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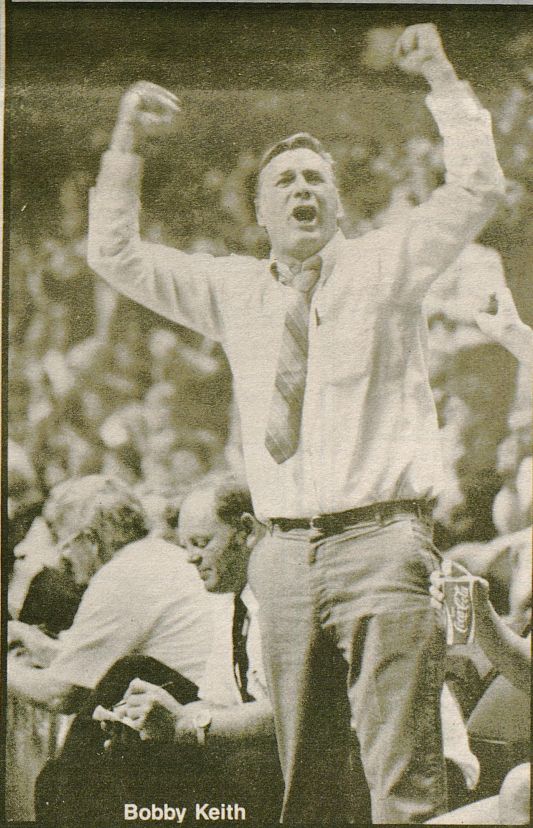
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Mountain Pride

Clay County Captures Title With OT Win Over Ballard

Take me home country roads!
For the first time since 1956, when 14th Region representative Carr Creek captured the Boys' State Tournament, a mountain team will bring home the Kentucky state title. 13th Region ballclub Clay County led by tournament MVP Richie Farmer captured the coveted title with a thrilling 76-73 overtime victory over Ballard in the championship contest last Saturday evening at Rupp Arena.

The victory marks Clay County coach Bobby Keith's first state title in his 17-year stint at the helm of the Manchester school. The victory marked Clay County's 35 win in 37 tries this season.

"I think every coach that coaches in high school has a dream to win the state championship," said Keith, a Manchester native. "I feel like it's one thing in my lifetime that we've accomplished, and it's a great feeling." "It's the greatest," said Farmer afterwards. "We've always wanted to bring it back home and now we finally have."

Farmer, a 6-foot junior, scored a game-high 27 points and pulled down six rebounds to help the Tigers pull out their fourth win in three days of play. Teammate Russ Chadwell scored 19 points, followed by brother Russ Farmer with 14. However, Ballard could have very easily been crowned the champs.

With 11 seconds remaining in regulation Richie Farmer was at the line for a one-and-one opportunity. If he made both Clay County would own a three-point lead, and with Ballard out of timeouts, in the driver's seat.

He made the first, making the count 65-63. His second attempt, meanwhile, was too strong and Ballard had one opportunity left.

Well, make that four.

Ballard got four attempts and Leonard Taylor's tip in beat the final buzzer, thus tying the game at 65-all, and forcing the only overtime period of the tournament.

"I really stepped up their with the intentions of making both free throws," said Richie Farmer, recapping the last 11 seconds of regulation. "After I missed the second one

and come out ahead."

Heading into the three-minute period, reserve Eugene Rawlings cashed in a pair of free throws, as the Tigers led 67-65. But back came Ballard. The game was knotted when Bruin reserve Eric McDuffie canned an eight-footer.

Russ Farmer, the younger brother of Richie, hit two charity tosses with 2:32 left. Clay County now led 69-67. But...but for the 24th time during this tightly-fought battle, the score was tied when Allan Houston put in a Mark Bell miss. Houston almost matched Richie Farmer point for point during the evening. The smooth 6-foot-4 sophomore contributed 24 points on the evening.

But it was Richie Farmer's night—"I've dreamed about it since I was just a little boy," he added with a big grin.

It was his turnaround jumper from 14 feet at the 1:44 mark which gave the Tigers the lead for keeps. Following a Bell miss, Kevin Jackson was fouled and hit one of two free throws with only 25 ticks left.

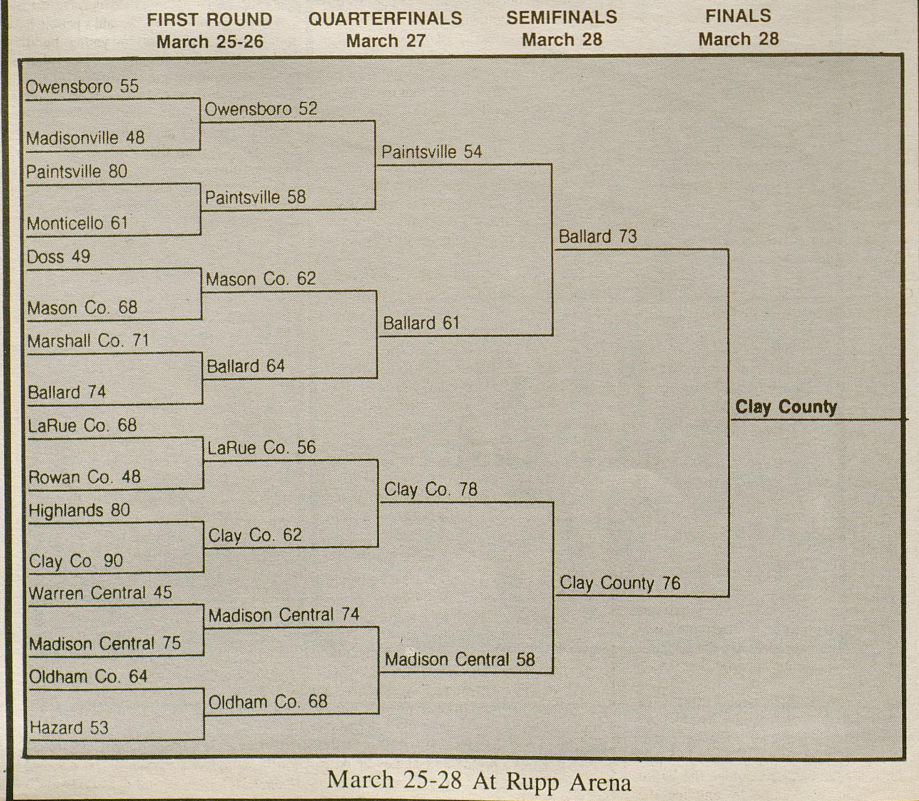
Bell's layin cut the margin to one, 72-71, but a pair of clutch free throws from both Russ Chadwell, the hero of Clay County's win on Thursday, and Rawlings clinched the win.

The Rupp Arena crowd listed at 19,000 at Saturday night's showdown perhaps saw the best game of the tournament. It was nip-and-tuck for the entire 35 minutes. Clay County's biggest lead on the evening was five points (76-71) while Ballard's largest advantage was four points (47-43). In the first half, no team led by more than two points.

CLAY COUNTY (76)						
Name	min	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf
Kevin Jackson	33	2-5	2-3	5	0	4
Russell Chadwell	35	8-15	3-6	4	3	0
Charlie Robinson	14	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Russell Farmer	35	5-9	4-4	7	1	3
Richie Farmer	35	12-26	3-4	6	4	1
Eugene Rawlings	21	2-3	6-8	6	0	1
Team						
Totals	175	29-58	18-25	36	8	9
BALLARD (73)						
Name	min	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf
Leonard Taylor	35	4-7	0-0	15	1	0
Kenneth Martin	29	8-17	0-0	11	0	4
Chris Riesenberg	14	0-0	0-2	5	0	2
Mark Bell	35	6-26	3-4	8	4	5
Allan Houston	35	11-21	2-2	5	1	3
Jamie Trowell	13	1-3	0-0	0	0	2
Bill Lacey	2	2-2	0-0	1	0	2
Eric McDuffie	12	2-4	0-0	0	3	4
Team						
Totals	175	34-80	5-8	48	6	19
Clay Co.	16	14	15	20	11	7
Ballard	14	14	19	18	8	7
Field-goal shooting Clay Co. 50.0 Ballard 42.5						
Free-throw shooting Clay Co. 72.0 Ballard 62.5						
Technicals none Turnovers Clay Co. 7 Ballard 8						
Officials Marvin Moore, Ernie Liggett						
Attendance 19,000 (est.)						

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1987 Boys' State Tournament Results





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Cats' Pause Publisher



It's Prep All-Star Time Around The Nation

Notes and leftovers.

The next few weeks will keep Kentucky coaches and fans busy following the all-star games which have UK recruits playing in them.

The first of several all-star events is Thursday, April 2 in Landover, Md., where the U.S. All-Stars will take on the Capital All-Stars in the annual Capital Classic. Such big names as Lyndon Jones and Jay Edwards of Marion, Ind., and King Rice of Binghamton, N.Y., will be in action there.

The action shifts to Pittsburgh, Pa., the following night (Friday) when the East meets the West in the annual Dapper Dan All-Star Classic.

There will be a definite Kentucky flavor there as the likes of Sean Sutton, LeRon Ellis and Eric Manuel will all be suited up for this big one. Elliot Perry, the hotshot point guard from Memphis, Tenn., will also be on the West team with Sutton and Ellis.

Manuel will be in action on Sunday, April 12 at the annual McDonald's All-American Classic in Philadelphia. Perry will also be playing in that game which will be televised live over ABC-TV.

Other tops names in that game include Chris Corchiana, Rice, Dennis Scott, Edwards, Jerome Harmon, Sean Higgins, Larry Johnson, Treg Lee, Marcus Liberty, Mike Maddox, LaBradford Smith and Brian Williams, among others.

The biggest of all the star attractions will be on Saturday, April 18 when the Derby Festival Classic is staged at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

It'll be the South versus the North and five of Kentucky's six signees will be suited up, all on the South team. They are Ellis, Jonathan Davis, Deron Feldhaus, John Pittman and Sutton.

Other stars include Livingston Chatman, Jerome Harmon, Richard Dumas, John Pelphrey, LaMonte Ware, Desmond Porter and Smith.

One spot is still open for the Derby Festival Classic and reports have it that officials which eventually decide between Kentucky all-Stater Kevin Ellery who is headed to Notre Dame and an unnamed player who most likely will attend the University of Louisville.

Because NCAA rules permit a high school player to participate in only two high school all-star games while school is still in session, many players often miss out on some big games and the recognition which goes along with them.

Right now, Ellis is playing the price, but we'll talk about that situation later on.

The rule is actually a good one. There was a time when player and coach virtually quit school and took their show on the road for extended periods of time after the prep season was over.

Some refer to the NCAA regulation as the Dirk Minniefield Rule because Minniefield played in virtually every all-star game possible his senior year. In many situations, all-star classic promoters encourage the kid to play in game after game by enticing the player's coach to tag along.

Dirk seldom said no. His team played three weeks after the regular season ended as the Lafayette Generals won the Kentucky state championship. He and his coach (Jock Sutherland) continued. It was late April before the games were finally history.

It was only a short time later that the NCAA said high school players should not be allowed to play in an unlimited number of all-star games which required them to miss so many classes.

So, the NCAA enacted legislation which permitted each player to play in two all-star games.

Later, the rule was amended to allow a player to play in as many other all-star games as he wishes once his senior year of academic work is completed.

At one time there were few all-star classics. First there was the Dapper Dan and then the Capital Classic. Then the Derby Festival came along with a multitude of others. Practically every state has at least one or two national all-star events.

Players now must choose which two to exhibit their skills. The Big Four are generally considered the McDonald's All-American Game, the Dapper Dan, the Capital Classic and the Derby Festival Classic, in no particular order.

Factors in deciding where to play involve the player's hometown, where he is going to school and national recognition.

Underlying factors involve the recruiting of a certain player's coach by the directors of the classic, promises of making a player an All-American if he chooses a particular classic, etc.

For instance, if a kid is going to attend a Big East Conference school, you can almost bet he'll play in the Dapper Dan in Pittsburgh. The same holds true for a kid who figures to play at Kentucky, Louisville, Indiana or Purdue. They're most likely to play in the Derby Classic.

The Capital Classic had a loyalty among the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East Conference.

Most of the all-star games do wonderful jobs and are class operations and over the years, none has been better than the McDonald's All-American Classic which rotates around the country each year.

This year is an exception.

The player selection committee for the annual McDonald's All-American squad (one of if not the most prestigious selections in the country) omitted a player because that player

could not play in the game because he made commitments to play in the Dapper Dan Classic and the Derby Festival Classic.

Thus, Ellis was not among the famous McDonald's All-American team announced recently. There was no mention by McDonald's why he didn't make the team. He just wasn't there.

One of the McDonald's selection committee advisors told us recently that they thought it was wrong for Ellis to turn down the opportunity to play on national television to play in the Dapper Dan Classic.

The same person said the McDonald's people could understand why Ellis wanted to play in the Derby Festival Classic (which just happens to be sponsored by McDonald's also) because Ellis will be attending Kentucky.

The point that was being made is that the McDonald's people didn't like the idea of a kid choosing Dapper Dan over the McDonald's game. That sounds a bit selfish to me.

It's one thing if Ellis doesn't deserve to be a McDonald's All-American. It's another thing when Ellis is invited, wooed and then threatened that unless he plays in their game, he will not be on the All-American team.

And the McDonald's people stuck by their word. Ellis' name is nowhere to be found on the 1987 McDonald's All-American team.

You might say the McDonald's people have sent a message out to all the young, budding high school stars of tomorrow. And that is, "If you want to be a McDonald's All-American, then you'd better not be caught at Burger King."

Quite frankly, I have a lot less respect for those people today than I had before I heard of this episode.

It's getting lunch time so I'd better wrap this up and grab a bite. Anybody know where the nearest Burger King is located?

I'm back. You know, that Whopper was pretty doggone good. Maybe those folks at McDonald's did me a favor.

Speaking of whoppers, how about that Sweet Sixteen last week at Rupp Arena where Bobby Keith's Clay County Tigers won their first ever state tournament by turning back Louisville Ballard 76-73 in overtime.

Playing before a crowd of 19,000, the 13th

Region champions led much of the way, then fell behind in the fourth period before rallying late and winning in overtime.

The sparkling play of brothers Richie and Russ Farmer was the big reason why the Clay County team became the first mountain team to win the title since Carr Creek turned the trick back in 1956.

But it was the inspired play of 220-pound forward Eugene Rawlings which captured the hearts of the fans Saturday night. Richie scored a game-high 27 points while brother Russ had 14 and Rawlings had 10 in a reserve role.

Earlier in the tourney the big hero was Russ Chadwell who exploded for 43 points against Ft. Thomas Highlands in the opening round. He responded with 19 points in the championship game and finished the tournament with 99 points.

Although many favored Clay County to be playing in the championship game, the Tigers weren't the top mountain team expected win all the marbles.

Paintsville, which had been to the state tournament the previous two years, came in as a favorite along with the likes of Owensboro, Ballard, Madisonville and Mason County.

Ballard and first-year coach Scotty Davenport quickly eliminated those teams in the upper bracket with some down-to-the-wire efforts behind the sophomore sensation Allan Houston, who is the son of University of Louisville assistant Wade Houston.

The younger Houston put on as great a show as I've ever witnessed by a sophomore in the state tournament. He almost led Ballard to the state title, had it not been for the crowd-pleasing Richie Farmer.

Farmer, who missed three shots late in the championship game, regained his eye, hit two jumpers and three free throws in the final 2:44 of regulation, when the Tigers came back from a 57-54 deficit.

For his heroics, Richie Farmer was selected the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

In addition to the thrilling overtime climax, fans enjoyed other monumental achievements as the Friday night quarterfinal session set a world attendance record for a high school game.

Kentucky High School Athletic Association commissioner Tom Mills said 24,041 went through the gates for the session which saw Clay County turn back Oldham Country and Madison Central whip LaRue County.

The four-day event also set a new KHSA state tournament attendance record with an estimated 149,088 patrons. Although final official figures will be released later this week, the new mark will easily erase the previous high of 136,035 set back in 1969 at Louisville's Freedom Hall.

Last year's attendance was 114,597 and the year before was 114,173.

Next year's tournament will move back to Louisville and then return to Rupp Arena in 1989. No site has been selected past the 1989 tournament.

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Big Blue Basketball Due In Mid-April

Due to the basketball national letter-of-intent signing date being the second week of April, *Oscar Combs' Big Blue Basketball's* monthly printing schedule will be changed to accommodate the signing period.

Instead of monthly issues from September through April, with bi-monthly issues for May-June and July-August, the schedule will be monthly from August through March and bi-monthly issues for April-May and June-July. There will be no change in the total number of issues per year, which will still be 10.

The change will also help provide a full issue of summer all-star basketball in August, rather than having to wait until September.

The next issue, dated April-May (Volume 1, Number 3) will be published April 15 and should be on the newsstands by April 23 with complete coverage of the national letter-of-intent signings, plus articles on the Dapper Dan Classic and the McDonald's All-American Classic in Philadelphia.

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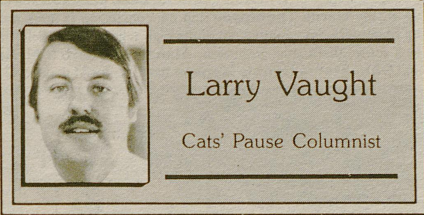
Claiborne: Defense Must Make Big Plays

SEC Hoops Reach Pot Of Gold

Kentucky should have a big play offense next season with the return of talented running backs Mark Higgs, Ivy Joe Hunter and Al Baker.

However, UK Coach Jerry Claiborne also wants his defense to become a big play unit.

"The big thing our defense has to improve on is making big plays," said Claiborne Tuesday as he prepared to start spring practice today. "We need to be a more offensive defensive group. That's one big thing we are going to work on this spring."



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

"We didn't get enough turnovers last year. That's the biggest thing we need to improve on. We must have dropped 10 or 12 interceptions that were right in our hands. We just have to come up with more interceptions and fumbles."

Kentucky was 35th among 105 Division I schools in turnover margin last year because the offense did not turn the ball over often. UK, though, ranked only 83rd in interceptions.

Another area Kentucky will concentrate on this spring is putting the ball in the end zone when it reaches the 20-yard line. Last season UK attempted 25 field goals but scored only 23 touchdowns.

"We were kicking the ball too much last year," said Claiborne. "A team wants to score touchdowns 75 percent of the time it reaches the opponent's 20-yard line and 90 percent of the time from the 10. We didn't do that."

Claiborne hopes to remedy that problem by having his number one offense go against UK's top defense in goal-line situations this spring.

"The coaches have already told us we are really going to concentrate on scoring inside the 20," said junior guard Brad Myers. "We are going to line up and have it."

"It's not a punishment. It is just a way to get the offense conditioned to moving the ball into the end zone. It will also help the defense."

Myers, like the UK coaches, cannot pinpoint why UK has had trouble scoring touchdowns the last two seasons.

"Personally, I think the more it happened (not scoring touchdowns) the more we started believing a field goal was okay," said Myers. "We got better last year late in the season. We have talked a lot about that problem and now we just have to mentally get it in our minds that we are going to score. We can't settle for three points this year when we have chances to score touchdowns."

Kentucky also needs a take-charge player to emerge. Kentucky needs to find another George Adams, Paul Calhoun or Cam Jacobs to exert himself and become a team leader.

"There is no substitute for leadership," said Claiborne. "We need a guy who can get people's attention. That's hard to coach. Leadership is something that just has to come out in a particular individual."

Higgs, UK's only senior running back, may or may not be able to supply that leadership. He plans to try, however.

"I have got to show more leadership and help the younger guys now," said Higgs. "I am the only senior in the backfield so it is up to me to show the younger players what it takes to win. That's why I won't even think about individual goals until after spring practice is over this year."

Kentucky must also find a replacement for quarterback Bill Ransdell, a three-year starter, this spring. That won't be easy because Ransdell rewrote most of the UK records during his career.

"I really wonder what he would have done if he had not been injured part of his career," said Claiborne. "Now we have to find someone else to step in because he has been our quarterback for three years."

"The fact Bill has graduated should improve the confidence of our other quarterbacks. I just hope one or two step to the front and fill the void he has left."

The quarterback candidates are: Kevin Dooley, Ransdell's backup the last two seasons; Chuck Broughton, a

redshirt freshman, who played briefly in three games last year; Bill Allen, a junior who played only in the 1986 opener; Eric Green, a redshirt freshman with no experience; and Glenn Fohr, a junior college transfer.

Claiborne and his staff will carefully evaluate the talents



Claiborne: No Substitute For Leadership

of each this spring. However, it's no secret that Claiborne is looking for a player he feels is a winner.

"The biggest thing is who gets the ball in the end zone," said Claiborne. "Run it, pass it, kick it. I don't care how as long as we score."

THE NCAA Tournament turned into a financial bonanza for the SEC, which had six teams in the field along with the Big Ten Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The SEC finished with an 8-6 record, collecting about \$2.8 million to be distributed in various amounts among all 10 conference members.

No conference registered more upsets in the NCAA than the SEC. LSU knocked off three higher seeded teams and Florida, seeded No. 6 in the East, ousted third-seeded Purdue.

Three SEC teams lost to higher seeds — No. 2 Alabama to No. 6 Providence in the Southeast semifinals, No. 8 Kentucky to No. 9 Ohio State in the Southeast opening round and No. 8 Georgia to No. 9 Kansas State in the first round of the West.

LSU's latest success gained the Tigers a national reputation as a team that comes alive at tournament time. That's a complete reversal from what fans and the media were saying about Coach Dale Brown and LSU 13 months ago.

LSU had lost 10 straight post-season games in the NCAA, SEC Tournament and NIT before making its run to the 1986 Final Four.

LSU, which finished fifth in the SEC last season, pulled four straight upsets last year to reach the Final Four. This year the Tigers finished the SEC race in a tie for sixth place with Mississippi. If the Tigers had not reached the SEC tourney final game they probably would not have even made the NCAA field.

LSU reached the regional final by beating seventh-seeded Georgia Tech, second-seeded Temple and third-seeded DePaul before just losing to heavily favored Indiana.

HIGH SCHOOL basketball will have the three-point goal next season from the same distance of 19-9 that colleges used during the 1986-87 season.

"My first thought is that it will put the little man back in basketball," said Tom Mills, commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. "It will open the middle more and eliminate a lot of pushing and shoving."

