldn't get the inbounds pass in within five seconds. UK got the ball. After two inbounds passes went wry, Farmer's 19-footer rolled in...and out at the buzzer.

Larranaga said there was no way his team should have been in the game given the final

UK was outshot, 40.0 percent to 32.8 percent, but was on the plus side in turnovers (17 to 20), and rebounds (43 to 34).

"I thought we had to turn over the ball maybe 10 times, shoot about 55 percent and stay within 6-8 boards to have a shot," said Larranaga. "That shows you what I know about basketball."

BUT IT'S A STRANGE game at times. And no one knows this better than Larranaga or Sutton.

Larranaga said he could sense a change in momentum in the second half when McLane got hot and UK went cold.

"Experience tends to be positive and negative," said Larranaga. "I think their ex-perience against Northwestern probably veighed heavily on their minds in the late

stages."
Sutton said the eyes had it for him. "I looked into the eyes of some of our players and they were remembering the nightmare we had against Northwestern. I just hope we can win some games like this and have some positive thoughts."

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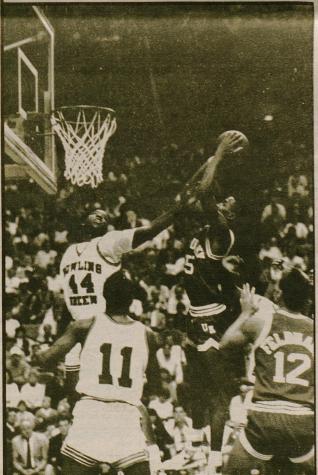
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UK-Bowling Green play-by-play

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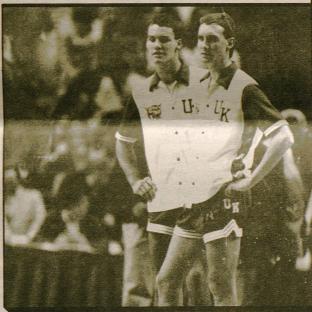
Top Left: Richie Farmer's baseline jumper in the final seconds bounced around the cylinder but popped out as Bowling Green upset UK 56-54 in the first round of the UKIT. The loss marked the first time the Wildcats have been on the losing end in the UKIT since 1978.

Top Right: A pair of good ol' Kentucky boys, Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphrey have a pregame chat. Both Feldhaus, from Mason County High, and Pelphrey, of Paintsville High, played but did not score.

Bottom Left: Forward Reggie Hanson prepares to loft a short jumper over the reach of Bowling Green's center Ed Colbert (No. 44). Hanson finished the game with 14 points, a team high.

Bottom Right: Bowling Green State coach Jim Larranaga is all smiles during his postgame press conference. Larranaga told the press "it was one of the biggest wins, if not the biggest win in our school's history."

Bowling Green-UK Photos by Gary Cromwell





UK releases 13 of 17 NCAA allegations

Fayette circuit judge refuses motions by attorneys for UK and Eric Manuel, says university must also release the four remaining allegations as well

Nearly two months after they released a summary of 17 additional allegations contained in the NCAA's Supplemental Official Inquiry, University of Kentucky officials, obeying a court order, released 13 of the allegations to the public Dec. 12.

UK officials received the Supplemental Officials received the

ficial Inquiry Oct. 13, but because they feared some individuals named in the inquiry might have had their rights injured by its publication, they released the summary which did not name any individuals involved.

The Louisville Courier-Journal and the Lex-ington Herald-Leader subsequently filed a friendly lawsuit under the state's open records law, and Fayette Circuit Judge George Barker ordered the university to release the inquiry

Following are 13 of the 17 allegations contained in the Supplemental Official Inquiry. Allegations Nos. 5, 8, 10 and 11 were not included because university attorneys were in the process of preparing a motion under the Kentucky rules of civil procedure for the court to amend its findings with respect to Nos. 5 and 8 and to amend its corresponding judgement accordingly. Attorneys for UK basketball player Eric Manuel made a similar motion

with respect to Nos. 10 and 11.

Just as TCP was going to press, it was learned that Barker ruled that UK must release the other four allegations. A UK spokesman said they may be released as early as Friday, Dec.

According to the summary released Oct. 13: ☐No. 5 alleged that a prospective student-athlete was permitted to attend the university's basketball camp at no cost to him and that he was transported around Lexington by a member of the basketball staff on one occasion. It also alleged that a friend of the prospect received a free t-shirt and that the two were permitted to attend an all-star high school basketball game in the company of a member of the basketball staff and a representative of

the university's athletic interests.

No. 8 alleged that a member of the basketball staff permitted a representative of the university's athletic interests to have an improper in-person recruiting contact with a prospective student-athlete while attending a high school game in which the prospect was participating

□No. 10 alleged that academic fraud w committed by a UK student-athlete in 1987 and that during the investigation of the fraud. the student-athlete acted contrary to NCAA provisions of ethical conduct by providing false and misleading information to university and NCAA investigators and by refusing to cooperate with the NCAA in its investigation. It also alleged that the university violated NCAA rules by certifying the student-athlete for eligibilty, and that the student-athlete participated in the 1987-88 season even though he knew he was not eligible.

☐No. 11 alleged that in July 1988, a member of the basketball staff and two UK student-athletes provided false and misleading information to NCAA investigators.

Following is the text of the NCAA's Supplemental Official Inquiry

2. [NCAA Bylaw 1-1-(b)]

It is alleged that during the 1986-87 academic year, while recruiting prospective student-athlete Sean Higgins (Los Angeles, Calif.), men's assistant basketball coach Dwane Casey offered Higgins recruiting inducements in order to encourage the young

in the university; further, Casey also made similar statements to Clifford Benson-Bey, the stepfather of the young man; further, Al Ross, a representative of the university's athletics interests, confirmed these offers to the man, and finally, during the prospect's official paid visit to the university's campus, an unidentified representative of the university's athletics interests made a statement that

athletics interests made a statement mare reasonably ledt he young man to believe that he would receive the items offered by Casey. Specifically, during a telephone conversa-tion with the young man, Casey told Higgins that he would assist in making payments for that he would assist in making payments to Higgins' mother's new home; further, during Higgins' official paid visit to the university's campus, Casey told Higgins that if he would sign a letter of intent to enroll at the university ty, he would receive: (a) a monthly allowance of approximately \$300 cash beginning at the time he signed a letter of intent and ending when he left the university; (b) an automobile upon his signing, and (c) the opportunity to obtain a different automobile after enrollment.

Also, on Oct. 10, 1986, following an exhibi-

tion professional basketball game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Lakers and the Chicago Bulis Angeles Lakers and the Crum in Inglewood, Califr, Benson-Bey told Higgins that during the game, Casey stated he would provide a monthly allowance to the young man, an automobile and financial assistance for the home of the young man's mother, and, finally, the young man told his father, Earle Higgins, about Casey's offer of an automobile. Also, during a telephone conversation, Ross informed the young man that whatever Casey offered him would be provided and, finally, during the young man's official paid visit, after being introduced by Casey to the prospect, an unidentified representative of the university's athletics interests confirmed to the young man that whatever Casey told him, it would be provided.

3. [NCAA Bylaws 1-2-(a)-(6) and 1-6-(a)] It is alleged that in July 1986, while recruiting prospective student-athlete Sean Higgins (Los Angeles, Calif.), men's assistant basketball coach Dwane Casey contacted Higgins at the Slam-N-Jam basketball tournamen at Pauley Pavilion on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles, during a period when such in-person, face-to-face recruiting contacts were not permitted under NCAA legislation; further, in September 1986, during Casey's attendance at a practice at the young man's high school, Casey shot baskets

4. [NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b)-(1), 1-2-(a)-(4), 1-2-(b), 1-9-(a) and 1-9-(d)]

It is alleged that on at least one occasion during the summer of 1987, Bill Chupil, a representative of the university's athletics interests, provided prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) and the young man's friend, Mark Johnson, round-trip automobile transportation between Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky, in order for the young men to view the university's facilities; further, on one of these occasions, upon arriving at the offices of the men's basketball coaching staff, Chupil introduced Funderburke to men's head basketball coach Feldie. Sutron and men's assistant basketball Eddie Sutton and men's assistant basketball Coach Dwane Casey; further, Casey and Chupil took the young men on a tour of the men's basketball residence hall, Wildcat Lodge; further, Chupil purchased a Kentucky



University of Kentucky assistant coach Dwane Casey is mentioned in eight of the NCAA's 13 allegations of wrongdoing released by UK.

Wildcat baseball hat for Funderburke and transported the young men back to the basketball offices to visit with Sutton and Casey prior to returning home, and finally, transported the young men to the apartment of Brett [sic] Bearup, a representative of the university's athetics interests, who encourage ed Funderburke to attend the university.

6. [NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b)-(1), 1-2-(a)-(4), 1-2-(b), 1-9-(j) and 1-9-(l)]

It is alleged that on Oct. 14 and 15, 1987, Bill Chupil, a representative of the university's athletics interests, provided round-trip automobile transportation, a meal and a gift of clothing to prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) and the young man's friend, Mark Johnson, when they attended "Midnight Madness," the university's initial men's basketball practice in 1987. Specifically, Chupil transported the young men between Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky., in order to attend this practice session; further, prior to the practice, Chupil and the young men met with men's head basketball coach Eddie Sutton and men's ssistant basketball coaches Dwane Casey James Dickey at the university's basketball offices; further, following their meeting, Chupil purchased a meal at a McDonald's restaurant or the young men; further, the young men and Chupil returned to Casey's office where they watched a major league baseball playoff game on television, and finally, after practice, Chupil purchased a t-shirt for each young

7. [NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b)-(1), 1-2-(a)-(4), 1-2-(b), 1-9-(d), 1-9-(f)-(4), 1-9-(j) and 1-9-(l) It is alleged that on Dec. 12, 1987, Bill Chupil, a representative of the university's

athletics interests, provide prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) and the young man's friend, Mark Johnson, round-trip automobile transportation, lodging, meals and a gift of clothing.

Specifically, Chupil transported the young men between Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky, in order for the prospects and Chupil to at-tend the University of Kentucky vs. the University of Louisville men's basketball game in Rupp Arena; further, Chupil paid all lodg-ing and meal expenses on this trip and purchased t-shirts for the young men, and finally, Chupil took the young men into the university's locker room after the game where they enjoyed fruit and other refreshments while talked with men's basketball assistant coach Dwane Casey and were introduced to several team members.

9. [NCAA Bylaws 1-2-(a)-(4), 1-2-(b), 1-9-(j)

It is alleged that on at least two additional occasions during the 1987-88 academic year not mentioned in Allegation Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7, Bill Chupil, a representative of the university's athletics interests, provide round-trip automobile transportation between Columbus, Ohio, and Lexington, Ky., to prospective student-athlete Lawrence Funderburke (Columbus, Ohio) and, on another occasion, provided Funderburke with round-trip automobile

transportation between Columbus, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio. Specifically: A. Chupil provided Funderburke and the young man's friend, Mark Johnson, round-trip automobile transportation between Columbus and Lexington in order for Funderburke to be interviewed by Oscar Combs, the publisher of *The Cats' Pause* (a publication that promotes

the university's athletics program).

B. In the spring of 1988, Chupil provided Funderburke round-trip automobile transportation between Columbus and Lexington in order for the young man to attend an AAU basketball game between the Soviet National Junior Basketball Team and an AAU all-star

C. During the weekend of March 18-20, 1988, Chupil provided Funderburke round-trip transportation between Columbus and Cincin-

(Continued on page 25)

Big Ten challenging SEC supremecy in football

SEC needs all-for-one-and-one-for-all attitude

Supremacy of the Southeastern Conference in college football is being challenged by the Big Ten in the up-coming bowl games for the first time in 10 years.

At the close of the 1979 season, after the bowl games



Scoop Hudgins

Cats' Pause Columnist

the Big Ten had four teams listed in the Associated Press Top Twenty and the SEC only two.

Alabama was No. 1, after defeating Arkansas, the Southwest Conference champion, 24-9 in the Sugar Bowl. But Auburn was the only other SEC team in the Top Twenty, at No. 16, with an 8-3 record.

The Big Ten had four teams listed: Ohio State (No. 4), Purdue (No. 10), Michigan (No. 18) and Indiana (No. 19). A distinctive margin for the midwestern conference

There have been other seasons since when prejudiced

After 1980. Georgia was No. 1, Alabama No. 6 and Mississippi State No. 19 for the SEC; with Michigan No. 4. Ohio State No. 15 and Purdue No. 17 for the Big

After 1981, Georgia was No. 6, Alabama No. 7, with Michigan No. 11 Ohio State No. 15 and Iowa No. 18. Since the 1981 season, the SEC has been clearly

Due to a computer problem, Russell Rice's column, which is usually in this space, will not appear this week. It will return in our next issue, Jan. 7.

