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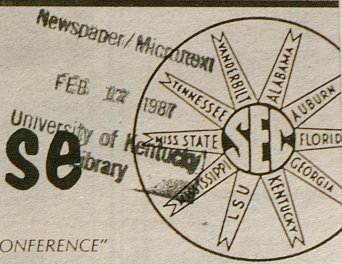
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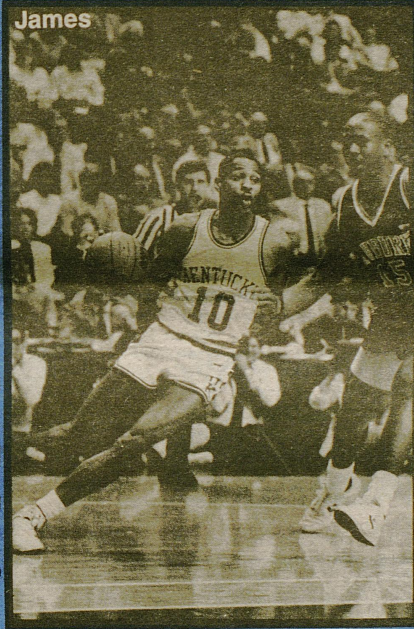
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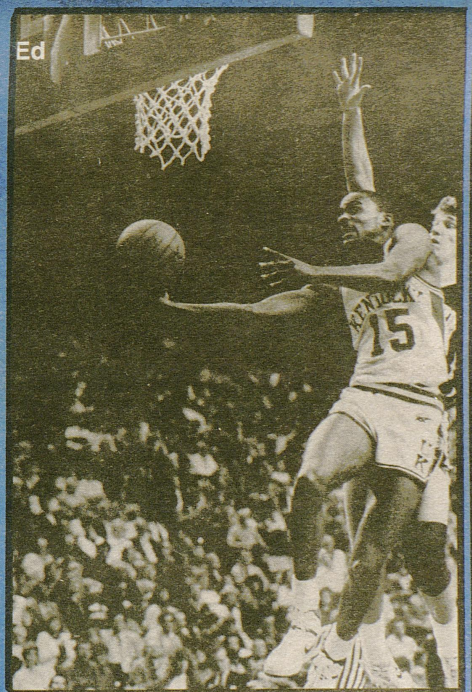
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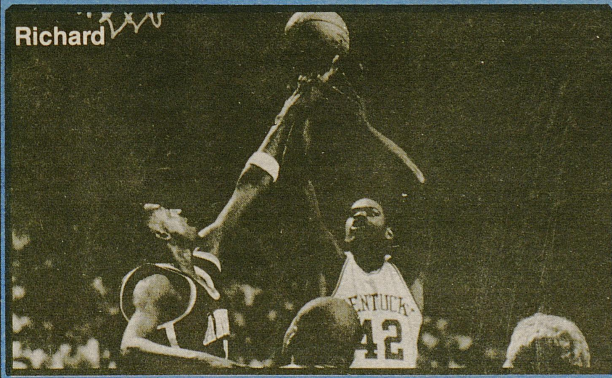


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20-GAME STATISTICS (14-6 Overall; 7-5 SEC)  
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS

| G                | GS | Min | Avg  | FG   | FGA | Pct  | 3PT  | 3PTA | Pct | FT    | FTA | Pct | Reb  | Avg | PF   | D   | Ast | TO  | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg  |      |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| CHAPMAN, REX     | 20 | 20  | 658  | 32.9 | 117 | 258  | 45.3 | 50   | 118 | 42.4  | 26  | 38  | 68.4 | 39  | 2.0  | 28  | 1   | 73  | 46  | 6   | 24  | 310  | 15.5 |
| DAVENDER, ED     | 20 | 20  | 671  | 33.6 | 107 | 237  | 45.1 | 7    | 37  | 18.9  | 70  | 96  | 72.9 | 65  | 3.3  | 38  | 1   | 71  | 57  | 1   | 30  | 291  | 14.6 |
| BLACKMON, JAMES  | 20 | 20  | 587  | 29.4 | 70  | 141  | 49.6 | 25   | 62  | 40.3  | 27  | 48  | 56.3 | 60  | 3.0  | 50  | 1   | 46  | 27  | 4   | 33  | 192  | 9.6  |
| MADISON, RICHARD | 20 | 16  | 645  | 32.3 | 66  | 118  | 55.9 | -    | 1   | -     | 36  | 53  | 67.9 | 146 | 7.3  | 50  | 3   | 30  | 40  | 5   | 8   | 168  | 8.4  |
| LOCK, ROBERT     | 20 | 17  | 445  | 22.3 | 66  | 113  | 58.4 | -    | -   | -     | 19  | 43  | 44.2 | 112 | 5.6  | 63  | 2   | 10  | 41  | 20  | 13  | 151  | 7.6  |
| MILLER, DERRICK  | 20 | -   | 309  | 15.5 | 42  | 105  | 40.0 | 25   | 59  | 42.4  | 6   | 14  | 42.9 | 50  | 2.5  | 23  | -   | 13  | 18  | 2   | 8   | 115  | 5.8  |
| THOMAS, IRVING   | 20 | 7   | 359  | 18.0 | 30  | 60   | 50.0 | -    | -   | -     | 18  | 41  | 43.9 | 74  | 3.7  | 58  | 4   | 15  | 35  | 4   | 12  | 78   | 3.9  |
| ANDREWS, PAUL    | 15 | -   | 176  | 11.7 | 8   | 15   | 53.3 | 1    | 1   | 100.0 | 3   | 5   | 60.0 | 16  | 1.1  | 11  | -   | 7   | 9   | -   | 3   | 20   | 1.3  |
| JENKINS, CEDRIC  | 14 | -   | 115  | 8.2  | 3   | 8    | 37.5 | -    | -   | -     | 7   | 8   | 87.5 | 18  | 1.3  | 15  | -   | 4   | 10  | 6   | 2   | 13   | .9   |
| SHIGG, TERRY     | 4  | -   | 8    | 2.0  | 1   | 4    | 25.0 | -    | -   | -     | -   | -   | -    | 3   | .8   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 2    | .5   |
| SCOTT, MIKE      | 5  | -   | 20   | 4.0  | 1   | 3    | 33.3 | -    | -   | -     | -   | -   | -    | 2   | .4   | 1   | -   | -   | 1   | -   | 1   | 2    | .4   |
| BRUCE, STEVE     | 3  | -   | 7    | 2.3  | -   | 2    | -    | -    | 1   | -     | -   | 1   | -    | 2   | .7   | 1   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    |
| TEAM             | 20 | -   | -    | -    | -   | -    | -    | -    | -   | -     | -   | -   | -    | 34  | 1.7  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    |
| WILDCATS         | 20 | -   | 4000 | 200. | 511 | 1064 | 48.0 | 108  | 279 | 38.7  | 212 | 347 | 61.1 | 621 | 31.1 | 338 | 12  | 269 | 284 | 48  | 134 | 1342 | 67.1 |
| OPPONENTS        | 20 | -   | 4000 | 200. | 495 | 1078 | 45.9 | 60   | 173 | 34.7  | 231 | 330 | 70.0 | 642 | 32.1 | 371 | 16  | 250 | 322 | 48  | 126 | 1281 | 64.1 |

## KENTUCKY WILDCATS



### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

| Date    | Record | UK | Opp | Opponent          | Margin | Top Scorer          | Top Rebounder       | Attendance       |
|---------|--------|----|-----|-------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 29 | 1-0    | 71 | 69  | Austin Peay       | 2      | 20 Davender, Ed     | 6 Madison, Richard  | 22,630 (H)       |
| Dec. 02 | 2-0    | 66 | 60  | Texas Tech        | 6      | 23 Davender, Ed     | 7 Thomas, Irving    | 21,805 (H)       |
| Dec. 06 | 2-1    | 66 | 71  | Indiana           | -5     | 26 CHAPMAN, REX     | 10 THOMAS, IRVING   | 17,232 (A)       |
| Dec. 13 | 3-1    | 71 | 56  | Lamar             | 15     | 16 DAVENDER, ED     | 7 MADISON, RICHARD  | 23,123 (H)       |
| Dec. 19 | 4-1    | 75 | 59  | Iona              | 16     | 19 LOCK, ROB        | 11 LOCK, ROB        | 22,723 (H)       |
| Dec. 20 | 5-1    | 81 | 69  | Boston            | 12     | 26 CHAPMAN, REX     | 15 MADISON, RICHARD | 23,240 (H)       |
| Dec. 27 | 6-1    | 85 | 51  | Louisville        | 34     | 26 CHAPMAN, REX     | 17 MADISON, Rich    | 19,513 (A)       |
| Dec. 30 | 6-2    | 65 | 69  | Georgia           | -4     | 16 DAVENDER, ED     | 9 MADISON, RICHARD  | 20,053 (L'ville) |
| Jan. 03 | 7-2    | 63 | 60  | Auburn            | 3      | 24 CHAPMAN, REX     | 11 LOCK, ROB        | 12,347 (A)       |
| Jan. 07 | 7-3    | 55 | 69  | Alabama           | -14    | 15 MADISON, RICHARD | 7 MADISON, RICHARD  | 23,220 (H)       |
| Jan. 10 | 7-4    | 68 | 75  | Tennessee         | -7     | 29 DAVENDER, ED     | 8 MADISON, RICHARD  | 12,700 (A)       |
| Jan. 12 | 8-4    | 57 | 49  | Mississippi State | 8      | 16 CHAPMAN, REX     | 8 LOCK, ROB         | 4,714 (A)        |
| Jan. 14 | 8-4    | 67 | 62  | Florida           | 5      | 16 CHAPMAN, REX     | 13 LOCK, ROB        | 23,215 (H)       |
| Jan. 14 | 9-4    | 67 | 62  | Florida           | 5      | 16 CHAPMAN, REX     | 13 LOCK, ROB        | 23,215 (H)       |
| Jan. 18 | 9-5    | 41 | 76  | LSU               | -35    | 14 BLACKMON, JAMES  | 6 BLACKMON, JAMES   | 23,285 (H)       |
| Jan. 21 | 10-5   | 71 | 65  | Vanderbilt        | 6      | 16 DAVENDER, ED     | 6 MADISON, RICHARD  | 15,626 (A)       |
| Jan. 25 | 11-5   | 80 | 69  | Navy              | 11     | 22 CHAPMAN, REX     | 6 MADISON, RICHARD  | 23,275 (H)       |
| Jan. 29 | 11-6   | 65 | 76  | Ole Miss          | -11    | 23 CHAPMAN, REX     | 13 MADISON, RICHARD | 5,915 (A)        |
| Jan. 31 | 12-6   | 50 | 36  | Mississippi State | 14     | 18 BLACKMON, JAMES  | 7 MADISON, RICHARD  | 22,831 (H)       |
| Feb. 04 | 13-6   | 75 | 71  | Auburn            | 4      | 27 BLACKMON, JAMES  | 7 LOCK, ROB         | 23,100 (H)       |
| Feb. 07 | 14-6   | 70 | 69  | Alabama           | 1      | 29 DAVENDER, ED     | 8 MADISON, RICHARD  | 15,043 (A)       |

### REMAINING GAMES

|         |            |     |
|---------|------------|-----|
| Feb. 11 | Tennessee  | (H) |
| Feb. 14 | Florida    | (A) |
| Feb. 19 | Vanderbilt | (H) |
| Feb. 21 | LSU        | (A) |
| Feb. 25 | Georgia    | (A) |
| Feb. 28 | Ole Miss   | (H) |
| Mar. 01 | Oklahoma   | (H) |



# Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



## Yes Folks, The Big Blue Is Alive And Well

The 'Cats on fire!  
You'd better believe it. Since the infamous 76-41 bombing at the hands of Louisiana State, Eddie Sutton's club has been a different team. save the 11-point loss to Ole Miss.

In fact, the Wildcats have won five of six since than dark Sunday afternoon. And the 76-65 loss to Ole Miss wasn't all that big a major upset considering that Ole Miss has been giving most everyone on the SEC fits this season.

Still, make no mistake that the loss in Oxford was, and still is a bitter pill for Sutton to swallow.

But the past is history just like the so-called January slump which regained its reputation in 1987, thanks to a so-so 6-4 mark after a fine 6-2 December.

Now, Kentucky is beginning to put all the pieces together.

In other words, the Big Blue is finding ways, as in teamwork, to win.

Against Auburn, senior James Blackmon played the finest game of his career.

That victory wasn't a shocker, but when the 'Cats left Tuscaloosa Saturday by upending SEC leader Alabama, Kentucky had issued notice to the remainder of the league that the Big Blue is alive and well.

And yes, the 'Cats will show up in Atlanta next month.

In most everyone's book, the top three teams in the SEC are Alabama, Florida and Auburn. Kentucky has proven its worth against two of the three and will have a chance to make even bigger waves this Saturday when UK takes on SEC co-leader Florida in Gainesville.

First, Kentucky will entertain Tennessee Wednesday night and this one should be a dandy.

Hoping to get revenge for an embarrassing 75-68 loss in Knoxville last month, Kentucky can keep its drive alive to finish in the league's top four and a respectable seed in the NCAA tournament next month.

While Tennessee is still recuperating from the persistent rumors that Vols' coach Don DeVoe won't be around when the new 25,000-seat arena opens next season, the Vols have done anything but die.

After UT athletics director Doug Dickey announced at a press conference last week that DeVoe's status won't be reviewed before the end of next season, the Vols promptly hit the floor and turned back Vanderbilt in overtime and gave the LSU Tigers the scare of their lives before losing in the final minute in Baton Rouge.

Although the Vols are in ninth place with a 4-8 record, the Big Orange is capable of winning any time out. Only problem is that the Vols have not been very impressive on the road in the last couple years.

Last season, Tennessee lost all nine road games in the conference, and hasn't fared much better this season, although the Vols did break the string earlier this season by upsetting Vandy in Nashville. The Vols' four league wins are home court wins over Kentucky, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt and the road win at Nashville.

To keep in perspective the importance of the upset over Kentucky in Knoxville, it's necessary to point out that Mississippi State

has won only one league game all season. And you can imagine how the folks in Nashville are feeling since Vandy would be in third place with a 7-4 record had C. M. Newton's club won those two against Tennessee.

Tennessee has been playing a lot of people close, but DeVoe hasn't found the right combination with All-America Tony White. Things don't get any easier for the Vols.

After a visit to Lexington, Tennessee returns home but has to face two of the league's toughest, Auburn and Florida before hitting the road again to Starkville and Tuscaloosa.

Tennessee won't finish last in the SEC because Mississippi State is 1-11 and probably won't win another game unless it is the one against the Vols. Depending on how the Vols fight back, Tennessee could finish as high as fifth or as low as No. 9.

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As we said in this space a week ago, each and every game appears to be the biggest one of the season. That's the why it is when you find yourself in a win-or-else situation with your back to the wall.

While any hopes of winning a league title would have to come under the "miracle" category, this Kentucky team has proven something I didn't think possible—that is to beat a legitimate Top Ten team on the road.

After the horrendous 35-point loss at home to LSU, the Wildcats' worksheet showed a 9-5 mark and the appearance of a disappointing future with three of their next five SEC games on the road.

But a funny thing happened. Once again, Kentucky apparently likes playing on the road better than Rupp Arena.

First the 'Cats upended a good Vanderbilt team 71-65, but lost to Ole Miss. Those of

little faith (tsk, tsk) were throwing in the towel after a very lackluster 50-36 ho-hummer over Mississippi State at home.

With Auburn coming to town in hopes of making atonement for an earlier loss in Tiger-town, Kentucky fans were ready to take another lumping like the likes of earlier duels with Alabama and LSU.

Kentucky simply turned the other cheek, put on a dazzling exhibition of play and then held on for dear life. The die-hards cheered up but it wasn't until the 'Cats delivered a knock-out punch to Alabama in Tuscaloosa that the fair-weather fans came home to roost.

Now UK has some of its fans thinking it can be a factor in upcoming post season play. Heaven forbid, but there are some who believe the 'Cats can actually win a couple games in the big one.

With that in mind, let's take a peak at what lies ahead.

In addition to home court games with Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Ole Miss, the 'Cats will also host Oklahoma on March 1.

After Wednesday's battle with the Vols, Kentucky will hit the road for one of the league's top games at Gainesville. After this week, the 'Cats have only two road games left—at LSU and Georgia.

Both were considered "sure" losses before last Saturday, but UK is finding the road more playable each time out.

Through Kentucky's first six league road contests, the Wildcats own a fine 4-2 mark. Ironically, the only road losses came at the hands of No. 8 Ole Miss and No. 9 Tennessee.

If the Wildcats play the remainder of their schedule (and that's a big if with this team), UK could go 3-0 at home. And then if UK should win one of the three road contests, the Wildcats would compile a 11-7 league mark and that should be good enough for a third-place tie. Two wins on the road could give UK a

12-6 mark which probably would not move UK up to No. 2, but would give the 'Cats a solid No. 3 finish.

Now if one of those upsets should come at Gainesville, then the knees at the top (specifically Alabama and Florida) could begin knocking just a tad.

It still figures to be a two-horse race for the top spot between Alabama and Florida and can you imagine the last time the Florida Gators were cheering for a Kentucky basketball team prior to last Saturday?

Well, you can rest assured Wimp Sander-son will return the favor this Saturday when the 'Cats try to upset Florida. Media types in Florida are playing this up as the biggest game in recent memory for any Gator fan.

For the Gators to have a shot at the league crown, a victory this Saturday is a must for Florida since the Gators cannot afford to drop a game off the pace.

Both Alabama and Florida have three road games left, but the schedule favors, ever-so-slightly, the Crimson Tide because the final game of the season has Florida going against the Tide in Tuscaloosa.

Florida's two other road trips are at Tennessee and Vanderbilt while Alabama's road contests are at Vanderbilt, LSU and Auburn.

Bama's biggest challenge is staying even till the season finale because three of Bama's next four games are on the road before concluding the season with three of four at home.

Florida, meanwhile, plays three games at home this week winding up with UK on Saturday. Then the big crunch arrives as the Gators must wind up the SEC slate with three straight road contests—at Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Alabama.

Norm Sloan certainly doesn't want to be in the position of trying to catch up on the road and that would be the situation the Gators would face if they stub their toes this week.

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By the time most of you read this issue of TCP, most of the nation's prep football stars will have been inked to national letters-of-intent and hopefully coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff will harvest their finest crop ever.

At presstime, three of the biggest catches were still undecided, at least publicly, as to where they would be attending college this fall.

The recruiting battles for the services of Newport Central Catholic's Frank Jacobs, Louisville Male's Jeff Ellis and Holy Cross' Phil Logan apparently were going to the wire.

For Kentucky to have a great recruiting campaign the 'Cats needed to sign all three. And with none of the three having announced with less than 72 hours prior to signing, the prospects of such a sweep seemed like a longshot.

Jacobs made his official visit to Penn State over the weekend during the Nittany Lions' so-called "super" sweep. Coach Joe Paterno had all the highly-ranked non-Pennsylvania prepsters in for their official visits.

Just so happens that the 1987 Penn State

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### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY IN-STATE FOOTBALL COMMITMENTS

|                   |    |      |     |                         |
|-------------------|----|------|-----|-------------------------|
| Jerry Bell        | DL | 6-3  | 260 | Louisville DeSales      |
| Steve Kelley      | LB | 6-2  | 225 | Hopkinsville            |
| Larry Jackson     | DB | 5-11 | 170 | Mayfield                |
| Courtney Longacre | C  | 6-2  | 223 | Louisville Fairdale     |
| Jim Graves        | OL | 6-6  | 240 | Lexington Henry Clay    |
| Shawn Evans       | TE | 6-6  | 220 | Madison Central         |
| David Scott       | RB | 6-1  | 195 | Jeffersontown           |
| Jeff Houk         | QB | 6-2  | 200 | Louisville St. Xavier   |
| Freddie Maggard   | QB | 6-2  | 180 | Cumberland              |
| Todd George       | OL | 6-5  | 235 | Covington Catholic      |
| Billy Swanson     | LB | 6-0  | 220 | Paducah Tilghman        |
| William Dishman   | RB | 6-0  | 198 | Lexington Bryan Station |
| Derrick Thomas    | LB | 6-2  | 215 | Lexington Bryan Station |
| Joey Couch        | LB | 6-2  | 225 | Paintsville             |

### ON THE FENCE

|              |    |     |     |                       |
|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| Jeff Ellis   | TE | 6-4 | 230 | Louisville Male       |
| Frank Jacobs | TE | 6-4 | 230 | Newport Catholic      |
| Phil Logan   | RB | 6-3 | 180 | Louisville Holy Cross |

## Sutton Uses Some Psychology; Had UK Ready For 'Bama

By Nick Nicholas

Eddie Sutton a psychologist?