"A lot of teams have a hot-shot guard. Now he can pop in that shot and win some games a team has been losing. Games decided in overtime or by one or two points will

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Final SEC Stats

INDIVIDUALS SCORING			
G	Pts.	Avg.	
White, Tenn	29	711	24.5
Maxwell, Fla	34	738	21.7
McKey, Ala	33	615	18.6
Moore, Aub	31	538	17.4
Perdue, Vandy	34	592	17.4
A. Wilson, LSU	38	632	16.6
Farmer, Ala	33	546	16.5
Molen, Fla	33	528	16.0
Chapman, Ky	29	484	16.0
Anderson, Ga	30	476	15.9

REBOUNDING			
G	Rebs.	Avg.	
Nix, Tenn	29	294	10.1
Moore, Aub	31	293	9.5
Henderson, MSU	28	253	9.0
Perdue, Vandy	34	295	8.7
Smith, Miss	29	232	8.0
Ansley, Ala	33	259	7.8
McKey, Ala	33	247	7.5
Madison, Ky	29	216	7.4
Brown, LSU	38	279	7.3
Morris, Aub	31	225	7.3

ASSISTS			
G	No.	Avg.	
Coner, Ala	27	171	6.3
Barnes, Miss	29	175	6.0
Jenkins, Tenn	25	134	5.4
White, Aub	24	124	5.2
Anderson, Ga	30	150	5.0
Molen, Fla	33	146	4.4
Maxwell, Fla	34	121	3.6
Chapman, Ky	29	105	3.6
Davender, Ky	29	101	3.5
Taylor, MSU	27	92	3.4

FIELD GOALS			
FGM	FGA	Pct.	
Capers, Fla	110	175	62.9
Perdue, Vandy	233	389	59.9
Ansley, Ala	145	243	59.7
McKey, Ala	247	425	58.1
Lock, Ky	91	161	56.5
Morris, Aub	170	304	55.9
Madison, Ky	109	197	55.3
Moore, Aub	208	383	54.3
Nix, Tenn	153	283	54.1
Sims, Miss	110	209	52.6

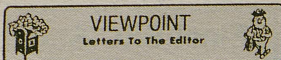
THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS			
FGM	FGA	Pct.	
J. Lawrence, Fla	64	127	50.4
Booker, Vandy	85	170	50.0
Gottfried, Ala	81	167	48.5
Molen, Fla	61	137	44.5
Draud, Vandy	54	123	43.9
Miller, Ky	35	81	43.2
A. Wilson, LSU	95	224	42.4
White, Tenn	28	68	41.2
Farmer, Ala	36	93	38.7
Chapman, Ky	68	176	38.6

FREE THROWS			
FTM	FTA	Pct.	
White, Tenn	155	183	90.2
Farmer, Ala	118	133	88.7
McKey, Ala	100	116	86.2
Coner, Ala	91	107	85.0
Jackson, Ala	66	78	84.6
Goheen, Vandy	114	135	84.4
Blakley, MSU	62	77	80.5
Moore, Aub	120	150	80.0
Anderson, Ga	77	97	79.4
C. Kessler, Ga	90	118	76.3

TEAMS SCORING OFFENSE			
G	Pts.	Avg.	
Florida	34	2864	84.2
Alabama	33	2641	80.0
Auburn	31	2477	79.9
Tennessee	29	2181	75.2
Georgia	30	2218	73.9
Vanderbilt	34	2499	73.5
LSU	39	2787	71.5
Mississippi	29	2037	70.2
Kentucky	29	1965	67.8
Miss. St.	28	1612	57.6

SCORING DEFENSE			
G	Pts.	Avg.	
Miss. St.	28	1834	65.5
Kentucky	29	1944	67.0
LSU	39	2663	68.3
Mississippi	29	1981	68.3
Georgia	30	2070	69.0
Alabama	33	2297	69.6
Tennessee	29	2033	70.1
Florida	34	2444	71.9
Vanderbilt	34	2471	72.7
Auburn	31	2324	75.0

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS REBOUNDS			
G	Rebs.	Avg.	
Auburn	31	1228	39.6
Florida	34	1280	37.6
Tennessee	29	1056	36.4
Georgia	30	1075	35.8
Vanderbilt	34	1180	34.7
Alabama	33	1141	34.6
LSU	39	1334	34.2
Mississippi	29	975	33.6



Wake Up, Kentucky!

Dear Sir:

We are concerned about Kentucky basketball! A top program in any sport requires constant vigilance in order to stay there and those responsible for running it, as well as the fans, must be willing to look at its performance as it *really* is, not as it should be nor as they'd like it to be. This means the often painful task of recognizing the BAD along with the GOOD. Carwood Ledford does an outstanding job in this respect—passing out praise and criticism, right during the radio broadcast, when the 'Cats and their players are performing either way. We think this is one reason he is an excellent and popular broadcaster.

The Cats' Pause is in an excellent position to fulfill the same role—being a critic as well as a rah-rah tool. We read several letters sent in by sincere Wildcat fans from all over the country but your paper tends to ignore the BAD while perpetrating any GOOD. *The Cats' Pause* should take a participative role as critic in addition to being the rah-rah vehicle.

Regardless of what all us fans would like Kentucky to be, the record speaks for itself—Kentucky basketball is slipping! Now, when all your readers stop gasping at such sacrilege, please let us explain:

We're no longer the terror of the SEC. Alabama and LSU are replacing us and most of the other teams no longer fear us. They just want to beat us because Adolph Rupp beat them so often and so badly in the past. Using the reasoning that the conference has gotten stronger doesn't solve the problem. We believe that the conference, indeed, has gotten stronger but UK has not maintained its superiority by also getting comparatively stronger. We've let the conference get stronger, but we haven't.

In the 1940s we won two NCAA titles, (back-to-back in '48 and '49), an NIT title and an Olympic championship! In the 1950s we won two more NCAA titles and had our only undefeated team. During the 1960s we slipped to only an NCAA runner-up finish, but we bounced back during the 1970s to win another NCAA title, an NCAA runner-up title and another NIT championship! Now, what have we accomplished during the 1980s? No NCAA titles, no NCAA runner-up titles, no NIT titles, no undefeated team, no Olympic team—NO NOTHING! Two of our last three years have been subpar years—they may be considered OK for average schools, but we are Kentucky, and to our standards they are subpar! The decade of the 1980s has also seen our national pre-eminence reduced substantially by inroads made against our records by other teams that are closing in. Louisville has gained two NCAA titles on us, Indiana has gained one and North Carolina has made substantial gains against our proud record of being the country's winningest college basketball school. If the current 1980s trend is permitted to continue, they can pass us in a few years. (Note: UNC gained 14 games on UK this season and now trails on the all-time win list by just 22—Editor)

As we travel over half of the USA during our business, we have the opportunity to discuss basketball with many knowledgeable fans, and it may come as a surprise to some of our rah-rah fans that we're slowly not being regarded as the premium team in our state anymore. Numerous fans, with no axe whatsoever to grind, tell us that when they think about the top team in the state of Kentucky, U of L come to their minds first (despite it's miserable season this year).

Now, we think rah-rah is great, but rah-rah and blind allegiance that sees only the good and ignores the bad—hoping it will go

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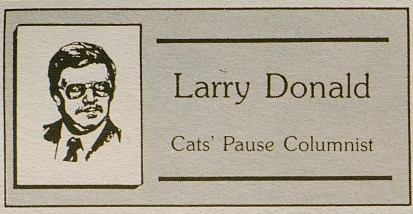
One Man's Addiction A Problem For Many

McClain's Story Has Raised Some Eyebrows

As the NCAA tournament with its mix of drama and excitement, continued play toward the finale in New Orleans, one story overshadowed the event: **Gary McClain's** *Sports Illustrated* confession of drug usage while playing for Villanova's 1985 national championship team, and in fact, throughout his entire career at the Philadelphia school.

In the aftermath, there was much for the college basketball community to ponder. The timing. The necessity. The reported payout by magazine to subject. The blanket indictments and so forth.

That McClain would be the hero of his own story isn't surprising



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

to anyone with much understanding about the operational procedures of chemically dependent people. As the story detailed, through his narrow focus of the world, all that mattered here was the attempt of one person to rid himself of an addiction to cocaine.

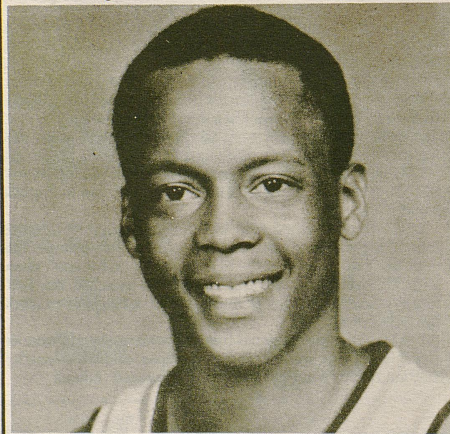
Gary McClain was looking for a round of societal applause because he'd admitted to the problem and now as living a chemically free life. No Len Bias was he.

Certainly the story made interesting reading, fascinating even. I recall the Villanova game at North Carolina when he made two critical free throws. In fact the Wildcats stayed at the same small motor lodge as I did. And, yes, I recall well his play in the championship in Lexington, Ky. Villanova's triumph was a breath of fresh air when college basketball needed it. Kids who went to class and did things the right way could find success afterward.

Now this.

When **Rollie Massimino** says he didn't know, I tend to believe him. If you think about Villanova basketball that season, the Wildcats were disappointing until tournament play. It wasn't as though Massimino would have been under any pressure to keep McClain as part of a team which entered the tournament highly ranked. And, in truth, until the tournament McClain had been a good, but not spectacular performer. Even beyond that bit of logic, I think Massimino has proven to enough people that he's a man of principle, a coach who wouldn't sell out just to win.

Of course, I join the many others who wish McClain well in his battle with drugs. It isn't over now, won't be next year or ever for



Gary McClain

him. He's known as a "recovering chemically dependent person." And that description never goes off the file.

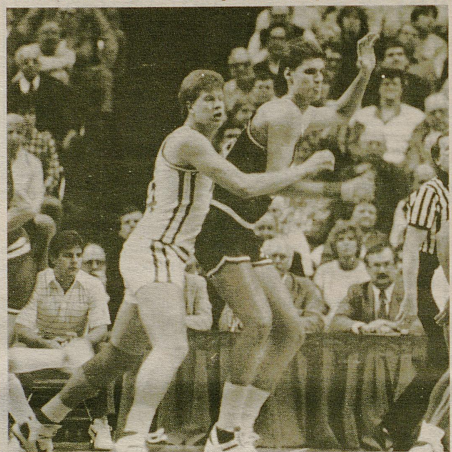
Now the pressure he's under and the stack of money he received, may be the most significant test he'll ever face. He lost once and can lose again.

As for Villanova basketball, I really feel a deep sympathy. They are the victims of an unrepentant Gary McClain's drug habits, Massimino. The other players. Everyone surrounding the program. It can't be easy for them to accept or understand.

This is the tragic side of drug use that truly needs to be understood.

NOTEBOOK: Thirteen hours with ESPN on Thursday (first round of NCAA tournament), followed by that many more on Friday. And then there was seven hours with CBS on Saturday plus six more on Sunday. I can't believe I watched the whole thing. What television has done for the NCAA tournament is something it will take years to fully comprehend.

Some are suggesting this tournament proves how little schoolboy ratings really mean. You start with **David Robinson**, wander through the likes of **Winston Garland**, **Jeep Jackson** and end up at, say **Garde Thompson** and the conclusion is there are a lot of mystery guys coming out of the high school ranks each year. In a sense, that's true. Robinson, **Alabama's Derrick McKey** and **Ohio State's Dennis Hopson** have improved their level of



UF's Schintzius Future Player of the Year?

play dramatically in the four years of college competition. They were not McDonald's All-Americans or even close.

But to say they were entirely unknown isn't quite true. If you look at the top 100 players from that year put together by superscouts like **Van Coleman** and **Bob Gibbons**, I'd be very surprised if these three weren't listed. Add to that the fact **Reggie Williams**, **Steve Alford** and **Kenny Smith** were household names among those who follow recruiting and I think you have to be impressed not only with the depth but the accuracy of guys like Coleman and Gibbons.

What happens is the Hopsons, McKeys and Robinsons get lost in the voluminous business of recruiting. The attention goes to those who play in the McDonald's game which is only 25 out of hundreds of high school players. Do your homework and I don't think you'll often use the word "sleeper" anymore.

More coaching vacancies are opening, but no real headlines (**Toledo** remains the best available) and unless there's a major vacancy, which tends to have a domino effect, I don't foresee a lot of big names shifting locations this spring, summer and fall.

Purdue's lackluster (that's being kind) performance in losing to **Florida** was especially untimely. This program, under **Gene Keady**, has enjoyed much success in this decade, but the Boiler-makers simply cannot get a run going in NCAA play. Talent-wise this is certainly Keady's best team, but like the others when the band started playing at the big dance, they made a quick exit.

Lonely voice department: What do the conference ratings in the NCAA Tournament have to do with anything? What is proven by the fact three Big East teams made it to the regionals while only two from the Big Ten and one from the ACC got that far? All year long the consensus of broadcasters has been the Big Ten had the best league in America. In a space of four days that changes?

Besides what was the criterion for selecting the Big Ten as the nation's best in the first place? And who cares, anyhow? Teams play against one another, not conferences.

I mentioned **Purdue's** loss to Florida. The Gators are a team capable of making a dramatic upswing next year with center **Dwayne Schintzius**. The 7-foot-2 freshman continued to make significant improvement as the season wore on. He catches the ball well, sees the floor from a lofty view and is an excellent passer. When he refines his offensive moves, this kid is good enough to be a national Player of the Year and a No. 1 NBA pick. Remember where you heard that first.

It's Pigskin Time

1987 Wildcat Spring Outlook

UK's '87 Schedule

Sept. 12 UTAH STATE
 Sept. 19 INDIANA
 Sept. 26 at Rutgers
 Oct. 3 OHIO UNIVERSITY
 Oct. 10 MISSISSIPPI
 Oct. 17 at Louisiana State
 Oct. 24 at Georgia
 Oct. 31 VIRGINIA TECH
 Nov. 7 at Vanderbilt
 Nov. 14 at Florida
 Nov. 21 TENNESSEE

UK's '88 Schedule

Sept. 3 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
 Sept. 10 at Auburn
 Sept. 17 at Indiana
 Sept. 24 KENT STATE
 Oct. 1 ALABAMA
 Oct. 8 Open
 Oct. 15 at Louisiana State
 Oct. 22 GEORGIA
 Oct. 29 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
 Nov. 5 VANDERBILT
 Nov. 12 FLORIDA
 Nov. 19 at Tennessee

UK's '89 Schedule

Sept. 9 INDIANA
 Sept. 16 NORTH CAROLINA
 Sept. 23 at Alabama
 Sept. 30 Open
 Oct. 7 AUBURN
 Oct. 14 RUTGERS
 Oct. 21 LOUISIANA STATE
 Oct. 28 at Georgia
 Nov. 4 CINCINNATI
 Nov. 11 at Vanderbilt
 Nov. 18 at Florida
 Nov. 23 TENNESSEE



LETTERMEN RETURNING (33)

Offense (14)
 Joe Curry, Jr., TE
 *Dermontti Dawson, Sr., G
 Kevin Dooley, Sr., QB
 Mark Higgs, Sr., RB
 *Ivy Joe Hunter, Jr., RB
 Tim Jones, Sr., WR
 *Greg Kunkel, Sr., T
 Andy Murray, Soph., FB
 *Brad Myers, Sr., G
 Martin Pennington, Jr., TE
 Mike Pfeifer, Soph., T
 Dee Smith, Soph., WR
 Butch Wilburn, Sr., G
 *Joe Worley, Sr., PK

Defense (19)
 *Vic Adams, Soph., G
 Oliver Barnett, Soph., T
 Craig Benzinger, Soph., LB
 *Chris Chenault, Jr., LB
 Jay Dortch, Jr., E
 Scott Endris, Sr., G
 Anthony Gardner, Jr., CB
 *Carwell Gardner, Jr., DE
 Donnie Gardner, Soph., DT
 Ray Gover, Jr., S
 Doug Houser, Soph., G
 *David Johnson, Sr., CB
 Jeff Kremer, Sr., LB
 Ron Mack, Jr., CB
 Tony Massey, Soph., E
 Jeff Nelson, Jr., P
 *Jerry Reese, Sr., T
 *Ron Robinson, Soph., S
 *John Shannon, Sr. T
 (*Denotes starter)

'86 Redshirts

(Scholarship Players)
 Al Baker (hardship), RB
 John Bolden, WR
 Randy Holleran, LB
 Paul McDowell, DE
 Mike Meece, TE
 Chris Moga, WR
 Mike Nord, OT
 Carlos Phillips, LB
 Steve Phillips, WR
 Gary Ralston, DT
 Scott Rayburn, OG
 Dean Wilks, OT
 Paul Winter, QB

Lettermen Lost (19)

Offense (12)
 *Cornell Burbage, WR
 Conrad Carney, C
 Billy Dean, SE
 John Groves, FB
 *Ken Lange, C
 *Marc Logan, FB
 Matt Lucas, TE
 *Eric Pitts, SE
 *Joe Prince, T
 *Bill Ransdell, QB
 Sam Rotella, T
 *Mark Wheeler, TE

Defense (7)
 *Tony Mayes, CB
 *Guy Neal, E
 Tim Reese, E
 *Larry Smith, LB
 Mike Velotta, T
 *Tom Wilkins, G
 Don Yarano, LB

WILDCATS

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Kentucky Spring Roster

Player	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown	Player	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.	Hometown
Vic Adams	DG	So.	6-1	266	1L	Middlesboro	Greg Kunkel	OT	Sr.	6-5	275	1L	Covington
Bill Allen	QB	Jr.	6-0	192	SO	West Liberty	Ron Mack	DB	Jr.	5-10	185	1L	Lexington
Todd Allgeier	S	Sr.	5-8	168	SO	Louisville	Duane Mahan	FB	Fr.	5-10	196	-	Florence
Tony Baird	DE	Jr.	6-0	193	SO	Franklin	Tony Massey	DE	So.	6-2	204	1L	Somerset
Al Baker	RB	Fr.	5-11	220	RS	Cadiz	Eric Maust	PK	Sr.	5-8	160	-	Oakmont, PA
Greg Baker	RB	Jr.	6-0	195	SO	Springboro, OH	Joel Mazzella	LB	Fr.	6-0	240	-	Parkerburg, WV
Eric Banks	DB	So.	5-9	181	SO	Gainesville, FL	Paul McDowell	DE	Fr.	6-0	195	RS	Prospect
Oliver Barnett	DT	So.	6-3	269	1L	Louisville	Bryan McKenzie	TE	Fr.	6-1	208	-	Russell
Danny Benson	P	Fr.	5-11	198	-	Whitesburg	Mike Meece	TE	Fr.	6-6	210	RS	Madeira, OH
Craig Benzinger	LB	So.	6-1	207	1L	Stone Mountain, GA	Mike Meiners	DC	Jr.	6-2	239	SO	Louisville
Darren Bilberry	FB	So.	6-2	198	SO	Fort Knox	Todd Meyer	DB	Jr.	5-9	178	SO	Louisville
John Bolden	WR	Fr.	6-0	165	RS	Louisville	Tony Mills	DG	Jr.	6-4	268	SO	Lexington
Jeff Brady	LB	Fr.	6-0	200	-	Melbourne	Chris Moga	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	RS	Tucson, AZ
Mark Brock	C	Jr.	6-3	257	SO	Naperville, IL	Brad Myers	OG	Sr.	6-2	271	3L	Miamisburg, OH
Chuck Broughton	QB	So.	6-4	224	SO	Ashland	Andy Murray	FB	So.	6-1	235	1L	Louisville
Mike Burnies	SE	So.	5-10	154	SO	Bolinbrook, IL	Tony Nash	OT	So.	6-5	255	SO	Louisville
Mike Cahill	LB	Sr.	6-0	214	SO	Louisville	Jeff Nelson	P	Jr.	5-10	152	1L	Florence
Jay Chabrak	DB	Fr.	5-9	167	-	S. Plainfield, NJ	Mike Nord	OT	Fr.	6-7	268	RS	Louisville
Chris Chenault	LB	Jr.	6-2	233	2L	Lexington	Jim O'Neal	SE	Sr.	5-9	174	SO	Palatka, FL
Mike Chism	DG	Fr.	5-11	250	-	LaGrange	James Ousley	DB	Fr.	6-3	200	-	Paducah
Chris Connery	DB	Fr.	5-10	165	-	Rochester, Mich.	Martin Pennington	TE	Jr.	6-2	220	2L	Corbin
Brian Cralle	C	So.	6-1	262	SO	Elizabethtown	Mike Pfeifer	OT	So.	6-7	276	1L	Louisville
Tom Crumrine	OT	So.	6-4	276	SO	Westerville, OH	Carlos Phillips	LB	Fr.	6-2	214	RS	Owensboro
Joe Curry	TE	Jr.	6-3	221	2L	Madisonville	Steve Phillips	WR	Fr.	6-2	195	RS	Fairfield, OH
Dermontti Dawson	OG	Sr.	6-2	253	3L	Lexington	Patrick Porter	TE	Fr.	6-3	186	-	Flemingsburg
Brian Denham	OG	Jr.	6-1	245	SO	Winchester	Gary Ralston	DT	Fr.	6-3	240	RS	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Greg Doll	SE	Sr.	5-11	178	SO	Centerville, OH	Scott Rayburn	OG	Fr.	6-4	228	RS	Richardson, TX
Kevin Dooley	QB	Sr.	6-3	205	2L	Cincinnati, OH	Jerry Reese	DT	Sr.	6-1	259	3L	Hopkinsville
Jay Dortch	DE	Jr.	6-1	207	1L	Paducah	Mike Robinson	DE	Sr.	6-0	198	2L	Crestview
Scott Endris	DG	Sr.	6-1	240	2L	Louisville	Ron Robinson	S	So.	6-1	188	1L	Nashville, TN
Glenn Fohr	QB	Jr.	6-4	205	JuCo	Phillipsburg, NJ	Jeff Schillharth	DT	Jr.	6-1	281	SO	Florence
Anthony Gardner	DB	Jr.	5-8	174	1L	Mobile, AL	Mark Sellers	S	Jr.	6-3	197	SO	Louisville
Carwell Gardner	DE	Jr.	6-2	213	2L	Louisville	John Shannon	DG	Sr.	6-3	263	3L	Devon
Donnie Gardner	DT	So.	6-4	210	1L	Louisville	Bill Shehan	WR	Jr.	6-0	184	SO	Independence
Ray Gover	WR	Jr.	6-3	198	2L	Dayton, OH	Mel Skinner	OG	Jr.	6-1	234	SO	Glasgow
Jim Graves	OT	Fr.	6-6	235	-	Lexington	Dee Smith	WR	So.	5-11	178	1L	Paducah
Eric Green	QB	So.	6-0	183	SO	Cincinnati, OH	Tim Smith	QB	Sr.	6-1	180	SO	Whitesburg
Rich Hadrych	TE	Sr.	6-3	223	SO	Cheektowaga, NY	Walter 'Bo' Smith	OT	Jr.	6-3	256	SO	Lexington
Scott Haire	OG	Fr.	6-1	243	SO	Talbot, TN	Gardner Sorrell	C	So.	6-2	276	SO	Middletown, OH
Chris Hatfield	C	Fr.	6-1	272	-	Shepherdsville	Steve Stone	TE	Fr.	6-2	197	-	Lexington
Mark Higgs	RB	Sr.	5-7	190	3L	Owensboro	Scott Stubbs	DG	Sr.	6-0	243	1L	Houston, TX
Jim Hill	C	Jr.	6-3	253	SO	Clinton, OH	Jay Tesar	P	Jr.	6-1	179	1L	Vine Grove
Randy Holleran	LB	Fr.	6-0	217	RS	McKeesport, PA	Brad Thomas	DG	Fr.	5-11	217	-	Louisville
Doug Houser	DG	So.	6-4	240	SO	Aliquippa, PA	Doug Thompson	DT	Jr.	6-2	233	SO	Greenville
Tom Howard	DT	Sr.	6-3	240	SO	Harlan	Steve Trego	DB	Jr.	6-0	186	SO	Florence
Bill Huette	OG	Fr.	6-2	243	-	Morganfield	Russell Viel	OG	So.	6-3	261	SO	Middletown, OH
Ivy Joe Hunter	RB	Jr.	6-0	212	1L	Gainesville, FL	Kit Walter	OG	Jr.	6-2	256	SO	McSherrystown, PA
Steve Jerolaman	S	Fr.	5-11	194	-	Mt. Pleasant, NJ	Jim Wetta	WR	Jr.	6-2	200	JuCo	Wellington, KS
David Johnson	DB	Jr.	6-1	178	2L	Louisville	Butch Wilburn	OG	Sr.	6-2	261	2L	Westchester, OH
Mike Jones	OT	Jr.	6-0	240	-	London	Dean Wilk	OG	Fr.	6-3	265	RS	Proctorville, OH
Tim Jones	SE	Sr.	6-2	195	3L	Leclinton, TN	Paul Winter	QB	Fr.	6-2	218	RS	Newburgh, NY
Mike Knox	FB	So.	5-10	208	-	Memphis, TN	Joe Worley	PK	Sr.	5-10	167	3L	Oakwood, VA
Jeff Kremer	LB	Sr.	6-2	231	3L	Newport	Steve Wroble	S	Sr.	5-10	184	SO	Louisville
							Tony Zigman	Jt.	So.	6-2	199	SO	Lewes, DE
							Ken Willis	PK	So.	5-10	188	TR	Owensboro

(L-Letter man, RS-Redshirt, SO-Squad, TR-Transfer, JuCo-Jr. College)

KENTUCKY WILDCATS



VIEWPOINT
Letters To The Editor



Pen Pal's Critique

Dear Sir:

Here's your pen pal's season-ending critique:

Ed Davender—Too streaky. Gets out of control amongst the tall timber too often. Has bad habit of taking weird little half-step and bunny hop before leaving the floor for the basket on a wide open run out, allowing the defensive trailer to almost always get him or the ball. This is probably due to dodging street gangs in New York City.