Last year four SEC teams—LSU, Auburn, Georgia and Tennessee—were listed in the first 14, while the Big Ten had only three in the Top Twenty, just Michigan State at No. 8, in the first 14.

At the conclusion of the 1988 regular season the SEC has four teams in the *AP* Top Twenty—Auburn No. 7, LSU No. 16, Georgia No. 19 and Alabama No. 20. The Pac-I0 has three—Southern Cal, UCLA and Washington State. The Big Eight has three—Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. The Southwest has two-Arkansas





The Big Ten has only one, Michigan, as do the Atlan tic Coast (Clemson) and Western Athletic (Wyoming)

But the Big Ten has managed to secure invitations for five teams to the bowl games, the same number the SEC

In two bowls, the All-American and the Gator, they square off against one another. Florida meets Illinois in Birmingham Dec. 29 and Georgia faces Michigan State at Jacksonville Jan. 1.

Other Big Ten games are: Indiana playing South Carolina in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 28, Iowa playing N.C State in the Peach Bowl Dec. 31 and Michigan playing Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl Jan. 2.

Other SEC games are: Alabama meeting Army in the Sun Bowl Dec. 24, LSU against Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl Jan. 2 and Auburn versus Florida State in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 2.

Should Illinois and Michigan State beat Florida and Georgia, the Big Ten would post a definite gain on the SEC in the final AP poll.

In fact, any Indiana, Iowa or Michigan win, or any Alabama, LSU or Auburn loss would project the Big Ten upward and the SEC downward in the natural opinion of the writers event the second the seco

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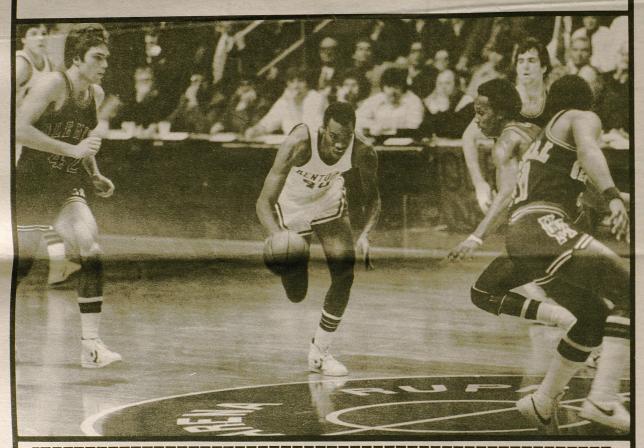


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Quiz time! Let's try to answer questions about Jerry

Shouldn't kids have a chance to be kids?

Questions, we have questions:

1. What does Jerry Claiborne's contract extension as head football coach mean to the University of Ken-



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

tucky?

2. Will it do any good?

3.Does the extension mean that President David Roselle is satisfied with 5-6 records as long as Claiborne retains his Mr. Clean image and his players earn degrees?

earn degrees?

4. After the UK basketball mess is cleaned up, will Claiborne be more likely to allow his football players to help out in what surely will be some lean years for basketball?

Answers we may not have, but here's a try:

I. Claiborne's extension at this time was almost a necessity if UK hopes to have a banner recruiting year. It is a year in which the best quarterback prospect in years (Jeff Brohm of Trinity) has a father who played at the University of Louisville and a brother who is a receiver at U of L. There are more college prospects in Kentucky this year than ever before, and U of L coach Howard Schnellenberger wows that while he has not hurt UK before he will sign a lot of this year's crop.

2. Yes, the new contract has to help convince some recruits that Claiborne will be at Lexington to coach them through most of their careers.

 Yes, the contract extension means that Roselle is happy with 5-6 records just so the players behave themselves and are graduated.

4. Claiborne will never allow his football players to play basketball as long as Eddie Sutton is the basketball coach. You can quote me on that, and you can go to the bank with it. Claiborne does not approve of the way the basketball program has been run, and he does not want his football players to be associated with it.

Claiborne is a good man. He is almost impossible not to like. No one respects him more than the players he played with during the Bear Bryant days at Kentucky. Still, there's something lacking that keeps him from competing in the Southeastern Conference. He won't cheat. Is that what dooms Kentucky to the also-rans of the Southeastern Conference? I don't believe that, and I hope that it isn't true.

And, let it be known that UK is now officially an also-ran in the SEC. The Wildcats are so labeled by none other than that noted football expert, LSU athletic director Joe "Strang Music" Dean. Asking for a change in SEC football scheduling, Dean said, "As it stands now in the league, you have six haves and four have-nots — Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Ole Miss and Mississippi State. We're thinking you should play three of the strong teams and two of the have-nots each year."

That would help Kentucky, which had to play all six of the haves this past season. And it doesn't get any better next year when the Cats will face this schedule: Indiana, North Carolina, at Alabama,

Auburn, Rutgers, LSU, at Georgia, Cincinnati, at Vanderbilt, at Florida, Tennessee.

But the SEC schedule changes again in 1990 when the road gets easier. The Cats will open at Commonwealth Stadium with Central Michigan (thank you one last time, Cliff Hagan). After that, it's at Rutgers, Indiana, at North Carolina, at Ole Miss, Mississippi State, at LSU, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Florida at Tenessee

There is no truth to the report that Joe Burch, acting A.D. at UK, is about to announce the 2021 schedule. I investigated and learned that he's only up through 2019.

Getting back to Claiborne: He exasperates some of the so-called non-revenue coaches at UK because he won't let his football players engage in other sports.

I think back to earlier this week at Fairdale High School, which put on the King of the Bluegrass basketball classic.

Fairdale has a basketball coach named Stan Hardin, who literally leads cheers for the school's outstanding football team. Several of his basketball players are football standouts – and Hardin loves it.

"Kids ought to have a chance to be kids," said Hardin.

When it looked like Fairdale would advance so far in the football players that the basketball team wouldn't have enough players to open its basketball season, Hardin told football coach Mike Fletcher, "Just keep winning. We'll play with four players if we have to!"

Coach Claiborne, are you listening?

After an 0-10-1 record in his first season after moving from Maryland, Claiborne has directed his UK teams to records of 6-5-1, 9-3-0, 5-6-0, 5-5-1, 5-6-0 and 5-6-0. Don't ask what his record is against SEC competition.

President Roselle, after announcing Claiborne's

President Roselle, after announcing Claiborne's new contract, said that prospects would be more apt to sign with Kentucky now that they know that Claiborne will coach them throughout their collegiate careers. I hope Roselle is right, but I remember a prediction he made to me at halftime of the UK-Villanova basketball game in the Southeast Regional at Birmingham.

"My man," he said, "you are going to see one of the alltime great comebacks in the second half."

SEC ATTENDANCE – UK finished seventh in football attendance, averaging 48,282. As you might expect, Vanderbilt (40,883), Mississippi State (34,752) and Ole

Miss (32,667) brought up the rear.

Tennessee, despite its 5-6 record, led the conference with an average of 91,946 for its home games. Georgia was second with 80,234 and was followed by LSU at 77,334, Florida at 73,860, Auburn at 72,756 and Alabama at 71,440.

BOWLS -- Alabama will increase its national bowl-appearances lead when it plays in the Sun Bowl. The Tide has played in 40 bowls, seven more than Texas and nine more than Southern Cal. Tennessee is fourth with 29. Two SEC teams, Georgia and LSU, are tied for sixth with 27. Ole Miss is 12th with 20 -- oh, yes, the Rebels used to be tough. Auburn is 14th with 20 appearances and Florida is tied for 20th with 16.

CATS IN 7 BOWLS – Kentucky is 2-1 in the major bowls, losing to Santa Clara 21-13 in the 1950 Orange, and then beating Oklahoma 13-7 in the 51 Sugar and TCU 20-7 in the 52 Cotton. The Cats are 3-l in minor bowls.

BIG FOUR – Georgia and Alabama, as well as former SEC member Georgia Tech, and Notre Dame are the only teams to win all four major bowls (Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton).

GOTTA RUN — And now I'm off to have breafast with Joe Burch; I'll tell you about the acting UK A.D. next week



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Eddie isn't only Sutton who's had it rough lately

Son Sean has been object of heat, also

When Sean Sutton decided to play basketball at the University of Kentucky he knew there would be

He knew that no matter what he did, it wouldn't be



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

enough to please some fans and that they would always believe he got his scholarship only because his father, Eddie Sutton, is the UK coach.

"During the whole recruiting process we talked with Sean about that," said UK assistant coach James Dickey. "He knew he would be subjected to

Still, no one could have anticipated just how hostile and unfair the criticism would be.

The 20-year-old sophomore has had to endure more nental anguish the last nine months than many people

suffer in a lifetime.

"I'm just to a point now where I don't care what people say," said Sutton. "If people can't accept me for what I am, that's fine. Some people like me, some

'When I first came here I really thought I could make everyone like me. I tried to please everybody. Now I've learned that was a mistake because there's no way I could please everyone. That's why it doesn't matter to me anymore what people say or think."

Unfortunately, plenty has been said in recent mon-ns. Just consider:

- His name has been linked to Eric Manuel and questions about Manuel's ACT score that have sidelin-
- Two gold chains belonging to him were stolen in Wildcat Lodge and police reported they were pawned by Shawn Kemp, a UK recruit sitting out this year because of academic problems. No charges were filed
- because of academic problems. No charges were fined but Kemp left UK for a junior college.

 Fans, especially those in eastern Kentucky, have accused the UK coaches of not playing freshman Richie Farmer enough to protect Sutton's starting

Those accusations have caused the UK sophomore who missed the season's first game after breaking his cheekbone in practice, many sleepless nights in

Wildcat Lodge.
"Some nights I do have trouble sleeping," said Sutton. "I think about everything that is going on and wonder why it is all happening, what might come next and when it will ever end. "It's really hard to put it all out of my mind. I try to stay positive but when you keep getting put down that's not easy

Eddie Sutton has seen the rumors and current NCAA

probe change his son

"All this certainly has had an adverse effect on m," said the UK coach. "It's hurt him. He's inno cent, just like the other players are. I try to tell all of them that life won't always be fair but I'm not sure that really helps Sean or anyone handle adversity like

It doesn't. No words of encouragement or advice can ease the pain any 20-year-old athlete feels when his

every move or action is criticized.

Sean Sutton isn't the best player ever to wear a UK uniform. He's no Kenny Walker, Kyle Macy or Jack Givens. He has limitations.

But he's not the worst player ever to play at Kentucky as some fans seem to believe. He can direct an offense and would have been an ideal point guard for many Kentucky teams that have been overloaded with talent. This year, though, the Cats don't have that luxury and every mistake Sutton has made has been a

major topic of conversation.
"We've tried to tell him just to play and listen to the coaches," said Dickey. "He can't control what people

Sayor think."

"I want to win more than anyone on this team," said Sutton. "It's my responsibility to run the team and get the job done. If we don't, I can accept it when people

get on me for not doing the job."

It's tougher to accept when he hears fans crucify his father. He understands any coach will be criticized but the pressure the NCAA probe has put on his father has

"Sean is a Kentucky player and Eddie Sutton is his coach," said Dickey. "But Sean is still Coach Sutton's son. Sure, it hurts him when people unfairly criticize

Most of us would, and should, react the same way Sean Sutton grew up in Arkansas dreaming of one day playing for his father. This year, though, the dream has turned into a nightmare with every new rumor or NCAA allegation.

"It does bother me when people talk bad about my father," said the UK sophomore. "It hurts to hear what people say, especially when I know it is hurting

Dickey just wishes Sean Sutton could be judged as a student athlete and not as Eddie Sutton's son. Unfor-

tunately, that will never happen at UK.
"It's not fair to criticize Sean or spread stories about him just because he's the coach's son," said Dickey. "He's doing his best and representing the university in a class way. People should remember

Sean Sutton has the same feelings any 20-year-old

"I think it has been very unfair for Sean and the other players to have to shoulder all the burdens they said Coach Sutton. "There's no way this all could have not hurt them and it has probably hurt

Sean more than any of them."

Sean Sutton must feel like a dark cloud has hung over his head for months. Where he goes, controversy

That's a lot of pressure for any youngster to cope

"I'm just 20 and do sometimes feel overwhelmed by the pressure of everything here," said the UK guard. "I'm not a professional. I'm not even an adult yet. But

the stress and pressure just keeps coming."

Maybe time will eventually reduce the pressure Maybe time will heal the wounds Sutton has had

But today Sean Sutton is a youngster who is under constant pressure because he loves his father and playing basketball at UK.

Most years those would be traits that would endear

a player to Kentucky fans. For Sutton, though, those feelings have been more of a curse than blessing this

"It's just unfair the way people have treated Sean," said Dickey. "The people making the judgments don't see what goes on here every day. They act on assumptions. But Sean will be OK. He's a tough individual." That's good because if he wasn't, he would have had

even more sleepless nights.

SOUTHEASTERN Conference teams traditionally

league season in recent years.