Although he might not be licensed to practice, the Kentucky coach had his team in the right frame of mind for last Saturday's UK-Alabama game.

Mentally, the Wildcat players were loose as a goose, fit as a fiddle. And it showed as Kentucky ousted No. 9 Alabama before a packed house in UA's Memorial Coliseum, 70-69.

During practice Friday night in Tuscaloosa, Sutton, was kidding around with the Wildcat players. Sure, UK worked on



James Dickey

some particular plays for the Alabama. . . . But during practice there was:

a) A free throw shooting contest pitting NBC's Bucky Walters against Richard Madison and NBC's Tom Hammond taking on Derrick Miller.

b) Another free throw shooting exhibition as seniors James Blackmon and Paul Andrews picked sides. Not only did the two upperclassmen pick their respective teammates, but most of UK's traveling party as well. Some of those picked to try their luck at the charity stripe included superstar Steve Rardin, along with WKYT's Rob Bromley and 101 president Van Florence.

And c) Sutton asked everyone to come out to midcourt and watch Irv Thomas and Steve Bruce give their best imitations of the Wildcat head coach.

While the Wildcats were facing a team which had humiliated them by 14 points last month at Rupp Arena, perhaps Sutton used a little psychology on his pupils, enabling his team to be relaxed the next day.

"Coach Sutton has so many great qualities as a basketball coach," said James Dickey minutes after UK knocked off the SEC leaders. "One of them is having the great feeling about practices at different times. Sometimes he'll come on the court and he'll just *junk* our practice schedule and go with what he would call a 'gut feeling.' That's what he did last evening (Friday).

"We felt like one of the things that really helped us, as far as this game, was a win against Auburn at home (75-71). That gave us a lot of momentum. Our players came in with a lot of confidence and they were loose."

Kentucky came out hot early, hitting its first four shots on the way to an 8-2 lead. The *feeling* was in the air—Kentucky had come to play. And despite Derrick McKey's 12-foot jumper putting the 'Cats behind

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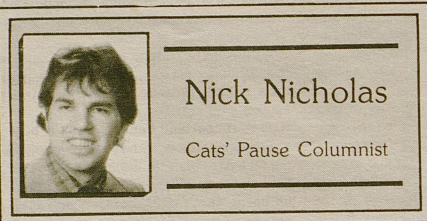
## Recruit Jerry Bell Is 'Into Football'

Bell, 6-3, 262 Pounds, Decides On 'Cats

When it comes time to beat a few football prospects out of the recruiting bushes it always seems like Wildcat coaches are looking for "Mr. Big". You know, that big dude which can set anchor on either side of the line of scrimmage.

Kentucky desperately needs to sign some of these men to keep up with the Joneses of the SEC. If not, then the Wildcats will continue to get pushed around by the Alabamas, Auburns, Georgias, LSUs and the rest of the bullies on the block.

What the 'Cats could use is another recruit like a Mike Pfeifer or a Dermontti Dawson. That is, a person who is big in stature



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

and can be a positive factor in the trenches. However, throw in a guy whose emotional level cranks up a notch when someone out of the blue mentions "Big Orange," "L-S-U" or "How 'bout them Dawgs." You know the type, someone like former Wildcat Cam Jacobs who thrived on excitement and enthusiasm while in a UK uniform.

Meet Louisville DeSales two-year all-stater Jerry Bell. . . he's just what the Wildcats have been searching for. You can't miss him—6-foot-3, 262 pounds. And most of all, according to his high school coach Don Hettich, Jerry Bell is "into football. He's an extremely intense young man when he lines up for 48 minutes."

Last week Bell verbally committed to Jerry Claiborne's Wildcat program. If things go as planned he'll make it official when he signs the dotted line sometime this week.

Whether on the field or in the recruiting wars, Kentucky always has a fight on its hand when battling against the nation's premier Division I programs.

But it was Kentucky who landed Bell, not tradition-rich Michigan or '86 Sugar Bowl champion Tennessee, the other two schools previously in hot pursuit of his services. According to Bell, UK's program compared favorably to the nation's best.

"I wanted to play in the SEC," Bell said, reflecting back on his decision. "Kentucky is just lacking a few positions that's keeping them from competing in the SEC or in the country. Hopefully, I can be a factor in (helping) them go to a bowl game. I've been to places like Michigan and I think Kentucky's program is second to none in the country."

So, after he returned from his official visit to Michigan (three weeks ago) it was then he felt destined to join the Big Blue.

"I was really impressed with both of their programs," Bell said about his recent visits to Ann Arbor and Knoxville. "I liked the people there and the coaches, but I had a feeling deep inside that kept telling me Kentucky was the best place for me.

"Some places you go and you feel like you're an outcast. At Kentucky I felt like I was just 'one of the guys.'"

Even during his sophomore year at DeSales, Kentucky assistant Bill Glaser had his eyes on Bell. And while UK already has two DeSale products on the team—Scott Endris and Tony Nash—it will gladly add a third. . . even though his previous college exam scores currently aren't up to par.

### Needs To Pass College Exam

To be eligible for a scholarship Bell must make a 15 on his ACT (though on a sliding scale a 14 is acceptable if he has a 2.1 GPA or higher) or 700 on the SAT (sliding rule applies here, too). However, the new addition to Prop 48—combining best scores of from separate test sittings—gives Bell and all student-athletes a better chance.

"I'm taking another ACT Saturday (Feb. 5) and I'm signed up for the SAT," Bell said. "I'm going to keep taking 'em and keep taking 'em until I get it. I've been taking the prep (ACT) courses and I feel real good about this next one."

Pressure sometimes plays a big role. Taking the test for the initial time, students sometimes are intimidated. They can become frustrated when seeing a question they no nothing about. At age 17 or 18 they see a big part of their life go out the window because of a low test score.

Student-athletes, who wait till the last minute, are to blame. Beginning their junior year, students are advised to take the test as many times as they can. And when a senior takes the test, say in spring, he or she faces a win-or-lose situation. Hey, when you have the

opportunity to take an ACT or SAT test during your junior year, especially with the new rule, do it!

Just ask Jerry Bell.

"I've talked to the guys who have taught me how to take it and they said there's stuff on there (tests) that you've never had. It's like they try to intimidate you to see how you can adjust during a test.

"They've got it set up to where there's enough on the test to where you can pass. What I did (previous two attempts) was I got in there and saw all this stuff I didn't know. I got so choked up and nervous that I couldn't figure out the stuff that I did know. Now, I'm learning how to put the things (questions) I don't know aside and take care of the ones I do know. Then I'll come back to the ones I'm not too sure of.

"They've already offered me a scholarship. . . He (Glaser) is pretty confident that I'll pass."

According Hettich, Bell is a good student and he, too, believes the senior will pass the test and be ready to suit up for the 'Cats next season. And if Bell is eligible to play in 1987, don't look for him to be redshirted.

Already one source close to the UK program has said, "He's a good one and he can come in and contribute as a freshman."

With schools like Michigan, Tennessee, UCLA, Alabama and Mississippi calling, no one doubts he can play Division I ball.

"He's definitely a big-time player," Hettich said. "In high school is was capable of dominating a football game on defense from a defensive line position. That's not an easy thing to do."

Domination and intimidation seem to go hand-in-hand when Bell gets in position to nail the opposition. In fact, he admits that he l-o-v-e-s to hit. When someone loves to hit who is the size of Bell and can bench 340 pounds, it's like trying to stop a Mack truck with wooden barriers.

### Intense Customer On The Line Of Scrimmage

Although Hettich says his former star performer has learned to control his emotions, Bell says differently. In fact, "getting mad" is his main weakness.

"I get real mad sometimes and do some stupid things (on the field)," said Bell, who is more mild-mannered when he is off the gridiron. "That's one of my weaknesses—I kinda loose my head. Sometimes I forget about playing football, I just think about getting those guys back over there (offensive line). It makes me mad.

This guy an intimidator? It's difficult to imagine when you consider Bell in his spare time enjoys quiet afternoons at the nearest fishin' hole with his father, and "just being with the guys".

On the football field he's not just one of the guy. He's Jerry Bell an all-State lineman.

"I won't allow myself to be intimidated; I won't put my tail between my legs and run off," Bell continued. "I'm the kind of person if I get up in their face I'm ready to fight. Really, I want to play football but I'm more interested in whoopin' that guy's butt on the play than getting to the ball carrier.

"Towards the end of the season my coach helped me correct that a lot. I don't think I'll have any problems adjusting to it (at UK)."

Hettich disagrees with Bell. For example not once, Hettich mentioned, was Bell whistled for an "extra-curricular" penalty in his last two seasons. As a sophomore the coach noted Bell would "mentally get taken out of the game."

But now. . .

"He's come a long ways; he controls it well," Hettich pointed out. "(He knows) if you lose your composure then you're not going to help your team in the ballgame.

"Jerry's a very, very powerful kid. He's a boy in a man's body." Kentucky desperately needs players like Bell, who is enormous in size, very talented and is ignited because of his enthusiasm for football.

### Enjoys UK's Defensive Scheme

When Kentucky recorded a 9-3 season in 1984, Cam Jacobs, through his enthusiasm and hustle, paced the 'Cats on defense. Yes, you could say he was an arrogant or flamboyant character. But remember it was Jacobs who gave the Wildcats' defense spark, allowing them to beat a more talented Wisconsin club in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"I like their defense," said Bell, especially after being at Commonwealth Stadium to watch UK shut down Florida last year, 10-3. "It's real aggressive; a lot of people fly to the ball."

So, UK has shaken loose and landed a big prospect from the state's recruiting crop. And Bell just may be the shot in the arm which Claiborne and his staff have been looking for.

## Blackmon, Walls Take 'Different' Paths

Readers Like Three-point Shot

**O**ne break. It can make all the difference in going in opposite directions.

Unpredictable as college basketball has been this season, the expression "going in opposite directions" is a cliché much in demand in sports these days.

Ironic then that two college players with whom most of you are acquainted by way of sports pages and television are going the same way. In opposite directions.

James Blackmon and Kevin Walls.

Walls quit the University of Louisville team last week. And 24 hours after the door at Crawford Gym closed behind Walls, a



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

few miles down I-64 James Blackmon ran and jumped and swished his way to the pinnacle of his college career. A personal-best 27 points led Kentucky past Auburn, 75-71. It was Blackmon's second straight MVP performance.

The similarities between Blackmon at Kentucky and Walls at Louisville are striking really. Both were high-school heroes.

At Marion High in Indiana, Blackmon scored 52 points in the last game of his senior year. For the season he averaged 32.6 points, was Marion's all-time leading pointmaker, was the co-darling of Hoosierland (with Steve Alford) and was recruited by all the majors.

Meanwhile, at Camden High in New Jersey, Walls rang up 52 points in a game during his senior year too ... twice. In other games that winter he scored 81 and 62 and 50 (twice). Walls was voted all-everything. Who recruited him? Pick a school. But it was only natural that Walls would follow Billy Thompson and Milt Wagner on the glory road to Louisville.

Time marched on. Adjusting to college life is tough for any kid. It is doubly so for sports heroes, particularly those who zoom in from the Swish Zone where celebrities named McGuire, Packer and Vitale hold sway. Al, Billy and Dick were goo-going and ga-going about how great Blackmon and Walls were going to be.

Eighteen-year-old kids believe "experts."

Two winters went by and college sophomores Blackmon and Walls were averaging 5.4 and 2.1 points respectively.

In fact, as incomprehensible as it might seem, Walls would never score in double figures at UofL. And, to date, Blackmon's three-season average at UK is only 9.4.

Each player became unhappy early in his sophomore season, being out of the limelight, having to endure the intensity and drudgery of practices and compete for, but to not get, play time. And, as much as anything, not getting any shots might have been toughest of all. The chance to prove something.

So, Blackmon and Walls quit their teams.

Walls stayed on campus at UofL, thought about things, got some good advice, changed his mind, and returned to the team.

Down the road, Leonard Hamilton, then a UK assistant, drove to Marion and persuaded Blackmon to return to Lexington.

Much the way Walls must have been, Blackmon was told to forget about what McGuire, Packer and Vitale had said. The advice must have gone something like this: "Go to school, play the game. Be yourself, try and fit in. Wait, and 'things' will come."

Sounds remarkably like the real world, doesn't it?

In short, Blackmon and Walls were encouraged to "grow up."

But growing up is tough. When you're a stallion in sneakers, accustomed to swishing 40 a game, well, it must be scary tough.

Blackmon settled down, started to fit in, waited. A coaching change at Kentucky opened a new vista for him. By last Wednesday night against Auburn he was glowing. Running ... passing ... swishing ... high-fiving. Going in the right direction.

Walls? He settled down to college life, or seemed to. But echoes of glory times at Camden never went completely away because the sound of swishing nets never does. His bum knee made things harder. The coaches tried to make him a playmaker. A passer.

Walls a point guard? It was like asking a bird not to sing, instructing a point machine who had once upon gunned enough to score 81 and 62 and 52 twice, to "give the ball up."

Even before a knee injury that probably doomed his NBA dreams, the program at UofL was never right for Walls. The chemistry wasn't there because among the things he wanted to do (shoot it), could do (make it), versus the things Coach Denny Crum wanted done (fit in, play defense), Walls simply chose the wrong glory road.

So, Kevin Walls quit Louisville's team last week. It was all he could do. In retrospect, he should not have gone to UofL. Having made that mistake, he should have transferred last season. The echoes from Camden High never went away.

Blackmon. There he was after the Auburn game smiling and talking with Joe Dean in front of a television camera. Prime time.

Blackmon stuck it out and got the one break that didn't come Walls' way. For Blackmon it was a new coach with a different approach to the game.

For Walls the break never came and now he's on the road.

One break. It can be all the difference in going in "opposite directions."

### Readers (write) right

Reaction to a survey last month on what you think of the three point shot in college basketball, has been brisk. Results will be tabulated and reported later. Meanwhile, here are some comments received.

**Steve Hurt of Burksville in Cumberland County** "It's the best rule change since reinstatement of the dunk. The rule has and will continue to spread the players out and make the game less like a football game."

**Rick Mercader of Albany in Clinton County** "I think the 3-point shot is good for the game because it has stopped the traffic in the lane. Kenny Walker would have broken Dan Issel's scoring record if it had been adopted last year."

**Richie Phillips of Radcliff in Hardin County** "At the high school level it would be a tremendous boost for the fans who (are now) staying at home. It will get them out more to watch their favorite sport."

**Sid Rogers of Clarkson in Grayson County** "I like the new rule it makes the game more exciting. It helps the smaller, finesse-type player besides helping the big man by keeping defenses from collapsing. I believe it takes more skill to hit one from 19-9 than it does for a 7-footer to tiptoe and dunk. And, 20 feet, five inches (international distance) might be okay, but the pro distance (23-9) is to far."

**R.L. Doris of Frankfort in Franklin County** believes the shot will bring the little man back into the game, but the shot would be more exciting if it were moved to 20.5.

**Michael Dwyer, Elizabethtown** says "most of the fuss is by coaches and teams who do not have a three-point game (shooter)."

Dwyer also thinks a year of experimenting with 'the 3' at the high school level would attract more fans back to prep games. But he would like to see the shot installed at 20-5.

**Virginia Harvley, Sonora in Hardin County** believes "the 3" has made the game harder on coaches, but "let 'em earn some of their money."

And, she says, moving the line from 19-9 to 20-5 "would make no real difference."

**Gerald Fowler, Lebanon Junction in Bullitt County** is emphatic, "the 3" has "improved the quality of the game!" He would like to see the college distance set at 20-5, but high schools experiment with a 19-5.

**Robert Grubb, Hodgenville in LaRue County** believes "the shot" at 20-5 might be less exciting, "but it would be more of an accomplishment (too count for three points)." He would also like to see high schools experiment with "the shot" at 19-5.

**Mike Lee, Hodgenville, LaRue County** "Recruiting, it will change, but not dramatically. Coaches will look for the big, long range shooters of course, but the big man is more valuable than ever."

"As for coaches," Lee adds. "Sure (Louisville's Denny) Crum is unhappy. I don't blame him, but I can't help but think if he had a Tony White, Scott Draud or even a (Wally) Lancaster from Virginia Tech, his attitude would change. You don't see their coaches complaining. Personally, I love it."

**Steve Kirby of Franklin in Simpson County** offered the insightful view that the three-point shot will have a dramatic impact on who makes it to the Final Four in New Orleans this spring.

**Bob Shearer, Elizabethtown** "If you back it (the three-point line) out farther you'll be rewarding a kid for taking a shot that coaches don't want their kids taking."

Shearer, who was a high school coach at E'town until this season, also believes the high school game would be made more exciting if the three-point line were installed at its present distance, 19 feet, five inches.

"Three progressions, the present distance for high school, the college line moved to the current NBA distance (23 feet) and leave the NBA line where it is," he said.

**Russ Reed, E'town**, who calls himself *Roundball Fan Extraordinaire* offered an extensive (two pages) examination of "the shot." Here are some pro and con highlights.

Pro: "Definitely has added excitement to the game. Has allowed some big men to become more active (in the offense). If the distance remains at present length, recruitment will change in favor of shooter."

Con: "Causing some teams to rely almost entirely on the

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## Oscar Combs

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players (actually 1986 squad) were presented their national championship rings during ceremonies while all the recruits were on campus.

And the third angle of the trio which figured into the Jacobs recruiting derby, played some pretty heavy ball itself. Reports have it that Jacobs was escorted by none other than Larry Bird during the first day of his visit recently at Boston College and the second day a fella by the name of Doug Flutie showed Jacobs the nice places around Beantown. Still pitching and considered to be in the race as late as Sunday were Notre Dame and Ohio State.

Ellis, according to reports in Louisville, was still considering UCLA, Alabama, Ohio State, Louisville and Kentucky as late as the past weekend.

The son of former boxing champion Jimmy Ellis, Jeff is considered one of the nation's top 50 prospects and most likely will sign Wednesday with the lucky school.

Logan, who is being recruited by a long list of top football schools around the country, is the other link of the great Kentucky triangle of stars who were uncommitted as of late Sunday.

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With Jacobs, Ellis and Logan are the only major Kentucky prospects uncommitted (as far as Kentucky recruiters are concerned), reports have it that UK has some private commitments which have not been made public and won't be until they're signed, sealed and delivered on Wednesday.

As late as Sunday night, the Kentucky staff was in a very upbeat mood, cautiously optimistic that this group of signees will indeed be the best in recent Kentucky history.

Coaches have been scurrying all around the country for the past several weeks and Claiborne summoned his staff in for a final staff meeting Sunday afternoon before heating up the ole helicopter Monday morning for a last-minute search-and-strike mission to several prospects' homes on Monday and Tuesday.

Other prospects who have made verbal commitments to Kentucky are listed in other stories inside this issue of *TCP*. We'll have a complete wrap-up of all the signees in next week's *TCP*. Be looking as we recap Jerry Claiborne's finest recruiting harvest since his return to Kentucky five years ago.

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UK baseball coach Keith Madison has become known for putting on one of the finest baseball clinics in this part of the country and last Saturday was no exception as a record 700-plus baseball coaches, players and fans showed up in Lexington.

What attracted the record attendance were appearances by baseball superstars Steve Garvey of the San Diego Padres, Rob Murphy of Cincinnati Reds and Joe Cowley of the Chicago White Sox, plus ex-major leaguer Doug Flynn and UK coaches Madison and John Butler.

Madison's clinic has grown tremendously over the past seven years and the personable UK coach says the clinic will probably have to find a new home in future years before the event has outgrown its size at the Lexington Hyatt Regency.

If all goes according to plans, next year's UK clinic will feature one of, if not the, game's greatest players (not Pete Rose) and this fella's name could well draw more than 1,000.

"To say we were pleased would be an understatement," said Madison of the turnout last Saturday, "baseball is growing by leaps and bounds in the state and this is proof that the sport has arrived. Baseball has a great future in this state."