Rey Chapman—Has only one weakness, but it's a big one. He is not a good shot. Hit 48 or 49 percent senior year in high school, 45 percent this year. In this day and age 50 percent is nothing to brag about. Must improve in this area before realizing full potential.

James Blackmon—Never lived up to advance billing coming out of Marion, Ind. Mystery player. Not a good shot, or else left it in Marion. Confidence may have been destroyed by previous coach. Derrick Hord and others rumored to have suffered this fate.

Rob Lock—Too slow. Typical Joe Hall center. Can't shoot without putting the ball on the floor and taking that one silly little dribble before going up for his shot. Opposing defenses love this type of player; search him, strip him, and go the other way with the ball.

Richard Madison—Great athlete, but chose wrong sport. Would have been great tight end, but should take 90 MPH fast ball and to stick to baseball.

Irv Thomas—He is not a division I-A player.

Cedric Jenkins—Like Kenny Walker, he is from Georgia, but there all similarity ends.

Mike Scott—Should be at Morehead State, Marshall, or stayed at Wake Forest.

Paul Andrews—Nice kid. Just along for the ride.

Derrick Miller—Seldom misses from 20 feet, seldom hits from six feet. Lost inside the three-point circle. Needs weight. Would probably blow away in a sudden windstorm.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Rowland
U. S. Penitentiary Atlanta, Ga.

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away—leads to deterioration. And that's what's happening.

We'd like to see those who are responsible for running the program WAKE UP before it's too late! We trust that we have capable administrators, coaching staff and support groups, but we'd certainly like to see more resourcefulness, creativity and *boldness* from all of them so we can reverse what has happened during the 1980s. Any knowledgeable fan across the country will readily tell you that Kentucky basketball *has been* the best in the past, over four decades, but they 'laugh up their sleeves' and 'wink at each other' when you suggest it has maintained that peak during the 1980s.

Those of you fans who are lucky enough to be able to live in that wonderful Bluegrass state may not be cognizant of what we've attempted to point out in this letter, and believe us, we're diehard fans and we've tried to be objective and fair. WAKE UP, KENTUCKY, LET'S GET BACK ON TOP WHERE WE BELONG!

Sincerely,

Orville Williams
James Weber
Alonzo Lavengood

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Hard Work Has Paid Off For Shawn Evans

UK Recruit A Diamond In The Rough

Following in his dad's footsteps, Madison Central High School standout Shawn Evans recently signed a football scholarship with the University of Kentucky.

Evans, who helped the Indians win the 11th Regional Tournament basketball championship in Frankfort a couple of weeks ago, is a diamond in the rough, according to UK defensive tackle coach Bill Glaser.

"He's a real sleeper," said Glaser. "We're very impressed with him as a football player."

The 6-7, 230-pound Evans chose Kentucky over his hometown

college, Eastern Kentucky University, plus Western Kentucky,

Tennessee, Georgia and Vanderbilt.

"I love Kentucky," said Evans. "I always have. Coach (Jerry) Claiborne is a great man. He takes care of his players. He's brought respectability back to Kentucky football."

Like his father Roy, who signed with UK in the late '60s, Evans was recruited for his strength and agility. He could play on either the offensive or defensive units at tight end or defensive end or tackle.

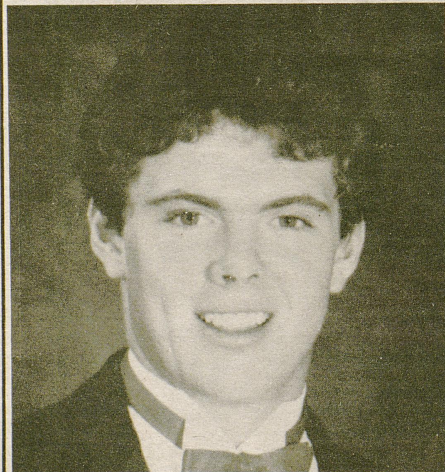
Glaser Says Evans Is A Good Athlete

"He has great athletic ability," said Glaser of Evans, who also played baseball at the Richmond school. "We need help at the tight end position badly, but he could play other positions as well."

Evans played tight end and defensive end at Central, averaging four catches and eight or nine tackles per game. He also handled the Indians' punting duties, which could benefit Kentucky as well.

"I did a lot of blocking on offense because we were a run-oriented team," said Evans. "We used the I-formation. (UK) Coach (Terry) Stock told me I was recruited because I have good hands, good foot speed and good work habits. I hope I can keep it up in the future."

Evans started playing football back in the fourth grade, but really didn't play full-time until the seventh grade. He grew six



Shawn Evans

inches between the seventh and eighth grades, making his decision to become an athlete all the more easier.

Father Roy Didn't Push Evans Into Athletics

"My dad didn't push me at all," said Evans, whose father, at 6-5 and 240 pounds, played with UK, Eastern and then profes-

sionally with the Dallas Cowboys before suffering a career-ending lung injury.

"It was the same with my decision to attend college," Evans explained. "We talked about it, but he said not to let him or anybody else persuade me. It was my choice, my decision."

Evans played on the varsity level all four years of prep school, seeing a lot of action his sophomore season and finally starting his last two seasons. It was the same in basketball and baseball, where he excelled.

"I've heard he's good enough to play on our baseball team," said Glaser.

"Coach Claiborne told me they preferred athletes who played



Shawn Evans Is Three-Sport Star

three sports in high school," said Evans. "It's helped me develop my athletic ability. From football, you get strength and agility. From basketball, you get foot speed and quickness. From baseball, you learn discipline and hand-eye coordination."

Evans has Been A Star In Many Sports

Besides football, Evans is a star in those other sports. He averaged 16 points and 14 rebounds on the basketball team that participated in the State Tournament last week at Rupp Arena. It was Madison Central's first-ever Sweet Sixteen appearance in the school's 31-year history. He also hit over .400 and had many homers for the school's traditionally successful baseball teams. He once hit three home runs in a game his junior season.

"I've been really lucky," said Evans. "Everything has come together for me."

Evans, whose grade point average is 3.6, plans to major in pharmacy at Kentucky. His favorite subject is chemistry.

"It's always easy to find a job in the pharmacy business," he explained.

It was because of UK's outstanding pharmacy program, plus UK's interest, that he chose the Southeastern Conference school over other institutions.

"It was a hard decision because there was pressure to stay home and play at Eastern," said Evans. "There are some people there (in Richmond) who I've heard hold grudges against me. But that's their problem. I'd never dreamed I'd be getting a (NCAA) Division I scholarship in football. It's like a dream come true."

Evans is looking forward to knocking heads against some of the tougher SEC teams like Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana State, Florida and Auburn.

"It'll be great playing against those schools," he said. "The SEC is the best football conference in the nation. I'll really have to gain more strength if I'm going to go up against those guys."

And he believes a lot more Kentucky players will choose to attend UK in the future.

"It'll be a great place to play," he said. "I'm excited about it."

The Problem With So-Called 'Minor' Sports?

Nobody Seems To Care About Them

There's a lot of sports material produced that you never get a chance to read or hear.

There are press releases and media guides concerning the colleges' so-called "minor" sports—golf, tennis, volleyball, women's basketball, even track and baseball.

The sports information departments of the various SEC schools are equal opportunity publicity mills. They grind out the same facts and figures and feature material for those activities that are sent to the press for football and basketball.

The problem is, not many papers, radio or TV stations will use



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

the stuff.

Shades of "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

The sports information director of your favorite school can send out material until he's blue in the face, but he can't get it published.

The reason is simple. In the opinion of most sports editors, nobody cares. That's a shame, too, because the kids who participate, their friends and relatives care, but the general public doesn't give two hoots in Hades if coach Three Putt Brown has four members back from last year's golf team to challenge for conference honors.

With the exception of baseball at certain schools, the Southern sports fan wants football, football and then more football.

He'll soak up some basketball, particularly at tournament time, but a story of football recruiting in the "off" season will bounce a basketball release in the "on" season right back to page two.

Women's Basketball Gets Bad Shake

My strongest sympathy lies with women's basketball. The game once was paticake, but no more. Now it's drive on goal, give 'em the hip and be prepared to bruise and be bruised under the basket. It's a good, hardfought activity that is well played, particularly in our part of the country, but very few care.

Yes, very few. I classify a crowd of 1,200 or 1,800 or even 2,000 for a girls' conference game very few. The fact is, there are more crowds under 1,500 than there are over 1,500 for stand-alone girls' games.

Why do you think so many schools play the girls' contest as part of double headers with men's games? It's plain and simple an effort to have someone in the stands when the women are on the court.

It's a shame, but that's the way it is.

Baseball, except at Mississippi State and one or two other schools, is also a near orphan. Spending a pleasant afternoon in the sunshine watching a college baseball game is a good way to go but only a few hundred fans at each school apparently care.

As for golf, tennis and the other poor relations of sports, nobody comes to see them play and nobody writes or reads about them, either.

Your favorite paper will run a small story about the results of a match, and once in awhile you'll see a feature on a college golfer or tennis player, but if such a story does run, it's usually well back in the paper and primarily used as a filler.

It really is a shame. The minor sports participants train hard, approach their sport as intensely and get as emotionally competitive as the finest football or basketball star.

But again, very few people care.

And so while you probably have several football or basketball games you will never forget, the only minor sports memories are in the minds of those who participated. They're entitled.

If it takes football and basketball dollars to keep track, swimming, gymnastics, golf and tennis going, it seems to me that that's money well spent. In its own way, a well-rounded minor sports program proves that somebody does care.

Not For Broadcast

Looking at the Ole Miss spring football brochure will give anyone the idea that the Rebels will be one of the favorites in this year's SEC race. They return nine starters on offense and an equal number on defense. Fifteen lettermen in all will return from last year's team which finished 7-3-1. Their problem will be, of course, that no matter how well they play it will be a disappointing year. The Rebels won't be able to appear on TV or play in a bowl game

because of NCAA probation. That could either discourage the team or give them incentive to blow some people away. Knowing coach Billy Brewer, I believe the "drive to win" will prevail. . . The opposite situation is at Alabama where new coach Bill Curry welcomes only three defensive starters and five on offense. To further complicate Curry's life, the man has yet to coach his first game at Bama and he's already under fire, simply because he's not a graduate of the school. He may make believers out of his opponents, but he's going to have to win big to do it. . . At the end of the conference's women's basketball tournament, the top six SEC teams—Auburn, Georgia, Ole Miss, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and LSU—had a collective won-lost record of 145-31. That's an 82 percent mark. . . Speaking of attendance for women's basketball, here are the figures for the recent conference tourney: Game 1—Kentucky vs. Florida, 1,500. Game 2—Alabama vs. Mississippi State, 1,600. Game 3—Vanderbilt vs. Ole Miss, 750. Game 4—Tennessee vs. LSU, 1,100. Game 5—Georgia vs. Kentucky, 3,500. Game 6—Auburn vs. Alabama, 2,000. Game 7—Georgia vs. Vanderbilt, 3,500. Game 6—Auburn vs. Tennessee, 3,200. Game 7—Georgia vs. Vanderbilt, 3,500. Game 8—Auburn vs. Tennessee, 3,200. Game 9—Georgia vs. Auburn, 5,000. The tournament was played in Albany, Ga., and that's reflected by the size of the crowd for Georgia's games. But other than when the Bulldogs took the court, the attendance was, to say the least, disappointing. . . Vanderbilt played in the NIT back in 1983 and then again this year. All five of their tournament games were played on their home court. The Commodores have never been sent to play an NIT game away from home. Do you suppose their 15,000-seat gym and great crowd support can be the reason? You bet your sweet bippy. . . Seven of Tennessee's 12 football games this year are in Knoxville. Six of their 11 1988 games will be at home. Talk about a long year. The Vols' first game is Aug. 31. They close out the slate on Nov. 28. Should they make it to a bowl, the Volunteers will have played football for virtually five straight months, plus 21 days in the spring. Who said college football was just a sport? . . . The range in scoring this past basketball season is almost unbelievable. Florida led the league, averaging 84.4 points per game. Mississippi State brought up the rear with 57.6. That's a spread of almost 27 points per outing from top to bottom. Unbelievable. Other interesting stats include Florida's 43.5 success percentage in three-point goals. Everyone expected the Gators to be the league's best and they were. However, Alabama was just a hair behind at 43.4 percent. Mississippi State's scoring problems are clearly shown by its very low 33 percent three-point shooting percentage and its overall mark of 42.3 percent. Both were the poorest in the league. No matter what you say, basketball always ends up as a shooter's game.



Alabama's Wimp Sanderson

The Last Word: When asked about Dale Brown's vigil of not going to bed before the LSU-Alabama championship game of the SEC tournament in order to fire his team up, Alabama's Wimp Sanderson quipped:

"I went down to talk to Dale Brown before the game today but I found him asleep on the bench."

Bat Cats Squeeze 2 Of 3 From The Big Orange

The University of Kentucky baseball Wildcats won two of three games this past weekend against conference rival Tennessee at Shively Field. Kentucky split the double-header on Saturday, winning the first game 10-9 and losing the second 7-5. The Bat Cats, 5-4 in SEC play, then went on to post an 11-5 victory in the series finale.

UK won the first game Saturday, with a two-run rally in the seventh inning after UT had taken a 9-8 lead in the top of the inning.

Freshman Darin Riemann led off the seventh for the 'Cats with a walk. Two outs later, Robbie Buchanan also walked off Tennessee reliever Greg McMichael. With Scott Pruitt pinch-running for Riemann, Billy White then drilled a single to right which scored Buchanan, giving the hosts a 10-9 victory.

UT came out swinging in Saturday's second game, pounding seven hits and six runs off Kentucky starter Tom Deller. The Wildcats appeared to be making a comeback in the sixth, hitting three consecutive homers on three pitches, but Tennessee starter Dan Eskew held on to claim the win, retiring the last five batters to raise his record to 3-2.

Sunday's single game ended at 11-5, after a six-run rally in the seventh inning by the home team, thus breaking a 3-3 tie. The Bat Cats hammered out seven hits in the bottom of the inning to break the game open. Singles by White and Terry Shumpert were turned into scores when Mark Blythe belted a double. Blythe and Chris Estep scored on a Mark McClain error after Mitch Knox grounded a ball into shallow centerfield. Knox was called out at second.

Buchanan then blasted a two-run homer over right center which scored pinch-runner Pruitt. With two outs, Riemann doubled into left field, getting the seventh and final hit of the inning.

Earlier in the week Keith Madison's Bat Cats defeated Ohio Dominican 8-5 at Shively Field. UK's Sam Taylor picked up the win.

Wildcat Grid Slate

1987

Sept. 12 UTAH STATE
 Sept. 19 INDIANA
 Sept. 26 at Rutgers
 Oct. 3 OHIO UNIVERSITY
 Oct. 10 MISSISSIPPI
 Oct. 17 at Louisiana State
 Oct. 24 at Georgia
 Oct. 31 VIRGINIA TECH
 Nov. 7 at Vanderbilt
 Nov. 14 at Florida
 Nov. 21 TENNESSEE

1988

Sept. 3 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
 Sept. 10 at Auburn
 Sept. 17 at Indiana
 Sept. 24 KENT STATE
 Oct. 1 ALABAMA
 Oct. 8 Open
 Oct. 15 at Louisiana State
 Oct. 22 GEORGIA
 Oct. 29 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
 Nov. 5 VANDERBILT
 Nov. 12 FLORIDA
 Nov. 19 at Tennessee

1989

Sept. 9 INDIANA
 Sept. 16 NORTH CAROLINA
 Sept. 23 at Alabama
 Sept. 30 Open
 Oct. 7 AUBURN
 Oct. 14 RUTGERS
 Oct. 21 LOUISIANA STATE
 Oct. 28 at Georgia
 Nov. 4 CINCINNATI
 Nov. 11 at Vanderbilt
 Nov. 18 at Florida
 Nov. 23 TENNESSEE



VIEWPOINT
Letters To The Editor



Bad Blood

Dear Sir:

As a UK fan living in Louisville, I sometimes wonder if the 'Cat fans around the state realize just how deep and heartfelt is the hatred which U of L fans here hold for anything and everything associated with UK. I think you'd be surprised.

Whereas, with some of UK's rivals (IU or Tennessee, for example) the rivalry is heated and intense, but at its core, good-natured, here the rivalry is bitter and small-minded. Here, the U of L fans seem to gain as much satisfaction from a UK loss, as they do from a U of L win, or seem obsessed with playing a constant, pointless game of taunting and one-upmanship where the two schools are concerned. Here, they delight in spreading silly, malicious rumors about UK, its players, and coaches, and have an avid spokesman in Jock Sutherland (on 50,000-watt WHAS, no less) to aid their cause.

What's more, of the U of L fans I know, almost to a person, they share the same single-minded and petty hatred of UK, and they do so year-long. This isn't something I can say about other rival fans; it's particular to U of L fans.

Is it surprising, then, that I found myself delighted at U of L's poor showing in the Metro Tournament, and its failure to receive an NCAA bid, this year? Not because I have anything personal against the Cardinal basketball team, but because I think that anything which sends Cardinal fans crawling back under their rocks, for even a little while, is nothing short of Divine Justice. Go 'Cats!

Sincerely yours,

Ken Wilson
Louisville, Ky.

Not A Total Failure

Dear Sirs:

The 1986-87 basketball season was not a total failure. It was a year that allowed players like Irv Thomas, Richard Madison, Rob Lock and Cedric Jenkins to mature. Hopefully this will be the last non-20 win season for a while.

Even though the 'Cats are losing James Blackmon and Paul Andrews, the 1987-88 season should be a success.

Next year won't be such a success because of the recruits but because of maturity and the return of Winston Bennett.

This year's recruits will be seniors in 1990. By then Eric Manuel, LeRon Ellis and Jonathan Davis will be All-Americans and the 'Cats will win the national championship.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Cissell
Loretto, Ky.



Boo! Three-Pointer Comes To High School

Bonus Shot Great For College, Not For Preps

There were a lot of great things that came out of the 70th Boys' State Tournament held last week in Rupp Arena. Clay County, which hails from my neck of the woods, brought the title back to the mountains of eastern Kentucky for the first time in 31 years, a new world record attendance mark of 24,041 was set for a high school basketball game and the Champions Against Drugs campaign was kicked off in the Bluegrass.

But in my opinion, there was one thing that was announced during the Sweet Sixteen that will have a negative bearing on the game—the three-point shot.



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

When it was revealed that the 19' 9" three-point shot was coming to college basketball, I was a supporter of it. And after seeing the bonus shot for a full season, I am still in favor of it. But I just can't agree with bringing it down to the high school level.

Evidently, the National Federation basketball rules committee didn't see it that way. It voted 11-0 in favor of the shot. And two high-ranking officials of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association—commissioner Tom Mills and assistant commissioner Billy Wise—were both quoted as being supportive of the new rule.

I still don't like it. But then again, I wasn't allowed to vote. Those who did, and their colleagues, say that the rule was passed to put the little man back into high school basketball. I don't know what game they've been watching, but the tournament I saw last week was dominated by little men.

*Of the tourney's top three scorers, Allan Houston of Ballard and Richie Farmer of Clay County are both guards; and although Clay County's Russ Chadwell is listed as a forward, the 6-footer did nearly all of his damage with his smooth 15-foot baseline jumper.

*Six of the twelve-man all-tournament team were "little men," and a seventh, Paintsville's 6-7 John Pelphey, plays his best basketball on the perimeter and is being recruited by all the major colleges as an off guard.

*Looking down the rosters of each of the 16 teams, eight of them were led in scoring by a guard (nine if you count Pelphey as being a perimeter player), and at least three others—Madison Central, Warren Central and Mason County—would be unable to function without their starting point guards.

The three-pointer did put more emphasis on guard play in college this season, if you don't believe it just ask Rick Pittino of Providence or Jerry Tarkanian at Nevada-Las Vegas. The shot was needed in college because the game was being taken over by seven-footers who camped out in the lane and clogged up the middle. But in high school, a good big man is hard to come by, there just aren't that many of them out there.

Saying that the three-pointer will put the little man back into the game just isn't true. The little man always has been, and always will be, with the shot or without it, the key to winning basketball games on the high school level.

A Better Way To Combat Low Attendance

The other reason that the shot's advocates keep pointing to is that it will help increase slumping attendance figures, which is probably true. Fans will likely turn out in larger numbers because of the three-pointer, and because of the propensity for making dramatic comebacks will be increased, it's a good bet they will stay in the stands longer.

But there is a way to bolster attendance figures and recapture the excitement in high school basketball without altering the way the game is played.

"I think we're having some sagging attendance, especially on the high school level, and I really think the three-point shot is a quick-fix remedy," Warren Central coach Mike Flynn said. "The reason high school attendance is down is because we have too many college and pro games on television—they play at all hours of the day and night, and any night of the week. Tuesday and Friday nights should be sacred for the high schools, let the colleges play the other nights.

"I think they see it as creating all this excitement for college and they're hoping it's gonna rub off on the high school game, but I think in the long run it's gonna distort the game of basketball

that we've come to love.

"I don't like it. I dislike it for college and I hate it for high school. College players have the strength, the maturity and they're the cream of the crop. They've been recruited and they have the physical capability to shoot those shots and add something to the game. I think the three-point shot is going to distort the development of younger players and it's going to put an emphasis on something that I'm not sure is going to be best in the long run for the development of young basketball players. And I think it's gonna warp the values of basketball that have been established over the last 80 years and have been carried on by some outstanding basketball coaches."

Many Top Coaches Opposed To The Rule

Flynn wasn't the only one to be critical of the new rule. I talked to seven coaches who had teams in the tournament, and only Oldham County's Bob Hoggard was in favor of the rule, and he wasn't completely sure it's best for the game.

"It was inevitable, it was coming, so I think we're just gonna have to get adjusted to it, I'm not down on it at all," Hoggard said. "But I've got a little bit of mixed emotions about it. I think it will help the ballgame in the playing of it but I'm not sure if high school kids are ready to handle it right now."

That's my feeling, too. There's no doubt that many players on the prep level can shoot the shot, they already do. But it's the young players, the freshmen and sophomores, the ones who haven't quite mastered the fundamentals, who will be tempted to come down and jack up the first 20-footer they can. And that's just not in the best interest of the game.

"I've got my reservations about the three-point goal in high school," Madison Central coach Don Richardson said. "I've always felt like you've got to work on the fundamentals, and the fundamentals in high school, the young fella starts in close to the basket.

"If you're not careful you're gonna have people throwing it up from out too far and getting into bad habits. And it could work to the detriment of young shooters. They may get to the point that they won't get that good follow through and the things that you have to have by working in close. They'll try to shoot it too far and develop bad habits. I hope that's not the case."

Sadly, I'm afraid that is just what is going to happen.

"I feel like the three-point goal will cause a lot of average teams to try to use it, and I feel like that at the high school level you've got very few people that can shoot that shot consistently," said first-year Rowan County coach Tim Moore. "I'm not gonna depend on it and I'm not gonna encourage it. I don't feel like that you've got many kids on that level that can shoot it and I really feel like your younger kids will start growing up looking to shoot that shot and I think it will develop a lot more bad habits. And probably the weakest part in the high school game right now is shooting the basketball."

Of course, the players love it. I talked to my brother, who's the starting point guard at Harlan High school, and he thinks it's the best thing that could happen. And Richie and Russ Farmer of Clay County, who can both nail down the shot with regularity, are looking forward to the new shot.