However, this season SEC teams may be glad regular league play is ready to begin. The SEC did not be a control of the season season in the second of the season fare well against non-league opponents in December and lacks the dominant one or two teams it has had in recent years.

The SEC can't compete with the top leagues right now," said Georgia Coach Hugh Durham. "The key phrase is right now, though. "Kentucky obviously has had problems. Florida has an inexperienced lead guard and that makes it dif-

ficult to win on the road. We've lost to some good eams as we struggle to find our identity. But we are all young teams.

all young teams.

"That's why Tennessee has to be the league favorite. They play five or six seniors while the rest of us are very, very young."

Florida, one of the preseason SEC favorites, has probably been the league's biggest disappointment. The Gators were routed at Illinois and even lost their league opener at home to LSU, a team picked to finish in the bottom half of the SEC.

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"I tried to get this message out without being obnoxious or taking issue with the media," said Florida Coach Norm Sloan. "We only have one veteran player. People forget that."
That veteran is 7-2 junior center Dwayne Schintzius.

"His rebounding is up, his shooting percentage is up and we are doing a lot of things around him," said Sloan. "He's having to handle a lot of physical abuse. Teams are trying to bang and hack him."

The other Gators are having more problems something that hasn't surprised Sloan.

"Livingston Chatman did not have a normal freshman year because of injuries," said Sloan. "Clifford Lett, our senior guard, has less playing time in three years than Chatman does. Overall we're just

young. That plus a tough schedule equals losses." Sloan, like Durham, feels it would be a mistake to

which this is the start of a down cycle in the SEC.

"We have some great young talent in this league," said the Florida mentor. "The SEC will continue to be one of the strongest in the country."

Eddie Sutton fully agrees with Sloan about the SEC's future.

'We don't have one, two or three Top 20 teams like we've had in the past few years," said the UK coach. "But as some young players mature we will have

"We don't have as many great players in the upper classes except for (Dyron) Nix of Tennessee. He's the best and that's why Tennessee has to be favored to win the league

"It should be an interesting league season, though. Anything can happen when you have a lot of young teams going against one another."

UK FANS will see one of the SEC's top newcomers Wednesday when the Cats open conference play by hosting Georgia.

Litterial Green, a 6-2 guard, has all the tools to be one of the league's best players the next three years. "Green is a good outside shooter, an excellent passer and a strong guard," said Georgia junior Alec Kessler. He can do so many things well. He's quick, strong and shoots well. He's just fun to play with."

Even Durham doesn't try to hide his enthusiasm when talking about Green.

"He can do a lot of things," said the Georgia coach.
"He sees the floor well, can dribble, can pass and is an excellent shooter. He was also physically strong enough to play, something a lot of freshmen aren't."

NOTHING WOULD help Deron Feldhaus' confidence more than to hit a few clutch shots in a game. Until that happens, though, the Kentucky freshman

forward plans to keep playing as hard as he can to help the Wildcats.

"I haven't shot well and I've been down at times because of that," said Feldhaus. "But I'm confident I

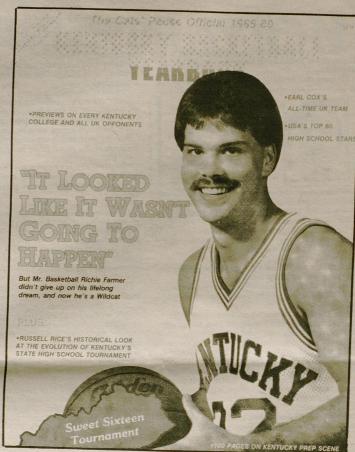
"It would probably really help me if I could score a few points and just relax. But when I go into a game I know we need help on the boards and on defense. I concentrate on those things first."

He's confident he can play defense. That's

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Conley: Even rulesmakers don't know the rules

Former 'Cat says TV has turn ons, turn offs

ONE HAT HAS now officially been thrown into

the ring.
That's ring as in "three-ring circus," especially when it concerns the vacant athletics director job



Dan Brandenburg

Cats' Pause Columnist

at the University of Kentucky and the whole NCAA investigation of the UK program.

Larry Conley, now a sportscaster for ESPN and formerly one of "Rupp's Runts," has expressed an interest in Cliff Hagan's former position.

"I would talk to them," Conley told a recent gathering of the Kentucky Associated Press Sports Editors in Lexington when asked if he was interested in the UK AD inch.

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"I have already expressed that to them, but it's hard to say (if I would take it) because I don't know the inner-workings of the problem."

He does know, however, that he's tired of hearing about the investigation.

"I really hope, not only as an alumni and someone who played here, this UK basketball situation gets cleared up soon. I'm really sick of talking about it. You're talking about the best college basketball program, as far as wins, in history.

"THEY DON'T NEED this. And they don't need announcers to step up and say the coach."

need announcers to step up and say the coach needs to resign."

The last comment was an obvious dig at Dick Vitale, who has called for Eddie Sutton and staff to step down at the end of the season regardless of

the outcome of the investigation.

Conley added that, in order to clean up college athletics, the problem should not be addressed by the individual schools.

"You've got to start at a higher level — with the athletics directors and presidents who make the rules. Even the rulesmakers don't know the rules,'

"All I got (at Kentucky) was what Coach Rupp gave me — a four-year education." Conley, who has been broadcasting for 14 years and now lives in Atlanta, said he wouldn't keep

the same job forever.
"I don't intend to stay in this forever. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to do this job."

Anyone who has ever seen Vitale can attest to

As far as UK is concerned, Conley had little envy for Sutton's position.

"THIS IS THE toughest job in the country — bar none," he said, pointing across the street toward Page. ard Rupp Arena.

But he also wondered aloud about how coaches of big-time programs have become "glamor boys."
"I have a hard time in my mind resolving someone making \$200,000 for wearing shoes," he said.
The reference was to Sutton and several other

coaches who have large endorsement contracts with shoe companies. Sutton reportedly receives about \$175,000 per year for suiting his Wildcats

up in Nikes.

Conley also talked about — what else — TV, specifically college basketball on TV.

"People think the saturation point on college basketball has been reached on TV, but I don't think it has," he said. "Advertisers are lined up to de college basketball. You wonder where it's all do college basketball. You wonder where it's all going to end."

Conley said that ESPN will televise 211 games this season, with all of the Top Twenty teams

this season, with an of the 10p Twenty teams being featured five or six times each. "TELEVISION HAS CREATED a monster in college basketball." he said. "But without this, many women's athletics programs probably would

Even though he is a former Wildcat, Conley said he doesn't lay off UK when he broadcasts their

games.
"I find it hard to believe that a team with 6-10, 6-8, 6-7 players inside can only garner nine rebounds in a half," he said in reference to the Cats' loss to Northwestern State. "I was critical of them and they deserved it."

As far as the rest of the college basketball world is concerned, Conley had high praise for the Metro Conference and for Illinois.

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"They've got four solid teams in that league," he said. "And Florida State is no surprise. In George McCloud, their 6-6, 210-pound point guard, they may have the best point guard in the country.

"Illinois may be as good as any team I've seen," he added. "They completely took Florida apart.

Illinois may be in the Final Four this year. They're outstanding."

outstanding.

That may be true, Larry, but Lou Henson is still the coach.

IT WASN'T DIFFICULT to ascertain where Kentucky stands in football as far as the Southeastern Conference athletics directors are

When considering a scheduling shakeup to ever out the schools' annual schedules during the ADs'

annual meeting last week, UK was classified among four "have-not" teams.

LSU athletic director Joe Dean said, "What we're trying to do is have all of the schools in the league play three of the so-called traditional tough teams and two of the so-called have-nots."

The other three, in case you're wondering, we Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Currently, the SEC teams play five common opponents every season, with two other SEC teams coming in on a rotation basis to account for ence matches

WHAT THE ADS want to do is have three "toughies" among everyone's five common oppo-



Good to have a man like Claiborne around Sam Bowie on his way back, again

nents and one "toughie" among each of the two-team rotations. This would mean that of the seven SEC games each season, every league team would play four SEC toughies and three SEC softies.

Dean was commenting on the situation because " LSU has only two traditionally tough teams in its common opponents — Alabama and Florida. Under the proposal, the Tigers would drop Ken-tucky and gain its third tough team in Georgia.

While this scheme sounds good on paper, it

While this scheme sounds good on paper, it would not be implemented before 1992 and who's to say that Jerry Claiborne's Cats won't be one of the top teams in the nation by then.

FINALLY, THERE IS some good news for former University of Kentucky star Sam Bowie, who is trying to make a comeback from leg and foot injuries with the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers.

Bowie, who has spent more of his career in a cast than Nikes, was cleared last week to begin practicing without restrictions.

Bowie missed two years at UK with a leg injury, then played just 76 games as a rookie with Port-land in 1984-85. He got in only 38 games the next season, due to surgery to repair a defect in his left

And things continued to get worse. In the fifth game of the 1986-87 season, Bowie broke his right tibia and missed the rest of the year. Then, he reinjured the leg during warmups before the Blaz-ers first preseason game last year and missed

another year.

It's a general concensus that Sam has All-Star potential if he can ever recover from his wounds. Here's wishing him the best, especially during this Christmas season.

I PERSONALLY WANT to thank whoever is most responsible for Jerry Claiborne being given a four-year extension on his contract. It's great — and very rare in this day and time — for a school to show such great support for a coach with a los-ing record. But Claiborne's 51 All-Academic SEC players more than pushed him over the top. At age 60, Claiborne will probably be looking to hang it up in a few years. Let's keep him at Kentucky



'Cats shake 'whammy,'

Pair of 'do-better' talks spur Wildcats on as UK finally pulls out victory in closing minutes of UKIT

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

LEXINGTON - The Marshall plan was to bring out the old ouble-whammy late in the game against Kentucky.

After all Northwestern State and Bowling Green had zapped the

'Cats into defeat with some late magic

But Saturday night UK coach Eddie Sutton wasn't buying any whammy stuff. Neither was his team.

When Marshall took a 66-60 lead with 11:03 to play, Sutton call-

Enough was enough. Exorcise that demon once and for all from the hallowed halls of Rupp Arena.

Doubting Thomases are all over the world. But in Kentucky you can't have doubting LeRons or Richies or Chrises. It just won't do.

"Maybe they thought: 'Here comes that old demon again, maybe we'll have the whammy put on us,' "said Sutton. "That's why I called the time out. The kids responded. Maybe we grew tonight as a basketball team."

SPURRED BY SUTTON'S BENCHSIDE CHAT, and a couple of their own, the 'Cats went on to win 91-78 in the consolation game of the UKIT.

Arkansas State, which had hoped to play the 'Cats in the cham-

pionship game, rolled over Bowling Green 80-51 for the title. But while the 'Cats were putting on a new game face, the Marshall coach was making an unpleasant one

Coach Rick Huckabay looked like Death sucking a lemon in the post-game media fling

post-game media fling.
"I don't normally feel this way, but if I were running for President I'd hire those three SOBs (Huckabay used the unabridged version) to guard me. That's the way I feel."
Huckabay didn't cry about homerism. He never touched on the fact that Marshall had 29 fouls while UK had 20. Neither did he mention the fact UK hit 28 of 39 at the line to 16 of 24 for Marshall. The presence of effects. shall. The margin of defeat.

To Huckabay it was a matter of class distinction-SEC versus

Southern Conference.
"Their attitude toward Mickey Mouse Marshall and some of these people in the tournament because they are SEC officials really irritated the hell out of me," said Huckabay. "It's not sour grapes. They called the consolation game about the way we played—not

HUCKABAY WAS UPSET in general at the nature of the callsor non-calls as the case may be

But he was inceased in particular at a couple of them down the stretch. One concerned flashy guard John Taft, who had 29 points.

Huckabay said Taft was bounced around pretty good when he took the ball inside. But with UK leading 82-78 with two minutes to play, Huckabay said Taft was hit by UK's Sean Sutton. The versatile Chris Mills managed to hit on a three-point play to make it 85-78. Then came a crucial call.

Marshall's Andy Paul Williamson was called for charging on a three-point shot in which Richie Farmer looked to be the guilty party.
"That was a little more than I could handle," said Huckabay.

"What bothered me was the way we were looked down on because we're supposed to be a Southern Conference school." Huckabay again stressed he wasn't looking at the officials as three

guys who were trying to give Kentucky a badly-needed Christmas

"No, I don't think they were trying to help Kentucky...not at all," said Huckabay. "They were looking at us and saying: 'Who are these piss ants?' "

Well, those ants weren't exactly ..uh, shooting blanks for most of the game. Especially the muscular Taft.

Taft had kept the Herd in the game with 19 first-half points as Marshall trailed 43-36.

Taft also had a three-point bucket and a 20-foot jumper in the first six minutes of the second half. But it was a pair of free throws by John Humphrey and two stuffs by Omar Roland that broke a 60-60 tie and set the stage for Sutton's reminder.