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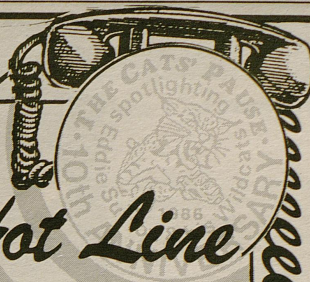
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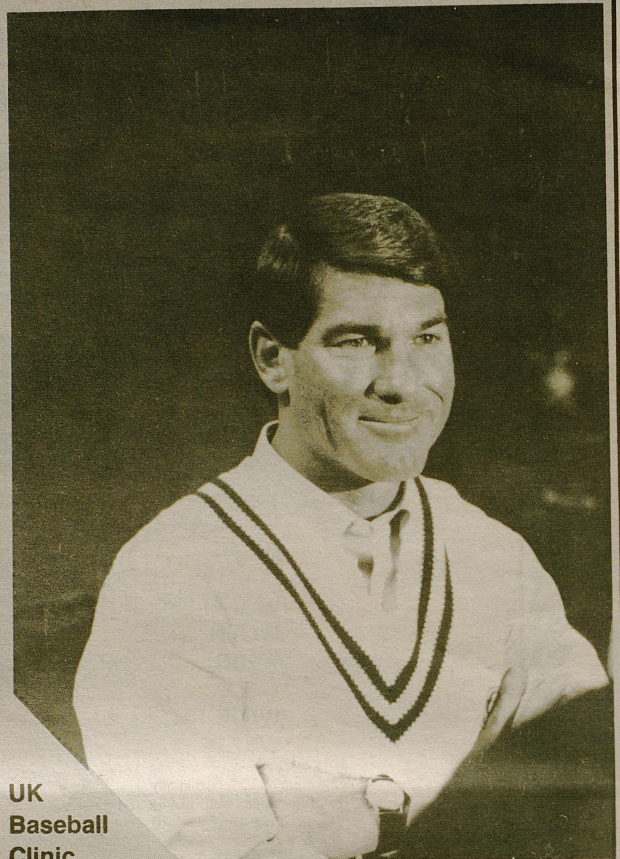
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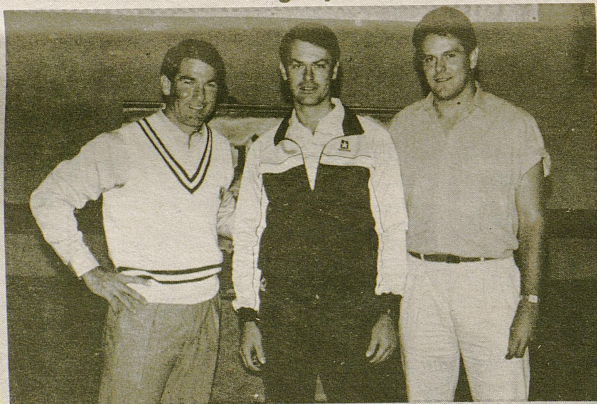




Doug Flynn



Steve Garvey



UK  
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Steve Garvey, Keith Madison, Rob Murphy



Talkin' Baseball



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## Time For Midterm Report Cards

Basketball's Professor Beal Rates The 'Cats

With the season a little more than halfway over, it's time to give the Kentucky Wildcats their midterm grades. Now, professor Beal isn't going to give out any failing marks, so none of my students have anything to worry about. I'm a fair teacher who likes hard work.

As we all know, Kentucky's season has been up and down. Still, the team is a surprise to me. To hear most Kentucky fans talk, you would think the 'Cats are having a terrible season. With the inexperience that it has, I think UK has played well. It's just too bad that the team isn't more consistent.



Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

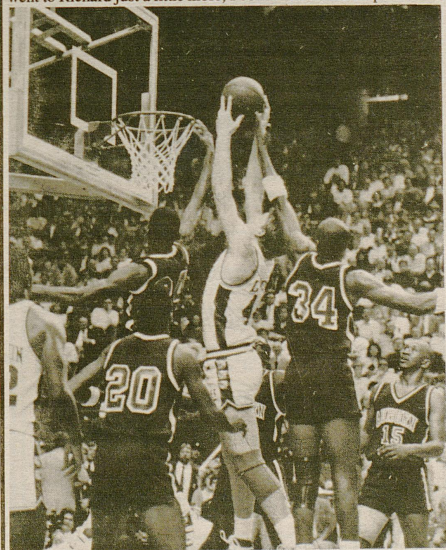
Now, let's look at some of the players and what they have done this season. Here are some of the individual grades:

**Ed Davender:** Ed has done a solid job, as usual. He plays tough defense and gives the 'Cats steady ballhandling. He's a great penetrator who can score. Ed isn't hitting his outside shot, but like all good players, it's just a matter of time. Ed has played well even though rumors about him being jealous of Rex Chapman have been hanging over his head. *No question he is the team leader. Ed gets a solid B.*

**James Blackmon:** James has always been one of my favorite players to watch. He can score from anywhere on the court at any time. James has improved in every area of his game. Well, maybe he needs help on the free throw line. He sacrifices his offense for the sake of the team. I would like to see James become more aggressive on the offensive end. His defense is very good. If James ever decides to explode, look out. *Because of his slow start, James gets a C+. Of course, his grade is on the rise.*

**Rob Lock:** Rob has come a long way. I felt like Rob would help, but I didn't have confidence in him. After being booed by his home crowd, Rob has come out of hiding. I think that he has improved greatly and he will get better. I like his hard work and attitude. *Rob has earned a C and his grade is rising.*

**Richard Madison:** Richard has a world of potential. He can score and run with any player in the country. I think if the 'Cats went to Richard just a little more, I believe he would surprise them.



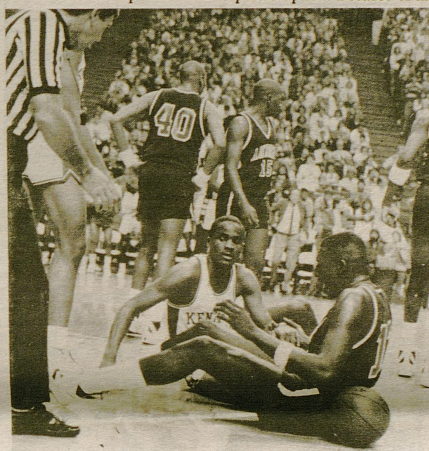
Lock Heading To The Front Of The Class

He has done well in other areas besides point production, particularly in his defense and his rebounding. Maybe Richard ought to post up a little stronger, then his teammates might look to for him more.

*Due to Richard not getting the opportunity to show what he can do offensively, his grade is nowhere near what it could be. He gets a solid C.*

**Paul Andrews:** Paul has played extremely hard since coming back from his knee injury. He has given the 'Cats a guard who has experience, and he is a solid defensive player. He has the ability to shoot the jump shot when needed. I wish he would take more shots. *A solid C is Paul's grade.*

**Cedric Jenkins:** This summer, Cedric was super. So super that he would take the rebound and go coast-to-coast for a layup. No one was able to stop him when he posted up low. Because of his



Davender Earns Top Grade

injury, his season has been tough. It's an uphill battle when you get a serious injury. I can see Cedric progressing. That's real good news for the 'Cats. *Because of Cedric's injury, I will give him an incomplete.*

**Irv Thomas:** Irv has been up and down this season. Against Indiana in Bloomington, it looked like Irv was well on his way to being a dominant player. He has the tools, but when you don't get the ball, you can't score. I like Irv's enthusiasm and his hard work. He tries to give his all, and as a coach, what more could you ask for? *Irv has a lot of talent and will get better. His grade is a C.*

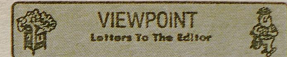
**Mike Scott:** Mike has a lot to learn. It takes a while to get back when you have been out of action for over a year. He is a big man that the 'Cats need. *He's just getting started, so we have to give him and incomplete.*

**Derrick Miller:** Derrick has been a pleasant surprise. He told me this summer that people would be surprised. He was right. Although Derrick has had a tough time of late, you can see that he will be a good player in the future. Like most freshmen, he is going to be up and down as far as his playing is concerned. *You have to like Derrick's confidence in his ability. He gets a C.*

**Rex Chapman:** Rex is a good basketball player. He has a world of ability that has yet to be tapped. Rex has been up and down, but he has handled himself admirably. I have never seen a player have so much expected of him. Pressure? I don't think it bothers him. He likes a challenge. Rex, welcome to Kentucky Basketball. *Rex needs to penetrate more so people won't play his jump shot so close. Grade: C+*

**Steve Bruce and Terry Shigg:** Kentucky's two walk-ons deserve to be graded. To walk on at Kentucky is not easy, and it doesn't happen very often. These guys may not get to play very much, but they help the team by giving a maximum effort in practice. Steve and Terry are in a very envious position. They ought to feel very good about themselves. Their grade will be from a fans' standpoint. *Don't you think they deserve As? I do.*

Now these grades that I have given are just temporary. There are a lot of things that go on between the players and the coaches that I know nothing about. From watching some of the games in person, and seeing others on TV, this is what I've seen. By the end of the season, I'm sure the 'Cats will have better grades. Yes, most got Cs, but there's plenty of time to bring those grades up.



### Future 'Cat Hoopster?

Dear Sir:

I've lived in Ohio all of my life. Although there is a big tradition of University of Dayton and Ohio State basketball here, I am very glad to say that I would rather be eating Kentucky Wildcat dirt than playing for the University of Dayton or Ohio State. My room is all in Blue and White and in Kentucky Wildcat stuff. University of Kentucky basketball is very important to me. Last year I bet my teacher that the Wildcats would beat Western Kentucky. Everyone in our family is a Wildcat fan. My father's cousin works as a maintenance man at the university. In six years, I hope to be on the Wildcat basketball team.

Go Big Blue,

Shawn Arnett  
Dayton, Ohio

### Salute From Utah

Dear Sir:

I'm currently serving in a full-time capacity in the Army Reserves here at Fort Douglas, Utah, which is located in Salt Lake City. I was born and raised in Louisville, but have been a BIG BLUE FAN all my life.

I enjoy *The Cats' Pause* very much. There's nothing like getting *The Cats' Pause* to fill you in on what's going on with the Wildcats. I was wanting to know if you or one of your writers could put in a future edition of *The Cats' Pause* information pertaining to the six recruits that were signed in basketball.

Points of interest I would like to see printed are:

A. What has been their highest points and rebounds in one game?

B. What are they averaging (points per game, rebounding and assists)?

C. What are their thoughts about coming to UK?

D. How are they doing as far as SAT/ACT tests are concerned (Proposition 48)?

I might also add that having been away from the basketball hoop-la in the state of Kentucky off and on the past six years due to my military service I have realized how fortunate we are to have such a rich basketball tradition. Most arenas in the country are fortunate if they can get half of the capacity for one game.

I believe, just like coach Sutton does, that KENTUCKY is AMERICA's favorite college team and I am very proud to be a BIG BLUE FAN!

FROM A BIG BLUE FAN IN UTAH,

SP4 Paul A. Mitchell  
Fort Douglas  
Salt Lake City, Utah

*P.S. I believe it's time we honor and pay tribute to the 1965-66 Kentucky team known as "Rupp Runts." They captured the hearts of basketball fans everywhere with their style of play. No doubt in my mind they will go down in Kentucky basketball history as the fans' favorite all-time team.*

*Let's also get Dan Issel's No. 44 retired as well.*

**(Editor's note: In regards to Proposition 48, Jonathon Davis, LeRon Ellis, Sean Sutton, Deron Feldhaus have passed their college entrance exams. At this time Johnny Pittman and Eric Manuel have not. In future issues we'll try and fulfill the rest of your requests.)**

**Sutton**

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69-63 with only 1:23 left, there was a feeling that UK still had a chance.

When Ed Davender's go-ahead bucket went and McKey's fell off the mark as time expired, UK remarkably improved its record to 14-6, 7-5 in the SEC. And if you thought the players were in good spirits before the game, you should have seen them afterwards.

"The coaches got us in a good mood," said forward Richard Madison. "They didn't want us to be tense; just to come out and play the way we knew we could. We just wanted to play hard. . . (The win) showed us when we compete we can play with anybody."

"When you come into a game like this there's a lot more pressure on the home team to win than there is on the visiting team," said Sutton, referring to his squad's underdog role.

"We didn't play that well in the first game against Alabama. Alabama is a team that we can match up against; they're playing with three guards. I consider (Jim) Farmer a guard.

"We felt like we had a good chance to beat them if we played well."

To Sutton's credit, UK was in the right mood to play well.

**'Cat Track Teams Impressive In The Mason-Dixon Games**

Kentucky's track teams are coming off an impressive outing in the Mason-Dixon Games in Louisville, Jan. 30-31. Lisa Breiding qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the mile by running the distance in 4:41.90 for a first place finish.



Lisa Breiding

"Going into it, I knew it would be a pretty competitive race with my teammates out there, and we help each other out," Breiding said. "I feel confident going out (to the lead). I wasn't really sure how fast the pace was going to be, but I felt comfortable out front."

Breiding had already qualified for the NCAA Indoor 3,000-meters, and said she was not bothered by the change in distance.

"Coach (Don) Weber doesn't lock us into any one particular event, and I really like that," she said.

Richard Ede captured the men's 3,000-meters by covering the distance in a time of 8:17.84.

"I felt pretty good, pretty strong," said Ede.

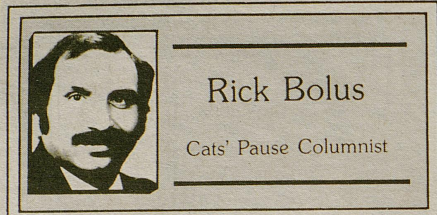
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**Illinois' Best Prep Basketballers**

Marcus Liberty, USA's Best, Heads List

**Illinois' Top 25 Seniors**

| Player         | Ht. | Hometown, School     |
|----------------|-----|----------------------|
| Marcus Liberty | 6-8 | Chicago King         |
| Bill Heppner   | 6-8 | Crystal Lake Central |
| Jesse Hall     | 6-3 | Venice               |
| Rodell Davis   | 6-3 | Harvey Thornton      |
| Brian Banks    | 6-7 | Chicago DeLaSalle    |
| Larry Gorman   | 6-7 | Oak Forest           |
| Joe Daugherty  | 6-1 | Chicago Crane        |
| Lance Irwin    | 6-1 | Chicago Julian       |



Rick Bolus

Cats' Pause Columnist

|                 |      |                            |
|-----------------|------|----------------------------|
| Norm Brown      | 6-5  | Park Forest Rich East      |
| Dan Cox         | 6-9  | Normal                     |
| Mark Anglavar   | 6-3  | LaSalle Peru               |
| Pat Tompkins    | 6-5  | Waukegan East              |
| Stacy Arrington | 6-2  | Chicago Calumet            |
| Bill Reid       | 6-4  | Rock Island                |
| Kent Graham     | 6-5  | Wheaton North              |
| Curtis Stuckey  | 6-2  | Peoria Manual              |
| Sam Mack        | 6-5  | Dolton Thornridge          |
| James Harris    | 6-7  | East St. Louis Lincoln     |
| Joe Cook        | 6-2  | Lincoln                    |
| Scott Fowler    | 6-6  | Chicago South Shores       |
| Bill Markham    | 6-10 | Arlington Heights Hersey   |
| Chris Rodgers   | 6-7  | East St. Louis Lincoln     |
| Chad Gallagher  | 6-9  | Rockford Boylan            |
| Albert Jones    | 6-5  | Chicago Providence-St. Mel |
| Tim Locum       | 6-4  | Flora                      |

**Top Sleeper**

|             |     |                |
|-------------|-----|----------------|
| Regis Pearl | 6-8 | Chicago Dunbar |
|-------------|-----|----------------|

**Second 25 Seniors**

|                 |     |                              |
|-----------------|-----|------------------------------|
| Donnell Thomas  | 6-5 | Chicago Robeson              |
| Clifford Scales | 6-2 | Westchester St. Joseph       |
| Emmett Lynch    | 6-2 | Chicago King                 |
| Tremell Murphy  | 6-8 | Chicago Crane                |
| Brian Molis     | 6-4 | Westchester St. Joseph       |
| Bobby Smith     | 6-0 | Olympia Fields Rich Central  |
| Deon Butler     | 5-9 | Chicago Simeon               |
| John Leurck     | 6-7 | Decatur St. Teresa           |
| Scott Tierney   | 6-6 | Flossmoor Homewood-Flossmoor |
| Karl Anderson   | 6-8 | Chicago King                 |
| Doug Borders    | 6-8 | Chicago St. Patrick          |
| Illya McGee     | 6-3 | Chicago Providence-St. Mel   |
| Antwon Harmon   | 6-7 | Chicago Hyde Park            |
| Melvon Foster   | 6-4 | Chicago Harper               |
| Alonzo Crump    | 6-6 | Chicago Julian               |
| Ken Banks       | 6-9 | Country Club Hills Hillcrest |
| Troy Agler      | 6-8 | Oak Forest                   |
| Rick Shipley    | 6-7 | Centralia                    |
| Glen Van Duyn   | 6-5 | Wilmington                   |
| Alan Hampton    | 6-6 | Summit Argo                  |
| Mike Clark      | 6-4 | Dolton Thornridge            |
| Jeff Mironcow   | 6-8 | Palatine Fremd               |
| Kelan Ritchie   | 6-3 | Rock Island                  |
| Mark Lockhart   | 6-4 | Chicago Farragut             |
| Gerald Rowan    | 5-9 | Chicago Collins              |

**Second Sleeper**

|             |     |               |
|-------------|-----|---------------|
| Tyron Hyman | 6-1 | Chicago Crane |
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**Top 16 Underclassmen**

| Player          | Ht. | Class | Hometown, School            |
|-----------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
| Laphonso Ellis  | 6-9 | Jr.   | East St. Louis Lincoln      |
| Tony White      | 6-1 | Jr.   | South Holland Thornwood     |
| Eric Anderson   | 6-9 | Jr.   | Chicago St. Francis DeSales |
| Curtis Price    | 6-6 | Jr.   | Chicago St. Rita            |
| Jamie Brandon   | 6-3 | Fr.   | Chicago King                |
| Alonzo Verge    | 6-0 | Jr.   | Hillside Proviso West       |
| Andy Kaufman    | 6-6 | Jr.   | Jacksonville                |
| Ray Thompson    | 6-4 | Jr.   | Summit Argo                 |
| Tyrone Lake     | 6-5 | Jr.   | Chicago Farragut            |
| Antoine Davison | 6-9 | Jr.   | Chicago Collins             |

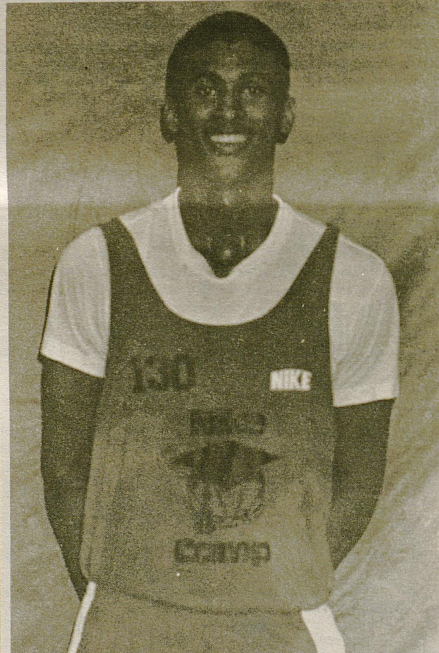
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| Rhea Taylor         | 6-6 | Jr. | Peoria High      |
| Chris Dillard       | 6-3 | Jr. | Tinley Park      |
| Todd Schoettelkotte | 6-9 | So. | Naperville North |
| Johnny Selvie       | 6-6 | Fr. | Chicago King     |
| Johnny Melvin       | 6-3 | Jr. | Chicago Robeson  |
| Sherman Holmes      | 6-4 | Jr. | Chicago Phillips |

**Top Sleeper**

|               |      |     |                 |
|---------------|------|-----|-----------------|
| Tracy Webster | 5-11 | Fr. | Harvey Thornton |
|---------------|------|-----|-----------------|

**Second 16 Underclassmen**

|                  |      |     |                        |
|------------------|------|-----|------------------------|
| Jamal Meeks      | 6-1  | Jr. | Freeport               |
| David Booth      | 6-5  | Jr. | Peoria Manual          |
| Carl Hayes       | 6-7  | Jr. | Westchester St. Joseph |
| Tom Wilson       | 6-6  | So. | Peoria High            |
| Lynn Collins     | 6-1  | Jr. | Peoria Manual          |
| Ron Curry        | 6-7  | Jr. | Normal                 |
| Antoine Hicks    | 5-11 | Jr. | Chicago St. Rita       |
| Acie Earl        | 6-8  | Jr. | Moline                 |
| P.J. Nichols     | 6-5  | Jr. | Marion                 |
| Jason Joseph     | 6-3  | Jr. | Palatine Fremd         |
| Scott Schreffler | 5-11 | Jr. | Marion                 |
| Ken Williams     | 6-8  | So. | Chicago South Shores   |



Chicago King's Marcus Liberty

|               |     |     |                     |
|---------------|-----|-----|---------------------|
| Ronnie Hughes | 6-4 | Jr. | Chicago Gordon Tech |
| Mike Bias     | 6-3 | Jr. | Quincy              |
| Rob Pelinka   | 6-3 | Jr. | Lake Forest         |
| Deon Thomas   | 6-7 | So. | Chicago Simeon      |

**Second Sleeper**

|                |     |                                  |
|----------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| Wayne Williams | 6-5 | 8th Calumet City Schrum Jr. High |
|----------------|-----|----------------------------------|