"We've got myself, my brother Russ and Russ Chadwell all coming back and I think that we might be able to benefit by the three-pointer, and we'll just give it a little work this summer and see what happens," said tournament MVP Richie Farmer, who added that he thinks he can convert the shot about 45-50 percent of the time. "It's not real hard, it's just about a 20-footer, and we've got a lot of kids on our team that can make the 20-footer."

But even two coaches that would seem to benefit most from the shot—Bobby Keith of Clay County and Scott Davenport of Ballard—don't like it.

Keith, who coached his team to the state championship with no player taller than 6-2, who has some of the best outside shooters in the state returning, says he thinks the rule will do more harm than good.

"We don't like it," Keith said, "because we have some people that I know will want to shoot it. We will fire a few out there but we are basically an inside team. I really don't think it will benefit our ballteam unless maybe we were behind and had to try and make a run. We can shoot the thing and we can hit it, but we would rather roll it in there about 14- or 15-foot at least."

Davenport, who guided his team to the championship game, agrees.

"It'll probably shock you, but I'm really not a big advocate of the three-point rule," Davenport said. "I think the game of basketball is a great game and I don't know if we need to be changing it, and I'm saying that will Allan Houston, Mark Bell and Eric McDuffie, who are all great outside shooters, coming back for the next few years.

"I really don't like it because I think the sport should be left alone.

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Our Readers (Are) Always Write. . .

Griesch's Philosophy On U of L's NCAA Absence

Dear Folks:

For all of *The Cats' Pause* readers who thought I had gone to Cardinal heaven, or some other form of hell. . .

Wrong.

I have simply been observing the college scene in the state for these past several months.

Louisville coach Denny Crum had his opportunity to scream about not being in this year's NCAA tournament. His arguments were wrong.

Now, it is my turn. My arguments are not.

Denny, more than anything else, was the coach of the Defending National Embarrassments in 1986-87.

Nothing more. Nothing less.

The one thing Denny didn't bother to mention when he was pleading his ridiculous case on the tournament was this: He failed to win the one game that would have gotten him into the tournament. All his bunch of paper mache Cards had to do was beat Memphis State in the finals of the Metro Conference tournament, on the Louisville home floor.

Instead, all Crum and his lost birds could muster was a 23-point embarrassment.

Crum's trick nearly paid off, in an after-the-fact sort of way. Crum did get lots of national exposure. He was heard coast to coast.

But, many knowledgeable national media people took exception with his argument.

Surprisingly, some of Crum's staunchest allies in Kentucky media circles even took him to task. Billy Reed, that vagabond, nomadic soul, who at times has been Crum's open door to the national media, blasted the ex-California sunshine kid.

Actually, such a tirade has been building up for a long time in Louisville, and the media is a big part of the reason.

Crum's been wrong before. Instead of someone taking editorial exception to some of Crum's heavy-handed, self-serving rhetoric previously, area media always were quick to take up his cause, no matter how silly.

Now, it seems the worm may have turned, or is about to turn. The truth is, Crum's arguments this month had a most hollow ring to them. He sounded like the little rich kid who got left off a gift list at someone else's party, and he didn't know how to react.

For several years now, Crum and the University of Louisville have been used to dictating their own terms to other people.

First, it was the Metro Conference. Five years ago, U of L officials simply told the Metro that U of L would no longer pay 25 percent of its television revenue from basketball to the conference, to be split with the rest of the league.

U of L got through that without being challenged.

The truth there is that U of L was trying to force the other football schools in the Metro to share with them, to form a football conference, so that Louisville would make money off those schools' gridiron successes. Too bad.

The truth is, the Metro was formed as a basketball-only conference, and there was some off-the-cuff agreement that football would eventually be discussed.

Louisville didn't get its way. It pouted. It tried to hurt the other conference members.

Louisville should remember, a conference is an association of similar institutions, with similar interests. If those similar interests are not important to one of the members, that

member institution ought to leave.

Since then, Louisville has been able to concentrate enough national attention on the rivalry it had with the University of Kentucky in basketball to force a basketball series with the Wildcats.

Former UK coach Joe Hall protested vehemently, but no one would accept UK's position. Louisville had to get its series.

Now, UK leads in the modern series, 5-2. Now, Louisville wants Kentucky to play the game in February.

U of L has 12 conference games, UK has 18. U of L can schedule its 12 any old way it wants. The past two years, U of L hasn't been an active member of the Metro TV package, and in 1985-86, played only one Metro game on a weekend, Memphis State, on network TV the final Sunday of the season. This year, it was little changed.

U of L sold out its conference to make its own money. They succeeded, and now, they are trying to dictate UK's conference schedule to Cliff Hagan, Eddie Sutton, and the 'Cats.

What about Crum not talking to the press after the first loss to Memphis? He ducked

world knows that Jock and Van would never ask anything "difficult."

Van even told Vanderbilt athletic director Roy Kramer that he (Van) thought Crum had been pretty good with the press this year. This latest comment reportedly came on a Louisville radio station call-in show earlier this month.

Come off it, would any other coach be able to get away with such childish garbage?

For someone who has depended so much on a "positive" media image, Crum has seemingly screwed up pretty well.

But, Kentucky can't sell out its conference. Those associations have been too strong, for too long.

Another part to that story, too. . . Crum, who is notoriously laid back, cool and loose in November and December, has added two highly intense opponents to the early schedule in UK and Indiana.

This year, Crum lost to both. He wants both to play him, in February, when he feels it will be more advantageous, more convenient, for Louisville to play them.

Hey, folks. Has anyone told Crum that he

Hehehehehehehehehe.

Hey, Denny. . . Has Jock been trying to sell you a pine forest in Bermuda lately?

No one in the Louisville media has pointed out to Crum and his band of beleaguered followers that other people have better things to do than try to make Denny one happy Crum.

This kid gloves treatment of Crum and his program is one big reason why so many people got a big chuckle out of his postseason non-invitation this year.

No one in Louisville noted that his team didn't deserve anything. The local press simply climbed on the bandwagon one more time.

Outless. And, I thought Gannett would force Denny to grow up and accept responsibility.

This latest incident is not the first time, nor will it be the last, apparently, that a more objective media is needed.

Two seasons ago, when Louisville raced out to an impressive 16-16 regular season slate, and won no titles, anywhere, U of L dragged its buns off to the National Invitational Tournament, where it won three, lost the last two.

When U of L was by-passed that time, a headline in the Louisville morning paper said U of L was "ignored" by the NCAA.

Last fall, when the Cards' roundball schedule was announced, much was made of playing Syracuse, Cincinnati, and UCLA on the road the last three games of the regular season.

Crum noted that U of L officials had asked Cincy, a Metro team, to switch home-and-home dates so that U of L could play at home the next-to-last regular season game. The Bearcats refused, and Crum was quoted in the Louisville papers saying, "(Cincinnati) could have helped us, but they didn't want to."

Why would anyone in the Metro want to help Louisville?

Generations of Christians, some of them American, have been taught "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Who missed that lesson in Louisville?

It's OK with me if Crum and Louisville want to be so arrogant, so obnoxious, so self-centered. But, I just wanted to take this occasion to help shovel some dirt in on the casket.

Footnotes: While U of L people feel they should be invited to the big show just because they are the Defending National Embarrassments, they miss a historical point.

In 1950, Kentucky was two-time defending national champion, having won the NCAAAs in 1948 and 1949. Adolph Rupp also was a co-coach and had five of his 1948 players share in winning the 1948 Olympic gold medal.

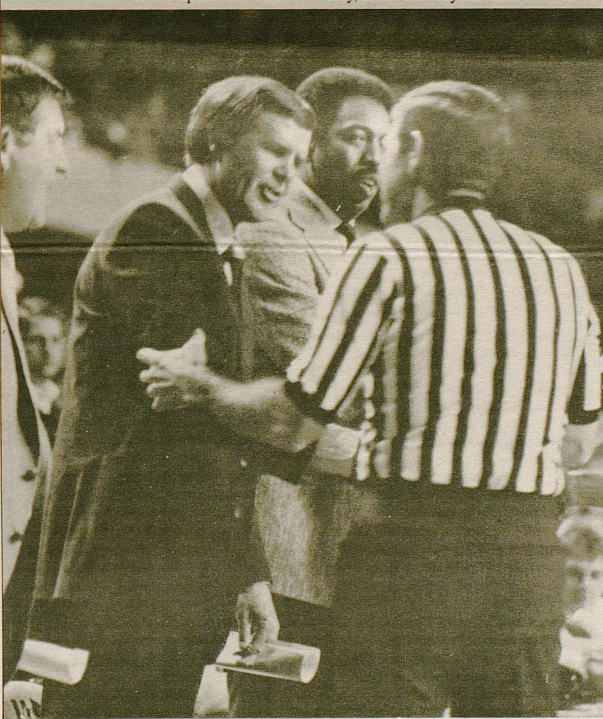
But, in 1950, with a 25-5 mark, Kentucky was passed over in the eight-team field in favor of North Carolina State, which had a similar record, and a famous coach of its own, Everett Case.

Now, if U of L had a 25-5 mark, they would have no problem getting in.

Now, Denny. . .

Sit down. Shut up. Take your seat in line next to your band of wordsmiths like Van Vance, the unclonable Joke Sutherland, and the boys.

Jim Griesch
Lancaster, Kentucky



Has The Worm Turned, Denny?

on any post-game comments, wouldn't let his players talk to the press, and instead sent out seldom-played Will Olliges to greet the writers.

Olliges intelligently said, "No comment," to anything and everything.

Where was Crum? Pouting in a friend's luxury box before going down to do his post-game radio show. At least he was safe there. No caller could ask questions, and the whole

has to play by the same rules, under the same conditions, as everyone else? Indiana also has an 18-game conference schedule, just like UK. Why would either Sutton or Bobby Knight want to add a highly emotional, guts up, neighborhood battle with Louisville into the middle of a highly emotional, guts up, nationally recognized murderous conference schedule?

Because Denny Crum wants to do it?

Anti-Drug Program Gets Started Collector Card Series To Relate

The Collector Card Series is part of the overall public awareness campaign being launched by Gov. Martha Layne Collins' Champions Against Drugs program.

The series will run 22 consecutive weeks and each card will feature a photo of a noted Kentuckian with a personal anti-substance abuse message.

Participants were selected through a survey which asked young people across the state to name their Kentucky role models. The first collector card will be released in April.

The cards will be distributed with the help of local law enforcement officials, and incentive prizes will be awarded at the end of the 22 weeks. The Grand Prize winner will be awarded an away trip for two with the Kentucky college team of his or her choice.

Any young person 17-years-old and under is eligible to collect the cards and compete for prizes. The prize winners will be drawn at random.

The Collector Card Series is being sponsored with the help of the Coca-Cola Company and Valvoline.

Also, two special cards—David Robinson and Billy Packer—were printed and given out during the Champions Against Drugs Rally in Lexington following Wednesday's second game of the Sweet Sixteen. Robinson, 1987's hoop Player of the Year, and Packer, the well-

known college basketball analyst for CBS, were in town for the rally.

The cards were only available at the event, as 12,500 were released of Robinson and Packer, respectively.

On the back of Robinson's card the seven-footer was quoted the following: "Being named All-American took hard work, discipline and confidence. If you believe in yourself, you can do anything you want, including saying 'no' to drugs and alcohol."

Packer was quoted on his card as saying, "Sports are great. Don't miss out on all the fun. Be smart and say 'no' to drugs and alcohol. It'll be your greatest victory, bigger than even a national championship."

Here's a list of the collector card participants:

Martha Layne Collins—Kentucky Governor.

Kyle Macy—Former UK All-American, now a member of the Indiana Pacers of the NBA.

Doug Flynn—Former pro baseball player.

Mary T. Meagher—Olympic gold medalist swimmer.

Frank Minniefield—Member of the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Harold "Pee Wee" Reese—Former pro baseball player.

Kenny Walker—Former Wildcat All-American, now with the NBA's New York Knicks.

Darrell Griffith—Former Louisville All-American, now a member of the NBA's Utah Jazz.

Melinda Cumberledge—Miss Kentucky 1986-87.

Dale Baldwin—University of Kentucky cheerleader.

A.B. "Happy" Chandler—Former Governor of Kentucky.

Dr. William DeVries—Heart surgeon who pioneered artificial heart transplants.

Rex Chapman—Current University of Kentucky basketball player.

Winston Bennett—Current University of Kentucky basketball player.

Ricky Skaggs—Country music performer.



Mark Higgs



Mary T. Meagher



Champions Against Drugs

Being a Champion means doing whatever you can do to help stop drug and alcohol abuse in your community. Everyone is needed, and everyone has a role to play.

THE FACTS

- Drug and alcohol abuse costs Kentuckians three billion dollars a year.
- Peer Pressure to try marijuana is being felt by many children as early as the fourth grade.
- Drug use is now considered to be the #1 problem in schools.
- About half of our high school seniors get drunk regularly. Teenage girls are drinking almost as much as teenage boys.
- Drunk driving is the leading cause of death among teenagers. Homicide and suicide very often linked to drug and alcohol abuse are ranked as #2 and #3.
- Seventeen percent of our high school seniors have tried cocaine, the drug that killed Len Bias and Don Rogers.
- "Crack" - the latest high potency form of cocaine - is now available to school children. Cheap and highly addictive, this new popular "high" is creating a new wave of concern for the safety of our young people.

WHERE ARE OUR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS?

Drugs and alcohol create problems in families, in workplaces, in schools and in neighborhoods. All members of the community are affected whether they realize it or not.

WHAT IS THE CHAMPIONS AGAINST DRUGS PROGRAM?

In response to the growing public concern about drug and alcohol problems, Governor Collins conceived the Champions Against Drugs program to rally all citizens and communities in the Commonwealth to focus their efforts on effective solutions and prevention.

Communities are now working on the state and local level to increase public awareness, provide training and mobilize communities to support effective prevention programs.

Governor Collins and other well-known Kentuckians have united to form a Speakers Bureau to carry the Champions message across the state.

Films and informational materials are available for educational programs for parents, children, those who work with youth and community leaders.

Throughout Kentucky prevention specialists are providing expert assistance to regional committees and are helping to train volunteers to work in drug and alcohol prevention programs.

HOW CAN I BECOME A CHAMPION?

First and foremost, take a stand against drugs and alcohol abuse in your own life. Set an example.

Become better informed about drugs and alcohol. Find out how to recognize problems, and what you can do about them. Take advantage of information and training programs offered in your local area.

CHAMPIONS AGAINST DRUGS



Gov. Martha Layne Collins



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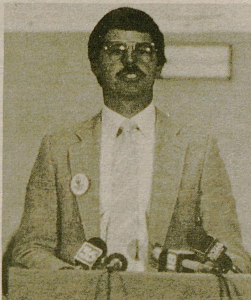


You can be a Champion!

Relay 'Champions' Message



Mary T. Meagher



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Pervis Ellison—Current University of Louisville basketball player

The Cardinal—University of Louisville mascot.

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Mark Higgs—Current University of Kentucky football player.

Jim Master—Former University of Kentucky basketball player.

Dan Issel—Former University of Kentucky basketball All-American.

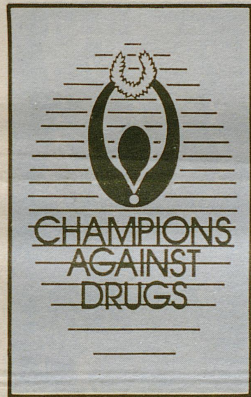
***Melvin Turpin**—Former University of Kentucky basketball player, now a member of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

***Sam Bowie**—Former University of Kentucky player, now a member of the NBA's Portland Trailblazers.

**Note—Turpin and Bowie will be featured on one card as the "Twin Towers."*

Champions are:

- Parents • Teenagers • Ministers
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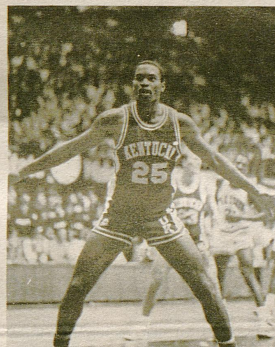
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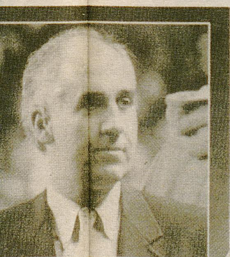
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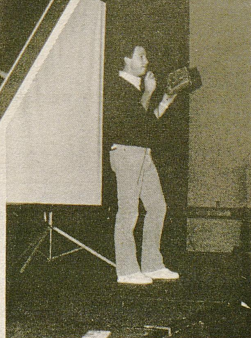
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'Happy' Chandler



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Doug Flynn



On Sept. 24, 1986, Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins initiated Champions Against Drugs, a comprehensive new program to combat drug and alcohol abuse in Kentucky. 'Champions' incorporates programs aimed at individuals, families, schools and communities to form a realistic, long-term approach to substance abuse.

Champions Against Drugs consists of four components:

Public awareness—A series of regional rallies, a Council of Champions speakers bureau and public service announcements designed to increase awareness about substance abuse and encourage citizen involvement in prevention efforts.

Education—Programs conducted through the schools to teach children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and exert positive peer pressure to say no to their temptations. Programs also aimed at parents, employers, teachers, and professional groups.

Intervention and treatment—The formation of employee and student assistance programs and a network of treatment programs for people who need help with substance abuse problems. Toll-free telephone number of DISK, can be called for drug information sources in Kentucky.

Law enforcement—A series of public hearings to assess current law enforcement programs and formulate recommendations to the 1988 General Assembly.

Champions Against Drugs uses sports figures and other role models to convey the message that drugs and alcohol are unnecessary for success. 'Champions' also seeks to make the best possible use of existing funds by identifying, expanding and promoting successful programs.

The backbone of Champions Against Drugs is a Statewide Action Group and a network of a regional groups that are responsible for coordinating efforts in Kentucky's local communities. The major goal of the program is to mobilize an active, effective drug and alcohol program in every county, and build within Kentucky a Commonwealth of Champions Against Drugs.

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Sweet Sixteen

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Overall, there were 24 ties and 15 lead changes.

"They were tough," Richie Farmer said about the opposition. "They really hit the boards hard, played great defense, and they are a great offensive team."

"I just feel like we were a little bit lucky to come out ahead."

Ballard's coach Scotty Davenport returned the compliment.

"He's (Richie Farmer) done it for them all year," said Davenport, who in his first year as Ballard's head coach guided his team to a 30-6 record. "He wasn't going to stop tonight. That's the sign of a great player."

On paper, Ballard had to figure it could easily win the war on the boards. It did 49-36. Clay County won its first-ever title. Overall it was the Tigers' 19th appearance in the state tournament, and the fourth in a row. The closest the Tigers had ever come was when they lost by a point in 1985's championship contest to Hopkinsville. The Farmer brothers—Richie and Russell—accounted for 41 of Clay County's 76 tallies. The two also combined for half of the team's total rebounds. Clay County outshot Ballard from the field—50.0 percent (29-58), 42.5 percent (34-80). Bell, Ballard's nifty playmaker, had an off-night from the field. The 5-8 sophomore connected on only six of 26 two-point attempts. Although they had 22 more attempts from the field, the Bruins had only eight attempts from the charity stripe compared to 25 for the Tigers. Overall, Houston's 104-point total in four games was the highest. Next were Clay County's Russell Chadwell (99) and Richie Farmer (89). Prior to the championship contest reserve Eugene Rawlings had failed to score in the first three games. However, he sank six of eight free throws against Ballard. Already, you have to consider Clay County the early, early favorite to capture the 1988 state crown. The Tigers lose one player from the starting lineup—6-2, 172-pound center Charlie Robinson. Filling his shoes probably will be Rawlings, 6-2, 220 pounds. Look for Ballard to be a force as well. The Bruins will return starters Allan Houston, Mark Bell and Kenneth Martin and reserve Eric McDuffie.

This 1987 Sweet Sweet Most Valuable Player trophy was awarded to Richie Farmer. Inaugurated in 1981, the *Lexington Herald-Leader* annually presents the MVP award to the participant in the tournament who is voted most valuable by a panel of media representatives and the participating coaches in the tournaments. Unofficial Most Valuable Player recognition had been given by various sources prior to 1981.

In four games Richie Farmer scored 89 points, grabbed 21 rebounds, dished out 12 assists and committed only six turnovers while playing 128 of 131 possible minutes. "That's a little bit of icing on the cake," he said about being named MVP. "Really, I was more proud of the 'Big No. 1 trophy—the team trophy—than I was of the MVP. Winning the MVP was great but I couldn't have done it without the other four starters and Eugene Rawlings coming off the bench, because they contributed a lot."

Here's the 1987 All-Tournament team: Clay County, Richie Farmer and Russ Chadwell; Ballard, Allan Houston and Mark Bell; Paintsville, John Pelphrey and Joey Couch; Madison Central, Shawn Evans and Shane Lakes; Mason County, Deron Feldhaus and Jerry Butler; Marshall County, Terry Birdsong; LaRue County, Scott

Boley.

Richie Farmer was the recipient of the 1987 Ted Sanford Award.

The Ted Sanford Award is given annually in memory of Mr. Ted Sanford, the first commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the KHSAA for 10 years before becoming commissioner, a position he held from 1947 until his retirement in 1972.

A committee of school personnel from throughout the state selects the winner from the participants in the Boys' State Tournament who excels in four areas: basketball ability, sportsmanship, academic accomplishments, and citizenship.

Warren Central's Chris Turner, Paintsville's Mike Minix and Mason County's Jerry Butler were winners of the KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Academic Scholarship Award.

Instituted in 1985, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Sweet Sixteen Academic Scholarship Awards are designed to honor one or more participant(s) in the Boys' and Girls' State Tournaments who have excelled in the classroom and on the basketball floor. The awards are in the form of the financial assistance to be used at the Kentucky college of their choice to help offset educational expenses.

First Round

Owensboro 55, Madisonville 48

The opening game of the 70th Boys' Sweet Sixteen was supposed to be one of the best matchups of the entire tournament. Top-ranked Owensboro, 29-3 on the season against Madisonville, 26-4 and one of the teams which defeated the Red Devils during the regular season.

It didn't quite turn out that way. Both teams came out tight and never could shake the first-round jitters. Neither team could hit the basket with much regularity in the first half, both shooting just 10 of 29 from the field for 34.5 percent. But the Third Region representatives made their free throws and took a 28-25 lead into the locker room at the half.

Owensboro was able to get things going early in the third quarter, outscoring Madisonville 12-7 to start the period and take a 40-32 lead with just under 13 minutes to play in the game. But each time it looked as though Randy Embry's Red Devils would put the game away, the Maroons would make a run.

After trailing most of the way, Madisonville drew even 45-45 on a Skip McGaw free throw with 5:53 remaining. Neither team could score for the next two and a half minutes. But with 3:08 remaining on the clock, Owensboro's David Hogg canned a 17-foot jumper to break the tie and give the Red Devils the lead for good.

Owensboro then hit their shots from the line down the stretch to pull out the 55-48 win and move into second-round action.

"We didn't play very well," Hogg said. "We can play better and I know we can shoot better."

But Embry, who has been through all this before, wasn't too unhappy with his team. "I can't explain how happy I am," he said. "We're playing again Friday."

MADISONVILLE (48)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
John Perdue	31	1-8	3-6	4	5	1	5
Skip McGaw	30	5-10	5-6	6	3	0	15
Chris Bowles	22	4-8	0-0	13	3	0	8

Travis Ford	32	2-14	1-2	4	3	3	5
Scotty Martin	32	4-9	1-3	4	3	1	9
Alan Bearman	10	2-3	0-0	5	0	0	4
William Liles	3	1-1	0-0	2	0	0	2
Team				3			
Totals	160	18-43	10-17	39	19	5	48

OWENSBORO (55)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
David Hogg	28	3-9	3-4	5	3	0	9
Maurice White	32	3-10	7-8	7	1	1	13
Dwight Pewitt	20	0-0	1-2	3	5	0	1
Scott Johnson	21	5-6	0-0	7	5	0	10
Orlando Stewart	32	5-11	3-4	2	0	2	13
Brandy Wilson	8	1-3	1-3	2	1	1	3
Chad Embry	19	0-5	6-8	5	0	0	6
Team				3			
Totals	160	17-44	21-29	34	15	4	55

Madisonville..... 8 17 15 8-48
Owensboro..... 13 15 15 12-55

Field-goal shooting: Madisonville, 41.9; Owensboro, 38.6. Free-throw shooting: Madisonville, 58.8; Owensboro, 72.4. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Madisonville, 13; Owensboro, 9. Officials: Jackie Cupp, Rip Hatfield. Attendance: 13,000.