"I told them we're not playing to keep from losing but we are playing to win," said Sutton. "And, I said if any of them didn't feel that in their heart I wanted to know about it. Then I'd go out and get players who believe in themselves."

Mills, who had 17 points and 20 rebounds and was Sutton's choice

for Player of the Game, then hit to get it started. And when Huckabay's team went into a zone for a while, it cost them.

OR FARMER DID. Richie hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 67-67 and UK then outscored Marshall 11-3 over the next three minutes to take a 78-69 lead with 5:27 to go.

However, Mike Scott, one of several bench-warmers who earn-marked the played the short be flowed the flow of the

ed good reviews, tossed up a bad shot to change the flow of the game. On two free throws by Taft, Marshall creeped back to within

But, as Huckabay said, live by the three-pointer...and you

ometimes die by it.

Marshall missed some threes, UK got the rebounds, and some 'Cat (usually Farmer) went to the line. Quicker than you could say "piss ant" and it was all over.

LeRon Ellis led the 'Cats with 33 points, while Farmer followed Mills with 12. But Deron Feldhaus came off the bench with seven boards and six points and Scott had six points in a stretch where he played very well.

ne played very well.
"I was pretty positive and kept egging my teammates on to work hard," said Ellis, who sometimes plays soft. "Tonight we fought back to stay alive."

Mills said the meetings did not dwell so much on negative things.

"We just tried to get out what we had to do to win," said Mills. "Everybody can't come out looking to score. We have to hit the big baskets and get the big rebounds and take the charges. Just everything it takes to win.



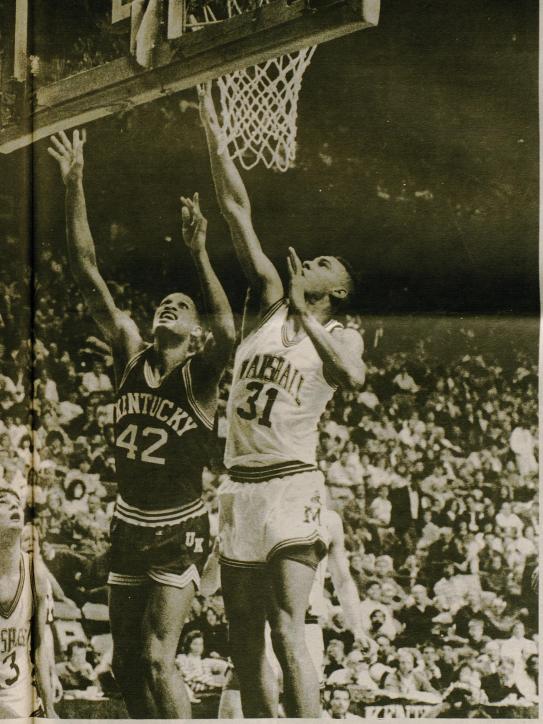


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UK-Marshall play-by-play

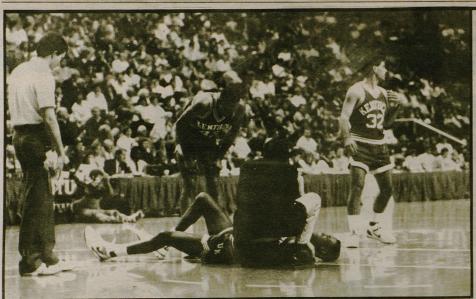
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15:48		8-7	Humphrey FT, FT
15:38	Ellis tip	10-7	
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	Feldhaus follow layup	14-14	
12:43		14-16	Taft 17 ft.
12:05	Mills layup	16-16	
11:51	Farmer FT, FT	18-16	
11:36		18-19	Williams 21 ft.
11:06		18-21	Taft layup
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9:16		20-26	
	Scott FT, FT	22-26	
8:36		22-28	Williams tip
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6:18	Ellis 8 ft.	26-30	
5:44	Scott 6 ft.	28-30	
	Ellis FT, FT	30-30	
5:25		30-32	
	Sutton 18 ft.	32-32	
	Sutton layup	34-32	
4:08		34-34	Cunningham 17 ft.
3:52	Scott 12 ft.	36-34	
3:17	Mills follow layup	38-34	
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game-high 33 points for UK against Marshall, but Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton said Chris Mills (42), who grabbed an fly as his Player of the Game. Mills, who was joined by Ellis on the all-tournament team, splits Marshall's Andy Paul William-two of his 17 points against the Thundering Herd.

-- Cats' Pause



'CATS TAKE THIRD PLACE

Top Left: A twisted ankle in the first half sent slowed down Hanson's performance during UK's 91-78 victory over Marshall.

Middle Left: Sean Sutton gets an assist from trainer Walt McCombs after taking a fall.

Middle Right: Chris Mills, who along with LeRon Ellis made the all-tourney team, looks to make his move.

Bottom Left: Up, up and away is UK center LeRon Ellis.

Bottom Middle: It's Santa 'Cat Bottom Right: Williamson (13) facing Farmer's defense.

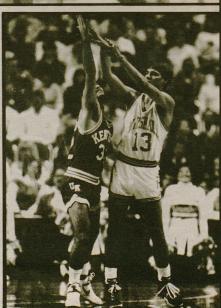
Marshall-UK photos by Gary Cromwell











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Forget the Fiesta, Miami is nation's best this year

But West Virginia will win it in the polls

With the new year fast approaching, it's time to dig out the old crystal ball and analyze this season's slate of football bowl games. Of course, the showcase of this year's bowl scene is in Tempe, Ariz., in the Fiesta Bowl,



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which once again should crown a national champion when No. 1 Notre Dame battles the up-and-coming, third-ranked West Virginia Mountaineers. Now, here goes with the picks

□INDEPENDENCE BOWL: Like in some other bowls, a head coach will be coaching his last game. At UTEP, Bob Stull has already agreed to Missouri's offer to become the Tigers' new mentor next year as his Miners in what will be Stull's swan song.

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Both teams have played very mediocre schedules and appear even on paper. However, we'll lean toward to Miners in what will be Stull's swan song.

UTEP by 3

□SUN BOWL: In what appears to be the biggest mismatch in the bowls, Sun Bowl officials might be wor rying about a blow out in this Christmas Eve game. Army has not beaten a soul all season while Bill Curry seems to have the Tide of Alabama on a roll after an impressive win at Texas A&M in the Gilbert Bowl to end the regular season. Derrick Thomas and Co. will shut down the Cadets' wishbone. Roll Tide. Alabama by 24

□ALOHO BOWL: This one has all the makings of an offensive shootout. In fact, it might be one of the better non-Jan. 2 games this year. Washington State has one of the better underpublicized quarterbacks in the nation with Tim Rosenbach while Houston will counter with coach Jack Pardee's run-and-shoot. Although Houston has won one more game than the 8-3 Cougars, State has played better on the road. The Pac-10 was one of the improved conferences in the nation this year and WSU will deliver the goods. Washington State by 6

LIBERTY BOWL: With both South Carolina and Indiana losing three of their last five games, ticket at both schools have been lagging for this one in Mem-phis. Especially at South Carolina, which is reporting a plethora of tickets not being taken by Gamecock fans Already, much has been said about a reported steroid Already, much has been said about a reported steroid scandal at Carolina which shocked many in college football circles. Both teams possess potent passing attacks, the Gamecocks with Todd Ellis (who was a Heisman candidate) and IU countering with Dave Schnell. However, South Carolina has been very erratic lately, getting clobbered at Georgia Tech and annihilated at home against Florida State. Indiana has a better balanced team and should give Bill Mallory his first bowl victory as the IU coach. Indiana by 13

□ALL-AMERICAN BOWL: It should be interesting to see just how many Florida and Illinois fans make the trip to Birmingham for this bowl. Florida has been upand-down all season and lost five of its last six games while the Illini were a surprise in the Big Ten under first-year coach John Mackovic. In fact, the Illini pulled off upsets over Ohio State and Indiana this season. December nights can be very cold in Birmingham, and because the Gators don't have a passing game they will



Georgia's Dooley (left) to go out a winner; Nehlen's club will upset No. 1 Irish have a hard time moving the football against Illinois. In

□FREEDOM BOWL: Freedom Bowl officials might LIRRELIOM BOWL: Freedom Bowl officials might be second-guessing themselves for selecting BYU over Arizona to match up against Colorado. BYU lost two of its last three games and the neglected Wildcats of Arizona were playing good football at the end of the season. Both teams can put points on the board and will try to lure some fans in southern California. However, Colorado looks to have played the better schedule and has the better team. Colorodo by II has the better team

□HOLIDAY BOWL: Holiday Bowl officials were praying that WAC champion Wyoming would stay undefeated, but the Cowboys' sojourn for an undefeated season was derailed in front of an ESPN audience at Houston. Oklahoma State still can't crack the Big Two of Oklahoma and Nebraska, but this year's team, led by Barry Sanders, appears even better than the one that won the Sun Bowl last season. OSU can score points in bunches and Wyoming hasn't proven itself against quality competition. Sanders will let everybody know why he won the Heisman Trophy.

PEACH BOWL: N.C. State will be making its se cond trip in three years to face a disappointing Iowa club in Atlanta. The ACC was slightly improved this season and had a competitive race for the league crown. Iowa, on the other hand, never could come together and somehow played to a tie three times. On paper, Iowa looks a little better, but the intangibles are in State's favor.

N.C. State by 3

GATOR BOWL: The Gator Bowl saved face by selecting Michigan State after seeing Pitt lose rather handily at Syracuse. In fact, the Spartans, after getting off to a horrendous start, won their last six games of the season. But you better believe the Bulldogs of Georgia will be playing with extra incentive trying to win Vince s last game as the school's football coach. Last week Dooley announced he will step down as head coach to pursue a career in politics. Michigan State has momentum, but Georgia has Tim Worley, and sentiment. on its side. Georgia by 6

□HALL OF FAME BOWL: By switching from Birmingham to Tampa, the Hall of Fame Bowl has attracted some quality teams over the last couple years. This bowl will showcase a high-powered Syracuse offense against a tenacious LSU defense. This season Syracuse went about its business and compiled a 9.2 resent LSU unit SEC its business and compiled a 9-2 record. LSU was SEC co-champ, tying Auburn for the league crown. When it comes to selecting a winner, LSU must get the nod because of a much tougher schedule. LSU makes amends for the Miami embarrassment.



COTTON BOWL: This is a nice intersectional mat-COTTON BOWL: This is a nice intersectional matchup between Arkansas and UCLA. Arkansas almost made a claim for a possible national title shot when the Hogs nearly upset Miami in December. However, Ken Hatfield's team will be facing one of the premier bowl teams in the Bruins. Terry Donohue rarely loses a postseason game and should devise a game plan to neutralize an aggressive Arkansas defense. Troy Aikman will be ready to show why he will be one of the top quarterbacks taken in the NFL draft.

UCLA by 12

ROSE BOWL: In what was a rarity last season, a Big Ten representative finally won a Rose Bowl game. However, it is interesting to note that rep was not Michigan or Ohio State who upset USC last season. It was Michigan State. This year it's Michigan, which means the usual Big Ten fate. Bo Schembechler will have the Wolverines fired up for this one, but USC, with Rodney Peete, has too many weapons.

SUGAR BOWL: Will Florida State fans throw ties at Pat Dye when Auburn takes to the carpet in the Superdome? Well, I'm sure his decision to go for a tie against Syracuse last year will be much-talked about in New Orleans before this year's tussle. However, Pat will have much more to worry about in trying to "tie down" (pun intended) a powerful FSU offense. There's no question the Seminoles can score from any place on the football field, but Auburn has a defense that can put tremendous pressure on FSU quarterback Chip Ferguson.

Believe it or not, Dye is 3-1 against Bobby Bowden's 'Noles over the years. Call it an upset... Auburn by 3

ORANGE BOWL: Forget the Fiesta Bowl teams, folks, Miami has the best college football team in the nation. What other team has defeated the likes of Florida State, Michigan, LSU and Arkansas? Give up? Nobody. The Hurricanes have talent galore and Steve Walsh at quarterback to boot. Nebraska, on the other hand, is no slouch and seems to play well in an underdog role. But Jimmy Johnson will win his second straight Orange Miami by 10

FIESTA BOWL: The battle for the national championship will directly focus on two of the better allaround quarterbacks in the nation. Notre Dame has Tony Rice while West Virgina has a major talent. That's Ma-jor Harris. There's no question the Irish have taken a tougher path in going undefeated this season, but West Virginia seems to be a team of destiny, right Beano? Both Lou Holtz and Don Nehlen are premier coaches and will have their teams tuned up for a great game. But for some reason, the Mountaineers will win it for the state of West Virginia which has been waiting for this state of West Virginia which has been waiting for this state of West Virginia which has been waiting for this state of West Virginia which has been waiting for this state of West Virginia has stated to the work of the work West-by-God-Virginia by 7 game for a long, long time.