**Illinois' Top 10 Teams**

1. Peoria Manual
2. Chicago Simeon
3. Lincoln
4. East St. Louis Lincoln
5. Chicago King
6. Olympia Fields Rich Central
7. Chicago Collins
8. Chicago Robeson
9. Oak Forest
10. Lockport



# Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



Readers' Choice

Oscar Combs

Nick Nicholas

Mike Estep

Todd Hallum

Gary Cromwell

Koop Demon

Two Weeks Ago  
Total

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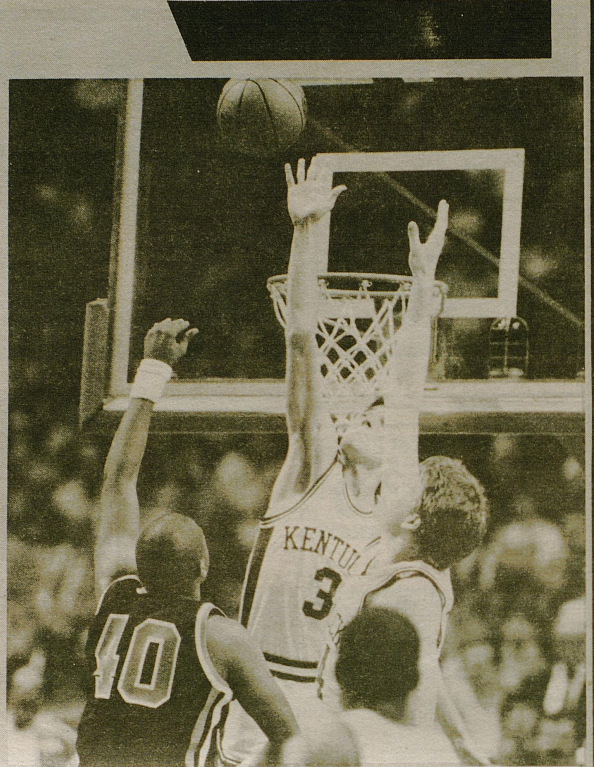
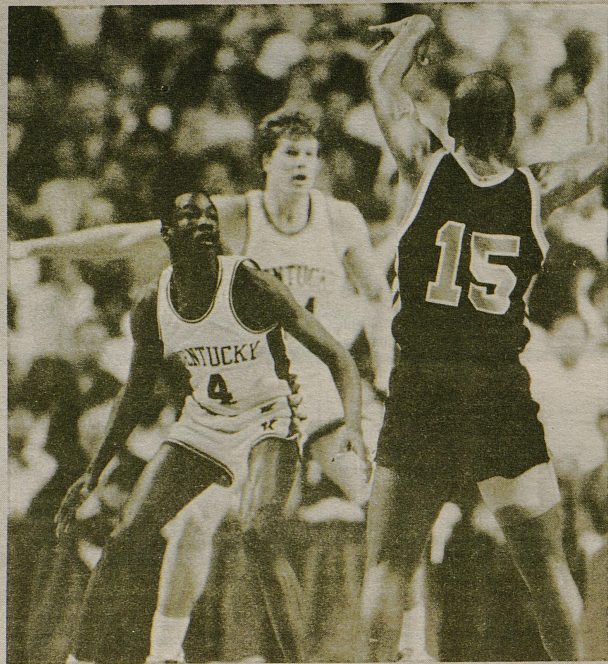
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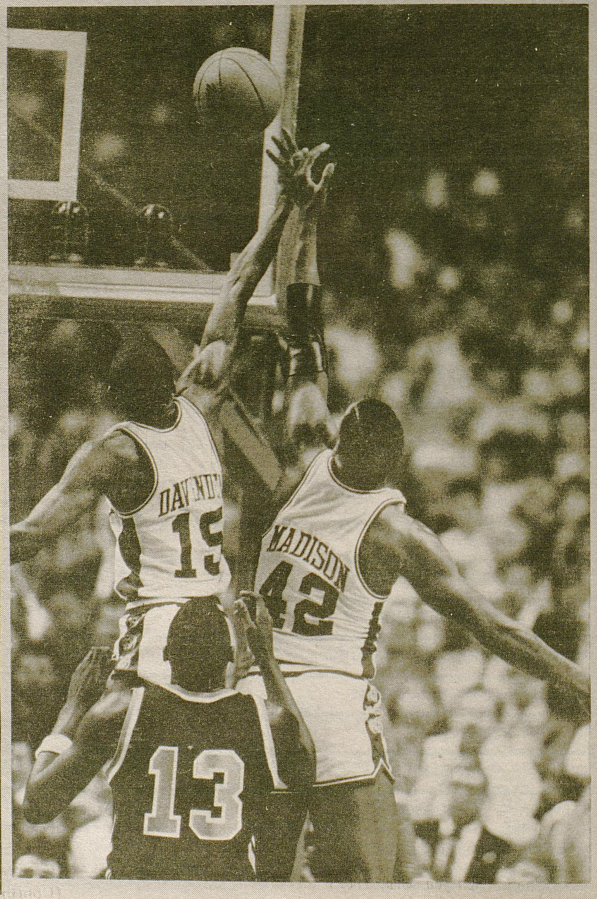
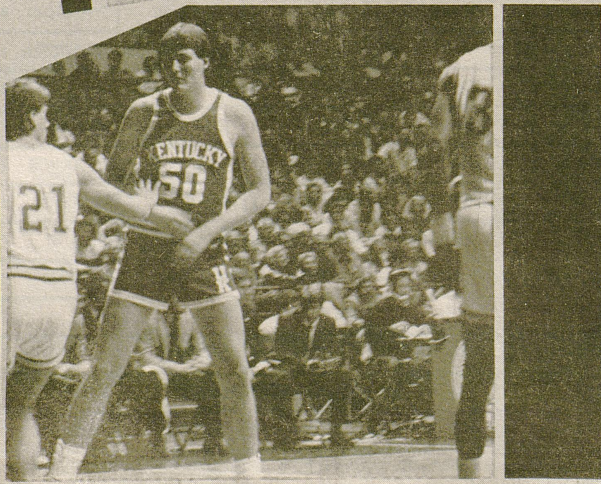
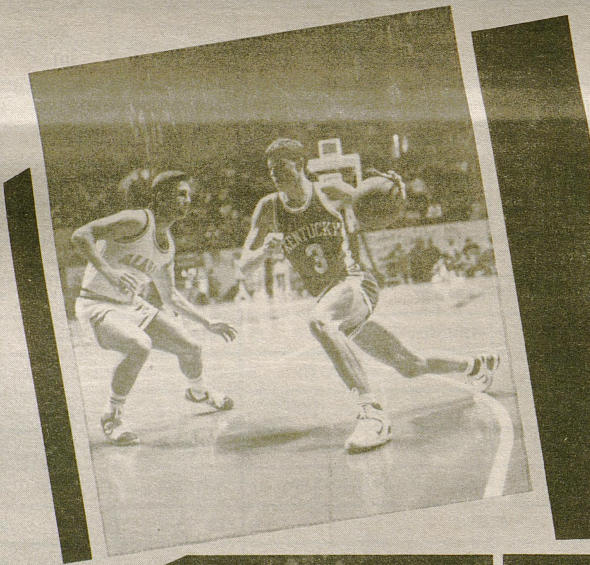
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| ALABAMA AT LSU                | LSU        | 2 | LSU        | 2  | ALABAMA    | 3  | LSU        | 2  | ALABAMA    | 3  | LSU        | 1  |
| AUBURN AT TENNESSEE           | AUBURN     | 3 | AUBURN     | 4  | AUBURN     | 10 | AUBURN     | 3  | AUBURN     | 4  | AUBURN     | 7  |
| GEORGIA AT VANDERBILT         | VANDY      | 1 | VANDY      | 7  | VANDY      | 5  | VANDY      | 14 | VANDY      | 6  | VANDY      | 9  |
| MISSISSIPPI STATE AT OLE MISS | OLE MISS   | 4 | OLE MISS   | 9  | OLE MISS   | 8  | OLE MISS   | 9  | OLE MISS   | 2  | OLE MISS   | 6  |
| ILLINOIS AT IOWA              | IOWA       | 3 | IOWA       | 2  | IOWA       | 2  | IOWA       | 5  | IOWA       | 5  | IOWA       | 9  |
| PURDUE AT MINNESOTA           | PURDUE     | 1 | PURDUE     | 6  | PURDUE     | 7  | PURDUE     | 20 | PURDUE     | 14 | PURDUE     | 10 |
| OHIO STATE AT NORTHWESTERN    | OHIO ST.   | 4 | OHIO ST.   | 11 | OHIO ST.   | 3  | OHIO ST.   | 4  | OHIO ST.   | 7  | OHIO ST.   | 8  |
| N.C. STATE AT GEORGIA TECH    | GA. TECH   | 2 | N.C. STATE | 7  | GA. TECH   | 1  | GA. TECH   | 2  | N.C. STATE | 2  | GA. TECH   | 6  |
| CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA           | CLEMSON    | 7 | CLEMSON    | 2  | CLEMSON    | 2  | VIRGINIA   | 3  | CLEMSON    | 3  | CLEMSON    | 2  |
| NORTH CAROLINA AT MARYLAND    | CAROLINA   | 7 | CAROLINA   | 16 | CAROLINA   | 18 | CAROLINA   | 14 | CAROLINA   | 12 | CAROLINA   | 13 |
| UTAH AT BRIGHAM YOUNG         | BYU        | 7 | BYU        | 8  | BYU        | 1  | BYU        | 4  | BYU        | 6  | BYU        | 9  |
| LOUISVILLE AT SYRACUSE        | SYRACUSE   | 4 | LOUISVILLE | 1  | SYRACUSE   | 8  | SYRACUSE   | 7  | SYRACUSE   | 4  | SYRACUSE   | 8  |
| OKLAHOMA AT KANSAS            | OKLAHOMA   | 2 | OKLAHOMA   | 2  | OKLAHOMA   | 3  | OKLAHOMA   | 1  | OKLAHOMA   | 5  | OKLAHOMA   | 1  |
| UCLA AT USC                   | UCLA       | 4 | UCLA       | 4  | UCLA       | 5  | UCLA       | 6  | UCLA       | 3  | UCLA       | 2  |
| TEMPLE AT WEST VIRGINIA       | TEMPLE     | 7 | TEMPLE     | 9  | TEMPLE     | 9  | TEMPLE     | 3  | TEMPLE     | 9  | TEMPLE     | 7  |
| PROVIDENCE AT ST. JOHN'S      | ST. JOHN'S | 4 | ST. JOHN'S | 5  | ST. JOHN'S | 3  | PROVIDENCE | 1  | ST. JOHN'S | 5  | ST. JOHN'S | 2  |
| SOUTH ALABAMA AT WESTERN      | WESTERN    | 7 | WESTERN    | 12 | WESTERN    | 11 | WESTERN    | 1  | WESTERN    | 6  | WESTERN    | 8  |
| MISSOURI AT OKLAHOMA STATE    | OKLA. ST.  | 7 | OKLA. ST.  | 1  | MISSOURI   | 3  | MISSOURI   | 3  | OKLA. ST.  | 4  | OKLA. ST.  | 7  |
| MICHIGAN AT MICHIGAN STATE    | MICHIGAN   | 8 | MICHIGAN   | 2  | MICHIGAN   | 1  | MICHIGAN   | 3  | MICHIGAN   | 5  | MICHIGAN   | 5  |
| DUKE AT NOTRE DAME            | DUKE       | 4 | DUKE       | 2  | DUKE       | 1  | DUKE       | 4  | DUKE       | 3  | DUKE       | 1  |
| OLE MISS AT ALABAMA           | ALABAMA    | 8 | ALABAMA    | 10 | ALABAMA    | 10 | ALABAMA    | 10 | ALABAMA    | 1  | ALABAMA    | 9  |
| FLORIDA AT TENNESSEE          | FLORIDA    | 2 | FLORIDA    | 2  | TENNESSEE  | 2  | TENNESSEE  | 7  | FLORIDA    | 3  | TENNESSEE  | 1  |
| GEORGIA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE  | GEORGIA    | 8 | GEORGIA    | 4  | GEORGIA    | 2  | GEORGIA    | 5  | GEORGIA    | 7  | GEORGIA    | 9  |
| VANDERBILT AT KENTUCKY        | KENTUCKY   | 9 | KENTUCKY   | 7  | KENTUCKY   | 7  | KENTUCKY   | 10 | KENTUCKY   | 8  | KENTUCKY   | 11 |



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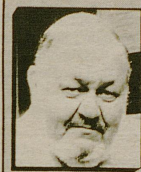


## High School Coach Talks Recruiting

Mac Barnes Says System Is Working

Mac Barnes, the 34-year-old head football coach at Meridian (Miss.) High School, is generally conceded to have the state's most successful prep program. Over the past nine years his teams have won 175 games, lost only 27 and tied one. Three times they have earned state championships. Some 55 of his players have signed college scholarships, over 20 of them with major schools. With national signing day scheduled for Feb. 11, who better to discuss recruiting from the high school point of view than Barnes?

So, here's a question and answer session I had with Barnes:  
**Question:** What sells a kid on going to a particular school?



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

Barnes: Well, I think first of all, and I used to not think this, they're looking for a chance to be on TV and a chance for exposure and a chance to possibly go on and play in the NFL. I didn't realize that at first. I used to think that was pretty farfetched. But right now you look at the number of kids in certain programs that are going into the NFL and the college coaches are selling this. Back in 1980, we had a coach from a school up North who came in and he talked to our kids about the number of kids from his school who had gone into the NFL, telling them, "If you can play well here, your chances of going to the NFL are pretty good." I think that's a real factor. The second thing I think, are family ties or any lifestyle that child has grown up in, that a certain school has been dominant in. In other words, if his family has all gone to Ole Miss or Mississippi State or Southern, or wherever, that's a real factor in that kid choosing a school. Then I think more and more now that coaches are recruiting kids who have their occupation in mind. They're telling these kids we have "this type" school and I hear more and more of the kids talking about the school they're planning to major in, business for example, and when they go on campus they're talking to those teachers, really talking. I can still remember when Kermit (Kendrik, who plays safety for Alabama) was being recruited and the school bringing in a list of what percent of their college graduates and the average and minimum salary that they had when they graduated from the school.

**Question:** Almost every recruiter will tell you, in their public statements, that they always stress the opportunity for a kid to get a good education but you seemingly have listed that as third. What about it?

Barnes: Now you asked me what the kid thought. I think that the exposure that they will get playing football is as dominant a factor as anything. I think that obviously if there is a difference in education that would be a factor. I think that's the reason, combined with exposure, that the kids are looking at the major colleges over the small colleges. I think you'll agree that there are a lot of small colleges that offer as good an education as the large ones, but they can't offer 50,000 or 60,000 fans, the TV and stuff like that. So I think that the education part of it to the kid, when you're talking a football scholarship, I believe that he looks by and large at his chances to be successful in playing, knowing that he's going to get a good education at whichever of the five schools he chooses.

**Question:** If you were a recruiter, then would you stress the point you just made?

Barnes: Yes, I would stress two primary points. The educational part of it, but I would also stress the athletic part of it because regardless of what is said, and I don't think the public realizes this, but you ask any college athlete and he will tell you that the amount of time he has to spend in athletics is phenomenal.

**Question:** Does the physical plant of a school enter in as a factor? For example, Alabama's new complex. Does that sell a kid?

Barnes: No doubt! I think that's an absolute factor. I was watching SEC basketball and Joe Dean pointed out there isn't an SEC school that doesn't have a great basketball facility now. They couldn't get a basketball player to come there if they couldn't say they could play in front of 9,000 or 10,000 people. A gym that only has 4,000 people, well, you're not going to get a great player.

**Question:** The weight rooms, athletic dorms, all these things are factors?

Barnes: Certainly. I tell you what. They'll even look at the uniforms. You just can't imagine. You take a kid who comes from

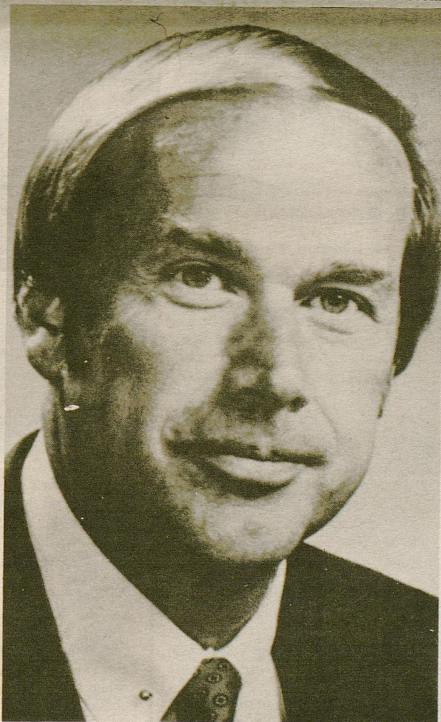
a poor situation at home and the chance to go eat at a great dining facility, get all the food he wants, well, it's amazing to me the influence it has on a high school athlete.

**Question:** Mac, how much cheating is going on?

Barnes: I don't know. I'm like so many other people in that you hear all these things and so forth. I'm concerned that first of all that the high school athlete hears so much about it that he's expecting it and that it's just almost to the point that the high school athlete initiates it. I don't think that there's any college coach that wants to cheat. I can't say any. I'd say the vast majority of them want to stay away from it as much as possible. But there's always that case of what to do when you know of an alumnus offering a kid or giving a kid something. What do you do? But I'm afraid there is cheating taking place. I can't tell you how much, but it concerns me and I think it concerns the college coaches. The ones I've talked to are frustrated at the recruiting process. I can't really tell you how much of it is going on, but I believe it goes on.

**Question:** Has anyone ever offered to lay anything on you—either a coach or an alumnus—if you'll influence a kid to go to their school?

Barnes: No, and I think that's an area that I get most upset with. We've had kids who said they were going to a certain school and at the last minute they would change their mind and all over the state people would say, "Well, the rumor was that you told him to do this or that." I stay out of it. I don't have any ties to any school. I want our kids to go to a good school and I get upset when an alumnus says Barnes didn't want him to go here or there. The only thing I do is keep my office open. If they want to talk I stress to them the importance of handling the recruiting situation. You see kids when they get into it, it's all exciting. The toughest thing I've ever seen is when a kid had three or four places he liked and not be able to those other three coaches that he was going there. I tell them this is going to be hard to tell those coaches who have become



Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs

good friends with you. You like the school but you can't give any reason except you like the other school better. They say, "Well, I'll handle that." but it is still one of the toughest things a kid has to do.

**Question:** Finally, Mac, is the system working?

Barnes: By and large, yes, and I'd say the biggest flaws in it are that there are a lot of college fans who live and breath college foot-

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## Lexington Duo, Paintsville Product Say 'Yes' To UK

Last week Lexington Bryan Station football products William Dishman and Derrick Thomas announced they will attend and play for the University of Kentucky.

During his senior campaign Dishman, a 6-foot, 195-pound tailback rushed for 1,568 yards on 156 attempts. While Dishman was starring on offense, Thomas, a 6-2, 215-pound linebacker, was creating havoc on defense.

According to Bryan Station coach Steve Parker, Thomas racked up 150 solo tackles, five fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He's been timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Dishman also played on the defensive end of the pignisk.

"They're just as good as anyone else being recruited in the country," Parker told *The Cats' Pause* last week. "Both are city kids, good kids and great players. They should fit in well with coach (Jerry) Claiborne's program."

Both Dishman and Thomas, according to Parker, have passed their ACT tests according to Proposition 48 guidelines.

Parker describes Dishman as an offensive back who "has it all. He's strong, receives the ball well and is a good blocker. He has plenty of football know-how. He knows only one way to run with the football and that's north and south. William is a superb back."

When asked to compare Dishman to some of UK's current crop of runners—Mark Higgs, Ivy Joe Hunter, Al Baker—the Bryan Station coach was not one to back off.

"He'll be just as good as anyone they have," Parker replied. "Once he gets the tough training (he'll be just as good). The only thing is, is that he doesn't have the blazing speed like some of them do."

Like Dishman, Parker also foresees a bright collegiate career for Thomas.

"Derrick has not totally tapped his potential," said Parker. "In a couple of years I feel like he will be playing a lot... if not some next season. That is, if he doesn't get red-shirted."

Parker went on to say that Thomas is "a Division I player who could have gone anywhere in the country. He'll be a great asset to the University of Kentucky."

Over the past few years many of Bryan Station's outstanding prospects have signed on at Kentucky. Those included are: Edgar Shearer, Marc Logan, Cornell Burbage, Dermontti Dawson.

Parker, who played and lettered for the Wildcats in 1972, under John Ray, and in '73 and '74 under Fran Curci, made mention of the fact that he never persuades a prospect to attend his alma mater.