Paintsville 80, Monticello 61

All season long, whenever you heard mention of Paintsville, chances are the name John Pelphrey was brought up as well. And with good reason. The 6-7 senior is on the shopping lists of most of the nation's top college powers. And for the third consecutive year, the lanky big man led his Tigers into the state tournament.

But in Wednesday's second first-round game, Pelphrey got a lot of help from his friends. Monticello effectively slowed Pelphrey down, and although the big man finished with 21 points for the game, he was ineffective for much of the contest. When it really counted, when the game was on the line, it was forward Joey Couch and guard Mike Minix that did most of the damage.

Couch scored 23 points, 11 of them in the third period, and pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds. Minix tossed in 20 points and played some outstanding defense on Shane Blevins, Monticello's biggest offensive threat.

Paintsville led just 36-32 at the half, but behind Couch and Minix, outscored the Trojans 44-29 in the second half to post the 80-61 win.

"At halftime we made an adjustment on offense and an adjustment on defense," Monticello coach Wayne Upchurch said. "I thought the first two minutes of the second half we had them off balance for the first time."

"Our boys play hard, and if you're not a solid team, you're going to crack. Paintsville is a solid team. They didn't crack."

MONTICELLO (61)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Gary Campbell	31	7-19	5-7	5	4	1	19
Michael Abbott	28	5-8	2-2	2	2	1	12
Jonathan Carrender	21	2-4	0-0	1	0	4	0
Scotty Abbott	22	2-4	1-1	0	2	1	5
Shane Blevins	29	5-19	5-5	4	4	1	15
Scott Roberts	23	3-4	0-0	4	2	0	6
Donnie Foster	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Les Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Steve Burnett	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jason McGinnis	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wayne Burnett	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Eric Lair	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				5			
Totals	160	24-60	13-15	20	15	4	61

PAINTSVILLE (80)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
John Pelphrey	31	8-12	5-6	8	4	2	21
Joey Couch	30	11-14	1-2	12	2	1	23
Jared Gray	24	1-4	0-1	4	4	0	2
Mike Minix	31	8-12	4-5	2	3	0	20
Keith Adkins	31	4-8	0-1	4	3	3	9
Todd Burchell	8	1-3	0-0	3	1	0	2
Lance Daniels	1	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	2
Greg Adams	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Mike Cooley	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jerry Pelphrey	1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Chris Collins	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				2			
Totals	160	34-56	10-15	36	17	4	80

Monticello..... 16 16 10 19-61
Paintsville..... 18 18 19 25-80

Field-goal shooting: Monticello, 40.0; Paintsville, 60.7. Free-throw shooting: Monticello, 85.6; Paintsville, 66.7. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Monticello, 7; Paintsville, 9. Officials: Dan Sullivan, Ernie Liggitt, Rip Hatfield. Attendance: 13,500.

Mason County 68, Doss 49

Sparked by 5-foot-9 playmaker Jerry Butler, Mason County ran away from

Louisville Doss in the second quarter and came up with a 68-49 victory in first-round action of the Sweet Sixteen.

Butler keyed several fast breaks during a 24-4 run by the Royals. Prior to the monumental spurt Doss held a 16-13 advantage. But that's when Mason County coach Allen Feldhaus took a chance.

"When we turned him loose and started gambling that triggered the thing," said Feldhaus. "I thought our defense triggered our offense, and that got us the lead."

Trailing by three (16-13) the Royals started to get things in high, high gear. A free throw by Robert Lofton cut the deficit to two. Next whodunnit fans, it was the Butler, that is Jerry Butler, who put Mason County ahead to stay. His three-point play put the Royals in front 17-16, with 5:55 left in the second stanza.

A few moments later Mason County's lead ballooned to 21-16. Then 33-18. And by halftime the scoreboard read 37-20 in favor of the Blue and White. Butler finished the contest with 15 points and four assists.

Leading Mason County was University of Kentucky recruit Deron Feldhaus who tallied 22 points and grabbed eight boards, both game-high figures.

Doss, which ended its season with a 22-11 mark, was led by Marcus Davis and Brandy Monks with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

MASON COUNTY (68)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Deron Feldhaus	31	8-14	6-10	9	3	0	22
Rodney Jackson	30	5-8	0-2	2	0	1	10
Robert Lofton	20	4-6	1-3	3	4	0	9
Chad Fletcher	30	3-5	0-0	2	1	0	6
Jerry Butler	30	5-12	5-7	8	3	4	15
Fhueben Bluford	11	1-3	2-2	4	2	1	4
Robbie Jacobs	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Greg Fulton	1	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Team				2			
Totals	160	27-50	14-24	32	13	8	68

DOSS (49)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Brandy Monks	30	5-13	2-2	5	4	2	12
Marcus Davis	30	6-15	1-4	8	1	0	13
Matt Beck	15	2-6	0-0	3	2	0	4
Danny Leasor	19	1-4	2-2	3	2	0	4
Lee Taylor	30	3-8	0-0	2	2	1	6
Keith Mitchell	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Chris Jarrard	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Troy Cotner	6	2-3	0-0	1	1	0	4
Eric Mack	17	0-1	2-2	0	1	0	2
Walter Mack	2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team				9			
Totals							

Mason County..... 11 26 13 18-68
Doss..... 14 6 16 13-49

Field-goal shooting: Mason County, 54.0; Doss, 38.8. Free-throw shooting: Mason County, 58.3; Doss, 70.0. Technicals: Leasor. Turnovers: Mason County, 14; Doss, 11. Officials: Marvin Moore, Barry Barnes. Attendance: 15,200 (est.).

Ballard 74, Marshall County 71

Louisville Ballard sophomore Allan Houston led a late charge as the Bruins advanced to the quarterfinals with a 74-71 victory over First Region representative Marshall County.

The son of University of Louisville assistant Wade Houston poured in a team-high 32 points. On the other hand, the Marshals' Terry Birdsong was the game's top scorer with 35 points. And for most of the Wednesday night matchup it looked like Birdsong's club would advance in the Sweet Sixteen, not Ballard.

At halftime the Bruins trailed by 12 (43-31) and at one point in the first half they found themselves behind by 16. But Houston would go to war, scoring 16 points in the final quarter.

In the game before another school from the Derby City had lost (Doss to Mason County, 68-49). And with 28 seconds to go things looked like both Louisville squads would be down for the count in the first round.

No so.

Ballard's Jamie Trowell scored with the help of a Marshall turnover, cutting the score to 71-70. Again, Marshall County turned the ball over, but Ballard missed an attempt. The Marshals' John Solomon quickly was fouled with seven seconds left. He missed and Ballard's Kenneth Martin grabbed the rebound

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and was fouled. Six seconds were left. Martin coolly sank both free throws to put his team up by one. Birdsong then took the inbound pass, but was stripped at midcourt by Houston. Houston's two free throws with one second left secured the dramatic comeback.

"These guys played like every possession was their last one of the season," said Ballard coach Scott Davenport, "because it could've been. They just gave every ounce of effort they had."

BALLARD (74)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Leonard Taylor	25	3-7	1-2	5	5	0	7
Kenneth Martin	23	4-12	2-3	6	3	0	10
Chris Riesenberg	16	2-4	0-1	1	2	0	4
Mark Bell	24	5-10	1-2	5	2	11	
Allan Houston	32	14-21	6-6	5	1	1	34
Jamie Trowell	17	2-4	0-0	3	1	0	4
Bill Lacey	11	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Eric McDuffie	10	1-3	2-2	0	1	0	4
Todd Howard	2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	31-62	12-16	24	19	3	74

MARSHALL COUNTY (71)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Michael Cross	32	1-1	1-2	5	2	0	3
Jeff Stokes	26	1-1	2-2	2	5	2	4
John Solomon	32	6-7	3-4	7	0	1	15
Mitchell Cothran	32	4-9	6-6	5	3	2	14
Terry Birdsong	31	14-23	7-9	9	3	5	35
Dan Hall	7	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	26-42	19-23	28	14	10	71

Field-goal shooting: Ballard, 50.0; Marshall County, 61.9. Free-throw shooting: Ballard, 75.0; Marshall County, 82.6. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Ballard, 6; Marshall County, 13. Officials: Burney Jenkins, Loy Brashear. Attendance: 15,200 (est.)

LaRue Co. 68, Rowan Co. 48

Cinderella came into this grande ball they call the Sweet Sixteen trying to prove they belonged, but when Rowan County took its 15-17 record and exited Thursday night, the glass slipper had turned out to be a glass jaw.

The underdog Vikings played well early in the evening, jumping on the taller LaRue County squad and took a 16-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. But the heavily-favored Hawks shook off the jitters and started to roll in the second period and held a 29-28 advantage at the half.

"We're from kind of out of the city, and the first couple of quarters we had the jitters," Hawk coach Don Cunningham said. "But the second half we came out and played like we could play."

Down by only one at intermission, Rowan County coach Tim Moore felt his team was in position to spring the big upset.

"We felt good at halftime," he said. "We thought we could come out and take over the game the second half. We just never got started."

But shortly after the break, the wheels came off the Rowan County wagon, and Cinderella's carriage had turned into the proverbial pumpkin.

LaRue County scored the first 13 points of the third quarter to cap a 17-0 run and take a 60-42 lead with 4:09 to play in the quarter to put the game away, and then coasted to the 68-48 win.

LARUE COUNTY (68)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Scott Boley	29	7-13	6-6	10	3	2	20
Jason Reuter	30	3-9	3-4	7	2	1	9
James Polk	23	5-8	2-3	7	3	0	12
Kelly Sandridge	30	6-9	1-1	2	4	0	13
Robbie Crim	29	6-10	0-1	4	2	0	12
David Dawson	9	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Todd Rogers	3	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Paul Childress	3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Roger DeSpain	1	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	0
Mark Pruitt	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Chad Puyear	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bobby Simpkins	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	28-55	12-16	39	15	6	68

ROWAN COUNTY (48)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Kelly Wells	23	5-12	5-5	7	5	2	15
Greg Adkins	25	3-12	1-3	7	3	0	7

Mike Price	26	2-10	1-2	9	3	0	5
Jason Blair	28	0-9	0-1	1	0	2	0
B.J. Upchurch	30	8-16	3-5	6	4	0	19
Greg Brown	10	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Richy Lambert	11	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
T.J. Trent	2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	19-57	10-16	35	17	4	48

LaRue County.....10 19 18 21-68
Rowan County.....16 12 14 6-48

Field-goal shooting: LaRue County, 50.9; Rowan County, 33.3. Free-throw shooting: LaRue County, 75.0; Rowan County, 62.5. Technicals: none. Turnovers: LaRue County, 15; Rowan County, 18. Officials: Ancie Casey, Dennis Jackson. Attendance: 18,500 (est.)

Clay Co. 90, Highlands 80

Russell Chadwell... this was your night! Clay County's Chadwell, a 5-foot-11 mild-mannered individual, delivered a "POW" and "SLAM" to Highlands last Thursday afternoon as the Tigers clawed past the Bluebirds 90-80.

Not since 1977 had there been a performance like Chadwell's. He scored a career-high 43 points and grabbed five rebounds. Chadwell's offensive output tied Jeff Lamp's (Louisville Ballard) for the sixth-highest total scored in a Kentucky state tournament contest. But more importantly his team earned a quarterfinal date with LaRue County.

He connected on 15 of 21 from the field while a steady 13 of 17 from the charity stripe.

Asked if he realized he had scored that many points, Chadwell replied, "I knew I had a real good hot streak going, and I just kept taking it to them. Charlie (Robinson) set some good picks down low to get me open."

"We knew he was an excellent player," said Highland coach Ken Shields, "and I knew he was quick, but I was quicker than I expected."

It took four quarters, though, to dispose of the Tigers' tough first-round opponent. In fact, Highlands led 33-31 at halftime. It was in the third quarter, meanwhile, when Clay County took control—outscored the Bluebirds 26-16.

Chadwell put an explanation point on the contest when following a steal he soared to the basket, and much to the disbelief of the 17,500 on hand, stuffed one home.

Highlands' 6-5 forward Bob Cowie and guard Trevor Barth led the way with 22 and 20 points respectively.

All-stater Richie Farmer chipped in with 19 points.

FT. THOMAS HIGHLANDS (80)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Joe Weyer	19	1-1	0-0	0	5	2	2
Bob Cowie	29	6-14	10-13	16	5	0	22
Marvin Cox	29	4-7	2-5	10	2	0	10
Trevor Barth	31	10-17	0-0	4	5	0	20
Deron Blasingame	31	9-21	0-0	2	1	0	18
Jay Buten	1	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	2
David Fischer	5	1-1	0-0	1	2	0	2
Brian Walz	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Walz	1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
David Schroder	11	2-3	0-0	1	3	0	4
Jim Hicks	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Gardner	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	34-66	12-18	39	26	2	80

CLAY COUNTY (90)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Kevin Jackson	31	7-10	0-0	5	3	0	14
Russ Chadwell	31	15-21	13-17	5	2	1	43
Charlie Robinson	22	0-0	1-2	2	5	0	1
Russ Farmer	31	2-8	8-11	10	2	1	12
Richie Farmer	1	0-0	0-0	2	4	1	19
Eugene Rawlings	8	0-0	0-1	2	1	0	0
Anthony Gilbert	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Terry Gray	1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Marty Hicks	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
David Blair	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
William Wilson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Robert Nicholson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	32-58	26-38	33	15	6	90

Cl. Thomas Highlands.....14 19 18 29-80
Clay County.....16 15 26 33-90

Field-goal shooting: Highlands, 51.5; Clay County, 55.2. Free-throw shooting: Highlands, 68.7; Clay County, 68.4. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Highlands, 16; Clay County, 12. Officials: Michael Carter, Randall Curry. Attendance: 17,500 (est.)

Mad. Cent. 75, Warren Cent. 45

They weren't supposed to be here. Playing

out of the 11th Region, the Madison Central Indians were supposed to be a regional casualty. But after struggling past Woodford County in the opening game of the regional tourney, Don Richardson's Tribe upset two Lexington powers—Lafayette and Bryan Station—to win the title and make their first appearance in the Sweet Sixteen.

It was the same old thing when Madison Central arrived at Rupp Arena. Its first-round matchup would be close, most of the experts said, but coach Mike Flynn's Warren Central team would advance.

Wrong on both counts.

Behind a balanced attack that saw five players finish in double figures in scoring—UK football recruit Shawn Evans led the way with 17, followed by Steve Dyer with 15, Roger Nayle with 13, Shane Lakes with 12 and Jerry Goble with 10—the Indians raced out to a 31-19 halftime advantage and then coasted to a surprisingly easy 75-45 win.

"I think the best thing about our team is you can't stop any one individual and beat us. Everybody has led the team in scoring at one time or another this year, and everybody has scored as many as 20 points in a game," Richardson said. "Our offense is designed for the guy that's got the open shot to take it. And if we can't win it by the guy taking the open shot taking it, then we won't win it."

But they won Thursday night, and did so convincingly in what was maybe the best first-round performance of the tourney.

"I'm very surprised, I've seen two films of (Warren Central) and they look like a good, sound defensive club," Richardson said. "I've got to say I'm very surprised by the way we won. I didn't think we'd ever beat anybody that way."

For the game Madison Central shot 58.2 percent from the floor, connecting on 32 of 55 attempts and held the Dragons to just over 33 percent shooting (18 of 53).

Warren Central was able to stay in the game early, trailing by just five at 13-8 after the first quarter. But Madison Central outscored the Fourth Region champs 18-11 in the second period to take the 12-point lead into the dressing room at the half. Warren Central scored the first bucket of the second half to cut the margin to 10, but could never get any closer the rest of the way.

MADISON CENTRAL (75)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Steve Dyer	25	6-11	3-4	6	2	0	15
Shane Lakes	30	6-8	0-1	11	2	4	12
Shawn Evans	29	7-11	3-4	11	2	5	17
Jerry Goble	26	4-8	2-2	3	3	1	10
Roger Nayle	30	5-10	3-5	0	2	4	13
Denny Humphrey	5	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	2
Jubal Miller	3	1-1	0-0	3	0	3	2
Stacy Burns	3	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Kelly Combs	4	2-4	0-2	0	0	1	4
Brent Baldwin	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Scott Roof	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jerel Middleton	3	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	32-55	11-18	39	14	17	75

WARREN CENTRAL (45)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Mel Flora	25	1-4	1-2	5	1	1	3
Kelvin McKinney	25	1-6	2-5	4	4	0	4
Dion Wingo	30	5-8	2-5	3	3	0	12
Marcus Washington	29	5-13	3-3	2	5	1	13
Chris Turner	29	6-21	0-0	6	1	3	12
Matt Beck	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bobby Edlen	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Roger Watson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Schellier	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Cory Hartis	2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Cedric Gummi	2	0-1	1-2	1	1	0	1
David Towle	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	18-53	9-17	30	15	5	45

Madison Central.....13 18 18 26-75
Warren Central.....8 11 13 13-45

Field-goal shooting: Madison Central, 58.2; Warren Central, 34.0. Free-throw shooting: Madison Central, 61.1; Warren Central, 52.9. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Madison Central, 15; Warren Central, 10. Officials: Rip Hatfield, Dan Sullivan. Attendance: 18,500 (est.)

Oldham Co. 64, Hazard 53

In the final first-round matchup Thursday night, both teams felt they had something to prove. Hazard felt it was the recipient of some questionable officiating in its semifinal loss to Pleasure Ridge Park in the '86 tournament. And Oldham County was trying to prove it belonged in the tourney after being em-

barrassed 80-56 by Clark County in an opening-round game last year.

"Last year we felt we were cheated out," Hazard guard Willie Combs said. "We wanted to come up here and win one to show everybody we could play."

The Bulldogs didn't.

"We didn't want to come up here and end it in one game again," said Oldham County coach Bob Hoggard.

The Colonels didn't.

Hazard took the early lead, grabbing a 12-10 advantage at the first-quarter stop. But then Oldham County's huge height advantage started to pay off—the Colonels go 6-9, 6-4, 6-4 across the front line—and Hoggard's team inched ahead 28-22 at halftime.

In the second half, Roy McKamey's shorter Bulldogs just couldn't keep up with Oldham County's inside strength and the Colonels moved on with a 64-53 victory.

"We got behind and we had to change what was really our plot all the way," McKamey said. "We felt like when we had to go man-to-man, we just physically didn't match up well enough to do it. We wanted to put more pressure on the ball, but it opened up things inside for them."

HAZARD (53)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Greg Napier	16	2-6	1-3	1	4		

Sweet 16

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Todd Burchell	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team				1			
Totals	160	22-39	14-20	28	9	6	58

OWENSBORO (52)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
David Hogg	32	7-18	0-0	7	3	0	14
Maurice White	31	3-8	1-2	4	3	0	7
Dwight Pewitt	10	0-0	1-2	4	2	0	1
Scott Johnson	28	6-11	0-1	3	3	0	12
Orlando Stewart	26	3-8	0-0	4	4	0	6
Brandy Wilson	13	5-8	0-0	1	1	0	6
Chad Embry	20	1-4	0-0	1	3	0	2
Team				2			
Totals	160	25-57	2-5	26	19	0	52

Paintsville	18	12	14	14	58
Owensboro	20	8	7	15	52

Field-goal shooting: Paintsville, 56.4; Owensboro, 43.9. Free-throw shooting: Paintsville, 70.0; Owensboro, 40.0. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Paintsville, 16; Owensboro, 9. Officials: Randall Curry, Marvin Moore. Attendance: 16,000 (est.).

Ballard 64, Mason Co. 62

Ballard's Chris Riesenberg was in the right place at the right time.

In the final seconds with Ballard and Mason County involved in a 62-all showdown, Allan Houston had his shot rejected. . . right into the hands of Riesenberg. The 6-foot-6 senior calmly banked home an eight-footer, with the shot barely beating the final buzzer.

Riesenberg's game-winner ended Mason County and UK signee Deron Feldhaus' dream to capture the 1987 Sweet 16.

"That's just life," said coach Allen Feldhaus afterwards. "I've won some that way and I've lost some that way."

The Royals, who at the 2:28 mark had a 61-55 lead, finished the season with an impressive 31-3 slate.

On the other hand, Ballard 29-5, continued its season as it earned a ticket to Saturday's Final Four action at Rupp Arena. One reason that the Bruins ousted Mason County was because of its accuracy from the field. The Bruins shot a remarkable 61.2 percent from the field (30 of 49).

But the hero on this day was Riesenberg. "I just felt I had to get the ball," said Riesenberg, who took only two shots from the field. "It was my duty. When I got it, I just put it up on the board and, hopefully, it would go in."

Feldhaus scored a game-high 26 points, including 12 in the third quarter, as Mason County took a 46-43 lead into the final quarter.

Allan Houston turned in his second straight outstanding performance, scoring 25 points. Mark Bell added 16 for the Bruins.

In the final stretch Jerry Butler made one of two free throws to tie the game at 62-all. The senior-point guard turned in a fine performance—14 points, three assists and three steals.

BALLARD (64)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Leonard Taylor	23	3-6	0-0	10	2	1	6
Kenneth Martin	27	4-7	0-0	2	0	0	8
Chris Riesenberg	23	2-2	1-2	3	3	0	5
Mark Bell	29	7-10	2-4	7	4	2	16
Allan Houston	31	12-19	1-2	3	1	0	25
Jamie Trowell	17	2-4	0-1	5	4	2	4
Bill Lacey	6	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0
Eric McDuffie	4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				1			
Totals	160	30-49	4-9	32	14	5	64

MASON COUNTY (62)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Deron Feldhaus	32	12-23	2-4	6	3	3	26
Rodney Jackson	32	2-7	1-2	1	1	0	5
Robert Lofton	32	4-4	2-4	7	2	0	10
Chad Fletcher	32	4-8	0-1	1	1	1	8
Jerry Butler	32	4-11	5-8	4	4	3	13
Team				2			
Totals	160	26-53	10-21	21	11	7	62

Ballard	20	11	12	21	64
Mason County	17	13	16	16	62

Field-goal shooting: Ballard, 61.2; Mason County, 49.1. Free-throw shooting: Ballard, 44.4; Mason County, 52.6. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Ballard, 14; Mason County, 8. Officials: Jackie Cupp, Michael Carter. Attendance: 18,000 (est.).

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Sports, Sports And More Sports

All Kinds Of Excitement

On ye ole sportswriter's calendar there's a profusion of sporting activities during the spring months. Already I'm on the verge of a sports breakdown. If it's not an Eddie Sutton press conference, then it's a Jerry Claiborne press luncheon, at which the main event was a discussion of spring practice. And on top of all that was last week's exciting 70th annual Sweet Sixteen, held at Lexington's Rupp Arena.

Hey, I'm starting to get dizzy. Are we at Rupp Arena or is this Shively Field? Is it first-and-10 or are we in the bonus. What's the difference between a field goal from the right hashmark and a three-



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pointer from 19' 9"?

Duhhhhhhh. Help! I'm losin' it.

But who's complaining? Not I. This is one of the things we scribes live for.

So let's put a halt to all this nickel-and-dime stuff and get down to business. Let's talk sports—*What if* style. Whaddaya say?

What if . . . Kentucky High School Athletics Association decided to change the commonwealth's Sweet 16 format to Class A, 2-A, 3-A and 4-A?

No way!

When the Monticellos of the world earn a trip, the atmosphere of a state tourney is increased beyond section "BB" of the upper deck at Rupp Arena. Monticello, which has an enrollment of 157 (grades 10-12), was knocked out in the first round by big ol' Paintsville, 80-61. But the little guys should be given a chance to bring home the state title.

Incidentally, Paintsville's enrollment is listed at 210.