University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball statistics

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GINNAN, JEFF	1	1.0	-		-		-	-	1	2	50.0	2	2.0	-	-	-	-	-		-	1	1.0
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SEC full of underachieving clubs to this point

Teams have terrible record vs. 'name' foes

This basketball season is starting in the strangest way First of all, there doesn't seem to be an outstanding

team in the Southeastern Conference.

To this point in time Tennessee appears to be the best



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

we have, but how can you truly evaluate the Volun on such early-season opposition as Tennessee Tech, UT-Chattanooga and VMI?

True, the Vols beat Ole Miss at Oxford, but the Rebels played without their second-best player, Tim Jumper.

As for the rest of the league, the early results are negatively assessment.

For example, what in the world is going on down at

Here is a team with a 7-foot-2 potential all-world center who is playing like all-YMCA. Dwayne Schintzius, he of the strange, strange attitude, should be King of the Jungle but he's playing like Mickey Mouse. As one of the ESPN announcers commented during the recent Florida-LSU game: "The Gators have this 7-2 center and he might as well be out in the hall selling

SCHINTZIUS' FELLOW UNDERACHIEVERS include Livingston Chatman, named to last year's

Associated Press Freshman All-America Team, and

Dwayne Davis, who hit 60 percent of his shots from the floor last year while averaging almost five rebounds per

Mix Schintzius, Chatman and Davis with Clifford Lett, a senior guard, plus the two bluest of blue-chip freshmen and you have a team which California pounded by 15, Florida State by 18, Illinois by 30 and LSU by 10. The Gators aren't the only example of a weak SEC.

Although Georgia upset Georgia Tech last week in Atlanta, the Bulldogs lost to Iowa by 26. Twenty-six, for heaven's sake, after being picked by most to win the

Kentucky was hung out to dry by Northwestern State (who?) and Bowling Green at home in what must be the Wildcats' most embarrassing defeats in 25 years, as well as by Notre Dame (16 points), Duke (25 points) and

Vanderbilt is in and out, beating Louisville after losing to Ohio State by 15 only three nights previous, then oming back to lose to Alabama-Birmingham by seven The way the league looks right now, Tennessee will

in it and everyone else will finish 9-9 or 8-10. And nat's not even a sure thing because the Vols were shock Saturday night at home

YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR and read the word so much in 1989 you're going to become sick

years parity means everybody is about equally good. This isn't one of those years.

To further illustrate the strangeness of 1988-89, three

of this year's all-conference team spots are already locked up and the SEC schedule hasn't really started yet.

Dyron Nix of Tennessee is a cinch. He's a great Nix scores, rebounds, does it all. He can't miss

end-of-the-year recognition.

Gerald Glass from Ole Miss, who was picked all-SEC at the November media meeting before he had ever played a league game will be on the honor squad when the season is over. A lot of eyebrows were raised when Glass was selected, but the kid is as good as advertised and that means as good as anyone, except perhaps,

Nix.

The third spot will be filled by Chris Jackson, LSU's unbelievable freshman. Watching him against Florida I felt he's going to win a lot for the Tigers, but he's going to shoot them out of some games as well. When Jackson came down the court with the ball he looked neither to the left nor to the right. He just pumped it and that's great when you're hot. But when you're not, it's not.

Nevertheless, Jackson has all-conference written all

In a year without another outstanding big man in the SEC, Schintzius should be a lock for the center position, but not if he keeps playing the way he's started this season. Further, the media doesn't respect the big guy because of his attitude, and the media votes

The other spot on the all-star team is wide open. Your

This may be an unusual year in SEC basketball. But not, however, for the usual reasons.

□NOT FOR BROADCAST: Richard Williams at Mississippi State is the youngest head basketball coach in the SEC. Williams, now in his third year at State, is 43...Dwayne Schintzius, who was suspended for four games for taking a whack someone with a tennis raquet in a middle-of-the-night brawl outside a Gainesville nightclub was greeted at the Florida State game by dozens of tennis balls rolled at him on the court by Seminole fans...The SEC press office is still trying to pump the league's image with a release saying the conference has won over 60 percent of its games against non-conference foes. That's all well and good until you see where those wins came from. Against comparable opposition the SEC is 0-2 with the ACC, 0-4 against the Big Ten, 0-1 against the Big East, 2-1 against the Pac-I0, 3-2 against the Metro, and so on. Winning over the little people many SEC teams load up on during the preseason really isn't very impressive...During C.M. Newton's eight seasons at Vanderbilt, the Commodores have a 29-15 record in games decided by three points or less...Speaking of Newton, I've read where his name is among those being considered for the Kentucky athletics director's job. If C.M. were hired it would give Kentucky basketball instant respectability. There is no one in college athletics who has the unblemished reputation en-joyed by Newton. It also makes you wonder who would joyed by Newton. It also makes you wonder who wot succeed Newton. C.M. is a big fan of **Bob Weltlich**, former Ole Miss coach who was fired at Texas last spring. Weltlich is highly-respected for his coaching spring. Wettich is nignly-respected for his coaching ability and is known for running an absolutely clean program. That's the only kind Vanderbilt wants. Would Weltlich apply? Would Newton recommend him? Possibly, and probably...Chris Jackson's ability won't be hidden under an SEC basket this year. LSU will appear on 10 nationally-televised games, giving the entire nation the opportunity to catch Jacksonitis. ESPN's Bob Carpenter and Bill Raftery came down with a severe case when the Tigers played Florida and Jackson scored 53...LSU-Georgetown Jan. 28 in the Superdome will be a very hot ticket. Fortunately, at the dome there's room for everyone. The Tigers have priced the game at near football levels. The best seats go for \$15.50...Hugh Durham is now in his 11th season as head man for the Georgia Bulldogs. He has led the Dawgs to eight straight postseason tournaments...About 70 percent of the nation's blue-chip high school basketball players signed letters of intent during the early recruiting period. That figure was down from 80 percent the last couple of years...Standout Ole Miss tight end Wesley Walls will play in four postseason all-star games...If quarterback Tom Hodson stays at LSU next year instead of turning pro, he has a chance to set new SEC career marks for most career TD passes (he needs 10) and most career passing yards (he needs 1,126). **Kerwin Bell**, formerly of Florida (1984-87) currently tops both categories with 56 and 7,585...LSU has not won two bowl games in a row since the Tigers won four straight postseason games from 1965-68. The Tigers set some sort of record this year by



So far this season, Florida's 7-foot-2 center Dwayne Schintzius, who was selected preseason all-SEC by the league's media, has done very little to stand tall for the Gators-on or off the court.

appearing on five national networks, counting their gam with Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl on NBC. LSU was on ABC for the Ohio State game, CBS at Florida and Alabama, ESPN against Auburn and Miami and TBS with Ole Miss and Tennessee...In its first two games, Tennessee hit 28 of 46 three-point shots for 61 percent. Interestingly enough, that was better than the Vols shot two-pointers. From two-point land they were 42 of 86 for 49 percent...Gordon Pettus has retired as supervisor of SEC football officials. Bobby Gaston, a long-time official in the league, has replaced him...LSU has agreed to play in the 1989 Big Apple NIT basketball tournament. No other SEC team has been sele

☐The Last Word: Mississippi State president Donald Zacharias, on why the Bulldogs are thinking of moving next year's Ole Miss game from Jackson to Starkville:

"We know we're wanted in Jackson because they say we're wanted. But I don't feel they've done anything else for us, other than say the want us.



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NCAA's Schultz faces big decision on Tarkanian

Look for Tark the Shark to stay at UNLV

☐In the wake of the **Jerry Tarkanian** decision recently handed down by the United States Supreme Court (a 5-4 heartbreaker at the wire for Tark) it is quite clear we've reached the first major crossroads in the regime of



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Larry Donald Cats' Pause Columnist

NCAA executive director Richard Schultz

Possibly, this man will make no more important deci-

sion in his tenure.

The question facing Schultz is whether to carry out the 1977 NCAA order that UNLV suspend Tarkanian as its coach or whether to travel a more popular road and

pocket veto the entire matter.

The great irony in all this is how Tarkanian and the NCAA have played off each other. First, Tarkanian used the NCAY have played off each other. Pirst, Tarkaman used the NCAY's storm trooper approach to enforcement to help improve his image and now the NCAA can do likewise by allowing him to continued an uninterrupted schedule as UNLV's coach.

Knowing Schultz, my suspicion is that he'll travel the nost politically expedient road. I don't think Tarkanian

But, then, I've been badly mistaken about the NCAA

The problem most long-time observers of NCAA rules have with this landmark legal decision mostly has to do with the fact that to be so completely empowered a group should have given evidence that it can use such proper projectly.

Such has not been the case with the NCAA.

As an example, noted stories indicated one of the As an example, noted stories indicated one of the allegations which put UNLV on probation in 1977 had to do with Tarkanian paying airfare for a player named Jeep Kelly. This "violation" stood despite the fact a sworn affidavit (plus a cancelled check, I believe) from Kelly's high school principal was produced to prove he (and not Tark) bought the ticket.

Too often too many stories have escaped from the In-

fractions Committee which cast reasonable doubt on its fairness or even the competence to stand in judgement of these matters

As a legal matter, I'll grudgingly buy the concept that the NCAA is a voluntary organization. But, as a practical matter, no one can actually believe the NCAA is anything but a closed shop. Heavens, there are Division I conferences which forbid their members from playing Division II or III teams, so do you really think it would be possible to conduct an athletic program outside NCAA membership?

Of course not.

And remember, the Supreme Court essentially said because it was a private organization the NCAA really didn't have to be fair in the treatment of its members. Astonishing, I'd say.

But what's really necessary here is an overhaul of the

But what's really necessary here is an overhaul of the entire enforcement system. It's simply not right to hand out long-term probationary periods based on circumstantial or unsubstantiated evidence. Especially when we are dealing with people whose moral and ethical standards, I am sorry to say, absolutely beg question.

So, this is a moment for Schultz to stand very tall. Not only should he put the Tarkanian matter to rest, but he should begin moving toward a less complicated set of rules, one which at least discourages cheating instead of the current set of statutes which do, in fact, point

the current set of statutes which do, in fact, point schools in the direction of rule-bending.

I agree when Schultz says morality begins with schools



Jerry Tarkanian (above) continues to be the nation's winningest college basketball coach, but last week he lost his 12-year case against the NCAA when the Supreme Court voted 5-4 in favor of the boys from Mission, Kan. Now it's up to NCAA executive director Dick Schultz to decide whether to uphold the original two-year suspension.

putting their own houses in order. But it would also help if we could say that, like Caesar's wife, the Infractions Committee, the NCAA enforcement staff and its chief David Berst are all above reproach

Jowa suffered a major loss when 6-10 Matt Bullard vent down with a knee injury. He's expected to miss six weeks and what that means to the Hawks is they've lost

a true, star-quality inside player...

After knocking down 23 of 26 shots against Miami,

Duke's Danny Ferry is getting a fresh evaluation from couts who, remarkably, had been rather cool to the

Seton Hall, which came into this year needing to convince itself as much as anyone that the program was among the nation's legit heavyweights, has been outstanding. After watching the Pirates win the Great Alaska Shootout against a so-so field, I, like many, had doubts. But P.J. Carlesimo's club has answered every bell since. including a win over St. John's in Alumni Hall, the first victory on that campus for a Seton Hall team since 1913.

Third place in the Big East is a real possibility...

Villanova, New Mexico and, yes, despite all, Kentucky are the major early-season disappointments while UCLA, Missouri and Ball State have to be considered

the surprises...

After getting blown away at Purdue, UConn came back to win at Virginia. That says the Huskies are a for real NCAA tournament prospect.

□Concerned fans at Wichita State are already circling the wagons in an effort to keep Eddie Fogler as the Shockers' coach. They've put together an annuity package which would be worth \$1 million to Fogler in 10

□Another Missouri Valley coach, Ron Greene at Indiana State, is on no such joy ride. Greene, in his fourth year here after successful stints at New Orleans, Mississippi State and Murray State, is probably fighting

for his life with a program which has never recovered from a Final Four appearance 10 years ago...

I can assure the team which has more college basketball people nervous than any other is **Denny**Crum's Louisville Cardinals. Usually a slow starter (and this year, was no expertion with opening defeat at the this year was no exception with opening defeats at the hands of Xavier and Vanderbilt), Louisville has since moved its game up several notches. Doesn't the world deserve a Louisville-Oklahoma finale?...

☐ Mentioning U of L, it probably should be noted its conference, the Metro, is as good and deep as ever. In fact, beyond the Big East and Big Ten you could make a strong argument for the Metro in that No. 3 slot... ☐ A could who have to be in the best of the best of the limit of the Metro.

☐A coach who has to be in trouble is **Bob Dukiet** at **Marquette**. The Warriors have their least talented squad in the post-Al McGuire era and have gone steadily downhill in Dukiet's three years. The knock on him when he left St. Peter's was that he wasn't a good recruiter. His efforts in Milwaukee certainly haven't enhanced that thinking. I'm told a group of former players is already pressuring the administration to fire Dukiet and give former Warrior star **Bo Ellis**, now an assistant, the job.