"I never tell any youngster where to go," Parker said. "That's a decision that's left up to them. I feel like I'm very objective and so are the rest of our coaches."

"Their decisions (players') are based on what they've seen and heard."

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Paintsville High School's football sensation Joey Couch announced last Tuesday (Feb. 3) that he will sign a letter of intent to play for the University of Kentucky. Couch, 6-3, 240-pound linebacker was also recruited by Army, Louisville, Navy and Vanderbilt.

A starter since he was a freshman, Couch paced the Tigers in tackles during his final two seasons.

He also is a member of Paintsville's talented basketball and baseball squads.

"I was impressed with all of them," said Couch in a *Lexington Herald-Leader* story. "But everybody in eastern Kentucky and, I

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# 'Cats Climb Into Third Place

# Davender's Heroics Spell

By Nick Nicholas

A month ago Alabama's stock soared to great heights in the Southeastern Conference race after a 69-55 victory over Kentucky in Rupp Arena. Prior to last Saturday, Alabama was leading the SEC with a 10-1 slate and only seven games remaining.

Already many hoop experts were conceding the regular season title to the Crimson Tide. That was before Eddie Sutton's 'Cats did an upset number on Wimp Sanderson's ballclub. Now there is a tie for the top spot because of UK's 70-69 victory, compiled with Florida's easy win against Mississippi State.

After Saturday's play both the Gators and Tide own 10-2 league marks. Ed Davender's 28th and 29th points of the day, on a 10-foot jumper with six seconds remaining, enabled the Wildcats to claim a slim one-point margin. 'Bama had one last try, but Derrick McKey's 18-footer was off the mark, ending one of the year's most exciting ballgames.

Kentucky, 14-6, 7-5 in league play, was led by Davender's hot hand. Despite picking up his third and four fouls early in the second half, the junior playmaker kept his cool during the heat of the battle.

With 14:46 remaining and the count 47-44 in favor of the Tide, Davender picked up his third personal. Eighteen seconds later the UK junior was issued his fourth foul. Now Kentucky's hot hand in the first half (nine of 11 from the field, 18 points) was on the bench. His seat on the sidelines, however, wasn't occupied for very long as he checked back in minutes later.

"He (Eddie Sutton) knew I wanted to play," said Davender. "He knew that I would go through the game and not try to get my fifth foul. I think I did a pretty good job; they would try to isolate me a couple of times, go one-on-one and post me up. I just tried to work around it."

And Sutton's response? "I felt like we had to put him back in," said the UK coach. "because at the time we were down by six or seven points. I felt like we just couldn't let them get ahead in double figures. We might not ever had a chance to catch up."

"I told him, when he went back in, 'if he had to give up a basket go ahead and give it up, but don't pick up your fifth foul!'"

Davender's three-point connection at the 10:33 mark pulled UK to within four, 53-49. And it was down the stretch when he scored six of UK's final nine points, including his thrilling bucket in the final seconds.

### Down To The Wire

The wierd part about Kentucky's 14th win of the season was that the 'Cats trailed by six, 69-63, with only 1:23 left to play. Wonder what was going through the Wildcats' minds?

"We knew we could (still) win because our ballclub was a bit quicker," said Richard Madison. "We pressed them fullcourt and just fought hard."

Following two free throws by Davender, making the score 69-65 with 1:09 left, Kentucky's defense was waiting for 'Bama to inbound the ball. UK's Rex Chapman stole it past the midcourt line and proceeded to fire the round object to James Blackmon underneath, who laid it in while at the same time being fouled by Jim Farmer.

"Towards the end we were trying to put a lot of pressure on them," said Blackmon. "Rex made a big steal and I was just ready for the ball because he's a great passer. Fortunately, the ref called a foul."

Blackmon pulled his team within one, 69-68, by canning the free throw. What once seemed like a sure thing for the Crimson Tide had now developed into a white-knuckler between the two teams with only 50 seconds left.

Again, UK pressed. This time, however, Alabama's Michael Ansley, UA's worst free throw shooter (65.8 percent) among its starters this season, was sent to the line after Chapman was whistled for reaching in. With the pressure on, Ansley attempt caromed off the rim. Blackmon alertly tapped the ball to Cedric Jenkins who secured position. The scoreboard told the story—Alabama 69, UK 68; Time: 44 seconds left.

Kentucky then ran off 28 seconds before calling timeout. What was its strategy?

"Well, the opportunity was there for me," said UK's Davender. "The play was designed for Rex to clear through and if I could take my man (Terry Coner) to go ahead and take him. If not, then dish it out to Rex."

After taking a pass from Jenkins, Davender went to his left and fired up a 10-footer with Coner's outstretched hands in his face. Davender's shot comfortably swished through the twine with six seconds left.

"His defense wasn't bad," noted Davender, "there was no question about that. 'I had to alter it a little bit because I felt like McKey or Ansley would come out of nowhere and swat it. Our big guys kept them occupied and I just had the opportunity to get the shot off."

But wait! Alabama still had the chance to spoil UK's party. With five seconds left Sanderson's troops frantically signaled for a timeout.

Mark Gottfried inbounded the pass to Terry Coner, who called for another timeout at midcourt with only three ticks left.

Everyone in Memorial Coliseum knew that McKey, in all likelihood, would get the final shot. And why not... all he had done during the afternoon was score 20 points and snare eight rebounds, both high marks for the home team.

While wanting to see how the Tide would set up for the final shots, Sutton instructed

his players to signal a timeout of their own. He sent in Rob Lock for Blackmon, putting the 6-10 center on the man inbounding the ball.

Ansley then inbounded the ball to McKey who was guarded by UK's long-arm of the law, Cedric Jenkins. Jenkins may have distracted McKey's shot because his 18-foot left baseline attempt hit short. The heavily watched object bounced off the rim and Chapman slapped the ball away for precautionary measures.

"We didn't do too bad," Sanderson said in reference to his team's last attempt. "We got the ball to midcourt with three seconds, and that wasn't bad. We didn't have quite enough time on the clock for Terry (Coner) to take it and penetrate. Time was running out."

"I felt like we needed to shoot the ball off of one pass. We did get a shot for Derrick; it wasn't a great shot but it was about all we could get. Hopefully, we could have drawn a foul or something. To have the ball on the baseline and get the kind of shot that we got was a credit to our team."

"Once you inbound that ball three seconds is not very long." Asked what was going through his mind when McKey took the shot, Jenkins said, "I was thinking that I had to contest the shot as much as possible. The last thing I wanted to do was foul him. I just tried to put the right amount of pressure on him."

"I was thinking they were going to try and lob it in to him. That was my primary concern."

### The First 58:37 Wasn't Bad Either

Kentucky quickly jumped to an 8-2 lead, thanks in part to four Wildcat shots without a miss. UK even increased its lead to 15-4 when Madison scored on a layup with only 5:34 elapsed in the initial stanza. It was apparent that this Kentucky team wasn't the same one which collapsed in the second half against 'Bama during the two teams' encounter in January.

"We knew that we played bad in Lexington when we played Alabama," Blackmon said. "They came in and just jumped on us early and took advantage of the mistakes we made. We were prepared for this ballgame and we had a lot of respect for their ballclub."

"We just wanted to come down here and execute on offense and play aggressive defense."

Gottfried, however, ignited the Alabama partisan crowd with a three-pointer against UK's man-to-man defense. On the other hand, UK was not frightened as it would later bolt out to a 25-13 advantage after Davender scored eight straight points for the 'Cats.

At the 6:35 mark, Davender would score UK's fifth straight field goal—an eight-foot off-balanced jumper—but the Wildcats' lead had suddenly shrunk to seven, 27-20.

While Davender's 18 points helped UK tack on a 40-35 lead by intermission, McKey and Farmer were going to war for the Crimson and White in the half's final moments. The two combined for 13 of 'Bama's last 14 first half points (McKey eight points, Farmer five). In fact, McKey (12) and Farmer (eight) scored 20 of UA's 35 tallies.

Kentucky opened the second half in a 2-3 zone defense. It wasn't long, however, until the 'Cats were forced back into their traditional man-to-man defense.

Alabama came out smokin' in the second half as a three-pointer by Gottfried and a dunk by McKey tied the score at 40 apiece. Moments later Chapman spotted Blackmon underneath for an easy bucket, giving UK a 42-40 advantage. But Farmer's bonus baby from the left baseline gave the Tide its first lead of the game, 43-40 with 17:43 left.

Not until Davender's bucket with six seconds left would the Wildcats reclaim the lead.

With Davender one foul away from an early departure, 'Bama widened its lead to 51-44 when Coner hit McKey with a nifty pass, allowing the center to jam one home. Most of the 15,043 on hand loved it.

To its credit Kentucky did not fold. The 'Cats pulled to within one on several occasions. To wit:

\*Davender's five-footer cut the lead to one, 54-53 with 8:38 left. However, Coner's layup upped the advantage back to three.

\*Following a media timeout, Chapman, underneath UK's basket, was credited for an assist after he hit Blackmon with a perfect pass underneath. But... on the other end, Farmer picked up a loose ball and quickly turned it into two points for the Crimson Tide.

\*And three more times did the 'Cats pull within one—two buckets by Madison and one tap-in by Jenkins. Those three field goals were countered by two-pointers from Farmer and Coner, respectively.

A three-pointer by freshman Keith Askins broke this monotonous sequence, giving the Tide a 65-61 lead at the 3:48 mark. And things really looked dim for the visitors when McKey's two scores from inside gave 'Bama a 69-63 lead with only 83 ticks remaining.

### Wildcat—Crimson Tide Tidbits

It's hard to believe that with all of this season's past free throw shooting woes would the 'Cats hit on eight of nine from the charity stripe while Alabama hit 11 of 15. UK entered the game 60.4 percent mark from the free throw line while Alabama was hitting at a 78.3 clip. . . Former Wildcat coach **Joe B. Hall** and his wife **Katharine** were in attendance to watch the 'Cats pull off the upset. . . **Terry Coner** was credited with all of Alabama's assists—10. **Rex Chapman** had seven assists, followed by **James Blackmon** and **Ed Davender** with three each. . . While scoring 18 points against Mississippi State (Jan. 31) and 27 points against Auburn last Wednesday, Blackmon was named the SEC's Player of the Week. . . Davender on his game-winner: "I told a couple

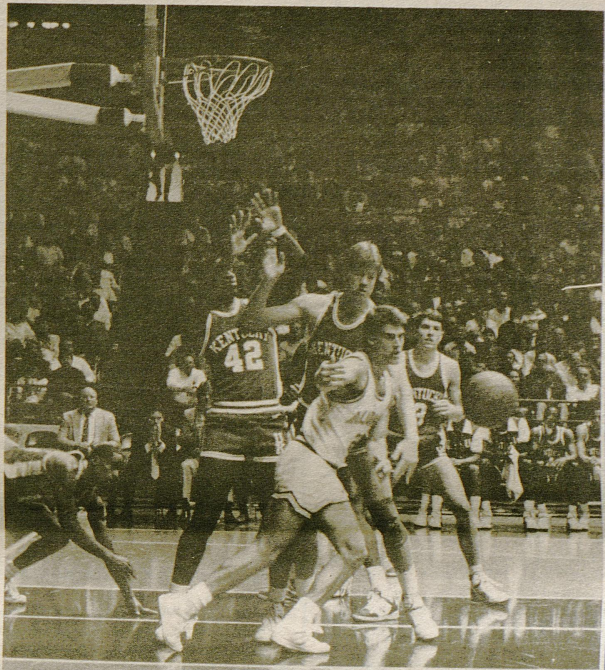
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| 10                 | Blackmon  |
| 15                 | Davender  |
| 4                  | Miller    |
| 14                 | Andrews   |
| 20                 | Bruce     |
| 21                 | Shige     |
| 30                 | Thomas    |
| 50                 | Scott     |
| 55                 | Jenkins   |
| TEAM REB.          |           |
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| FT %: 1st          |           |
| HOME (Last Name)   |           |
| No. 1              | ALABAMA   |
| 45                 | Ansley    |
| 21                 | Farmer    |
| 31                 | McKey     |
| 23                 | Gottfried |
| 30                 | Coner     |
| 11                 | Jackson   |
| 72                 | Hudson    |
| 74                 | Dudley    |
| 41                 | Askins    |
| 42                 | Belk, Jr. |
| 44                 | Gilbert   |
| 57                 | DeVaughn  |
| 44                 | Coner     |
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| Technical Fouls:   |           |
| Attendance: 15,043 |           |



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# Well Doom For Tide, 70-69

of fellas that I was going to hit the game-winner, like **Roger (Harden)** did last year." Last year, it was Harden's jumper in the final seconds which knocked off Alabama in Tuscaloosa. . . Davender's 29 tied his Wildcat career high. . . With the loss, Alabama is now tied with **Florida** for first place in the conference. Next up for the Tide are road encounters in Nashville and Baton Rouge. . . **Wimp Sanderson** on Kentucky. "Kentucky is so capable. One thing that they do in their recruiting, and it's something



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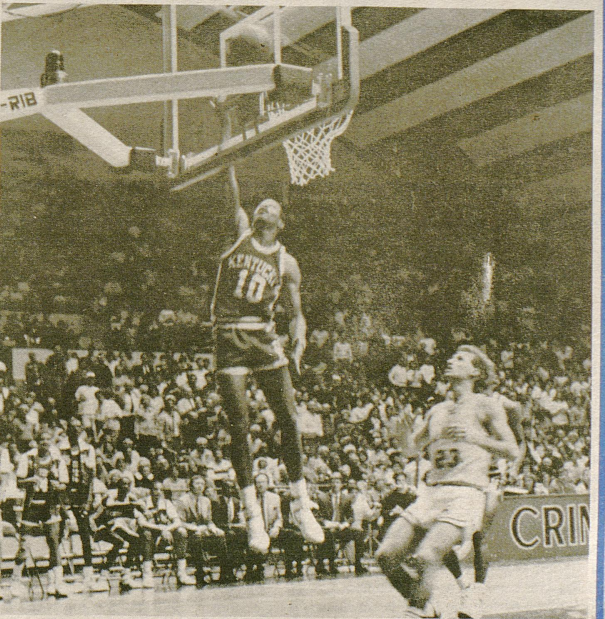
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Date 2-7-87 Site Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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| KENTUCKY (14-6, 7-5 SEC)  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| 42  | Madison, Richard   | f      | 7   | 11  |     | 0      | 0   | 1   | 7   | 8  | 1  | 14 | 2  | 2   | 0 | 3   | 36 |    |    |
| 44  | Lock, Robert       | c      | 3   | 5   |     | 0      | 0   | 3   | 1   | 4  | 3  | 6  | 0  | 3   | 1 | 0   | 22 |    |    |
| 3   | Chapman, Rex       | f      | 3   | 12  |     | 1      | 5   | 4   | 4   | 1  | 1  | 2  | 9  | 11  | 7 | 3   | 0  | 24 |    |
| 10  | Blackmon, James    | g      | 3   | 7   |     | 0      | 2   | 2   | 3   | 0  | 2  | 2  | 8  | 3   | 1 | 0   | 1  | 38 |    |
| 15  | Davender, Ed       | g      | 13  | 19  |     | 1      | 2   | 2   | 2   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 29  | 3 | 2   | 0  | 2  | 37 |
| 4   | Miller, Derrick    |        | 0   | 1   |     | 0      | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0   | 3  |    |    |
| 14  | Andrews, Paul      |        | 0   | 0   |     | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0   | 7  |    |    |
| 20  | Bruce, Steve       |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| 21  | Shige, Terry       |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| 30  | Thomas, Irving     |        | 0   | 0   |     | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 1 | 0   | 4  |    |    |
| 50  | Scott, Mike        |        | 0   | 0   |     | 0      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0 | 0   | 2  |    |    |
| 55  | Jenkins, Cedric    |        | 1   | 1   |     | 0      | 0   | 1   | 3   | 4  | 1  | 2  | 0  | 3   | 1 | 0   | 17 |    |    |
| TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| TOTALS  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 18-27 (.667) 2nd Half 12-29 (.413) Game 30-56 (.537) |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-3 (.333) 2nd Half 1-7 (.143) Game 2-10 (.200)       |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |
| FT %: 1st Half 3-4 (.750) 2nd Half 5-5 (1.00) Game 8-9 (.889)             |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |    |    |

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| ALABAMA (17-4, 10-2 SEC)  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 45  | Anselvy, Michael   | f      | 1   | 2   |     | 2      | 3   | 2   | 4   | 6  | 2  | 4 | 0  | 1   | 0 | 2   | 30 |    |
| 21  | Farmer, Jim        | f      | 5   | 14  |     | 2      | 5   | 4   | 6   | 3  | 2  | 5 | 3  | 16  | 0 | 3   | 0  | 37 |
| 31  | McKey, Derrick     | c      | 8   | 15  |     | 0      | 2   | 4   | 4   | 3  | 5  | 8 | 1  | 20  | 0 | 5   | 0  | 40 |
| 23  | Gottfried, Mark    | g      | 4   | 7   |     | 2      | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1 | 3  | 10  | 0 | 1   | 0  | 32 |
| 30  | Goner, Terry       | g      | 4   | 8   |     | 1      | 2   | 0   | 0   | 4  | 4  | 3 | 9  | 10  | 5 | 1   | 2  | 37 |
| 11  | Jackson, James     |        | 2   | 2   |     | 1      | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 5   | 0 | 1   | 0  | 14 |
| 22  | Hudson, Joe        |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 24  | Dudley, Craig      |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 41  | Askins, Keith      |        | 2   | 2   |     | 1      | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 | 5  | 0   | 0 | 0   | 10 |    |
| 42  | Belk, John         |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 44  | Gilbert, Josh      |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 57  | DeVaughn, William  |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 58  | Corney, Rob        |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| TOTALS  |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-26 (.462) 2nd Half 14-24 (.583) Game 26-50 (.520) |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 3-6 (.500) 2nd Half 3-7 (.429) Game 6-13 (.461)       |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |
| FT %: 1st Half 8-10 (.800) 2nd Half 3-5 (.600) Game 11-15 (.733)          |                    |        |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |    |    |   |    |     |   |     |    |    |

OFFICIALS: Ref. Dunn: U-1, Vacca: U-2, Ware  
 Technical Fouls: None  
 Attendance: 15,043  
 SCORE BY PERIOD: 1st H. 30-30, 2nd H. 40-34, OT 70-69



Blackmon—Most Recent 'SEC Player Of The Week'

## 'Cats Outshoot Tide From Charity Stripe

so many of us need to try to do, is recruit good shooters. In all of the 27 years that I've been here I can't remember Kentucky having a bad shooting team. On the shot Davender hit, we had good pressure on him. . . he just knocked it home." . . **Eddie Sutton** on Alabama, the SEC race and Kentucky. "There's no doubt that Alabama is the best team in our league. It's probably still a two-team race. At least we're in better position to challenge for third. I think it was a big victory from the standpoint that it should give our team a lot of confidence, so they can go into Florida, LSU or Georgia and (feel like they can) win. This was a great crowd today, it was very enthusiastic. Alabama is a very fine basketball team. . . After the game Sutton gave the players the following day off from practice. . . **Richard Madison** continues to improve with each game. He scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds, seven on the defensive end. . . Speaking of rebounds, Sanderson mentioned afterwards that Kentucky's first-half control of the boards—13-11—played a key factor to allowing UK to jump out to a quick lead. Overall, 'Bama outrebounded it opponents, 27 to 26. . . Alabama's **Jim Farmer** entered the game suffering from an eye infection (viral conjunctivitis). Since contracting the ailment he's hit only 24 of 70, including 5 of 14 against the 'Cats. **Mark Gottfried** also is recovering from the same infection. But against Mississippi State last Wednesday, Gottfried hit on six-of-seven three pointers in the second half! Alabama won the game 76-65. . . The loss to UK snapped 'Bama's 10-game home win streak. The last team to defeat the Tide at Memorial Coliseum? Kentucky did last season, 73-71. . . 'Bama had two players who scored their 1,000 career point. Farmer, who scored 16 points on the afternoon, now has 1,004 while **Derrick McKey** now has 1,010 career tallies. . . Kentucky hit on an unbelievable 18 of 27 in the first half of play.



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## Couch Chooses UK

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guess, all over the state wants to be a Wildcat."

As far as next season goes, Couch understands that he might be placed in a familiar role in regards to incoming freshmen.

"I expect to be redshirted as a freshman," Couch said. "I really want that for academic reasons. Plus, it'll give me a year to get stronger and faster and be ready to play as a redshirt freshman."

According to the UK coaching staff, Couch has passed his test in regards to Proposition 48, thus is eligible for an athletic scholarship.