Give David a chance at cutting the legs out from ol' Goliath. In the Bluegrass, there's baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chev. . . er, uh, Toyota. But also there's something else—Kentucky residents love their hoop underdogs. And when it comes to a Lexington or Louisville team playing a Monticello or a Paintsville, it's time to root for the little guys.

Money is another reason why they'll never change the format. The smallest gathering was listed at 13,500 (opening afternoon round) while attendance figures surpassed the 20,000 mark during the weekend sessions. Teams like Mason County, LaRue County, Madison Central, and Rowan County had followings you wouldn't believe!

And cheer. . . and let me tell you the fans of the Royals, Hawks, Indians and Vikings can get with it. When you bring 6,000 or more fans the turnstiles begin to click and click and click, which is music to the KSHAA's ears.

Changing to a "class format" . . . no way. The Sweet 16 is here to stay.

Remember, 10 + 6 = 16

What if . . . by the start of the 1988 fall semester that Kentucky has one or say two players over the scholarship limit for basketball? Let's take a count. Remember, we can't go past 15, because that's our limit.

There's (1) Winston Bennett, (2) Rob Lock, (3) Cedric Jenkins, (4) Ed Davender (5) Mike Scott, (6) Irv Thomas, (7) Richard Madison, (8) Rex Chapman, (9) Derrick Miller, and (10) Reggie Hanson. That's 10. Keep that number in mind because we'll be referring back to it in a little while.

Now the freshmen who have signed with the Wildcats: (1) Jonathan Davis, (2) Eric Manuel, (3) Johnny Pittman, (4) Sean Sutton, (5) LeRon Ellis, and (6) Deron Feldhaus. That's six.

When I was in elementary school I learned that 10+6=16. I think the same thing holds true today. And if Memphis prep sensation (1) Elliot Perry decides to sign with Kentucky that makes the problem 10+6+1=17.

Oh, what a problem!

What's the solution? A) One or two of the six signees doesn't pass Proposition 48; B) A current player decides to leave; or C) Somebody chooses to give up their scholarship and become a walk-on.

Manuel and Pittman, at this time, have not passed their college entrance exams. Also, Thomas' high school coach, Ernie Bell, has been telling the media in Florida that his former pupil will transfer,

possibly to Miami or Florida State. However, according to Thomas the 6-foot-7 junior-to-be he says he's happy in Lexington and is looking forward to being in a Wildcat uniform next season.

What if 16 or possibly 17 (remember Perry) young men have been promised a scholarship. What then? Well, the six 'Cat recruits are guaranteed scholarships for the 1987-88 season. Their letters-of-intent verify this, unless one decides to walk on.

There's a misconception out in the land that if a player is red-shirted then that automatically cuts back on the scholarship total. Wrong! Even though he's not playing he's still on scholarship, which pays for his education and room and board.

Surely Eddie Sutton has planned ahead, although with Proposition 48 he doesn't want to take any chances. But it will be interesting to see what could happen if the 'Cats have in fact gone overboard come late-August.

What if . . . Winston Bennett doesn't regain his old form? Don't bet on it!

I had the opportunity to chat with Bennett last week at Memorial Coliseum, and the way he's talking he'll be back better than ever.

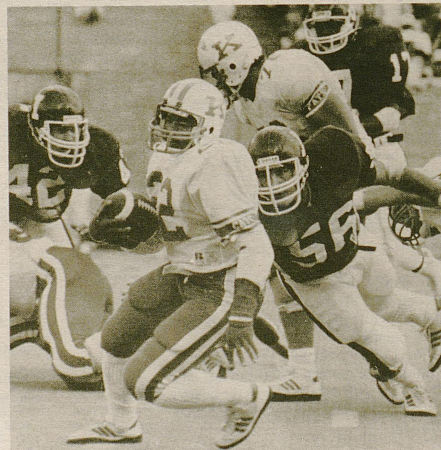
"I'm working on becoming a 100 percent here pretty soon," said Bennett. "The knee is a little weak but I'm working on it everyday. Hopefully in a couple of weeks I'll be able to start some light jogging, straight ahead running and cutting. Then, we'll go from there."

Winston Bennett is a leader amongst leaders. By far he's the most important player on the squad, in terms of inspiration in the paint and in the huddle. And if Bennett is back in shape like he hopes to be then his presence in the lineup will be more important than the six recruits combined.

What if . . . senior tailback Mark Higgs can have a year like he's capable of having—that is a year of consistency? Already, Jerry Claiborne has said that he's looking for one of the backs to carry the ball 20 or 25 times on a full-time basis. Now, it's up to the kid from Owensboro to show what he's capable of doing. And this is his last shot.

"Time has flown by," said Higgs. "A day ago it seems like I was a freshman and today I'm a senior. It's kinda wild because the players that I came in with are juniors (redshirted) and I'm the only senior running back.

"This is my last go-around." As a freshman Higgs dazzled us all during the '84 season with long touchdown gallops against Rutgers (76 yards) and Vanderbilt (84). The 5-7 rookie tailback carried the ball 75 times for 476 yards.



Higgs Ready For Last Go-Around

netting an impressive and school-record 6.3 yards per carry average. A severe knee injury, meanwhile, during spring workouts the following season spoiled what success he had achieved. And he's really never been the same since.

It would be only fitting to see Higgs have the season he deserves—1,000 yards and All-SEC recognition. Right now he's working toward those goals.

"My speed (4.4/40) is the best since I've been here," Higgs noted. "My vertical jump is back up (43 inches, the best on the squad) and my speed is where I want it.

"This summer I'm going to try and do a lot more running and work on my speed instead of working on my strength. Last summer I worked on my strength more than my speed and came in out of shape."

'Cats Had A Pretty Good Season

But Just Wait 'Til Next Year

Looking back on the 1986-87 season, you have to feel good about what Kentucky did. 18-11 isn't a great record, but considering the injuries and inexperience, the season was a good one. When Winston Bennett went down for the year, I felt Kentucky would really be OK. With Richard Madison, Rob Lock, Cedric Jenkins and Irv Thomas, Kentucky had talented big men. A little inexperience, but knowing how well these guys could adapt, I was optimistic. Then Cedric Jenkins and Paul Andrews got hurt and I knew the 'Cats would be in for a long season.

It's unfortunate that Jenkins got hurt. He really played well late



Dicky Beal

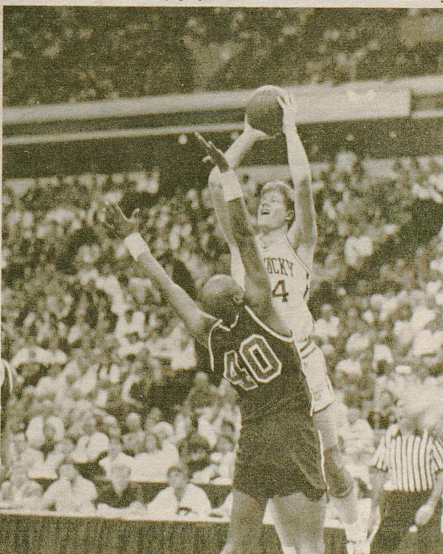
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in his sophomore season. That play carried over to this past summer. He was the best big man all summer long. You could tell that he was looking forward to the upcoming basketball season. I'm sure Cedric will be working hard this year to prepare for his senior campaign.

No Good Big Men? I Can't Agree With That One

There was a lot of talk about the 'Cats not having a good inside game. I don't agree because there aren't too many forwards who can do the things that Madison can. If you don't get the ball, it's very hard to score. Because Kentucky relied on its guards, the inside people didn't really get to show what they could do. Lock, I thought, played well at times. He may have made mistakes, but who doesn't? One thing I really liked about Lock. When it was game time you knew that Lock was going to give you 110 percent. Thomas, Jenkins and Mike Scott all are capable of being good players. Each have strong abilities in each area that will make Kentucky a good ballclub next year.

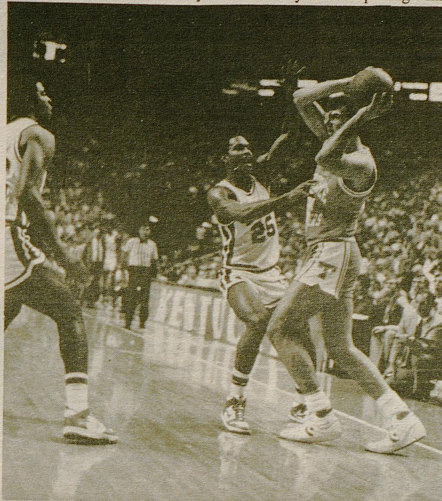
As a team, the biggest problem that the 'Cats had was inconsistency. You never knew if the 'Cats were ready to play. When they were ready, they could play with anyone in the country. Of course when they weren't they were a below-average team. Still winning at Louisville by 35 points was something that will go down in Kentucky basketball history. I don't think that this will ever happen to either team when they play each other. How about the victory



110-Percent Effort Part Of Lock's Game

over Alabama at Tuscaloosa? You're talking a huge victory. Wow! I would have to think that winning that game had to be the biggest win of the season. To the fans, the Louisville game was the most

important, but to the players and coaches, I would bet that they treasured the Alabama victory more than any. Two surprising wins.



Nobody Will Be Hungrier Than Bennett

If you looked at the schedule before the season started you probably would put L's by those two games.

Chapman And Davender—What A Backcourt

What can you say about Kentucky's guards? They just about carried the team. Ed Davender was no doubt the most consistent Wildcat. I think Davender will probably be the team's MVP. When you needed a big basket, Ed was the man. If you needed a steal, Davender was usually the one picking someone's pocket. I think Ed has established himself as one of the top guards in the country.

Speaking of top guards, Rex Chapman was exceptional. You hate to see a freshman thrown right in to the wolves, but Rex was super under pressure. If the game was on the line, Rex wanted the ball. The ball couldn't be in better hands. Chapman is the first freshman to lead the 'Cats in scoring. You talk about coming in with a bang. When you think of all the great players that have played at Kentucky, this is a monumental feat. I really don't think that Rex has though much about his personal accomplishments. Knowing the type of young man that he is, I'm sure he only cares about team goals. He'll only get better as he gets more experience.

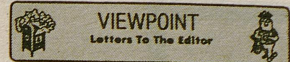
Everyone on the UK squad had their high points as well as their low points. All these young men gave a great effort every time they stepped out on the floor. They must realize, and I'm sure that they will, that every team will be gunning for them. Next year though, Kentucky will be the hunters, not the hunted.

Everyone is very optimistic about the upcoming season. I'm sure that the 'Cats will be one of the top-rated teams in the country. Fans, be patient. A team like next year's group is going to have to learn its roles. The players are going to have to realize who the leaders will be. More important than anything else, the team must have some type of chemistry. In other words, this team is going to have to come together like Eddie Sutton's first Kentucky team did. With a blend of inside and outside threats, this team could be unstoppable. I can visualize this team pressing full court for 40 minutes. Probably the best asset, if all the freshmen can pass Proposition 48, will be UK's bench strength. I really don't think any of the freshmen will start, but anything can happen. You have to be excited knowing that Chapman and Davender will be working with Bennett. I feel sorry for opposing forwards. You want to talk about hungry players. . . then you need to look no further than Winston Bennett. I look forward to an exciting season.

So Long, Guys

James Blackmon and Andrews are two super guys who did a great job. James played out of position, but did an excellent job. I look to see him playing in the NBA. Paul is one of those guys that coaches dream about. He gave 110 percent every time he was on the floor, whether it was in practice or the games. Paul has a super attitude, which will carry him far in the business world. Both young men have been very good for UK basketball. Both good basketball players, but more than that, great human beings.

Good luck, guys. You both will be missed.



Wait Till Next Year

Dear Sir:

Eddie Sutton is a fine coach, I think he did very well this season with what he had to do with, but you cannot teach boys how to play basketball after they get to college. Eddie was forced to play some men that didn't act like they had ever played any basketball. That's what poor recruiting does for you. He just had one big man that could shoot the little six- to 10-foot jump shot—Richard Madison. Without super guard play from a couple of our guards, I don't think UK would have won a game.

Winston Bennett would have made a world of difference. I think Sutton has had a fine recruiting year and UK should go a long way next year, and all the way in '89. That is if he gets a good big man or two that can score, other than dunking the ball. If dunking the ball is all that a big man can do, he is not worth much. I believe you would have better shooting centers and forwards if they outlawed the dunk. Then they would have to learn to score from the outside like Dan Issel, Goose Givens, Kevin Grevey, Cliff Hagan, Pat Riley and Kenny Walker used to do at UK.

Just wait till next year.

Sam Shepherd
Pineville, Kentucky

P.S. Eddie, please get rid of that snail-pace offense.

Offensive Offense

Dear Sir:

Apparently, Eddie Sutton doesn't read his mail. I tried to tell him in a letter that if UK doesn't have an offense, you can forget its defense. Eddie should realize by now that this is Kentucky and not Arkansas. At Arkansas, he had to get the most out of his players. At Kentucky, he is loaded with talented, high scorers that want their points and fans that are used to high scoring and wide-margined games. Subconsciously, both the players and the fans feel the effect of his low-scoring games. Under Adolph Rupp, when a player went to the free throw line it meant points, everyone knew it, and the offense was beautiful to watch—poetry in motion. This year, when a player went to the line both the players and the fans wondered if he would make it. The moans were loud and long. As for the offense, well, watching perimeter passing, milking the clock and hurried shots just isn't pretty.

Eddie should watch the film he can on Rupp's Runts. He could also take a lesson from Tark the Shark (Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian). Tark changed from that slow-and-plod to run-and-gun when he got players with the ability, and became the highest scoring team in the country. Defense wins ballgames as long as the offense is scoring points. UK's warm ups under Rupp were more fun to watch than UK's regular games of today.

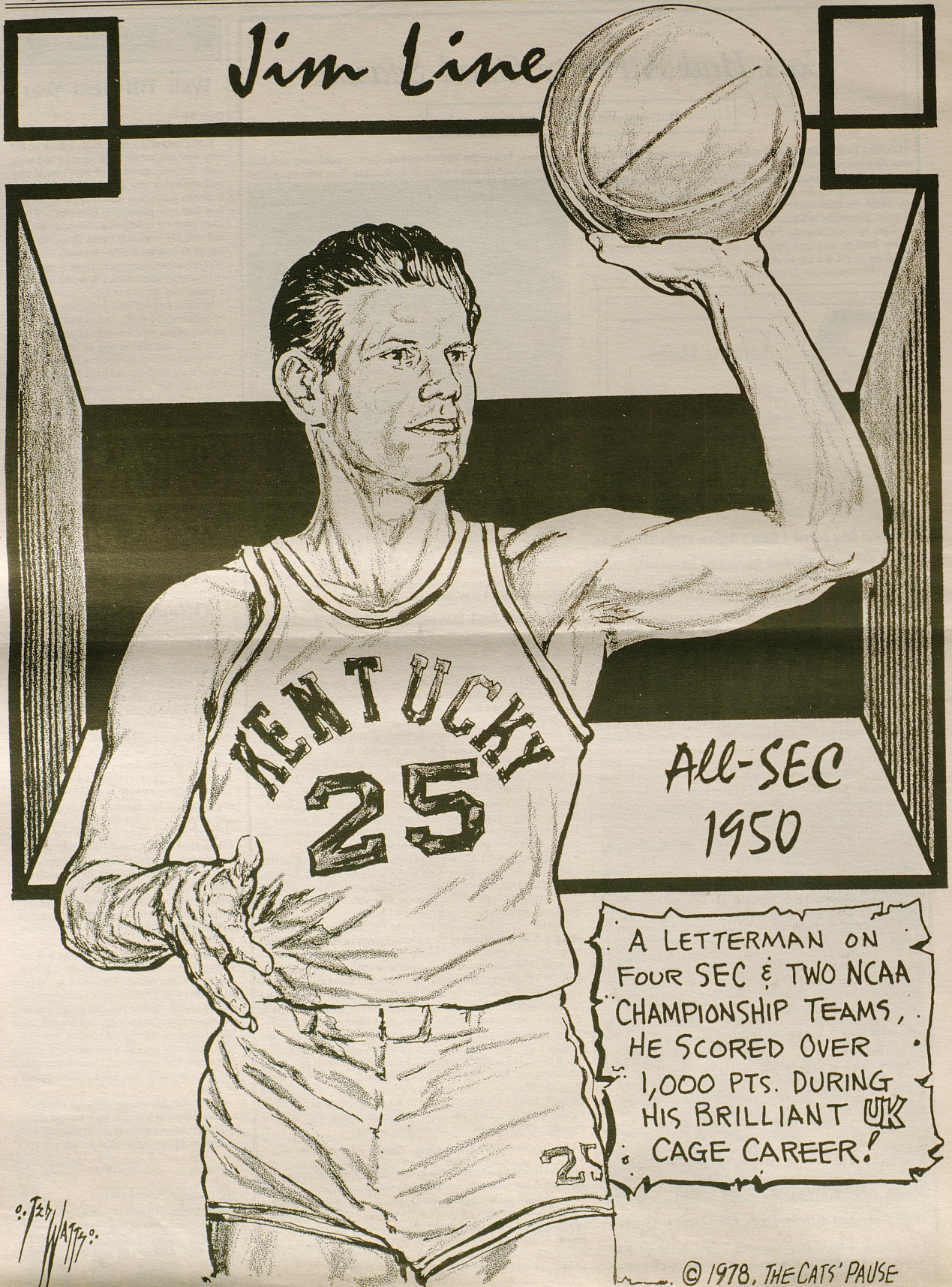
Lastly, Rex Chapman, with his ability to see the floor and pass the ball, has the ability to become as good a playmaking guard in college as Magic Johnson is for the Lakers.

Sincerely,

Bill Logsdon
Jeffersonville, Indiana

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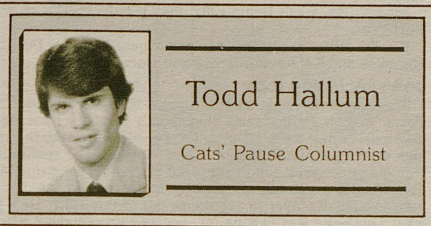
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Football Wildcats Begin Spring Practice

Quarterback, Tight End Spots Up In Air

As basketball season was coming to a close with the Final Four, the transition to football was already beginning. Spring practice, which got underway March 25, signaled the beginning of Jerry Claiborne's sixth year as head man of the Wildcats.

Like the last five spring practice periods under Claiborne, the UK coaches will try to put the best 22 athletes on the field, and in some cases, that means position changes. Several UK players that made successful changes in the past were Greg Kunkel (defensive line to offensive line), Marc Logan (tailback to fullback), Larry Smith (fullback to linebacker) and Tim Jones (quarterback to wide



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receiver).

Going into spring drills, three position changes have already been made. Senior John Shannon has been moved from defensive tackle to defensive guard. Anthony Gardner, formerly a running back, will now line up in the defensive secondary. And Raynard Gover has made the switch to wide receiver from his safety spot.

Coming on the heels of two mediocre seasons (5-6 in '85, 5-5-1 last year), UK is hoping to get back on the winning track this year. With the April 25 Blue-White spring game less than a month away, here's a thumbnail sketch of the Kentucky roster. Keep in mind that the depth chart will likely fluctuate as spring practice progresses, and that no incoming freshmen are included.

Backfield, Line Are Offensive Strong Points

Quarterback: One area of great concern heading into the spring practice is definitely at quarterback. As many as five candidates will be competing for the spot vacated by Bill Ransdell. The list includes fifth-year senior Kevin Dooley, junior Bill Allen, sophomores Chuck Broughton and Eric Green and junior college transfer Glenn Fohr. Of the five, Dooley is the frontrunner because of his game experience. Broughton (6-foot-4, 225 pounds) has great size for a quarterback, but was hampered by a shoulder injury last season. While Green just might be the most talented, he lacks consistency in the passing game. The other two candidates are both blessed with strong arms. Allen has seen playing time on occasion and will definitely be in the hunt. The sleeper of the group may be Fohr, who compiled some impressive stats while at Hudson Valley (N.Y.) Community College. Although this position remains a big question mark, Claiborne is confident a starter will emerge by the end of spring practice.

Running back: The running back positions are probably the strongest of the UK team this year, both in talent and in depth. Veterans Mark Higgs and Ivy Joe Hunter will be joined by Al Baker, Andy Murray, Darren Bilberly and Greg Baker in the backfield. Higgs (5-7, 190, Sr.), Hunter (6-0, 212, Jr.) and redshirt freshman Al Baker (5-11, 220) will carry most of the load at tailback. However, Baker is also likely to find some time at fullback. Murray, a 6-1, 235-pound sophomore, and Greg Baker, a 6-0, 195-pound junior, are the most experienced fullbacks. An achilles heel of the Wildcat offense was the inability to score from inside the opponents' 10-yard line, so it will be interesting to see if the UK staff decides to implement a *bulldozer backfield* of Murray and Al Baker in short yardage and goal line situations.

Receivers: With the loss of Cornell Burbage and Eric Pitts to graduation, Kentucky will be without two gifted receivers from a year ago. Going into spring practice Tim Jones was listed as the starter at split end (wide receiver) and Dee Smith is the first-stringer at Z-back (flanker). Both received playing time last season. The backups behind Smith include redshirt freshman John Bolden and junior Raynard Gover, who makes the move from safety. Senior Jimmy O'Neil, JC transfer Jim Wetta and sophomore Mike Burries should give Jones some competition at split end.

Tight End: Because of injuries, this position never reached its potential last season. Mainstays Mark Wheeler and Matt Lucas are both gone. Junior Martin Pennington is currently the starter and senior Rich Hadrych is the backup. If there is one position where freshman could possibly come in and play, this is it. If not, though, look for Pennington, Hadrych and Mark Meece to get most of the playing time.

Offensive Line: This year's offensive line is one of the strongest

and most experienced since Jerry Claiborne arrived at UK in 1982. At tackle, senior Greg Kunkel was a pleasant surprise last season after switching from defense in the spring. Highly-touted sophomore Mike Pfeifer has tremendous potential and held his own during his rookie season. Both have the much needed size to compete in the SEC, and both are good athletes. Mike Jones (6-0, 240, Jr.), Tim Crumrine (6-4, 276, So.), Bo Smith (6-3, 256, Jr.) and Tony Nash (6-5, 255, So.) all have ability but lack experience.

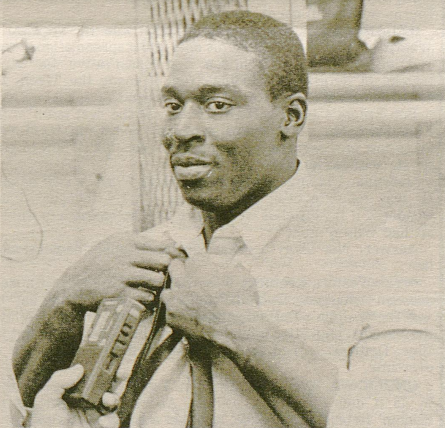
Another bright spot is guard Dermontti Dawson. Dawson, a 6-2, 253-pounder, has pro potential because of his great strength and speed (4.7/40-yard dash), and should have an outstanding senior season. Senior Brad Myers, one of the most aggressive players on the team, will man the other guard slot and is expected to provide a lot of leadership. The backups at guard include senior Butch Wilburn (6-2, 261), who has seen plenty of action in the past, and redshirt freshman Russell Viel (6-3, 261), along with Scott Haire (6-1, 243, Sr.) and Brian Denham (6-1, 245, Jr.).

The least experienced spot along the offensive line is at center. With starter Ken Lange and his backup Conrad Carney both graduated, somebody will have to fill the void. The favorite is junior mark Brock (6-3, 257), who has been plagued with injuries throughout his career. The other two candidates are junior Jim Hill (6-3, 253) and sophomore Gardner Sorrell (6-2, 276).

Defense Lacks Depth, But Has Great Potential

Defensive End: Incumbants Carwell Gardner and Jay Dortch return as the starters. Gardner is the most talented but has been inconsistent at times. Mike Robinson and Tony Zigman are listed behind Gardner, while Tony Massey and redshirt freshman Paul McDonald will challenge Dortch.