□And what about **Rick Majerus**, the former Marquette coach who, in his second year at **Ball State**, has the Cardinals off to a record-setting start. And, friends, they didn't upset Purdue. They drilled the Boilermakers. Would Majerus consider a return to Milwaukee where he won 18 games in each of his three seasons? My suspicion is the odds are against that happening, but, the wouldn't be the strangest footnote in college basketball

OK, Arizona's Sean Elliott has been great (vs UNLV) and he's been ordinary (in Charlotte during the Diet Pepsi Tournament of Champions). So, which is the real guy? My guess is somewhere in between...

□Prediction: By season's end consensus on America's best point guard will be Michigan's Rumeal Robinson...

TCPCROSSWORDPUZZLE By Dan Krueckeberg

TWENTY YEARS AGO: RUPP'S 24TH SEC TITLE

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Vitale & UK: Part I

I can't believe another year has passed and it's time to renew my subscription. Boy, what a difference a year makes.

Looking back to 1987 renewal time, I was full of hope for a national title in basketball full of hope for a national title in basketball and a full house of top-quality players for the 1988-89 season. But guess what, our 'Cats got upset by some 'Cats from the East (Villanova) and it was wait till next year. After the upset, the roof fell in: King Rex (Chapman) jumped to the pros, the money fell out, Prop 48 took its toll and the investigation and conviction.

Did I say conviction? Yes, I did. Kentucky's Wildcats have been found guilty by Motor Mouth Dick Vitale, the national media and The Kentucky Kernel (the University of Ken-

The Kentucky Kernel (the University of Kentucky's independent student newspaper). This

before any facts have been made public.

I thought in the good old U.S. you are innocent until proven guilty. But not Kentucky's Wildcats, we are already guilty.

If we are guilty of the charges brought forth by the NCAA, make them public, fire those responsible, hand out our punishment and let the fans of the Kentucky program get on with

I hope, if we are guilty, that our public probation for the last few months will be considered as time served.

Sometimes out of the ashes of disaster comes a new and better life. In either case (guilty or innocent), Kentucky's Wildcats will rise again to the top.

The Illinois 'Cat.

Charles Pirozzoli

Editor's note: Although we agree with most of your comments, Charles, we would like to correct you on a couple counts. Although it is true that some in the national media have already tried and con-victed Kentucky basketball, Dick Vitale and the Kentucky Kernel have not. Both have asked for Eddie Sutton's resignation, but neither did so based on his guilt or in-nocence. Vitale has said on a number of

occasions, including his pregame comments before the UK-Duke game, that he has no idea whether UK is guilty or inno-cent of any of the NCAA's charges. He ontent of any of the NCAYS changes. It is said that because of all the unrest, bad publicity and stigma that exists, Sutton and his staff should step aside for the good of the program. A few weeks later, the Kernel came to the same conclusion.

Vitale & UK: Part II

Dear Sir:

Mr. Combs, in response to Dick Vitale's, yours and a few others' suggestions that Eddie Sutton should resign, I say HOGWASH!!!

First of all, let me remind everyone that a person should always be considered innocent until proven guilty. And to date, there has been no evidence against anyone, including coach Sutton. I sincerely hope that our state university is above finding someone guilty without evidence

Secondly, Mr. Combs, Vitale and others, you suggest that coach Sutton should retire innocent or guilty because of the black cloud over the program. I suggest that Eddie Sutton, whom I consider to be the best coach in the country today, should be given the opportunity to lead this program out from under that black cloud, somewhat similar to another mat black cloud, somewhat similar to almost coach who was the greatest who ever lived. It was that coach who was also given an opportunity to escape a black cloud, and his name was Adolph Rupp.

Thank you,

John Colson

P.S.—Compliments to Dan Brandenburg. Lately his column is an oasis in the deser-of ignorance.

Editor's note: As was explained in the previous editor's note, Vitale and others have called for Sutton's resignation. But aside from columnist Earl Cox and a few of those who responded to The Cats' Pause questionainnaire, no one else at TCP, and certainly not Oscar Combs, has asked for





OK, let's get this straight: Yes, Dick Vitale (left) did call for the resignation of Eddie Sutton (right), but TCP editor/publisher Oscar Combs has not. Vitale, however, has gone out of his way to make it clear that he hasn't convicted anyone. It's his opinion that Sutton and the coaching staff should have stepped down before the season began-innocent or guilty.

Santa's toy house filled with gifts for sports' VIPs

Act III: In search of Eddie Sutton's present

I don't think even Santa Claus could find anything in his workshop that would reverse frowns of Kentucky Wildcat fans into smiles. I know because I explored the jolly ol' man's toy shop last week and there wasn't a



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

ower rebounder nor a magic wand to place under Eddie

power rebounder nor a magic wand to place under Edoie Sutton's Christmas tree.

You may remember about this time every year I venture my way to the North Pole to extend Christmas greetings to Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus. And one night during my stay, guided by just the trail of my shadow, I invited myself into his palace of toys.

I didn't see anything labeled for the Kentucky Wildeats which would turn the 'Cats into a Final Four contender. What did I see?

Glad you asked.

For Bobby Bowden: an offensive playbook authored by a certain UK assistant. Last year at this time we gave Kentucky offensive coordinator Jerry Eisaman a playbook from the Florida State head coach. This season the favor is returned. That is, Santa will send Bowden a Jerry Eisaman playbook. Despite the loss of big play man Dee Smith and an inexperienced offensive line Eisaman's offense was productive more than not. The run-and-shoot attack early in the season proved to be an excellent call by the UK coaching staff.

For Dale Brown: a box containing two video cassettes marked Chris Jackson's 1988-89 highlights. Written on both tapes was: "Jackson's 53-point extravaganza against Florida." His effort against the Gators was so spectacular it took two wo ininute tapes just to cover it all. I guess I should inform Santa that he might not want to send the tape by way of Emery

For the University of Kentucky student body: Plenty tickets to get back on the Wildcat bandwagon.

For Johnathon Davis: A chain like the one Rex has with "Johnathon" dangling from the gold links. Not only is Davis' name misspelled (Jonathon) in the UK statististics but in NCAA allegations as well. Hang in there Jonathon, eh Johnathon, they'll get it right one of these days. Have you considered Jon for short?

For Bill Mallory: A book entitled How Not To Make Your Opponent Angry. Giving All-Big Ten junior tailback Anthony Thompson the ball for a touchdown on the final play of this year's Kentucky-Indiana game will be talked about, talked about and talked about until the two teams meet Sept. 9. "That really hit me in the gut," said linebacker Randy Holleran. No, that statement wasn't made after IU's 36-I5 win in Bloomington. Holleran, though, made that statement a couple of days after he was named to the *Associated Press'* All-SEC team. He said many of his temporates still east embergreed by said many of his teammates still are embarrassed by Thompson's meaningless touchdown and even now are eyeing UK's first game of the '89 season

For Pervis Ellison: the 1989 Adolph Rupp Trophy. Santa must have read my mind. You can have Sean Elliott or Danny Ferry. For my team I'll take Ellison. Enough

For Ed Murphy and Sonny Smith: a 10-minute spot on the Johnny Carson show. Not only can Murphy and Smith draw the Xs and Os with the nation's best but they can match wits with any of the country's wittiest coaches. Yes, duos like Laurel and Hardy, the Smothers

Brothers, Abbott and Costello, Earl and Oscar have tickled the funny bone of their respective followers. No doubt about it, the Ed & Sonny show would be a

For Dick Vitale: an "A" for being honest with his audience. Whether or not you agree with Vitale's remarks last month, he has to be admired for having enough courage to not only "tell it like he sees it" but to confront Sutton and his staff before he made his feelings haven on patient leading in the confront Sutton and his staff before he made his feelings known on national television. In no way did Vitale have anything to gain by saying that Sutton and his staff (inocent or guilty) should resign for the overall betterment of the program. Was this a PR stunt by Vitale? Not likely, because the ESPN and ABC color commentator already has climbed his way to the top of the success ladder. Fact of the ladder. Fact of the matter is, he had everything to lose. His popularity among Kentucky fans, once at a colossal level, is permanently stained.

For Jerry Claiborne: a box full of Ws. Next season, the UK coach will have his best team, on paper, to work with. With eight starters returning on defense (including All-SEC players Holleran and Oliver Barnett) and six on offense, the Kentucky staff should be eager to begin spring drills. And next September if the Wildcats can start with a couple of nonconference wins over Indiana and North Carolina then Claiborne may well be on his way to his best season ever at UK.

For Oliver Barnett: a pie aimed for revenge against Lexington WLEX sports anchor Alan Cutler. Recently, Barnett lost a bet—a pie in the face—that the 'Cats for the first time in four years would finish with a winning season. It's only fair for Cutler to give the 6-foot-3, 285 senior-to-be a second chance. I'd give anything to see the tables turned on our friend at WLEX. I bet Ollie and the 'Cats would too. the 'Cats would, too.

For Dana Kirk: switches. Need I say more?

For Leon Spinks: two front teeth. Remember the song? Altogether now. . . all I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. (I couldn't let that one slip by).

For Keith Madison: more season ticket holders. Of the three major sports, Kentucky's baseball team may be the only one to produce a winning record. After last year's sterling regular season performance and in the NCAA nent—one game from a trip to the College We 3
-Madison and his Bat Cats deserve a season tilled



Sutton will be glad when 1988 is over

with sell-out followings

For Rex Chapman: the opportunity to form the "Y" in the cheerleaders' traditional letter formation of "Kentucky." Chapman's decision to jump to the NBA upset thousands of Kentucky fans, some to the extent of a devotion of lifetime hatred toward the 21-year-old Owensboro Apollo product. Rex's decision was his and his parents' call. If given a chance to return to Rupp Arena it would be only fitting that a standing ovation greet Chapman. In two years at Kentucky his presence on and off the court was superb. And for UK fans to snub their hero would be selfish as well as foolish.

For Mike Pfeifer: a protective brace which will ward off all blows to the knee. Next season will be the final time (will not play this spring) this fifth-year senior gets a chance to show off his muscles before the eyes of pro a chance to show oir his muscles before the eyes of pro-scouts. He was well on his way to a fine junior year before being sidelined with a knee injury against Alabama. Like Barnett, the 6-7, 290-pound offensive tackle has an excellent shot to make a living in the pros.

For the UK sports information department: a two-week vacation to the island of their choice. Ever since last spring when the now famous off-the-court turmoil hit the spring when the now lamous off-the-court turmoil int the fan, UK's sports information department has been forced into a difficult situation, not to mention long hours. The role of being a mediator—between the coaches and the media—has not been an easy assignment for this group.

I'm sure Santa didn't forget Eddie. While trying to un-cover the UK coach's present, Santa all of a sudden pop-ped in dressed with a peculiar stare aimed directly at yours truly. "Ho, ho, ho, Nick, what are you doing in

yours truly. Fig. 10, 110, 13(ck, what are you doing in my toy house?

"Well, Santa," I nervously said, searching for the right thing to say, "I just wanted to see what you had picked out for some of the boys back home."

I then inquired, "By the way, what did you get coach "Surger?"

"Oh, it's over there in the corner," Santa noted.

I spotted a Christmas card opened on a table. Look closer I saw that it was marked with the words: For Eddie Sutton and his basketball family: A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Signed Santa Claus.

It's a gift Sutton and his staff would welcome dearly



'89 season could be Mike Pfeifer's year

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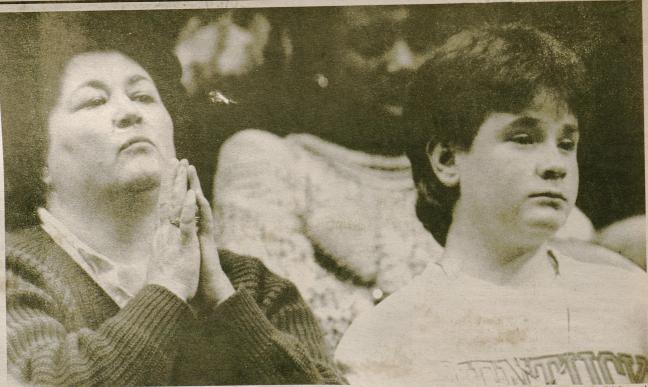
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Florida State def. UK 10-15, 14-16, 15-13, 12-15
-UK def. Ostersund, Sweden 66-30
-UK def. LSU 15-6, 15-8, 15-8
-ennessee def. UK 28-24
-Duke def. UK 28-25
-UK def. LSU 81-5, 15-1, 15-13, 15-10
-UK def. 10-15, 15-1, 15-13, 15-10
-UK def. 10-15, 15-1, 15-11, 15-12
-Seton Hall def. UK 63-60
-UK def. California 89-71
-Notre Dame def. UK 81-65
UK def. Kender def. UK 16-15
-UK def. Seton 16-14, 15-1, 9-15, 9-15, 9-15, 9-15, 9-15





The unidentified 'Cat fan on the left seems to be praying for a miracle in the final seconds of UK's game with Bowling Green. It didn't work, however, as Richie Farmer's buzzer-beating attempt from 18 feet went in...and then came back out, in the 56-54 loss.