## WTBS' Tim Foley To Speak At UK's Newman Center

Tim Foley, a former All-Pro football player for the Miami Dolphins and the composer of the Ronald McDonald House theme song, will speak at the University of Kentucky Newman Center Feb. 17.

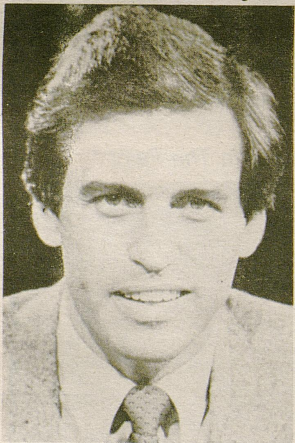
Foley, of Miami Lakes, Fla., began his football career at Purdue University where he was both an All-American and an Academic All-American.

A tenacious back, Foley played 11 seasons (1970-80) for the Dolphins and was one of the cornerstones of Miami's Super Bowl championship teams.

He still holds an NFL record for returning two blocked punts for touchdowns in one game.

Since retiring from football, Foley has been associated with several health clubs in Florida and has done color commentary on Southeastern Conference college gridiron telecasts on the WTBS sports network.

He also is a singer, composer and guitarist



Tim Foley

and released his first album in 1979, entitled "Now That I've Found You."

Foley developed the theme song, "The House That Love Built," for the nationwide Ronald McDonald House project.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes named him Pro Player of the Year in 1978 and he goes about the country promoting FCA ideals.

His talk at the Newman Center will deal with the fellowship and he will be introduced by the state director of the FCA, Steele Harmon of Danville.

Foley, 38, is a native of Wilmette, Ill. He and his wife Connie have two children.

His talk is part of the Catholic Newman Center's Distinguished Speakers Program and begins at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

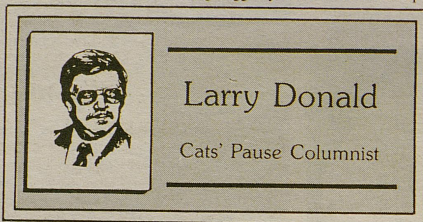
## Pitino Doing The Job At Providence

Is Frieder Basketball's Answer To Yogi?

If college basketball had a "Panasonic Award" for coaches and teams which are slightly ahead of their time, the winner for 1987 would already be evident. **Providence College** and coach **Rick Pitino**.

Forget the fact Pitino has the Friars right on track for the school's first NCAA tournament appearance since 1978. The important thing is how he's transporting this team to postseason play, via the three-point shot.

While other coaches groused about having the rule stuffed down their collective throats or clung doggedly to their basketball upbr-



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

ing of punching the ball into the paint as their only way to truly be successful, Pitino not only made the three-point shot part of the PC offense, but an important part.

Now, you must understand that the second-year coach had three players—**Billy Donovan**, **Pop Lewis** and **Delray Brooks**—who were exceptional perimeter shooters, but he also showed courage in implementing the shot. At Providence College, casting up a three-pointer is as much a part of the offense as the pick-and-roll.

From the moment the rule was introduced last summer, Pitino had his long range bombers working on the shot.

"The advantage that gave us from Oct. 15 on, these guys never have to look down for the three point line!" he said. "They know where it is."

"I knew we had a good ball reversal team and this rule was perfect for that."

I asked Pitino why he incorporated the shot so quickly while others have used it as a desperation shot, if at all.

"Well, you don't have to be an accountant to figure out that 40 percent on the three-pointers is better than 50 percent on two-pointers," he said. "We have great confidence in it and will take it at all costs."

"You know when I was coaching in the pros (as an assistant with the New York Knicks), I'd scout college games and really found them boring. This makes it a lot more exciting. The only thing is it's probably too easy. I don't think we should move it back to the NBA line, or even foot back. Maybe six or eight inches and you'd have yourself a nice shot."

And no doubt, Pitino would be ready for that as well. . . .

I caught up with the much-traveled **Tito Horford** recently. You remember the young man who signed with LSU only to be booted there. He's eligible now after sitting out two semesters at the **University of Miami**. Without Tito the Hurricanes limped off to a 1-4 start, but since he's come back they are 8-5 and included in that stretch was a five-game winning streak.

Horford, who is still a freshman eligibility wise, has a lot of athletic talent, but must refine his basketball skills. He is already a shot blocker and a shot changer on the inside, but he needs to become more dominant in the middle and off the glass. On the offensive end, he's got a good touch, but still tends to rush things.

Bottom line? "He's got a chance to be a great one," says Miami coach **Bill Foster**.

No argument here. . . .

One of my favorite coaches is **Michigan's Bill Frieder**. He's got a real chance at being to college basketball what **Yogi Berra** is to baseball. I mean some of the things he says are just great.

After his team knocked off Syracuse in a nationally televised game, Frieder was talking about the importance of an upcoming road trip to Northwestern and Wisconsin.

"See, if we could get those two that would give us 13 wins with 11 games to go," he said. "Now if we could split those 11 we'd have a chance at making the NCAA tournament."

That would give the Wolverines a record of 18½ and 11½. Well, for those who don't understand Frieder math, that explanation comes shortly.

Question: "Are you surprised to beat Syracuse?"  
Frieder: "No."

Question: "You came here today expecting to beat Syracuse?"  
Frieder: "I didn't think we'd win, but I never go into a game thinking we are gonna lose."

That's a perfect outlook for a man trying to win half of 11 games, I'd say. . . .

Here's a thought: How about **Syracuse** coach **Jim Boeheim** as national Coach of the Year? After all, his Orangemen lost three key starters, two of whom are playing right now in the NBA, and what did Syracuse do? Won its first 15 games. This is a program which receives so much exposure that its success is taken for granted. Boeheim's done an outstanding job. . . .

It was nice to see **Wake Forest** reward coach **Bob Staak** with a two-year extension on his contract. I was thinking recently that Staak needed to win an ACC game very soon now. Wake Forest administrators took away some of the heat and added a great stabilizing factor to their program. . . .

Every time I watch **Purdue** play I keep remembering what coach **Gene Keady** told me before the season: That his point guard **Everett Stephens** has never played well in a big game. . . . Do you think **Georgetown** coach **John Thompson** is amused by the fact that he has so intimidated every telecaster that they are afraid to tell the nation this is a very ordinary team by Hoya standards?

But, fret not for Georgetown. I'm told they are the early leader for 6-11 **Alonzo Mourning**, who is said to be the best big man among the junior schoolboys. . . . How are things at **Auburn**, a team hit hard by the winter flu? "If you could see us in practice, we're like a bunch of dead people standing up," says coach **Sonny Smith**. . . .

A serious blow was dealt to **California** when 6-9 center **Leonard Taylor** was lost for the season to injury. The Bears had their eyes on an NCAA bid, but it will be a tough haul now. . . . **George Washington** and **St. Bonaventure** agreed to move their televised game on a Sunday afternoon to a 4 p.m. start which seemed like a good idea. But with the Redskins and Giants meeting



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in an NFL playoff game there were only 340 fans who showed up to watch the game. . . . Can you identify the SEC school which has finished in the first division in each of the last 10 years? If you said **LSU**, you are an outstanding SEC student. . . .

Can you think of another independent other than **DePaul** which seems to be a likely NCAA tournament participant? **Marquette** and **Dayton** appear to have no chance. Nor does **Miami**. And what about **Notre Dame**? A long shot. More significantly, can we view this as simply an off year for these traditional independent powers or symptomatic of the deep recruiting problems which may ultimately force these schools into a league? . . .

When **Iowa** was running up the first 100-point game ever against a **Bob Knight**-coached team recently, they had a fan in California who was glued to his television set. When **USC** coach **George Raveling** was asked about the Hawkeye's game against Indiana in his weekly press conference, he told the media he had a satellite dish installed at his home and would be watching. He invited anyone who wanted to see the game to come over. And about 20 did. "There wasn't a bigger fan in Carver Arena that night than me," he said. . . . Sign of the times and probably a good indicator why there are

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# Hot Hand

## Wildcat James Blackmon Continues Torrid Offensive Pace By Scoring Career-High Of 27 Points As Kentucky Holds Off Furious Auburn Rally To Post 75-71 Victory

By Nick Nicholas

Against Mississippi State James Blackmon had one of his finest games in a Wildcat uniform. The Marion, Ind., native scored 18 points at the offensive end and played some gritty man-to-man defense on the other end.

What could he possibly do for an encore? Well, try this on for size—27 points, four rebounds, three steals, two assists and again, some heads up defense for 38 minutes as Kentucky outlasted visiting Auburn last Wednesday evening, 75-71.

"I'm proud of this guy," said Eddie Sutton in reference to Blackmon. "He's one of our two seniors. I was happy to see him really bust out tonight and have a great offensive ballgame. But he's been playing well in practice and that's always a good barometer for a basketball team."

Auburn, which trailed at halftime 46-31, made a late stab at the 'Cats and almost pulled it out in the final seconds.

Down by two with less than 10 seconds remaining, sophomore Aundrae Davis misfired on a three-pointer. Rex Chapman then dished off a pass to Blackmon who in turn laid it in as the final buzzer signaled the end of the contest.

"If they (UK) were in a zone," said Auburn's Sonny Smith, "we were going to look for the three. If it wasn't there we were going to dump it inside and try and tie the game. If they were in man (defense) we were going to go for two because we didn't think we could get the three with only one three-point shooter in the game."

"What our problem was, and what helped Kentucky win, was the fact that they had fouls to give (called for only three in second half). We're trying to run wide so they wouldn't catch us and they didn't foul us."

Sutton said that the reason UK didn't foul was because he thought the officials might call an intentional infraction, thus giving Auburn two shots instead of inbounding the ball.

Kentucky had a chance to almost clinch the victory with 26 seconds left. However, Ed Davender missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity and Auburn regained possession.

Once getting past the midcourt stripe, the Tigers alertly called a timeout (16 seconds left). With UK showing a zone defense, Smith's crew went for the win instead of the tie. Its decision, though, that didn't pan out.

"We were trying to run away from the foul and score the three on the dribble," said a dejected Auburn coach afterwards. "We didn't get a good shot, but it was not executed exactly the way we wanted."

Auburn was led by Frank Ford and Mike Jones with 18 points apiece. Ford's familiar backcourt mate, Gerald White, was hobbled with an injury and didn't even dress out for the game. Johnny Lynn started in his spot and scored two points in 11 minutes of action.

Besides Blackmon's career-high effort, Rex Chapman and Richard Madison had stellar performances for the Wildcats. Chapman scored 18 points and dished out seven assists while Madison made his impact from underneath, scoring most of his 13 points on short turnaround jumpers.

### UK Builds Early Cushion But Tigers Claw Back Into Contest

Auburn's Chris Morris broke the scoring ice by hitting one of two free throws as the Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead.

Oh, but how things can go wrong. . . and quickly!

Auburn, needing a win to secure its strong grip on third place, found itself behind 15-5 at the 15:00 minute mark. Many 'Cats contributed to the early routout. During this spree Davender had five, Blackmon had four, and Madison and Chapman chipped in with three apiece.

But it was the Chapman-to-Davender connection, which scored UK's 14th and 15th points, AND which turned on the hometown faithfuls gathered at Rupp Arena.

While going for a loose ball near midcourt, Chapman somehow flicked the ball behind his back toward his team's goal. Davender took the 'desperation assist' and laid it in.

By this time Smith had seen enough and called a timeout.

But if he only knew what was going to happen in the next few minutes.

At one point Blackmon connected on two straight three-pointers to open the gap from 19-7 to 25-8. UK's biggest lead of the night came when Rob Lock's third try was successful following a Madison miss. Lock's triple putback gave UK a 36-18 lead with 6:23 left in the half.

By the time the dust had settled at the end of the first half, Kentucky had built a comfortable 46-31 lead.

Or so it thought.

Auburn didn't waste any time in catching up. In fact, at the 13:13 mark in the second half the Tigers only trailed by four, 54-50. Ford and Moore, who were held to six and four points respectively during the first 20 minutes of play, led the AU's second-half charge.

They combined for 13 of AU's initial 19 second-half tallies. But it was Chapman, Lock and Blackmon who got the 'Cats back on track.

Against Auburn's sticky man-to-man defense Chapman pumped some life back into the 'Cats' attack with a three-pointer (57-50). With the score 57-52, Lock rejected a Moore jumper. Later the 6-10 red head would tip in a Davender miss to propel UK further ahead, 61-54.

Then came Blackmon's turn.

His pair of three-points bombs late in the game enabled UK to fend off its feline friends, or so it thought. After his second three of the half gave UK a 71-58 lead with 6:39 remaining, Auburn then relied on some persistent defensive pressure.

Kentucky was not out of the woods by any means.

It paid off as the 'Cats were outscored in the final 6:39, 13-4. Kentucky's final two field goals came on a driving, dipsy-doodle lay-in by Chapman (4:58) and Blackmon's

dunk at the buzzer. And while Kentucky was kept at bay, Auburn was catching up.

The big play which changed the momentum over to the Tigers' side was when a mad-exchange for a loose ball resulted in a layup by Terrance Howard, making the count 73-66. Add a dunk by Howard and a three-pointer by Ford and just like that the Tigers were within an old-fashioned two-pointer.

Controlling possession and down by only two, Moore decided to try his luck at tying the game. His 10-footer, however, hit off the back of the rim.

"Behind 73-71 we were exactly where we wanted to be," said Smith, "getting the ball inside to Moore. It was the dead spot in the zone but we didn't score."

Kentucky grabbed the defensive board and Davender was then fouled by Ford with 26 seconds left in the contest.

### Tiger-Wildcat Tidbits

Auburn, which came into the game as the nation's fifth best rebounding team, was outscored by the 'Cats—25-24. It marked the second time this season that the 'Cats outscored the Tigers. . . As strange as it may sound, Auburn was able to account for only one offensive board in the first half. . . Kentucky used a 2-3 zone for nearly half of the ballgame. It's something which is rare for an Eddie Sutton-coached team to do. . . **Sonny Smith** on playing Kentucky. "I've been beat by these people six times with the ball in the air at the buzzer. I've had some of the most unusual things happen."

. . . **Sonny Smith** on playing without guard **Gerald White**. "I thought the point guards (**Johnny Lynn** and **Terrance Howard**) did an incredible job. I don't think we can use White not being here as an excuse because I thought we got some pretty good play out of our people. I thought we had an excuse the last time we played Kentucky. I can't think of a one tonight." . . . **Sonny Smith** about teams preparing for his squad. "I think people really get up for us because they think we're so good. I think they're the most misinformed people in the world. I'll give you an example. I got to reading in the paper and how they said we're so big and all of those gorillas we have. I got to looking at that bunch warming up tonight and we didn't have a guy as big as any of them (UK)."

. . . **With the loss Auburn's record is now 12-7, 5-5 in the SEC. . . James Blackmon** on UK preparing for the Tigers. "We have respect for the Auburn ballclub; we knew that it was a very talented ball team. We had ourselves mentally prepared for the game. It seemed like we had a different attitude going into this game. We didn't want to get blown out on our home court again." . . . Auburn's defense helped create 10 Wildcat turnovers in the second half, compared to only five in the first half. . . Four of the 'Cats' starting five hit for double digits. . . While some people might be wondering why **Ed Davender** scored only seven points, they might want to check his assist total on this particular evening. UK's starting point guard dished out a game-high eight assists in 36 minutes of work. . . Auburn's bench outscored the Wildcats, 14-0.

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| VISITORS                           |                  | AUBURN |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    |                       | TOTALS |    |   |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 34                                 | Chris Morris     | 1      | 4  | 8  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 5  | 4  | 8                     | 2      | 5  | 1 | 1   | 1 |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13                                 | Mike Jones       | 1      | 9  | 15 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2  | 2  | 4                     | 1      | 1  | 1 | 1   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47                                 | Jeff Moore       | 0      | 3  | 7  | 0   | 0   | 3   | 6   | 1  | 2  | 3                     | 4      | 1  | 1 | 1   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14                                 | Johnny Lynn      | 0      | 1  | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 2                     | 2      | 0  | 0 | 1   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                                 | Frank Ford       | 0      | 8  | 10 | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1  | 4                     | 5      | 1  | 1 | 1   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10                                 | Terrance Howard  | 3      | 5  | 10 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 2                     | 6      | 0  | 0 | 2   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11                                 | Kevin Maralson   | 0      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                     | 0      | 0  | 0 | 0   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20                                 | Aundrae Davis    | 3      | 7  | 2  | 5   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 3                     | 8      | 6  | 1 | 0   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24                                 | Derrick Bennison | 0      | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                     | 0      | 0  | 0 | 0   |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals) |                  |        |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2                     | 3      | 4  |   |     |   |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS                             |                  |        |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 31                    | 56     | 3  | 6 | 6   | 9 | 10 | 14 | 24 | 16 | 71 | 20                | 11 | 3 | 10 | 200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-23, 52.2%  |                  |        |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 19-33, 57.6% |        |    |   |     |   |    |    |    |    |    | Game 31-56, 55.4% |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deadball   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-2, 100.0%    |                  |        |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 1-4, 25.0%   |        |    |   |     |   |    |    |    |    |    | Game 3-6, 50.0%   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rebounds 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FT %: 1st Half 2-5, 40.0%          |                  |        |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 1-1, 100.0%  |        |    |   |     |   |    |    |    |    |    | Game 3-4, 75.0%   |    |   |    |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 42                                 | Richard Madison | 1        | 6  | 10 | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4   | 3  | 3  | 6                     | 1      | 1  | 1  | 1   |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44                                 | Rob Lock        | 4        | 4  | 7  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 7                     | 3      | 10 | 1  | 1   |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                                  | Rex Chapman     | 8        | 8  | 16 | 2   | 6   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 2                     | 0      | 1  | 1  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10                                 | James Blackmon  | 27       | 10 | 13 | 5   | 6   | 2   | 2   | 2  | 0  | 4                     | 4      | 3  | 27 |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                                 | Ed Davender     | 5        | 3  | 6  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 2  | 1  | 2                     | 1      | 7  | 8  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                                  | Derrick Miller  | 0        | 2  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                     | 0      | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14                                 | Paul Andrews    | 0        | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                     | 0      | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55                                 | Cedric Jenkins  | 0        | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1                     | 0      | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |                   |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TOTALS                             |                 |          |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 31                    | 57     | 7  | 13 | 6   | 10 | 11 | 14 | 25 | 10 | 75 | 21                | 15 | 4 | 6 | 200 |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 19-29, 65.5%  |                 |          |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 12-25, 48.0% |        |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    | Game 31-57, 54.3% |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Deadball   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3-PT FG %: 1st Half 4-7, 57.1%     |                 |          |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 3-6, 50.0%   |        |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    | Game 7-13, 53.8%  |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rebounds 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FT %: 1st Half 4-7, 57.1%          |                 |          |    |    |     |     |     |     |    |    | 2nd Half 2-3, 66.7%   |        |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    | Game 6-10, 60.0%  |    |   |   |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

OFFICIALS: John Clougherty, Don Shea, Mac Chauvin

Technical Fouls: None

Attendance: 23,100

SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 14-11, 2nd 14-11, 3rd 14-11, 4th 14-11

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## But Most Important You Get

### The Bottom Line On UK Basketball

# Love For Game Outlasts Eligibility

Ex-Cats Still Play Pickup Games In Town

Most of the stories you read about former University of Kentucky athletes concern what they do professionally after their collegiate careers are over. You'll see stories that mention where they work, what they thought about their playing days at the university, stuff like that.

But rarely do the stories mention anything about any athletic endeavors those individuals partake in. Unless they play professionally in football or basketball, most people consider their playing days over forever.

But a lot of these former athletes try to stay in the best shape



Mel Holbrook

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"They hear about us through the grapevine," said Foley. "They want to keep on playing. They like to play against the best, like themselves. So they come on down. I've heard there's more competition in those pickup games than you'll ever find at some basketball schools in the country."

Johnson, who now lifts weights regularly, recommends youngsters in either grade school and/or high school start lifting the poundage because "it's helped my game tremendously. If I had done this in college, I would have been a better overall player, especially with my leaping ability."

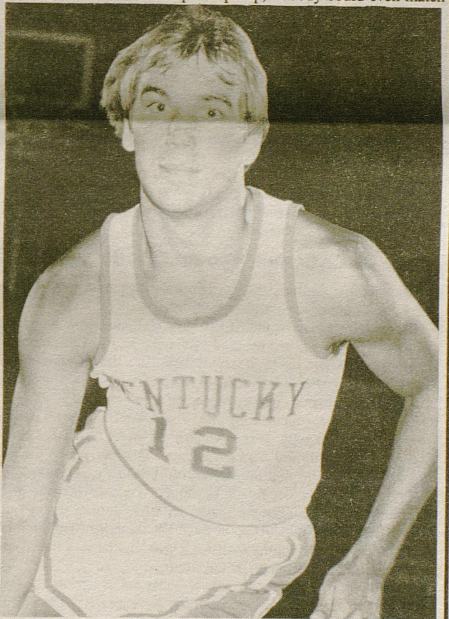
Some of the players, like Johnson and Lanter, are involved in summer and winter leagues involving eight to 10 teams. It's like playing in the Southeastern Conference or the Metro Conference all over again.