Defensive Tackle: Oliver Barnett (6-3, 269, So.) and Jerry Reese (6-1, 259, Sr.) have the tools to become of the best pair of tackles in the SEC. However, at times last year their pass rush was



Reese Has Tools To Be Defensive Leader

not what the coaching staff expected. Sophomore Donnie Gardner (6-4, 210) is moving his way up the depth chart and will certainly see some playing time this year because of his ability to put pressure on the passer. Doug Thompson (6-2, 233, Jr.) and Gary Ralston (6-3, 240, RS Fr.) will receive a lot of work this spring.

Defensive Guard: The move of John Shannon should give this spot a boost this season. Shannon (6-3, 263, Sr.) was a starter at tackle last year, but he will have to beat out 6-4 sophomore Doug Houser. Sophomore Vic Adams (6-1, 266) emerged as the other starter toward the end of last season. During that time, Adams was probably UK's most consistent performer against both the run and the pass. Senior Scott Endris (6-1, 240) returns and has prior game experience.

Linebacker: Both linebacker spots look solid with the return of junior Chris Chenault and senior Jeff Kremer. Both are good athletes and compliment each other well. Chenault may be a better pass defender, while Kremer is the stronger run stopper. The backups at this position are untested. Sophomore Craig Benzinger, a converted defensive end, and redshirt freshman Randy Holleran will be counted on to develop as the spring progresses. Also, redshirt freshman Carlos Phillips has shown some promise.

Defensive Back: David Johnson, Ron Mack and Ronnie Robin-

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Sweet 16

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Clay Co. 62, LaRue Co. 56

A world-record crowd for a high school basketball game of 24,041 was in attendance for Friday night's quarterfinal action, and they were treated to a pair of exciting games. In the opener, Clay County's brother duo of Richie and Russ Farmer combined for 26 first-half points to stake the Tigers to a 38-26 intermission lead, and it looked like the Thirteenth Region champs would breeze past the Hawks of LaRue County and into the semifinal round.

Clay County shot a sizzling 61.5 percent from the field in running up the first half lead, compared to a paltry 38.5 for the Fifth Region representatives. The trend continued into the fourth quarter, as Clay County found itself leading 51-41 less than a minute into the final period.

But LaRue County settled down and went on a 12-2 run, trimming the margin to three at 55-52 with 4:21 to play.

"I don't know what happened to us," Richie Farmer said. "We just went cold and couldn't put one in. When it got down to the end, we were just trying to hold on."

Thanks in large part to Richie Farmer, that's exactly what the Tigers did. The junior guard converted three clutch foul shots down the stretch, and Clay County advanced with a 62-56 win to face Madison Central in Saturday's second semifinal.

CLAY COUNTY (62)

Name	min	fg-a	R-r	rb	a	pf	tp
Kevin Jackson	30	2-7	4-5	7	0	4	8
Russell Chadwell	28	7-12	1-2	2	1	4	15
Charlie Robinson	28	1-3	2-4	5	0	5	4
Russell Farmer	32	6-13	4-4	4	1	1	16
Richie Farmer	32	7-16	5-9	3	2	0	19
Eugene Rawlings	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Team							6
Totals	160	23-51	15-24	28	4	15	62

LARUE COUNTY (56)

Name	min	fg-a	R-r	rb	a	pf	tp
Scott Boley	28	5-17	2-2	9	1	5	12
Jason Reuter	28	7-10	2-3	12	0	4	16
James Polk	29	3-4	3-5	6	0	1	9
Kelly Sandridge	31	4-11	0-0	4	4	5	8
Robbie Crim	32	4-11	3-3	7	2	4	11
David Dawson	6	0-3	0-0	3	0	1	0
Todd Rogers	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Paul Childress	1	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0
Team							3
Totals	160	23-58	10-15	45	8	21	56

Clay Co. 62, LaRue Co. 56

LaRue Co. 14, 12, 15, 15

Field-goal shooting: Clay Co. 45.1; LaRue Co. 39.6. Free-throw shooting: Clay Co. 66.7; LaRue Co. 66.7. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Clay Co. 3; LaRue Co. 13. Officials: Burney Jenkins, Ernie Liggett. Attendance: 24,041.

Mad. Cent. 74, Oldham Co. 68

With a cheering section of nearly 10,000 rooting them on, Don Richardson's Madison Central Indians continued to be the surprise of the 1987 Sweet Sixteen, using strong performances in the second and fourth quarters to slip past Oldham County 74-68 and move into the semifinals.

Both teams depended on their large front lines to do most of the scoring, and it was nearly a standoff as Oldham County held a slim one-point lead at the end of the first quarter. But Jerry Goble and Shane Lakes got things going in the second period and keyed a late surge that put the Tribe on top by three (36-33) at the half.

The game continued to see-saw back and forth into the fourth quarter as there were 11 lead changes and 13 ties for the game. With the scored knotted up for the last time at 50-50 with 5:22 to play, Central's Roger Nayle went one-on-two on the break to give the Indians the lead for good. Richardson's club stretched the advantage to as many as eight on several occasions, but had to hang on with some clutch free throws from Lakes to seal the win.

"I want to tell you something," Richardson said, "down the stretch, when they were looking for someone to foul, they picked the wrong guy. That fella over there, Shane Lakes, can hit some free throws.

"When it got down to the nitty-gritty, we never did let them get ahead of us."

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Final SEC Stats

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Miss St.	28	925	33.0
Kentucky	29	903	31.1

FIELD GOALS			
	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Alabama	976	1900	51.4
Georgia	860	1709	50.3
Auburn	955	1927	49.6
Vanderbilt	904	1856	48.7
Tennessee	828	1709	48.4
Florida	1081	2248	48.1
Kentucky	747	1596	46.8
LSU	1047	2260	46.3
Mississippi	764	1691	45.2
Miss St.	652	1542	42.3

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS			
	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Alabama	168	379	44.3
Florida	196	449	43.7
Vanderbilt	187	437	42.8
LSU	181	451	40.1
Tennessee	75	193	38.9
Mississippi	79	209	37.8
Auburn	107	284	37.7
Georgia	73	196	37.2
Kentucky	152	409	37.2
Miss St.	58	176	33.0

FREE THROWS			
	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Alabama	521	662	78.7
Tennessee	450	594	75.8
Auburn	460	632	72.8
Florida	506	716	70.7
Vanderbilt	504	724	69.6
Georgia	425	612	69.4
Mississippi	430	621	69.2
Miss St.	250	370	67.6
LSU	512	782	65.5
Kentucky	319	509	62.7

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS			
REBOUNDS			
	G	Rebs.	Avg.
Georgia	30	945	31.5
Alabama	33	1044	31.6
Auburn	31	992	32.0
Miss St.	28	899	32.1
Kentucky	29	963	33.2
Vanderbilt	34	1155	34.0
Tennessee	29	1010	34.8
Mississippi	29	1025	35.3
LSU	39	1417	36.3
Florida	34	1285	37.8

FIELD GOALS			
	FGM	FGA	Pct.
LSU	971	2240	43.3
Tennessee	788	1810	43.5
Vanderbilt	924	2053	45.0
Alabama	880	1945	45.2
Georgia	783	1719	45.5
Florida	917	1999	45.9
Auburn	883	1910	46.2
Kentucky	737	1555	47.4
Mississippi	741	1527	48.5
Miss St.	722	1467	49.2

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS			
	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Mississippi	59	206	28.6
Florida	109	313	34.8
Tennessee	84	238	35.3
Alabama	155	431	36.0
Kentucky	83	228	36.4
Vanderbilt	159	428	37.1
LSU	150	386	38.9
Auburn	168	431	39.0
Georgia	132	313	42.2
Miss St.	106	243	43.6

FREE THROWS			
	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Miss St.	284	427	66.5
Georgia	372	541	68.9
Florida	501	721	69.5
Mississippi	440	623	70.6
Tennessee	373	528	70.6
Kentucky	387	545	71.0
Alabama	382	535	71.4
Auburn	390	546	71.4
Vanderbilt	464	648	71.6
LSU	571	786	72.6

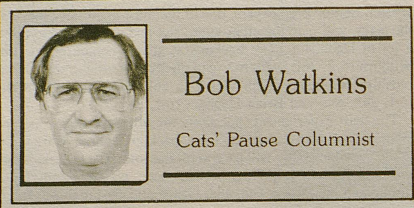
A Few Final Four Reflections

UK, U of L Still Out Recruiting

Final Four and NCAA tourney reflections and things. First, a "recast" profile on the coaches.

- ✓ Jim Boeheim, Syracuse looked like he ought to be teaching physics at MIT instead of explaining the pick and roll.
- ✓ Rick Pitino, Providence. Handsome kid who maybe should have been cast opposite Melissa Anderson on Days of Our Lives instead of setting a 3-point offense.
- ✓ Jerry Tarkanian, UNLV. An original. A maverick. Looked like a prune faced little old priest who just walked in from the desert.

One of the best nicknames in sports, "Tark the Shark."



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✓ Bob Knight, Indiana. Another original. A maverick. And here is where all similarity with Tarkanian ends.

Tarkanian's resistance to the traffic cop, the NCAA, and interpretation of how rules for college athletes ought to apply, are as distant from Knight's philosophy as Pluto is to sun spots.

NCAA semis

While it is easy to sit in front of a television screen and second guess coaches who are within a hoop or two of getting a week of free publicity for themselves and their basketball programs, within a hoop or two making a million bucks for their schools and lucrative bonus money for themselves, we do it anyway. The second guess is at the core of what the NCAA Tournament is all about, isn't it?

INDIANA-LSU. I thought LSU Coach Dale Brown blew it against Indiana when he sent his club into a spread offense with 3:01 left in the game. Tch, tch. Too conservative, too early. Instead of defusing an Indiana run, it made the Tigers too cautious, lulled them into "standing around."

Bob Knight's Indiana Hoosiers are not the best team in the Final Four, but, as an extension of their coach, the IU players know how to recognize opportunity, how to stalk it, how to grab for it...without lunging.

Question: Did anyone else think Nikita Wilson's shot against IU was too late even if it had gone in? I thought so and wondered if the officials would have had the courage to wave it off had Wilson made it.

Answer: Not likely because, as the officials demonstrated in...

• The Western Kentucky-West Virginia game when Kannard Johnson "charged" Darrell Prue to score the winning basket.

• The St. John's-DePaul game when Dallas Comenges violated the 3-second lane after intentionally missing a foul shot that the Blue Demons turned into a tying basket that forced an overtime.

UNLV-IOWA. Even when Dr. Tom Davis' Hawkeyes were up by 19 it didn't look like enough. Afterall, the heart of the Runnin' Rebels Mark Wade, still had a smile on his face.

The 3-point line has made Tarkanian a genius. Nothing has fit a coach's basic philosophy so well as the 3-pointer has Tark, who has, in years gone by, disdained defense with: "the more times you shoot it, the better chance you have of winning."

Hey, it works. At least it did against Iowa.

UK's signee roundup

✓ LeRon Ellis. The University of Kentucky 6-11 signee from California scored 22 points in the Division I Southern California finals game two Saturdays ago as Ellis's team, No. 2-ranked Mater Dei, defeated No. 1-ranked Fairfax 46-42. Ellis and his mates held Michigan-bound Sean Higgins to 12 points, five for 16 from the field.

✓ Eric Manuel. UK's other prize has finished his high school career at Southwest High in Macon, Ga. Fourth-ranked Southwest reached the state quarterfinals before being eliminated, finishing with a 23-6 record.

The 6-5 Manuel, who was "perhaps the best player I ever coached," Coach Don Richardson said. Richardson coached NBA standouts Norm Nixon and Jeff Malone as well as college stars Terry Fair and Walter Daniels (Georgia) and Myles Patrick (Auburn).

As of this writing Manuel has not yet completed requirements under NCAA Proposition 48, to play college sports. But he is expected to do so.

Manuel finished with a 24-points-per-game average, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Footnote. The two finest high school players the state of Georgia has produced in the last decade, according to Ed Grisamore of the *Macon Telegraph & News* played within 15

miles of each other — Eric Manuel of Macon and Kenny Walker of Roberta.

UK's other signees. **John Pittman**, 7-footer from Rosenberg, Texas is still probably headed for a year out of basketball because of Prop 48 requirements.

Jonathan Davis, 6-8 from Pensacola, Fla. will not be an impact player, but has passed his SAT exams.

Deron Feldhaus, 6-5 of Mason County, I believe might be a pleasant surprise if only because he is a coach's son, and he is, by nature, a hard worker.

Sean Sutton, 6-2 of Henry Clay, may benefit greatly by a red shirt year.

UK is still "courting" 6-0 point guard Elliot Perry of Memphis and 6-4 Jerome Harmon of Gary Ind.

UofL's recruiting look

The University of Louisville's prize signee from Bay City, Texas was in Dallas early this month for the Great Texas Shootout. Smith, a 6-4, 180-pounder, paced his team to the state high school semifinals before it lost, finishing the season 30-5.

In his senior year, Smith averaged 29.7 points per game. And, according to a veteran talent scout in Texas, "This kid is the best basketball player to ever come out of this state. He's just what Louisville was looking for, because he can shoot it from the three-point line, can drive inside, is an excellent passer, and he can jump over the roof."

In four years Smith's high school team was 104-6.

Eric Manuel and LaBradford Smith will "get an introduction" next winter in Rupp Arena.

Louisville is still "courting" 6-4 David Young of Greenville, S.C.; Jerome Harmon (along with Kentucky), and 6-5 Norm Brown of Park Forest, Ill.

Sweet 16 is 'really' about...

What's it all about, the Sweet 16? I mean, what's it *really* all about?

Following is a view offered last week before the firing started, that I believe speaks volumes about what the Sweet 16 means to people in Kentucky.

It comes from the coach of the underdog in this year's tourney, Monticello High's Coach Wade Upchurch whose Trojans drew Paintsville, one of the favorites, in the first round.

"It's been a long hard way, fighting toward a dream, and we might get beat in the first game," Upchurch said. "But, you know, I have a lot of confidence in my boys. They feel like they can play with Paintsville."

Here comes the clincher...

"Consolidation (of schools) in Kentucky has made reaching a dream like this tougher than it used to be," Upchurch said. "I was fortunate enough to play in the State in 1967 and '69 so I see a lot of myself in these kids, I identify with them. This whole experience makes me think of one of those steel towns up in Pennsylvania. You know, where the mill has closed down and people have left. It's a sad thing. Well, around here it's like somebody opened the steel mill back up. People are really excited about our team and going back to the State Tournament."

Readers (write) right

Troy Ather of Rineyville in Hardin County writes: "I think these people who say you're stuck on UK are stuck on U of L. About Denny Crum, it's the truth that all he did was bellyache (about being left out of the NCAA)."

Ather says Kentucky was the best team in the state this season and Western Kentucky was second.

"And I'll have to agree with the guy who (wrote to say) Kentucky will be tough next year."

"Finally, all you U of L fans out there who bellyache about Bob, there's only one thing I can say—become a big blue fan."

Comment. About UK and Western Kentucky being 1-2 in the state, Kentucky Wesleyan and Georgetown College did rather well this season too. Thank you for writing.

People and things

■ Kudos to Coach Murray Arnold whose Western Kentucky made a good account of itself in the NCAAs. The Hilltoppers might have done infinitely better they not been thrown to the wolves by the selectors. Again, one must wonder how Arnold's club might have done had it won one or two of its regular season games on television.

■ Florida Coach Norm Sloan's "straight talk" after the Gators blitzed Purdue at the Carrierdome in Syracuse was tasty with reporters.

Angered by one writer's account that he had a charisma bypass, Sloan barked, "I'm not going to start grabbing sweaty bodies hugging and kissing like you (media) want. I'm not charismatic. You don't have to be a Michelangelo (sportscaster Dick Vitale's expressions for a top coach) or do a three-minute stage show have a good basketball program."

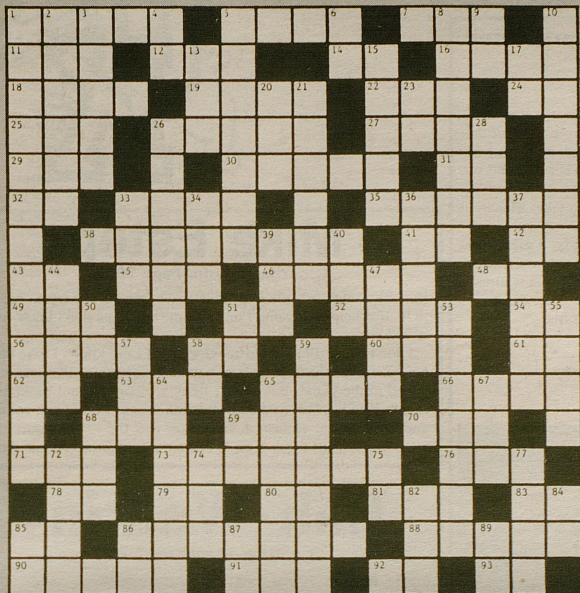
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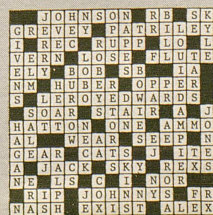
By Dan Krueckerberg



WILDCAT STANDOUTS FOR COACH JOE B. HALL

- ACROSS**
- scoring led Joe's Cats in 3 seasons
 - 1st name of a '80s guard for Joe
 - NCAA title games for Joe's Cats
 - Lots of commotion
 - Brain Alcindor
 - Initials of Mike of Joe's first SEC Champions
 - dale terrier
 - Works on the lawn
 - pong
 - Sick
 - Initials of 46 Across
 - The Hall lasted 13 years
 - One of D. Brown's boys
 - Gather leaves
 - Abbr. for "senator"
 - Tar
 - See 51 Down
 - Initials of pre-Hall Cat Spivey
 - Joe's early-'80s Charles
 - One of Joe's big Cats
 - One of Joe's National Champions
 - Letter abbr.
 - Initials of Gator mentor Nora
 - Initials of Joe's mentor
 - Loyally stuck with Joe
 - Joe's first small guard
 - Initials of '77-'78 Cat Tim
 - Auto
 - 1st name of #15 of Joe's last year
 - Require
 - Whether
 - Top Fling guard for Joe
 - Initials of 69 Across
 - Dined
 - Initials of 5 Down
 - Abbr. for an SEC state
 - Shade tree
 - 6-8 C.H. of early-'80s
 - Rod and
 - Grand Opry
 - Cat Shilder
 - The Hall began in '72
 - Abbr. for a large metropolis
 - Joe's first 20 ppg Wildcat
 - Irritate
 - WAC state abbr.
 - Act
 - Abbr. for "delirium tremen"
 - Joe's Cats dominated it
 - Abbr. for a time period
 - Initials of freshman Richard for Joe
 - Started for Joe as freshman
 - K.N. had great ball-handling
 - Common fluid
 - National titles for Joe
 - Initials of Mike; Joe's big guy
 - Compass abbr.
- DOWN**
- Played in Joe's last season
 - Loves
 - 6-8 forward for Joe
 - Initials of early-'70s Lochmueller
 - Namesakes of '79 Cat Anderson
 - Initials of 56 Across
 - big junior season was Joe's last
 - P: Hawaiian food
 - '83-'84 rebounding led in '82-'83 and '83-'84
 - thet; abusive phrase
 - 73 Across was Joe's rebound king
 - Initials of a 3-year rebounding leader for Joe
 - Born
 - Joe's first All-American
 - Pac-10 city abbr.
 - Guard Claytor
 - An extra sense
 - Ovns
 - Abbr. for "rapid eye movement"
 - Beat the favorite
 - Joe's Cats always had a strong game
 - Law degree
 - Many, many years
 - Namesakes of early-'70s Edelman
 - Precise
 - Initials of Joe's freshman Robert
 - Initials of post-Hall coach
 - 1st name of Joe's '81-'82 scoring leader
 - On 3/31/84 the ball simply would not
 - Lamprey
 - Initials of 3-year starter Jim
 - Early Hall center Bob
 - Lavon Williams was a Hall rebound
 - Guard in late-Hall seasons
 - Sense organ
 - Abbr. for hoop practice month
 - Corner of early-Hall era
 - Arizona city
 - "A" -shooting foul
 - Abbr. for a baseball position
 - One of Joe's National Champions
 - Sixth sense?
 - See 50 Down
 - Initials of mid-'70s guard Reggie
 - time left on the clock
 - "the paint"

Last Week's Answers



1987 Sweet Sixteen

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OLDHAM COUNTY (88)

Name	min	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Steve Dyer	32	5-11	0-2	5	2	4	10
David Hicks	32	5-15	7-9	9	5	2	17
John Hartlage	18	7-15	0-0	8	0	4	14
Chris Leet	31	1-2	1-2	1	3	2	3
Scott Allen	32	1-3	0-2	1	2	4	18
Mark Rexroat	15	2-4	2-2	0	0	0	6
Team							
Totals	160	29-60	10-17	31	12	16	68

MADISON CENTRAL (74)

Name	min	fg-a	ft-a	rb	a	pf	tp
Shane Lakes	32	8-11	6-7	8	4	2	22
Shawn Evans	32	5-9	8-8	6	4	4	18
Jerry Goble	24	6-9	2-2	1	2	4	14
Roger Nayle	32	4-4	2-2	5	3	1	10
Denny Humphrey	7	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Kelley Combs	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	28-47	18-19	29	16	15	74

John Pelphrey	32	8-18	2-2	4	1	3	18
Joey Couch	31	4-11	1-2	8	5	0	9
Jared Gray	31	3-5	0-0	6	5	0	6
Mike Mixix	32	0-12	1-2	1	4	0	1
Keith Adkins	32	8-19	2-2	8	2	3	18
Todd Burchell	1	1-1	0-0	1	1	0	2
Lance Daniels	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	24-66	6-8	31	18	6	54

Ballard.....16 8 14 23-61
Paintsville.....12 13 14 15-54

Field-goal shooting: Ballard, 46.8; Paintsville, 36.4. Free-throw shooting: Ballard, 85.0; Paintsville, 75.0. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Ballard, 13; Paintsville, 5. Officials: Burney Jenkins, Barry Barnes. Attendance: 18,500 (est.).

Clay Co. 78, Madison Cent. 58

The Farmer Brothers strike again. Junior guard Richie Farmer and his brother and backcourt partner Russ Farmer got together to score 20 points in the first 10-minutes of the second semifinal game Saturday night, to give Clay County a commanding 22-8 lead and pave the way for the Tigers to advance into the championship game of the Sweet Sixteen.

The family affair continued. By halftime Clay County had 39 points, and the Farmer brothers had all but nine of them. Central, which had been the team that got out in front early in its two previous games, trailed 39-22 at the break and could never recover.

The Indians were a step slow and never could get their game rolling. In two previous games, the Tribe had shot around the 60 percent mark and outscored its opponents. But for the first 16 minutes of play, Don Richardson's club converted just 45.5 percent of its field goals and was whipped on the boards 13-7 by the smallish Tigers.

"We were really fired up," Richie Farmer said of his team's first-half display. "We were sky-high and were due a good game."

Clay County picked up where it left off in the second half. Although the Indians trimmed the lead to 11 points at 39-28, they never seriously threatened. Clay County regained its shooting eye after a third-period slump and went on to win the game going away, 78-58.

"We had to play real hard last night and that may have taken a little bit out of our legs," Richardson said. "But give Clay County credit. Their shooting was just phenomenal and they did what they had to do to win."