UK releases 13 of 17 allegations

nati in order for the young man to watch the university's basketball team participate in Na-tional Collegiate Division I men's basketball championship competition at Riverfront

[NCAA Constitution 3-6-(a)-(iv), and

NCAA Bylaws 1-1-b-(1) and 1-9-(m)]
It is alleged that on June 10 and 11, 1987, Don Richardson, the boys' high school basket-ball coach at Southwest High School in Macon, Ga., and the high school coach of prospective student-athlete Eric Manuel, prospective student-athlete Eric Manuel, received \$500 in wages and the university paid \$481 for his expenses as payment for a brief presentation at the university's summer basket-ball camp, even though those earnings exceeded the appropriate amount for the actual services rendered by Richardson. Specifically, on June 10, 1987, Richardson accompanied Manuel (who was traveling to the Lexington, Ky., area to obtain summer employment) on airline flights from Macon, Ga., to Lexington, where Richardson spoke at the summer camp further, the university arranged lodging at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington for one night before returning home, and finally, around June 15, the university issued a \$500 check to Richardson and also paid the cost of his round-trip airline ticket (\$424) and lodging

Further, during a Sept. 8, 1988, interview conducted by NCAA enforcement representative Joseph W. Buffington and William S. Saum (attended by university legal counsel Jim Park, Dick Plymale and Joe Burch, and the young man's legal counsel Ed Dove, Danny Reeves and Robert Stilz), student-athlete Eric Manuel acted contrary to the provisions of ethical conduct in that he provided false in-formation to the NCAA enforcement staff concerning Richardson's trip to Lexington

13. [NCAA Constitution 3-I-(g)-(5) and Bylaw

It is alleged that during the spring and sum mer of 1987, several prospective and enrolled student-athletes received lodging and credit ar-rangements at Wildcat Lodge (a residence hall for men's basketball team members) that were contrary to normal university housing policies and that were not available to all students in the university. Specifically

A. During the second semester of the 1986-87 academic year, student-athlete Reggie Hanson, a 2.000 nonqualifier during that demic year, was not required to pay the academic year, was not required to pay the se-cond sensester housing fee until May 19, 1987, several days after the semester had ended, even though on Feb. 4, 1987, the young man was billed \$640 for the cost of his lodging; further, the young man was issued grades for this semester prior to May 19, although university policy requires a "hold" to be placed on a student" grades until these fees are paid.

B. During the summer of 1987, prospective audent-athletes LeRon Ellis, Eric Manuel and Jonathan [sic] Davis and student-athlete Richard Madison resided in Wildcat Lodge but were not billed for this lodging until August 1987 and did not pay the cost of this summer lodging until Oct. 9, 1987; further, these young men were allowed to enroll in the fall of 1987, even though their bills for this lodging had not been paid.

C. During the summer of 1987, prospective udent-athletes Jonathan [sic] Davis, LeRon Ellis, Eric Manuel, Deron Feldhaus, John Pelphrey and Johnny Pittman and studentathletes Rex Chapman and Eric Manuel were lodged in Wildcat Lodge, even though they were not enrolled in the university, which is required by university policies.

14. [NCAA Bylaws 1-9-(g) and 1-9-(h)]

It is alleged that during the summer of 1987, men's basketball assistant coach Dwane Casey provided automobile transportation in the Lexington area to two prospective student-athletes

who had signed national letters of intent and who were resideing in the Lexington area prior to the beginning of fall classes at the university in order for the young men to apply for summer employment. Specifically, on one occasion each, Casey transported prospective student-athlete Eric Manuel (Macon, Ga.) from Wildcat Lodge to Wildcat Cab Company, and he transported prospective student-athlete LeRon Ellis (Los Angeles, Calif.) from Wildcat Lodge to International Spike.

15. [NCAA Constitution 3-1-(g)-(3) and 3-(2)] It is alleged that on several occasions dur-ing the 1987-88 academic year, members of the men's basketball staff did not exercise appropriate institutional control concerning the men's basketball complimentary admiss lists in that several individuals were identified as full-time students when, in fact, these individuals were not enrolled in four-year institutions and, on occasion, member of the basketball staff added the names of friends to the student-athlete complimentary admissions lists in order for these individuals to receive admission at no cost to them; further, as a result, student-athletes may have violated NCAA complimentary admission legislation, and finally, these complimen-tary admission lists routinely were filed in the men's basketball office, but were not forward-ed to the faculty athletics representative or the director of athletics, and no monitoring ac-tivities outside of the men's basketball office occured in order to ensure that the information contained on these lists was accurate.

 [NCAA Bylaw 1-2-(b)]
 It is alleged that during the summer of 1987, while prospective student-athlete Matt Bullard (Des Moines, Iowa) was making his official paid visit to the university's campus, men's basketball assistant coaches Dwane Casey and James Dickey transported the young man to the home of Dan Issel, a representative of the

university's athletics interests (a round-trip distance of approximately 30 miles), where they introduced Bullard to Issel even though in-person, off-campus recruiting co tacts between a prospect and a representative of the university's athletics interests was not

17. [NCAA Constitution 3-6-(a)-(1)-(iii) and -(a)-(l)-(iv)]

It is alleged that men's basketball coach Dwane Casey acted contrary to the principles of ethical conduct inasmuch as he did not, on all occasions, deport himself in accordance with the generally recognized high standards normally associated with the conduct and administration of intercollegiate athletics. Specifically:

A. Casey demonstrated a knowing a willful effort on his part to operate the university's intercollegiate men's basketball program contrary to the requirements and provisions of NCAA legislation by his involvement in Allegation Nos. 1 and 2 of this official

B. During an interview on April 26, 1988, with NCAA assistant director of enforcement Charles E. Smrt and NCAA enforcement representatives Joe W. Buffington and William S. Saum, Casey provided false and misleading information concerning his in-volvement in and knowledge of the violation of NCAA rules described in Allegation No. 1 in that he denied providing Claude [sic] Mills, the father of prospective student-athlete Chris Mills, any cash on this occasion.

18. [NCAA Constitution 3-2]

It is alleged that the scope and nature of the allegations in this offical inquiry demonstrate a lack of appropriate institutional control and monitoring in the administration of the institution's intercollegiate men's basketball program.

Larry Vaught

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something he's always been able to do.

Feldhaus also want use sitting out last year when he was redshirted for his lack of offense so far this

season.
"Over the summer I shot the ball well and I did in practice last year, too," said the 6-7 freshman. "Then all of a sudden my shooting just left me. I don't know where it went or what happened.
"If you don't shoot well it is hard to keep your head up. If you keep missing shots, it eventually hurts you in a three well."

in other areas. I've tried to keep that from happening but I know it has.

The only way to end a shooting slump, though, is to shoot. Feldhaus knows if he passes up shots in games his confidence and touch will never return.

He comes early to practice to shoot. He stays after practice to shoot some more. Some mornings he's even found time to take shots in Memorial Collision.

"All you can do is keep shooting and working," said Feldhaus. "I don't think I'm trying to hard or pressing. The coaches know I can shoot and I know I can,

Maybe, though, Feldhaus is pressing without realizing it. Every possession seems so crucial to UK's offense that the players know they must take only high percentage shots. And they are expected to hit those

"We know we won't blow teams out," said Feldhaus. "Every possession is important. We can't throw up bad shots or miss good shots. That does create some pressure but it is something every player should be able to handle."

Still, the pressure is there. UK is not a good rebounding team and won't be able to put in many follow baskets. The Cats don't have the depth or quickness to press teams and create easy shots off the defense. UK doesn't have a dominant inside player or consistent

does thave a definition outside shooting.

"It does seem like everything has to be just perfect for us to win," said Feldhaus. "We don't have a lot going for us except our togetherness and hard work,"

't work,

Oscar Combs-

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for one year. Houston was charged with over 200 violations. The NCAA is also asking Houston officials to show why several assistants shouldn't be reassigned or dismissed for their part in rules viola tions . . . After Kentucky's victory over Marshall Saturday, coach Sutton told reporters they shouldn't read anything into Eric Manuel's absence at the game.

Manuel was on the bench with the team for the Bowling Green game Friday night, as he has been for the other home games, but was missing during the UKIT con-solation contest. Sutton said Manuel had finished his semester exams and had headed home to Macon, Ga., to spend the holidays with his family. The UK coach said he expects Manuel to be back in school when the second semester begins in mid-January. If it means anything, Manuel has already pre registered for his classes next semester

. Although the 'Cats haven't played half their games at Rupp Arena, Kentucky still hasn't played a true road contest this season either. The newest Wildcats (those who didn't actually play in college games last season) must be wondering what kind of treatment they get when the visit the likes of Starkville, Knoxville, Gainesville and Baton Rouge later this season. To date, UK has played three games at Rupp three in Alaska, one in Springfield, Mass., and one in Indianapolis. After a home game with Indiana, UK will take on Austin Peay next Tuesday in Louisville and then get a true taste of a road game in Freedhom Hall when the 'Cats take on the Cardinals that same weekend . . . Two Wildcats, Chris Mills and LeRon Ellis, were named to the

UKIT all-tournament team along with John Tate and Greg Williams of champion Arkansas State (which defeated Bowling Green 80-51) and John Taft of Marshall. Tate was voted the tourney's MVP by a vote of the media covering the event ... Just one more thing to pass along this week: Here's hoping you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday



Chris Mills

Recruiting horror stories getting worse every day

Now boosters are posing as sportswriters

Some holiday thoughts and notes...

IT WAS VERY disturbing to read recent newspaper reports that imposters or boosters claiming to be sportswriters have tried to discourage highly-recruited prep



Jamie Vaught Cats' Pause Columnist

basketball star Shaun Golden and others from signing

A 6-foot-3 guard from Greer, S.C., Golden, however, This ugly recruiting affair strengthens my belief that Kentucky could have been early signing period last month.

Kentucky could have been set up in the Dwane Casey Chris Mills-Emery fiasco.

□SPEAKING OF GOLDEN, he was rated No. 24 in Basketball Weekly's Top 75 seniors and No. 25 in recruiting expert Bob Gibbons' Top 100. Last season as a junior, Golden averaged 28 points, eight rebounds and

six assists.

As for the SEC, it appears LSU coach Dale Brown has landed the recruiting plum as he last month signed the nation's best big man from the class of 1989. Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi State also inked prep standouts who were highly regarded by various publications. LSU has 6-10, 230-pound center Shaquille O'Neal, whom Brown met a few years ago in Europe, where the player's father was stationed in the military. O'Neal (whose first name is propugued Sharken) was maled.

(whose first name is pronounced Sha-keel) was ranked No. 5 by Basketball Weekly.

Since he had been attending school in Europe, O'Neal played his first prep season in the United States last winter, leading the city of San Antonio in blocked shots. He averaged 17.5 points, 13.5 rebounds and 6.0 blocked shots for San Antonio Cole High, which posted an impressive record of 32.1

shots for Sain Antonio Cole High, which posted an impressive record of 32-1.

"He's such a young kid, every year he'll improve a lot," said his high school coach Dave Malura, in Basket-ball Weekly. "He's nowhere near his peak. At 230 pounds, he has good strength, and he gets up and down the court well."

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O'Neal is only 16 years old and his next birthday comes up in March.

James Robinson, a 6-2 guard from Jackson, Miss., is another heavily-recruited prepster. He signed with Alabama and was rated No. Il or No. 12 in the nation, depending on which publication you're looking at. As a junior last season, Robinson averaged 28.2 points.

The Crimson Tide also landed another top recruit in 6.3 award Marcus lange, from Memphis. Tenn. Jones.

6-3 guard Marcus Jones, from Memphis, Tenn. Jones who averaged 25.3 points last winter, was ranked No. 57 in *Basketball Weekly*.

Mississippi State signed 6-5 guard Brad Smith, rated to 53 by Gibbons. Smith averaged 26.6 points and 8.0

rebounds last year.

Coach Don DeVoe of Tennessee signed five players, in-

Coach Don DeVoe of Tennessee signed five players, including 6-9, 220-pound forward/center Ronnie Robinson and 6-7, 235-pound forward Carlus Groves. Gibbons had Robinson No. 57 and Groves No. 91.

Of course, there were other youngsters who signed with the SEC schools during the early signing period in November, but the recruits mentioned above are the ones who have big reputations.

The SEC may have at least one more big-name recruit



Golden was the target of boosters posing as sportswriters.

in the fold next spring.