"Unlike college, here I can play forward," said Lanter. "I even take my turn at center. I really enjoy it."

Some would say it's difficult to believe that these athletes are in better shape than during their collegiate days. Believe me, folks, it's true. You wouldn't want to arm wrestle Bo Lanter, who grew up in the area and played prep ball at Woodford County.

"A lot of people don't recognize me because I've changed so much," he says.

Unfortunately for me, I got involved in a pickup contest against Beal at one time and against Massie in another. My team got beat so bad I don't even remember what the final score was. Beal and Massie did most of the scoring in their respective contests. Beal ran faster dribbling the basketball upcourt than I did chasing after him. And when he did stop and pump, nobody could even match



Bo Lanter

how high he got up. And most of the players out there, besides myself, were former prep and college players.

It was a good learning experience for me.

The former athletes who do play with AAU teams or in industrial leagues, whatever, see their skills erode over the years. But, two or three years out of college, they're still pretty good. It's a shame that as soon as these guys graduate everybody forgets about them. Tell me, how many people do you think would attend a pickup basketball game between some of these former players? It's like that when you graduate. Everybody forgets about you.

But these ex-collegiate stars don't mind. They played for hours just for the love of their games before high school and college. They'll do it afterwards as well. There's no crowd, no radio or television, no cheerleaders or Dance Kats. It just involves them.

Remember the last scene from the boxing movie Rocky III? Rocky Balboa and Apollo Creed, who had split their two matches, met privately to decide who was the better fighter. That sort of mentality is what drives these athletes on. No one will ever see it or will ever care, but that's not what makes these guys happy anyway. It's the competition itself.

possible. Many work out only a little bit. Others are fanatical about it. Some are better physical specimens after college than they were while attending school.

A lot of ex-collegiate athletes in this area work out at health clubs or fitness centers to stay in shape. In Lexington, many former players can be found evenings and weekends at local athletic clubs.

In fact, you could say that some of these places are like ex-athlete fraternities.

"I'm in much better shape now than I ever was in college," said former UK basketball player Bo Lanter, who can often be found wowing the ladies at a local athletic facility. "Lifting weights and running has helped me tremendously. We didn't do that much in college while I was there. That came much later."

## Big-Time Names Often Play In Pickup Games

Many claim the pickup games at the Sports World Center, adjacent to the Lexington Athletic Club, involves much better competition than some high school or collegiate games in the area.

For example, such Kentucky basketball notables as Dwane Casey, Bret Bearup, Dicky Beal, Lanter, Charles Hurt, Derrick Hord, Roger Harden and Rick Robey have frequented the club of late, involving themselves in a little five-on-five or four-on-four.

Their competition includes Lexington natives who played elsewhere and have returned home. Former Lexington Lafayette and Cincinnati star Junior Johnson is a member at a local club. Ex-Lafayette star Tony Wilson, who played at Western Kentucky University, along with former Transylvania University stars Andre Flynn and Larry Kopczyk and ex-Eastern Kentucky University players Johnny DeCamillis and Dexter Santos.

Some former UK players are members on an Amateur Athletics Union team sponsored by a national organization. Doug Foley, an operations manager at a local club, calls the team the best amateur squad in Kentucky. It includes Bearup, Hord, Hurt, Beal and Robey, amongst others.

Even further adding to the prestige of local clubs, is the fact that both Kyle Macy, who plays professionally with the Indianapolis Pacers, and Harden will conduct summer basketball camps at local complexes.

"It's a great place to work out," said Lanter. "If I had done this in college, there's no telling what kind of shape I'd have been in now. I didn't start working out until a couple of years ago."

Ex-football stars like receiver Rick Massie, Todd Shadowen, Randy Jenkins, Mike Shutt, George Adams, Joe Federspiel and Frank Hare also pump iron at the club, and ex-baseball player Greg Meadoors is a full-time employee there. Even Rick McMackin, who practiced with the team as a walk-on last season, likes to take on the big boys at the local clubs.

And even ole blue eyes himself, UK radio announcer Ralph Hacker, is a member of a local athletic club.

"We have a pretty good University of Kentucky clientele here," said Foley, who works at one of the local clubs. "It's great that these guys like to stay in good shape. It certainly doesn't hurt our business any to have them working out here."

Foley says his club and the university have an agreement that allows students to earn scholarship credits by serving as interns at the club. Most are physical education and recreation majors at UK.

## Pickup Games Never Short On Competition

And Carole Lefevers, a membership representative, says most of the 1,200 members at her club are UK graduates. The famous ones, of course, draw the most attention.

## UK Track



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who is a native of Barnet, England. "I'm happy with my time, running by myself."

UK's women, led by Elisa Frosini's 2:33.26 performance, took the top four places in the 1,000 yards.

"I've never been one to go out and lead the race usually, unless it's by mistake," Frosini said. "Last week and this week I've been experimenting, and I've been pleased."

"When I get into the SEC, and hopefully, the nationals, I definitely won't take the lead because the pace is going to be fast. I'd feel better coming from behind."

Sophomore Joey Taylor set the UK record for men's 500 meters with a time of 1:04.58, but finished in fourth place.

UK assistant track coach Charlie Schultz termed Breiding's performance "exceptional," but said as a team there is still room for improvement. Schultz says he believes that those runners who compete in more than one event will "do better with more experience."

UK Next travels to Gainesville for the Florida Invitational Meet on Feb. 14.

## NCAA Basketball Conference Standings

| SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |      |          |    |      |
|-------------------------|----|----|------|----------|----|------|
|                         | W  | L  | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Alabama                 | 10 | 2  | .833 | 17       | 4  | .810 |
| Florida                 | 10 | 2  | .833 | 16       | 5  | .762 |
| Kentucky                | 7  | 5  | .583 | 14       | 6  | .700 |
| Georgia                 | 6  | 6  | .500 | 13       | 8  | .619 |
| Louisiana St.           | 6  | 7  | .462 | 15       | 10 | .600 |
| Vanderbilt              | 5  | 6  | .455 | 14       | 9  | .609 |
| Auburn                  | 5  | 6  | .455 | 12       | 8  | .600 |
| Mississippi             | 5  | 6  | .455 | 12       | 8  | .600 |
| Tennessee               | 4  | 8  | .333 | 14       | 12 | .476 |
| Mississippi St.         | 1  | 11 | .083 | 5        | 16 | .238 |

| OHIO VALLEY    |    |   |      |          |    |      |
|----------------|----|---|------|----------|----|------|
|                | W  | L | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Middle Tenn.   | 8  | 1 | .889 | 17       | 3  | .850 |
| Morehead St.   | 7  | 1 | .875 | 13       | 7  | .650 |
| Akron          | 5  | 4 | .556 | 16       | 6  | .727 |
| E. Kentucky    | 11 | 4 | .500 | 11       | 9  | .550 |
| Murray St.     | 4  | 4 | .500 | 11       | 10 | .524 |
| Austin Peay    | 3  | 5 | .375 | 11       | 10 | .524 |
| Youngstown St. | 3  | 6 | .333 | 10       | 12 | .455 |
| Tennessee Tch. | 0  | 9 | .000 | 5        | 16 | .238 |

| ATLANTIC COAST  |   |   |       |          |    |      |
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|                 | W | L | Pct.  | W L Pct. |    |      |
| N. Carolina     | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | 21       | 2  | .905 |
| Clemson         | 6 | 2 | .750  | 21       | 2  | .913 |
| Duke            | 7 | 3 | .700  | 19       | 4  | .826 |
| Virginia        | 4 | 4 | .500  | 14       | 6  | .700 |
| Georgia Tech    | 4 | 4 | .500  | 13       | 7  | .650 |
| N. Carolina St. | 4 | 4 | .500  | 12       | 10 | .545 |
| Wake Forest     | 1 | 8 | .111  | 11       | 10 | .524 |
| Maryland        | 0 | 9 | .000  | 6        | 11 | .353 |

| ATLANTIC 10     |    |    |       |          |    |      |
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|                 | W  | L  | Pct.  | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Temple          | 12 | 0  | 1.000 | 23       | 2  | .920 |
| West Virginia   | 11 | 2  | .846  | 17       | 5  | .773 |
| St. Joseph's    | 6  | 5  | .545  | 12       | 7  | .632 |
| Geo. Washington | 6  | 5  | .545  | 9        | 11 | .450 |
| Rhode Island    | 7  | 6  | .538  | 14       | 8  | .636 |
| Duquesne        | 6  | 7  | .462  | 10       | 12 | .455 |
| Penn. St.       | 5  | 7  | .417  | 11       | 9  | .550 |
| Massachusetts   | 4  | 9  | .308  | 8        | 13 | .381 |
| St. Bonavent.   | 3  | 11 | .214  | 11       | 12 | .476 |
| Rutgers         | 2  | 10 | .167  | 5        | 16 | .238 |

| BIG EAST       |   |   |      |          |    |      |
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|                | W | L | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Syracuse       | 8 | 2 | .800 | 19       | 3  | .864 |
| Pittsburgh     | 8 | 2 | .800 | 19       | 4  | .826 |
| St. John's     | 7 | 4 | .636 | 16       | 4  | .800 |
| Georgetown     | 6 | 6 | .500 | 16       | 6  | .727 |
| Providence     | 6 | 4 | .600 | 16       | 5  | .762 |
| Villanova      | 5 | 6 | .455 | 12       | 10 | .545 |
| Saton Hall     | 5 | 6 | .455 | 13       | 6  | .682 |
| Connecticut    | 2 | 8 | .200 | 8        | 13 | .381 |
| Boston College | 2 | 9 | .182 | 9        | 12 | .429 |

| BIG EIGHT    |   |   |      |          |    |      |
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|              | W | L | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Oklahoma     | 7 | 1 | .875 | 19       | 3  | .864 |
| Kansas       | 7 | 1 | .875 | 18       | 5  | .783 |
| Kansas St.   | 5 | 3 | .625 | 15       | 6  | .714 |
| Missouri     | 5 | 3 | .625 | 15       | 9  | .625 |
| Nebraska     | 3 | 5 | .375 | 13       | 8  | .619 |
| Iowa St.     | 3 | 5 | .375 | 11       | 10 | .524 |
| Oklahoma St. | 2 | 6 | .250 | 6        | 15 | .286 |
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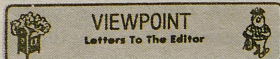
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| Indiana       | 10 | 1  | .909 | 19       | 2  | .905 |
| Purdue        | 9  | 2  | .818 | 18       | 3  | .857 |
| Iowa          | 8  | 2  | .800 | 21       | 2  | .913 |
| Illinois      | 8  | 3  | .727 | 18       | 5  | .783 |
| Michigan      | 6  | 5  | .545 | 15       | 8  | .652 |
| Ohio St.      | 5  | 5  | .500 | 14       | 8  | .636 |
| Georgia Inst. | 3  | 7  | .300 | 8        | 12 | .400 |
| Michigan St.  | 2  | 8  | .200 | 9        | 11 | .450 |
| Minnesota     | 2  | 8  | .200 | 11       | 13 | .458 |
| Wisconsin     | 1  | 10 | .091 | 11       | 13 | .458 |
| Northwestern  | 1  | 10 | .091 | 6        | 15 | .286 |

| SUN BELT         |   |   |      |          |    |      |
|------------------|---|---|------|----------|----|------|
|                  | W | L | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| W. Kentucky      | 9 | 1 | .900 | 21       | 6  | .778 |
| Jacksonville     | 9 | 1 | .900 | 15       | 7  | .682 |
| Ala.-Birmingham  | 8 | 2 | .800 | 16       | 7  | .696 |
| Va. Commonwealth | 5 | 6 | .455 | 15       | 11 | .577 |
| South Alabama    | 4 | 7 | .364 | 12       | 12 | .500 |
| N.C. Charlotte   | 3 | 8 | .273 | 14       | 12 | .538 |
| South Florida    | 2 | 8 | .200 | 6        | 15 | .286 |
| Old Dominion     | 1 | 8 | .111 | 6        | 16 | .273 |

| METRO ATHLETIC |   |   |      |          |    |      |
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|                | W | L | Pct. | W L Pct. |    |      |
| Louisville     | 5 | 2 | .714 | 13       | 10 | .565 |
| Memphis State  | 4 | 2 | .667 | 19       | 6  | .760 |
| Southern Miss. | 4 | 3 | .571 | 15       | 7  | .682 |
| South Carolina | 4 | 3 | .571 | 12       | 9  | .571 |
| Virginia Tech  | 4 | 3 | .571 | 9        | 13 | .409 |
| Florida State  | 2 | 3 | .400 | 12       | 8  | .600 |
| Cincinnati     | 2 | 6 | .250 | 10       | 11 | .476 |



## Hey, UK Fans In Austin!

Dear Sir:

I would like for your paper to please publish this letter for all the readers of *The Cats' Pause* in the Austin, Texas, area.

As acting president of the Austin Chapter of the UK Alumni Association, I would like the alumni or fans in the Austin area to know that we have a newly formed alumni club which follows UK sports closely. It is our goal to bring together all UK alumni or fans for parties and other outings.

Our next event will feature the nationally televised game between UK and LSU on Feb. 21, at noon (CST) at the Madison Square Garden Bar. I am hoping that you can print this letter so that any alumni we have not been able to contact will respond.

Anyone who wants to know more about the club can contact Frank Grey at (817) 778-2401, or Dee Beeler at (512) 280-8638. Myself and other members of the Austin Club wish to thank you and your staff for the fine coverage of UK sports.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Grey Jr.  
Austin, Texas

*P.S. Let coach Eddie Sutton and any members of his staff know if they are ever in the area and need anything, just give us a call!*

## Full-Blooded Wildcat

Dear Sir:

I am writing to tell you how much me and my family enjoy *TCP*.

I am just 13-years-old, but I have been a Kentucky Wildcat fan for as long as I could have understood basketball. I am a cheerleader, so it kind of is my life. I hardly ever miss a game unless it's not on TV.

I've been reading about all this stuff about the three-point business, and I just love it! It puts more excitement into the game! Like someone else said in *TCP*, the game's not over until it's over!

I've seen that some coaches (Louisville) don't like it. I think they're just jealous because they don't have any players with that magic wrist like (Rex) Chapman and (Derrick) Miller!

I've also read that people don't think the line is out far enough. Leave it, it's perfect where it is.

Keep up the good work in *The Cats' Pause!* By the way, would you please let me know how you can write letters to the UK ballplayers? I would appreciate it very much.

Full-blooded Wildcat,

Anjanette Smith  
Hazard, Kentucky

**Editor's note: OK, Anjanette. You can write the UK players in care of: Memorial Coliseum University of Kentucky Lexington, Ky. 40506-0019**

## Time Change! !!

Kentucky's game against Ole Miss on February 28 at Rupp Arena has been changed from 7:35 p.m. to 12:05 p.m. The Wildcats will host Oklahoma the following day at noon.

# 'All The Right Moves — The Sequel'?

Redshirt Holleran Ready To Play For UK

He grew up in the downtrodden steel mill town of McKeesport, Pa., just outside of Pittsburgh. It's a small community where most of the steel mills are closed down. In fact, UK linebacker Randy Holleran says the area has some similarities to the hit movie "All The Right Moves," starring Tom Cruise. If you recall the movie, Cruise played the role of a high school football star whose goal was to earn a college football scholarship to avoid working in the steel mills.

Holleran says he faced the same scenario growing up in McKeesport.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

"My mom has said since I was little that it was a steel mill area and when I got older I would have to go away," Holleran said. "There was really nothing going to be there when I got out of high school. Basically, I've grown up believing I needed to get out of the area and go do something with my life.

"The movie was a close similarity," Holleran added. "But it's not quite as gloomy as it was portrayed. However, that's the way things are right now with people losing their jobs. The only way for some guys to get out of there was to get a football scholarship."

After enjoying an outstanding senior season at McKeesport High school, where he was selected as a member of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* "Fabulous 22" team, Holleran earned the opportunity to fulfill his lifelong goal of playing major college football. Nearby Pittsburgh, Indiana and N.C. State all wanted his services, but in the final stages, it was Kentucky that convinced the Pennsylvania youngster that the Wildcat program was the place to continue his academic/athletic career.

### SEC, CATS Center, Brought Holleran To UK

The fact that Kentucky plays in one of the premier football conferences in the country didn't hurt either.

"I wanted to play in the SEC," said Holleran, now a redshirt freshman, who was accustomed to playing in front of crowds in excess of 10,000 in his high school days. "It's the best conference in the nation. I also felt, looking at my position of linebacker, that I would get a better chance of playing a lot sooner.

"The academic (opportunity) was also a real big influence in my decision. My parents were real high on the CATS (Center for Academic and Tutorial Services) center. UK has one of the best academic programs and they make you become a good student."

From the time he decided to become a Wildcat, Holleran knew he would have to endure the customary procedure of sitting out a season in order to redshirt. Like most UK freshman, Holleran had to adjust to not playing football for a year, but he says it will probably be to his advantage in the future.

"It was tough," Holleran said, of being out of action. "In high school, you're used to being one of the better players. Then all the sudden you have to sit out a year. Sometimes you get down on yourself, thinking you're able to play. But I think it will help me in the long run."

In UK's wide-tackle-six defensive scheme, Holleran will be competing for playing time at linebacker, where Kentucky lost standout Larry Smith and Don Yarano to graduation, but returns Jeff Kremer and Chris Chenault.

"I feel I can play this year," says Holleran, who sports a crew cut hairstyle. "I think I've improved and learned a lot from last year. But it's too early to project how much time I will get. Hopefully, I can get stronger and faster in order to play so the coaches can count on me."

What the UK defensive coaches see in Holleran is a linebacker with a lot of promise. At 6-foot-one and 235 pounds, he has the ability to read plays and move to the football.

"I feel I read well and fill the holes," Holleran said. "I'm not extremely fast but I can get to the football. I think I've got a knack of knowing where the ball is pretty well. That's one of my stronger points."

### UK Star Larry Smith Has Been Big Influence

Smith, who was Kentucky's team-leader in tackles the last two years, took Holleran under his wing when the freshman was hav-

ing problems adjusting to the nuances of the wide-tackle-six.

"Larry has been a big influence on me," Holleran said. "If I had a problem on the field, he would be there to explain it to me. He's taught me you have to wait your turn, because things don't happen right away. He is a real good friend of mine."

Although Kentucky could manage only a .500 record last season, Holleran believes there is room for optimism in 1987.

"I feel we were better than a mediocre team last year," he said, accessing last year's 5-5-1 campaign. "We had a lot of bad breaks go against us. This year we should do a lot better. I'm not going to predict a record, but we have a lot of players returning with experience. I think we'll do well."

Holleran said he saw a UK team last season that gave an all out effort each Saturday, something that went unnoticed to many observers.

"We were aggressive on the field and never quit," Holleran said. "I saw a team that's going to be winners, and we're going to be winners in the future."

That aggressive attitude, according to Holleran, is carrying over into the weightroom.

"The team attitude is good," he said. "Everybody is talking about



UK Redshirt Freshman LB Randy Holleran

winning and improving themselves to be the best.

"(Winter workouts) are different than in high school. Here, it's more serious, while in high school, it's not. It's been a good atmosphere."

Nowadays, as he prepares himself for spring practice and the coming season, Holleran realizes there will be a major adjustment to playing on the major college level.

"I'm real excited about playing in the SEC, although I haven't played a game yet," Holleran said. "They live for football back home. It's always been a dream of mine to play major college football."

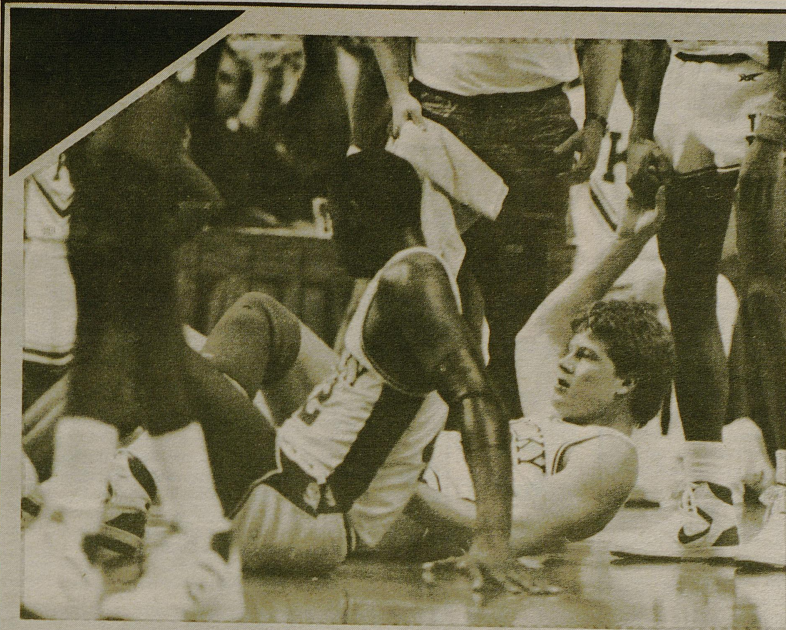
And hopefully, like another Pennsylvania lad who grew up in the steel mills where football is treated as a way of life, Randy Holleran will have all the right moves.