MADISON CENTRAL (58)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Steve Dyer	22	3-6	0-0	4	5	0	6
Shane Lakes	28	5-5	0-1	8	2	0	10
Shawn Evans	31	5-14	2-6	3	4	0	12
Jerry Goble	31	7-13	0-2	2	2	1	14
Roger Nayle	31	5-14	0-0	3	4	4	10
Denny Humphrey	3	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	2
Jubal Miller	1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	2
Stacy Burns	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jared Middleton	1	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Kelley Combs	9	0-4	0-0	2	4	0	0
Mike Loveland	1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Chris Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	26-58	6-13	28	24	5	58

CLAY COUNTY (78)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Kevin Jackson	28	2-2	4-4	9	1	0	8
Russ Chadwell	30	9-15	4-6	5	3	2	22
Charlie Robinson	24	0-4	7-8	7	2	0	7
Russ Farmer	28	7-8	1-1	2	3	0	15
Richie Farmer	30	9-21	6-7	7	2	2	24
Eugene Rawlings	12	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Terry Gray	1	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Anthony Gilbert	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marky Hicks	1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0
David Blair	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
William Wilson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Robert Nicholson	1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	28-51	22-28	35	13	4	78

Madison Central.....8 14 12 24-58
Clay County.....16 23 17 22-78

Field-goal shooting: Madison Central, 44.8; Clay County, 54.9. Free-throw shooting: Madison Central, 46.1; Clay County, 78.5. Technicals: none. Turnovers: Madison Central, 12; Clay County, 8. Officials: Rip Hatfield, Mike Carter. Attendance: 18,500 (est.).

Semifinals

Ballard 61, Paintsville 54

In both of Ballard's first two games of the tournament, the Bruins fell behind and had to make miraculous comebacks to stay alive. Against Paintsville in Saturday's first semifinal game, Scott Davenport's team tried a new strategy—they took the lead and forced their opponents to try to play catchup.

It worked. Ballard, making its first Sweet Sixteen appearance since 1977 when it won it all, led 16-12 after one quarter of play. But Paintsville, a senior dominated team which had been in the tournament field in each of the last three years, outscored the Bruins 13-8 in the second period to take a 25-24 lead at intermission. The two teams traded buckets in the third quarter and entering the final eight minutes of play Paintsville still grasped the one-point advantage, and it looked as though Bill Mike Runyon's Tigers would finally advance to the championship game which had eluded them in the past.

But the Tigers' outstanding field goal shooting percentage that had been their trademark throughout the tournament deserted them as they missed their first 11 attempts of the final quarter. In the meantime, Ballard had built a comfortable seven-point lead.

Paintsville staged a gutsy rally and pulled within a pair with less than two minutes to play. But Ballard, which converted 17 of 20 free throws for the game, put the game away from the line.

"We felt like we were the team of destiny," said Paintsville assistant coach Paul Brown. "We've been down here before three times and we were on a roll."

"We felt like, quite frankly, we deserved to win. We felt like we had made the sacrifices. We never thought about losing."

Paintsville ended the year 32-5. Ballard improved to 30-5 and a shot at the state title.

BALLARD (61)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
Leonard Taylor	29	2-4	1-2	10	1	0	5
Kenneth Martin	28	5-10	2-2	8	2	0	12
Chris Riesenberg	19	1-2	3-3	5	3	0	5
Mark Bell	27	6-14	0-0	5	5	2	12
Allan Houston	30	7-13	7-7	3	0	0	21
Jamie Towell	15	1-4	0-0	7	0	0	2
Bill Lacey	3	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Eric McDuffie	5	0-0	4-4	0	0	0	4
Todd Howard	1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Matt Baxter	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Eric Gathright	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Charlie McDuffie	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team							
Totals	160	22-47	17-20	39	11	2	61

PAINTSVILLE (54)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	pf	a	tp
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Oscar Combs

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Although they won the state tournament, the season is still not over for Keith and his Tigers. They will travel to Indianapolis, Ind., for the Mid America Classic where they will take on Marion, Ind., the state champs of the Hoosier state, on April 4. This is the second year for the classic, which saw the same Marion team defeat Pulaski County last season in Rupp Arena. The first game of the double header will pit Indiana girls' champion Noblesville against Roy Bowling's Laurel County team which captured the Kentucky girls' title in Bowling Green. Clay County and Marion will play in the nightcap.

And Clay County is still being considered to play in a European tournament to be held in the Netherlands this summer. Although no details have been worked out, a spokesman for the tournament was in Lexington for the Sweet Sixteen and said that one of the four teams that made the semifinals—Ballard, Madison Central, Paintsville or Clay County—will be invited to play against some of the best European teams if arrangements can be made.

HITS AND MISSES . . . Kentucky freshman **Rex Chapman** has been named to *Basketball Times'* Freshman All-American first team along with Memphis State's Sylvester Grey, Syracuse's Derrick Coleman, North Carolina's J.R. Reid and LaSalle's Lionel Simmons . . . Chapman and running mate **Ed Davender** were named All-South honorable mention by the same publication. Alabama's **Wimp Sanderson**, often described as perhaps the most underrated coach in America, was honored as Coach of the Year by the publication and North Carolina's **Kenny Smith** was tabbed Player of the Year. *But each of them would have traded the honors for one more team victory, which would have put them in the Final Four* . . .

A Louisville-based monthly sports publication, *The Hoop Scoop*, which has taken more than one shot at Kentucky-bound **Sean Sutton** continued its campaign in its most recent issue, dropping Sutton out of the top 10 Kentucky senior list. The publication now lists Sutton as just the No. 12 senior in the state, only the seventh best guard in the state . . . No doubt about it, UL assistant **Wade Houston** is going to get a lot of attention the next couple years. Son Allan is going to be one great collegiate basketball player for someone. The big decision will be the one in whether or not to play for his father. Wade has been on the "bubble" for a big-time head coaching job the past three or four years. By the time Allan graduates, you can bet Wade will be the head boss somewhere. Then, Allan and Wade will be battling the same decision that **Wayne** and **Rex Chapman** fought a year ago. The difference could well be the position Wade will be in at the time . . . Kentucky coach **Eddie Sutton** took over as president of the **National Association of Basketball Coaches** last week in New Orleans. This summer, Sutton will also coach the South squad in the U.S. Sports Festival in Chapel Hill, N.C. You can see it's going to be a very, very important ahead for Sutton as he hopes to blend in new talent, a rehabilitated **Winston Bennett**, and his returning veterans to restore Kentucky back in the thick of the Southeastern Conference race . . .

Reports have circulated around the country that *Sports Illustrated* paid former Villanova guard **Gary McLain** \$40,000 to write his tell-all story to Lexington writer **Jeffrey Marx** for publication in *SI* last month. Asked repeatedly by reporters if he would have told the story had he not been paid, McLain answered that the money issue wasn't important. However, a *Lexington Herald-Leader* column opposite the editorial page recently said that Marx had approached the Lexington paper about printing the story, but the

newspaper refused to put up the money since it did not subscribe to *checkbook journalism*. The story detailed how McLain used drugs and how he was on drugs during the Final Four in 1985 at Rupp Arena and how he met

President Reagan when he was on drugs. The Lexington newspaper said McLain sought out Marx to do the story because the two had become friends during the Final Four in Lexington and that McLain trusted Marx.



Off-The-Court Kindness Appreciated

Dear Sir

My little granddaughter Mandie Keys in the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., received an autograph picture from Coach Eddie Sutton and the Wildcats. Mandie had over 100 cards and letters and as you can see (see picture) none means more to her than this one from the 'Cats.

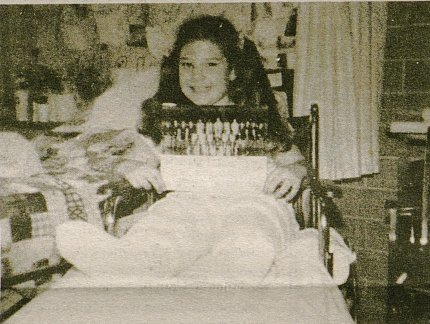
This has made her five weeks a little easier to take. Mandie is doing fine.

Not only can Coach Sutton and the 'Cats put on a great show but they are also great human beings. Our thanks go out to them and may God bless them. Mandie is only nine but she is already a devoted fan. Her playing time ends when the 'Cats are on.

Thanks again. This has touched all of our hearts.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Pae
Hollywood, Ala.



Mandie Shows Off Her UK Team Picture

Larry Vaught

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become a different situation with the three-point shot.

"Several states experimented with the shot last year and those that did found attendance increased. That should appeal to everyone."

Centre College Coach Tom Bryant is glad to see high schools use the three-point goal. "It will help because it will keep things consistent," said Bryant. "It will help a kid get in the flow of things quicker in college because he will have played with the shot. It's a good change."

Mills doesn't anticipate any major problems for game officials. He said, "It will give them another responsibility on the floor and they will have to be more alert. But we won't have to go to three officials to do the job."

COLLEGE COACHES recently endorsed the three-point shot by an overwhelming margin to assure the shot's future. More than 83 percent of the 1,400 coaches and 1,000 administrators, referees and basketball writers who responded to a survey at the end of the season supported the three-point shot.

Referees were almost unanimous in support of the three-point shot, with 94 percent favoring it. It also was endorsed by 90 percent of the administrators and 82 percent of the sportswriters.

The big change came from the coaches, though. Last year 66 percent opposed the three-point shot. Complaints continued early in the season but now most coaches like the rule.

Odds are the present distance of 19 feet, 9 inches will be kept next season because those responding to the NCAA survey were split evenly on whether the distance should stay the same.

NCAA Division I coaches favored the longer distance 39 percent to 31. NCAA Division II coaches gave it a 41-35 percent endorsement while those in Division III, junior college and NAIA ranks supported the shorter distance.

Mike Estep

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But they didn't ask me and we'll coach our best to try to adjust to it. If it helps the game I'm all for it, but I just don't know how it will."

I don't either. But I could be wrong, and Lord knows I have been before. Maybe the three-pointer will be the best thing that ever happened to the game. But I don't think so. High school basketball in this state has survived consolidation, competition from college and professional games on television and the adventures of Alice McDonald. I just hope it can survive the three-point shot.

Bob Watkins

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Kevin Ellery

The post-season plaudits started to come in last week for Washington County's basketball star. He was voted to the Associated Press all-state first team last Tuesday. And the day before I learned that Ellery had been voted Kentucky high school basketball's player of the year by United Press International.

Ellery was mentioned first on 15 of 40 ballots cast by coaches from Kentucky's 16 regions. Deron Feldhaus of Mason County and John Pelphrey received seven first place votes each.

Beyond the honor of his selection, the support for Ellery from the coaches in this poll might indicate a trend in ballots cast for Mr. Basketball last month. The official announcement of Kentucky's Mr. Basketball will be made April 4 in Louisville.

Parting shot

☺ CBS football commentator John Madden says he is switching from trains to a custom-built bus to travel from city to city during the football season.

Madden, who began riding trains because planes gave him claustrophobia, told The Associated Press Wednesday that "I still love trains" but that the bus would give him more freedom in his travels.

The furnished bus will cost more than \$500,000, but it won't cost Madden anything.

Greyhound is picking up the tab and providing a driver as part of a promotional deal.

The bus will include a dinette, queen-size bed, large shower and a kitchen.

Says Madden: "It's a house on wheels."

And so it goes.

Todd Hallum

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son are slated to be UK's starters in the secondary. All three have been plagued by inconsistency but are outstanding athletes. Johnson, who appeared to taper off at the end of last season, is expected to provide the big plays this year, like the 95-yard interception return for a touchdown against Cincinnati a year ago. Both Mack and Robinson were rushed into starting roles last year, but the on-the-job training they received should come in handy. In time, Robinson has the ability to become an All-SEC player at safety. Converted running back Anthony Gardner will be given a long look at cornerback. Sophomore Eric Banks is slated for backup duty behind Johnson and junior Mark Sellers will see some action in relief of Robinson. One of the fastest players on the team, freshman Chris Moga who has been clocked in the 40 at 4.35, will also be in the secondary. Moga played wide receiver in high school, but start his career at UK as a defensive back.

Kicking Game: Joe Worley, who should receive some All-SEC recognition, will be the place kicker. But the punting situation is still up for grabs. Jeff Nelson and Jay Tesar split the starting duties last year, and they will battle it out once again. Both Nelson and Tesar had bright moments, but neither had the consistency the coaching staff was looking for.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*Kentucky sophomores Dirk Minnifield and Sam Bowie shared Most Valuable Player Awards and Minnifield and Chuck Verderber walked away with most of the hardware at the annual Kentucky Awards Dinner held at the Hyatt Regency and sponsored by the Committee of 101. Minnifield also won awards for best defensive player and most assists. Verderber won the 110 percent award and The Chandler Trophy. Bowie won the rebound award. Chris Gettlefinger, Fred Cowan, Dicky Beal and Charles Hurt were other award winners.

*Defense highlighted Kentucky's football scrimmage as the team completed its second week of spring practice. The offenses were able to score only twice against an inexperienced, but swarming, defense. Quarterbacks Terry Henry and Tommy Boyle engineered the touchdown drives. Lawrence

"Choo Choo" Lee was the leading rusher in the game with 64 yards.

*Reliever Jeff Keener did the job again, putting out the fire in the sixth inning as Kentucky took the second game of a doubleheader with Georgia by a 7-6 score. The Bulldogs won the first game 4-2. UK came back to take the third game of the series with a four-run, two-out rally in the ninth inning to win 8-6. The big hit was a two-run triple by Jeff Sikes. The score was knotted 4-4 entering the ninth. Georgia battled back in the ninth against Keener, who had his scoreless streak snapped at 30 consecutive innings. After Keener walked the bases loaded in the ninth, Bob Silvanik came in and allowed Georgia only two runs. UK also defeated Georgia Tech (16-9), Eastern (6-4) and Morehead (13-2) during the week. Jeff Shartzler clubbed two homers in the Morehead game.

Seven Years Ago

*The UK baseball team enjoyed its best offensive performance of the year, spraying 22 hits in romping past Austin Peay 13-5. Mark Hredzak had two triples for the Bat Cats. Jeff Shartzler had a homer and a double and Mike Botkin had two doubles and five RBIs.

*For the second straight year, the Kentucky basketball staff harvested a banner crop in recruiting, as the 'Cats picked up four prize prospects. The tallest of the lot is 6-11 center Melvin Turpin, who played his high school ball at Lexington Bryan Station before attending Fork Union Military School last year. The shortest of the new Wildcats is 5-11 guard Dicky Beal of Covington Holmes High School. Beal's signing is somewhat of a surprise. He had previously announced that he would attend DePaul, but when the Big Blue came calling, Beal had a change of heart. Kentucky also went to Harborfield High School in New York and came back with 6-9 forward Bret Bearup, a consensus high school All-American. Another blue-chip performer signed by UK is 6-5 guard Jim Master of Fort Wayne, Ind.

*UK basketball signees Brett Bearup and Jim Master were named to *Basketball Weekly's* high school All-American team. Bearup was named to the five-man first team, Master was a third-team selection. Both were also named on *Parade* magazine's second team, along with the McDonald's All-American Dream Team.

*Two Kentucky prep football stars, one headed for UK, were named to Joe Terranova's list of "80 Great Ones." Jeff Smith of Washington County is headed for UK, while Chris Brown of Owensboro is going to Notre Dame.

*Spring football continued and much of the focus continues to surround the quarterback race. Coach Fran Curci has four candidates—Randy Jenkins, Larry McCrimmon, Terry Henry and Rick Beuhner—and each has a chance at the top spot. With leading rushers Chris Jones and Shawn Donigan returning, along with several other qualified runners, the 'Cats are expected to have one of the SEC's strongest backfields.

Eleven Years Ago

*Senior Reggie Warford walked away with a sackful of awards at the annual Kentucky basketball banquet. He won the Frank Seale Award as the outstanding senior, the Senior Appreciation Award, the award for the fewest turnovers, the K-Men's Scholastics Award and the Kiwanis 110 Percent Award. Mike Phillips and Jack Givens, both sophomores, were co-winners of the MVP award. Givens captured the award as the best free throw shooter and Phillips won the trophy for being the best rebounder.

*UK basketball player Jack Givens was named to the Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation All-American Team, formerly known as the Helms Athletic Foundation team. He becomes the 27th Wildcat ever to earn All-American honors after finishing the season with a 20.1 scoring average.

*In the basketball recruiting wars, Kentucky landed three-time all-stater LaVon Williams of Denver, Colo., two-time all-stater Tim Stephens of McCreary County High School and All-American Jay Shidler of Lawrenceville, Ill. Mississippi State was another SEC school considered to have a banner year as the Bulldogs laned 6-11 All-American Ricky Brown of Georgia, who was heavily recruited by Kentucky.

*Kentucky wrestlers Joe Carr and Kurt Mock gained All-American status as a result of their performances in the NCAA wrestling championships. Carr finished in third place in the 167-pound division for the second year in a row, while Mock grabbed the No. 6 position in the 134-pound weight class.

*Kentucky's Sonny Collins, the SEC's all-time leading rusher, was picked in the second round of the National Football League draft. The Atlanta Falcons picked Collins, who was the ninth running back selected. The only other Wildcat taken in the draft was offensive tackle Wally Pesuit, who was a fifth-round choice of the Dallas Cowboys.

*Before 10,000 fans at Commonwealth Stadium, UK unveiled a new wishbone attack in the annual Blue-White spring game. The Blue team won the game 27-7. Sophomore fullback Rod Stewart led all rushers with 84 yards. Quarterback Derrick Ramsey had 84 yards through the air and 47 yards on the ground. The other quarterback to see a great deal of action, Bill Tolston, was also impressive.

Sixteen Years Ago

*UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp is scheduled to undergo minor foot surgery at the UK Medical Center. Rupp is to be hospitalized about two months.

*After a spring football scrimmage, UK football coach John Ray was pleased with the squad's performance.

"This is the best scrimmage we have had for this early since I have been here," Ray said. "We are very pleased with the spirit and the execution after only five days of practice."

*All-American Roger Hamperian of West Virginia and All-American Mike Emmanuel of Pennsylvania signed football grants with UK.

*UK's Mike Casey has signed a professional basketball contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers, while Wildcat Larry Steele signed with the Portland Trailblazers.

*George John "G.J." Smith of London became the first University of Kentucky basketball signee of the year. Smith was a two-time all-stater at Laurel County.

Thirty One Years Ago

*Although the UK basketball team completed the year with a successful 20-6 record against an awesome schedule, it still marks the first time since 1942-43 that the 'Cats have lost as many as six games in a year. Only six of Adolph Rupp's 25 teams have lost that many. Vanderbilt was the only team to defeat Kentucky to be left out of postseason play.

*Kentucky center Bob Burrow has been named to the East group for the annual East-West All-Star game at New York's Madison Square Garden.

*The Blues defeated the Whites in the annual spring football game before 2,500 fans at Stoll Field. Coach Charlie Bradshaw's Blue team never trailed after a 21-yard first-quarter field goal by Lou Michaels. Bill Farley quarterbacked the Blue team to the win. Delmar Hughes, the No. 1 quarterback prospect, guided the Whites. Paul Sloan led the ground game with 86 yards on five carries, including a 79-yard scamper. Bobby Cravens gained 82 yards. Don Netoski picked up 62 yards, Cliff Tribble had 51 and Bob Dougherty had 42.

*Four teams ranked in the Top Ten this season will compete in the fourth annual UKIT next year. Illinois, Southern Methodist and Dayton will join UK in the prestigious tourney.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Against which SEC team did Mike Scott score his first basket as a Kentucky Wildcat?

- a) LSU
- b) Vanderbilt
- c) Mississippi State
- d) Georgia

2. Which 1987 Final Four team did Kentucky once play in a national semifinal game?

- a) UNLV
- b) Indiana
- c) Syracuse
- d) Providence

3. True or False? UK's Derrick Miller shot a higher percentage from behind the three-point range than he did from inside it.

4. What UK opponent scored the most points against Kentucky this season?

- a) Tennessee
- b) Alabama
- c) Ohio State
- d) Auburn

5. Which team scored the fewest points against the Wildcats?

- a) Iowa
- b) Texas Tech
- c) Louisville
- d) Mississippi State

6. True or False? UK committed more turnovers than its opponents this year.

7. What SEC player connected on the most three-point field goals in one game against UK?

- a) Willie Anderson (Georgia)
- b) Tony White (Tennessee)
- c) Anthony Wilson (LSU)
- d) Jim Farmer (Alabama)

8. What UK player topped the 1,000-point plateau for his career this year?

9. What Kentucky player converted on the most three-point baskets in a single game this season?

10. What was Kentucky's won-loss record versus teams that made the 64-team NCAA field?

- a) 7-8
- b) 8-8
- c) 8-9
- d) 9-9

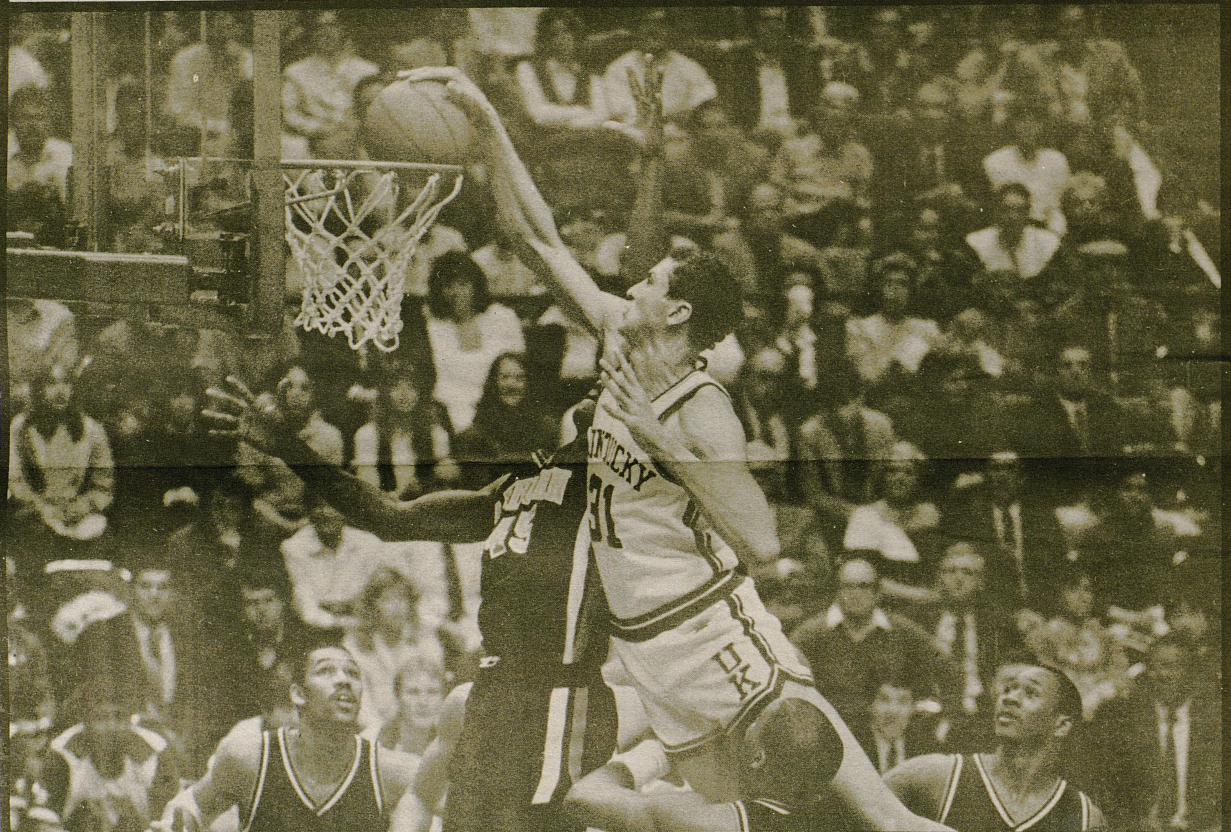
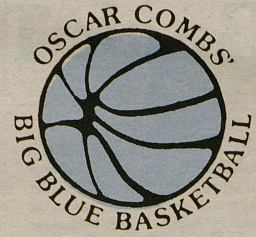


Answers

1. Vanderbilt
2. Syracuse (1975)
3. True. Miller made 35 of 81 three-pointers (43.2 percent), but only 20 of 60 two-pointers (33.3 percent)
4. Ohio State (91 pts.)
5. Tennessee (10-8-8)
6. Ed Cavender
7. Anthony Wilson (five misses)
8. False. (Opponents committed 13 more)
9. Mississippi State (36 pts.)
10. 10-8-8

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