It is reported that 6-8, 205-pound forward Doug Edwards of Miami (Fla.) Senior is seriously considering Norm Sloan's program at Florida, along with Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, North Carolina, Louisville and Florida State. Edwards is rated in the top five in just about eyer toll

about every poll.

Interestingly, two of Edwards' former high school teammates are with the Gators this season. They are 6-2 guard Jose Ramos and 6-9 forward/center Cesar Portillo.

QUOTEBOOK: Here are some noteworthy comments by sports personalities on various subjects

Wimp Sanderson, Alabama hoop mentor, on who is

Wimp Sanderson, Alabama noop mentor, on who is the real Wimp Sanderson:

"He is certainly not the guy you see on the sidelines at gametime. I think that question could better be answered by the people around me. I don't think I am the kind of guy who has let the success go to my head.
"I can pretty much fit myself in with anybody. My friends in high school are the same ones I have now. I

friends in high school are the same ones I have now. I come across as hard-nosed, but among people I'm close to, I'm just the opposite. I think during the games, my competitiveness comes out. I have a lot of pride, I want

to be successful and that surfaces when I get in those

Doug Todd, the publicity man for the NFL's Dallas owboys, after learning that Robin Givens and her mother, Ruth Roper, were at a recent Dallas-New York

'They're after Herschel Walker."

Sonny Smith, Auburn roundball coach, on his free

"There are only three things I do. Not in any par-ticular order, that list includes playing tennis, listening to country music and visiting with my family. I'd be a good couch potato because I enjoy watching television, but I can't sit still. About the only place I'll sit still is my of-fice. I'm a much more private person than people would think I don't so out in public a lot, except to eat. I'm think. I don't go out in public a lot, except to eat. I'm kinda dull to be honest with you."

Don Devoe, Tennessee basketball coach, on his troubled times last season and on his current squad:
"Let me be very candid when I say it's nice to be back because there was a time when I didn't know if I

"We might have a chance to be a great basketball Then again, it may not be such a great team. We think we can have a pretty big and pretty strong team, but where you actually win in the SEC is through your ability to score on a consistent basis. We have not had that the last couple of years. We had too many games when we'd go out and shoot 40, 41 percent."

C.M. Newton, Vanderbilt basketball coach, on discussions about reducing the SEC schedule from 18 league

"I have always favored the 18-game conference schedule. In the most recent voting with the coaches, however, I voted for the 14-game schedule in an attempt to present unanimity. I did it for one reason: to see if the proponents of the 14-game schedule were right. To see, in fact, if it would improve our scheduling opportunities and increase national attention to even

tunities and increase national attention to our league.

"The issue seems settled in that the coaches voted for the 14-game schedule and the athletic directors and the presidents voted to retain the 18-game schedule. I would be willing to try the 14-game schedule on a two-year experimental basis, but my personal preference is to continue with the 18-game schedule."

Sanderson again, this time when asked to compare

Saluerson again, this time when asked to compare Alabama freshman foward Marcus Webb, who is 6-7 and 255-pounds, to NBA star Charles Barkley:
"Well, they are both 6-7 and black, but then not eve 6-9 white player is Larry Bird. We like Marcus' wide body out there, but whatever he doesn't eat, he fouls.'

□DIS 'N' DATA: LSU has announced that it will participate in the preseason Big Apple NIT at the start of the 1989-90 season. The other teams expected to compete are Kansas, Nevada-Las Vegas, North Carolina State, DePaul, St. John's, Ohio State, Texas-El Paso, Wichita State, Richmond, Alabama-Birmingham, Southern Mississippi, California, Houston, Loyola-Marymount and North Carolina A&T...

The SEC has at least four roundball players who were born in foreign countries. They are Florida's Cesar Portillo (Venezuela), Georgia's Neville Austin (Virgin Islands), LSU's Geert Hammink (Holland) and Tenessee's Ian Lockhart (Bahamas). There are more than 100 foreign-born players in NCAA Division I...

Did you know that Alabama's faculty chairman of athletics, Dr. Thomas Jones, earned his bachelor of science degree (1959) and his juris doctorate (1961) from the University of Kentucky?... DIS 'N' DATA: LSU has announced that it will par-

the University of Kentucky?

I wish you Happy Holidays...

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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Eight Years Ago
More than 12,000 Big Blue fans braved the cold weather and turned out to watch the UK team practice at Freedom Hall before its annual game with Notre Dame. Traditionally, the Wildcats hold a public workout the morning before their Derby City battle with morning bef Notre Dame

Nine Years Ago

The good news continued for the University of Kentucky basketball program, at least in the recruiting wars. Six-foot-Il Melvin Tur-pin announced from his home in Lexington that he will attend Kentucky next year. Turthat he will attend Kentucky next year. Tur-pin attended Lexington Bryan Station and is presently playing basketball and attending Fork Union Military Academy. Turpin said one reason he chose Joe B. Hall's team was because his parents have been ill and he

wished to stay close to home. Several weeks before Turpin's announcement, All-American Bret Bearup of New York announced he would attend UK.

What coach Joe B. Hall labeled the 'Firehouse Five' sparked Kentucky as the homestanding 'Cats downed Bobby Knight and No. 1 ranked Indiana 69-58. The visiting Hoosiers had the 'Cats baffled for most of the game's first 20 minutes. During that time UK's offensive machine was stuck in neutral. Hall then inserted a lineup of Dirk Minniefield, Dwight Anderson, Derrick Hord, Jay Shidler and Charles Hurt to see if a new unit would get things rolling.

The move worked wonders.

Trailing by 13 points at one stage in the first half, UK gained the momentum when Hurt turned a midcourt steal into a rousing slam dunk. UK eventually pulled within three

39-36, at halftime. Trailing 53-51 with 9:05 left, the 'Cats reeled off 15 straight points and held on for the win.

Kyle Macy led UK with 12 points. Fellow senior LaVon Williams had 11 points and eight rebounds while the team's other senior, Shidler, drilled some key long range bombs while scoring 11 points. Ray Tolbert and Mike Woodson scored 16 points apiece for Indiana.

✓A final-second steal by Jay Shidler helped Kentucky preserve a thrilling 57-56 win over Kansas before 15,800 vocal Jayhawk fans in Lawrence

Kentucky's Dwight Anderson had missed a free throw with four seconds left. When Kansas got the rebound, Shidler made the steal and ran off the remaining ticks of the clock to give UK its sixth straight win. The Wildcats play was less than impressive, hitting just 41.8 percent of their shots from the field. They also committed 20 turnovers. eld. They also committed 20 turnovers. UK led 57-52 with less than two minute

remaining. However, costly turnovers allowed Kansas to make a final run. Freshman Sam Bowie led UK with 17 points and 14 boards while Kyle Macy was the only other Wildcat in double figures—10 points.

Darnell Valentine led the Jayhawks with 17

Twelve Years Ago

Some 37,000 Kentucky fans are expected to invade Atlanta this week as the Kentucky football team takes on ACC representative North Carolina in the Peach Bowl. The bowl appearance will be Kentucky's first since 1951, when the 'Cats upset Oklahoma 13-7 in

the Sugar Bowl.

Overall, it will be UK's fifth bowl appearance in its football history.

The Wildcats finished this past season with

a 7-4 mark and enter the Peach Bowl with a four-game winning streak. Included in that streak was an emotional 7-0 victory over Tennessee in Knxoville. The win over the Big Orange assured the 'Cats of their first postseason appearance in 25 years. Coach Fran Curci's Wildcats were led in the regular season by quarterback Derrick Ramsey, All-American offensive tackle Warren Bryant, defensive end Art Still and cornerback Mike

Coach Bill Dooley's North Carolina team enters the game with a 9-2 mark and a fivegame winning streak.

Thirteen Years Ago

City. It marked UK's first match of the

Freshman guard Truman Claytor, labeled the 'Iceman,' drilled a pair of free throws with 34 seconds left to give UK a 54-48 heartstopping victory over Kansas in Lawrence. Claytors's clutch free throws gave UK a 51-48 lead with 34 seconds left.

Kentucky battled back from a three-point deficit with five minutes left to gain their se-cond consecutive win after two early defeats. Rick Robey led the Big Blue with 21 points while guard Larry Johnson contributed 10.

Kentucky football coach Fran Curci has signed Green County's Mike Deaton, whom urci called the best quarterback in the state Other players Curci signed to a conference letter-of-intent include Terry Curry of Campbellsville, James Lokesak of Ludlow, Carl Marrillia of Louisville and Ken Roark of Middlesboro

Deaton, Marrillia and Roark were firstteam all-state selections

Eighteen Years Ago

Kentucky clawed its way past outmann ed DePaul 106-85 in the first round of the University of Kentucky Invitational. Mike Casey scored 26 points and forward Tom Parker added 23 for the 'Cats. Center Tom Payne turned in a balanced attack, scoring 18 points and grabbing 19 rebounds.

DePaul's Joey Meyer led DePaul with 26

In other first round action, Purdue beat Kansas State 87-68 behind Larry Weatherford's 25 points

The Purdue Boilermakers, much better than their 4-3 record indicated, pulled one of the biggest upsets in UKIT history by defeating Kentucky 89-83 for the championship, holding UK to its lowest output of the

Larry Weatherford scored 27 points and Bob Ford 21 for Purdue, which held on to a one-point lead at halftime. Mike Casey pac-ed the 'Cats with 27 points while seven-foot center Tom Payne had 17 points and 13

Weatherford was chosen as the tournament's Most Valuable Player and was joined on the all-tourney team by Ford, Casey, Payne and Joey Meyer of DePaul

Kentucky football coach John Ray signed a pair of all-staters to a conference letterof-intent. Leading the signees were Ernie (Sundance Kid) Lewis, a two-time all-state quarterback from Elizabethtown and Steve Parker, a 6-1, 185-pound linebacker-fullback

After their UKIT loss to Purdue, the Kentucky Wildcats have dropped to seventh in both wire service polls. UCLA leads both, with South Carolina No. 2

Thirty-Two Years Ago

Led by a sensational 18-0 spurt, UK downed undefeated SMU in the first round of the UKIT by a 73-67 count.

Gerry Calvert was one of five 'Cats in double figures. He finished the night with 22 points. Johnny Cox and Ed Beck each scored 14 points while Beck grabbed 17 rebounds. John Crigler scored 12 points and Vern Hat-ton added 11.

Jim Krebs of SMU led all scorers with 25 points. In the tournament's other first-round matchup, Illinois defeated Dayton 82-65.

Kentucky won its third University of Kentucky Invitational in four tries, defeating previous unbeaten Illinois 91-70, which just happened to top the UKIT's record for most points scored in one game.

This year's UKIT field featured three of the

nation's top seven teams. Against Illinois, UK jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never trailed, leading by 26 points at one time. Vern Hat-ton led UK with 25 points while Gerry Calvert scored 18. Ed Beck and Johnny Cox each scored 14. The "new look" running 'Cats defeated the nation's No. 3 and No. 5 ranked teams in the country to capture their own tournament.

VUK is ranked third in the nation in the UP and AP basketball polls, Kansas is No. 1 and North Carolina is second.

Thirty Three Years Ago

Nineteen Kentuckians and six out-of-state prospects have applied for SEC grants to play football at UK next year. Among the instate players are highly touted backs—Lowell Hughes of Prestonburg, Glen Shaw of Paducah and Bob White of Covington.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Louisville 'Cats

- 1. Austin Peay and Kentucky will play Tuesday night at Freedom Hall. Who
- coaches the Governors?
 a) P.J. Carlesimo
- b) Lake Kelly c) Max Good
- d) Wayne Martin

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- 2. True or False? Kentucky's won-loss record at Freedom Hall is 100-25.
- 3. Most of the games played in Louisville were at which arena?
- a) Freedom Hall
- b) Fairground's Stadium
- c) Louisville Armory d) Louisville Coliseum
- The first time UK played in Freedom Hall, in 1958, what was at stake?
- a) the Final Four
- b) the NIT
- c) the UKIT d) a regular season game
- 5. Besides Louisville, what other Kentucky institution has UK faced?
- b) Western Kentucky
- d) All of the above
- 6) Which of the following SEC schools has UK not played in Louisville? a) LSII
- b) Mississippi

- c) Alabama d) Auburn
- 7. Kentucky last lost in Louisville in what season? a) 1985-86
- b) 1986-87 c) 1978-79
- d) 1980-81
- 8. True or False? Kentucky established a new Freedom Hall record crowd when 20,053 packed the arena to watch UK host Georgia in 1986?
- 9. True or False? In SEC Tournament play, the Wildcats hold a winning advantage in games played in Louisville.
- 10. Who was awarded the MVP trophy when Kentucky lost to Georgia two seasons ago in Freedom Hall?
- Rex Chapman
- b) Ed Davender c) Derrick Miller
- d) Iry Thomas

Answers

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lost to the Danville team 22-12) 5) Centre (in the 1917-18 season, and 1) Lake Kelly
2) False (92-23)
3) Louisville Armory
4) The Final Four

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