### UK Notebook

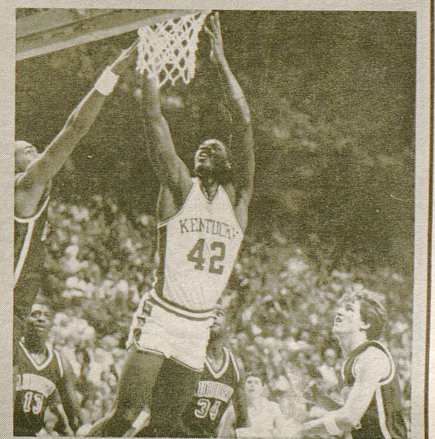
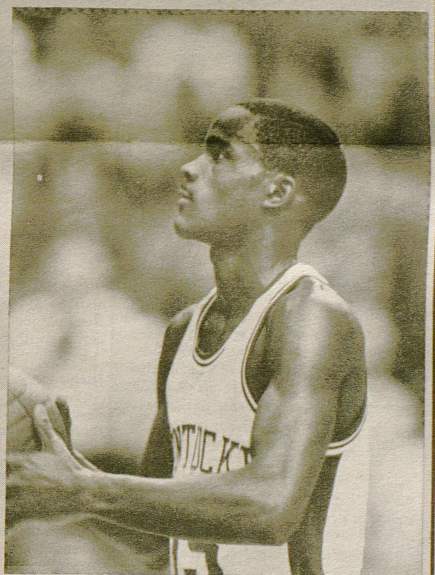
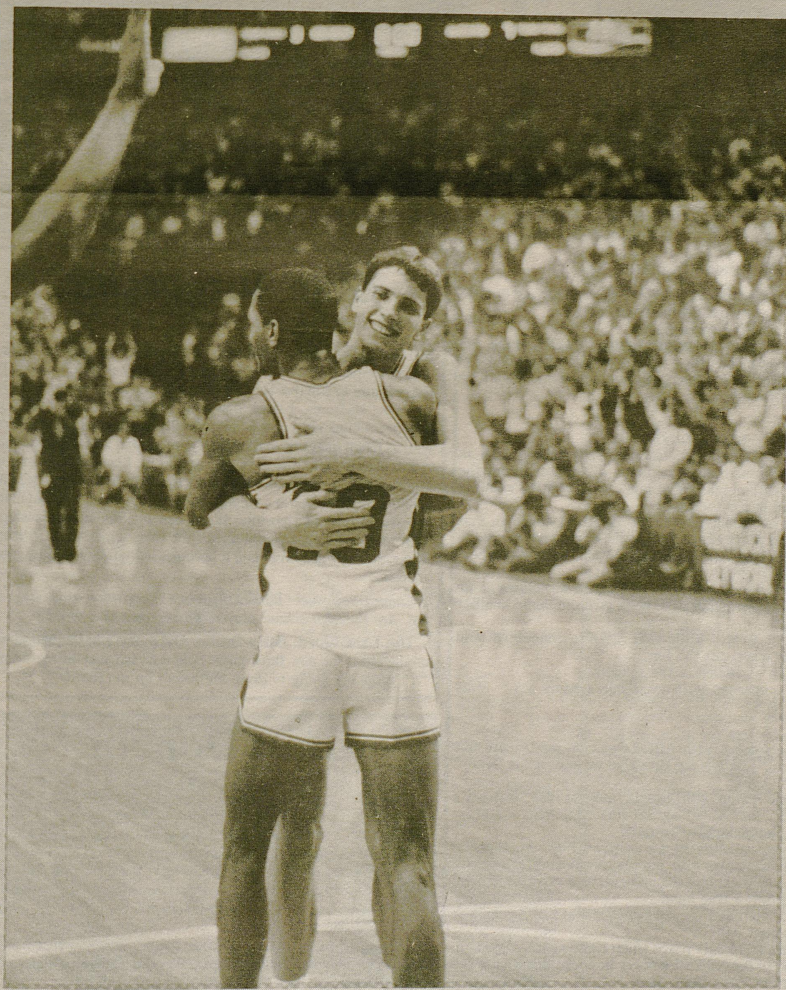
With a bumper crop of high school football players in the state of Kentucky this year, the UK coaching staff will not be able to sign every in-state prospect they want. Already, **Eddie Thomas**, a highly-touted running back out of Ft. Knox, has verbally committed to Indiana, saying Kentucky over-recruited him by applying too much pressure on him to sign early. Other in-state prepsters will probably be leaving the commonwealth as well. Boyd County tackle **Bobby Craycraft** apparently is heading to Vanderbilt. Paducah Tilghman's **Stacey Overlin** is reportedly leaning towards the Naval Academy. Lexington Lafayette receiver/defensive back **Vic Johnson** may be going to Ole Miss. Another in-state product who is going elsewhere is Louisville Fairdale tackle **Walt Underwood**. Underwood gave a verbal commitment to Alabama a month ago. However, it should be mentioned that Underwood wasn't highly-regarded by the UK staff as an in-state prospect.

As far as head-to-head battles with Louisville are concerned, don't be surprised if UK wins out over its state rival on each prospect they want. Thus far, U of L has not received any commitments

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Photos By Gary Cromwell



## Oscar Combs

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Madison said he was especially grateful to the Louisville Slugger people, the Converse Rubber Company and the Coca-Cola people who were greatly responsible for making the clinic a success.

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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . For those of you who have asked, yes, Kentucky is recruiting Indiana superstar **Shawn Kemp**, the 6-9 big forward out of Elkhart who is considered the nation's No. 1 junior prospect by **Bob Gibbons** of *All-Star Sports*. Also high on UK's list of junior prospects are 6-5 G/F **Everick Sullivan** of Hillcrest High in Simpsonville, S. C., as well as 6-7 **Chris Jent** of Sparta, N.J., and 6-2 guard **Sean Woods** of Indianapolis (Ind.) Cathedral . . .

Two of the big reasons why Kentucky has really jelled in recent games are the consistent play of both **Richard Madison** and **Robert Lock**. Madison is suddenly showing why he was such a superstar talent out of high school and is learning to play the game each night out. Almost the same is true for Lock who has flashed signs of brilliance at times only to take a vacation on other nights. Once **Cedric Jenkins** regains his old form this Kentucky team could be a pretty decent outfit. The big question surrounds the time factor. Can the team find its magic chemistry in the next three weeks? . . .

Reviews of former Kentucky coach **Joe B. Hall's** first try at broadcasting have been about as mixed as those of his coaching success over the years at UK. But the marks of those which count (network bosses) far outweighs the critics as evidenced by the *USA Network's* decision to sign Hall up for two Southeastern Conference telecasts this month. Hall will be the color analyst on both the Auburn-Mississippi State and the Kentucky-Vanderbilt games. . . Speaking of broadcasters, Lexingtonian **Tom Hammond** has another feather in his star-studded hat with NBC-TV tearing up his old contract, rewarding him with a new three-year pact and naming him as a co-host for the *Breeder's Cup* series beginning next year. Hammond, who started out at WLEX-TV here in Lexington, quickly moved up the network ladder as a play-by-play man on National Football League telecasts for NBC and is now doing NBC-TV college basketball as well as being the No. 1 color analyst for the Southeastern Conference game of the week telecasts . . . And don't be surprised if another Lexingtonian, **Ralph Hacker**, makes it big-time in the near future. Hacker has been drawing more and more regional and national television assignments and reports have it that the popular Hacker is now a *can't miss* prospect . . . With former LSU star **Joe Dean** apparently headed home to the athletics director's post in Baton Rouge, the big task facing the SEC is naming a replacement for Dean on the hoop's league telecasting team. Two of the top candidates to replace him both have Kentucky connections and apparently that is enough to zap out each of them. They are, in case you haven't been reading above, **Ralph Hacker** and **Joe B. Hall**. Sources tell us that Hacker has already been told that he has too close an association with UK (since he's the color analyst with play-by-play announcer **Cawood Ledford** on radio) for Hacker to be considered. And if that's too close, you can imagine what Hall's former status would do to him. What the league brass would be ignoring would be Hacker's immense popularity from a professional standpoint and his knowledge of the game. His delivery is clear and he's certainly objective. And what better credentials for an analyst than that of having been a head coach in the league for 13 years? Hall certainly knows each and every program in the SEC and should be a popular selection with the league's coaches. As far as

the two's close ties to UK? Well, for the first 10 years or so the announcers were **Dean** (an ex-LSU star) and **John Ferguson**, who at the time was the current LSU radio announcer . . . Visiting their old stomping grounds during the **NBA All-Star** break in Lexington were ex-Wildcats **Kenny Walker** and **Melvin Turpin**. Walker said he is excited about his return to the New York Knicks lineup after getting off the injury list while Turpin told us last Friday that the **Cleveland Cavaliers** had cut a deal to trade him to the **Los Angeles Lakers** for **Billy Thompson**. Turpin said the deal would be announced on Sunday, but as late as Monday morning, no deal was announced. Rumors have been floating around in recent weeks that the Cavs are looking to trade Turpin. The former UK All-American said he thinks a change of scenery will be positive for him since he saw very little playing time in the last couple weeks leading up to the All-Star break . . . Some names for consideration for the SEC All-Frost team: Florida's **Dwayne Schintzius**, LSU's **Fess Irvin** and **Ben McDonald**, Kentucky's **Rex Chapman**, and Vanderbilt's **Scott Draud** . . . With Kentucky leading Alabama 40-35 at halftime last Saturday, NBC-TV's **Bucky Waters** noted that Kentucky's record when leading at halftime was a crisp 14-0. Early in the second half, after Alabama claimed the lead, it was pointed out that Alabama was unbeaten each of the four times the Crimson Tide had appeared on television this year. And during the final three minutes with UK trailing by as much as six points, UK's 14-game streak appeared in jeopardy, but a defensive play by **Rex Chapman** coupled with a three-point drive from **James Blackmon** and easy **Ed Davender's** game-winner kept the mark intact.

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# CATS

## Todd Hallum

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from any Kentucky product that UK is recruiting. Look for that trend to continue when the Feb. 11 signing date arrives. . . Congratulations go out to Kentucky Wesleyan head basketball coach **Wayne Chapman**. Chapman, who is the father of UK guard **Rex Chapman**, and his Wesleyan team were recently voted as the top Division II squad in the country in the wire service polls. . . Speaking of Chapman, "King Rex" received some praise from Cincinnati Reds' third baseman **Buddy Bell**, who was in town recently with the Reds' Caravan. Bell jokingly told a reporter that when he died, he wanted to be reincarnated and come back as Rex Chapman. Bell said he is a big fan of the basketball Wildcats and has some friends in the Lexington area. . . Word has it that former Kentucky center **Melvin Turpin** may be put on the trading block by the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. Turpin has been used sparingly by new coach **Lenny Wilkins**, and trade rumors have the 6-11 center being dealt to the Los Angeles Lakers in exchange for former Louisville Cardinal **Billy Thompson**.

### SEC Notebook

Tennessee's chances of landing any postseason invitations were dealt a severe blow when guard **Fred Jenkins** suffered a leg injury in the Vols' 60-55 loss at Georgia. UT coach **Don DeVoe**, who recently received a vote of confidence from the Tennessee brass, said he didn't know when the often-injured Jenkins would be able to return to the lineup. Jenkins also missed a lot of action last season because of an injury. . . Incidentally, **Larry Munson**, Georgia's fabled play-by-play announcer, termed the announced crowd of just over 5,000 for the UT-Georgia game "a disgrace." Too bad Bulldog coach **Hugh Durham** can't get more crowd support, considering the magnificent coaching job he's done with two starters and one key reserve out because of academic trouble and an injury. . . LSU guard **Dennis Brown** has been declared academically ineligible. Brown redshirted last season because of academic difficulty.

## Bob Watkins

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shot, abandoning inside game. (And, the shot) is having drastic effect on officiating. At least 5-10 missed calls.

"And I've seen 25 to 30 missed calls."  
Finally, Reed offered one more opinion: "Let's make the distance 21 feet, six inches since, at the present distance Billy Reed, Marv Albert and even Bob Watkins could shoot 35 percent with no practice."  
Hmmm.

### Three point shot in Kentucky?

Considering this "sampling" that show basketball fans in Kentucky are overwhelmingly in favor of implementing the three-point shot at the high school level, what are the chances it will be adopted in Kentucky?

"We surveyed our schools when the rule first came in, that was possibly three years ago," Tom Mills, commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association, said last week. "And they said 'no' to the three-point shot."

Given the popularity of the shot with fans of the college game this season, has any consideration been given to doing another survey?

"No, not at this time," Mills said. "We're concerned with what our schools want, not the fans."

But fans are an extension of the schools.

"We're only concerned with what our schools say," Mills said.

### People...

■ Dick Vitale's debut with ABC-Television last month left some people cold. "Vitale is the Brooklyn version of Joe Dean," one fan said last week.

✓ Did anyone catch NBC-Sports analyst Bill Raftery's "recruiting pitch" for LSU's Dale Brown during NBC's telecast of the Western Kentucky-LSU game?

As Brown, who volunteered to wear an NBC microphone during the contest, spoke with his players during a timeout, Raftery gushed, "It must be a pleasure playing for Dale Brown. He gives his players a free hand."

✓ Bob Ryan, columnist for *Basketball Times* had a couple of notable observations Jan. 30.

● Rupp Arena is an ugly place when Kentucky is playing at home, but if I were the NCAA I'd never go more than two years without putting the Final Four there.

● Comment Curious, Ryan's inference to the Rupp crowd is the same one UK coach Eddie Sutton sometimes calls the Country Club crowd.

● "If there is ever a more joyless collegiate athletic experience than Georgetown basketball, I'm glad I never ran across it. I must say, however, the 1977-78 Kentucky team came close, but that was just one year. Georgetown takes the fun out of everything every year."

## Stan Torgerson

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ball and basketball or whatever, and I think they put the system out of perspective. I think the things that are being done illegally, the pressure to win that is being put on by the fans, the people who sit in the stadiums, I think that's the biggest problem in college athletics. I think right now I can truthfully say the recruiting is done with as much integrity, and really trying to what's best for the kids, as I have ever seen. The guys who recruit us, I have a great amount of respect for. I sometimes feel sorry for them in their job because a lot of times they are in a no-win situation. There are not that many athletes who meet Proposition 48 and can win SEC championships. That means there's a premium for the ones which can, so that's who everybody goes after and it becomes a dogfight for those great athletes.

Coming next week: Barnes discusses Proposition 48, is it working. Are the high school players paying attention to it?

The Last Word: **Billy Tubbs**, Oklahoma's basketball coach on the effect the new three-point field goal has had on recruiting. "It's probably going to drive the prices up on guards."

## Larry Donald

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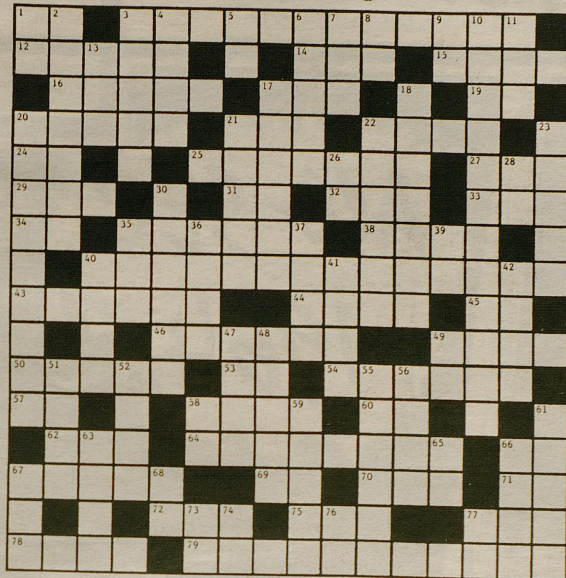
financial problems within the athletic departments of our nation's colleges. As I picked up a rental car recently in Des Moines, the **Oklahoma State** women's team was getting into their rental cars for a trip to Ames where they would meet Iowa State the next day. I left in a Chevrolet. They left in three Cadillacs. Anybody catch the attendance of the Iowa State-Oklahoma State women's game? Really, I'd like to know. . .

Staying in the heartland, **Drake** coach **Gary Garner** has his team in the hunt for an NCAA berth. It would be the first appearance by the Bulldogs since 1971. That team contained the remnants of Drake's Final Four team of 1969 which lost a three-pointer in the semifinals to UCLA and **Lew Alcindor**, and then came back to bury North Carolina by 20 in the consolation game. The school recently honored that team at halftime of their game with Tulsa. . .

Add **Iowa State** coach **Johnny Orr's** voice to those coaches who dislike the three-point rule. Orr says he expects it to be discarded next year.

**T C P Crossword Puzzle**

By Dan Krueckeberg

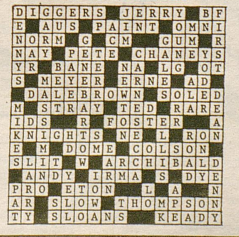


**NCAA HOOPS '86-'87: THE TOP PLAYERS**

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| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1 Abbr. for school of standout guard Dana Barros                      | 1 Initials of coach of 58 Down                                       |
| 3 _____ outside shooting can be spectacular                           | 2 In senior year now at DePaul                                       |
| 12 Duke point guard Amaker  | 3 Dean's fine guard Kenny  |
| 14 Abbr. for "medical"  | 4 Former Louisville All-Amer. Charlie                                |
| 15 Huskie 7-footer Chris  | 5 Initials of standout Gator Maxwell                                 |
| 16 Coach _____ team is located in Blacksburg                          | 6 Prayer endings   |
| 17 Florida State guard _____ Wee Barber                               | 7 Former Memphis State All-American                                  |
| 19 Abbr. for state where Erik Smits is top rebounder for Marist       | 8 Initials of Wyoming star Dembo                                     |
| 20 Greek letter   | 9 Initials of super Hoya Reggie                                      |
| 21 "They _____ in the closing seconds"                                | 10 The big scorer at Ohio State                                      |
| 22 Jeff Gray is a _____ force for Iowa State                          | 11 As a fox  |
| 24 Initials of Gilliam of UNLV  | 13 Abbr. for "molecule"  |
| 25 Standout Houston Cougar  | 17 UAB's fine guard James  |
| 27 Abbr. for "Independent Grocer's Assoc."                            | 18 Hersey of Bradley   |
| 29 Corrosive substance  | 20 One of Cremin's standouts   |
| 31 Kentucky's Davender  | 21 Exert authority   |
| 32 Biblical vessel  | 22 Power forward at Auburn   |
| 33 _____ Diego  | 23 UNLV guard Fred   |
| 34 Initials of fine backcourt performer at DePaul                     | 26 Star Xavier guard Byron _____ rkin                                |
| 35 UCLA's big scorer  | 28 Initials of Houston forward Anderson                              |
| 38 Wealthy _____ play is dominating in the Colonial Athletic Assoc.   | 30 Big scorer for Digger   |
| 43 Auburn's Jeff and Loyola's Andre Elliott _____ Al Capone's nemesis | 35 Deface  |
| 45 Initials of "Never Nervous"  | 36 Feminine name   |
| 46 Namesakes of FSU star Allen  | 37 Orangeman Seikaly   |
| 49 Joe Wolf is one of the _____ finest big men                        | 39 Initials of Pitt big man Smith                                    |
| 50 Stadium sections   | 40 Altenberger of the Illini   |
| 53 Initials of forward Akin of ORD                                    | 41 Ken Norman is Illinois' _____ big man                             |
| 54 Cal's star forward Leonard   | 42 McKey and Coner's play should keep "Bama _____ the top of the SEC |
| 57 Abbr. for "extravehicular"   | 47 Reggie Lewis is the big _____ at Northeastern                     |
| 58 One home court for Tech's Duane Ferrell                            | 48 1st name of big star at Kansas                                    |
| 60 Abbr. for city where Ronnie Grandison stars for Privateers         | 49 Abbr. for school of forward H. Crook                              |
| 62 Namesakes of Dayton standout Young                                 | 51 "_____ the back"  |
| 64 _____ rebounding is a big Sooner asset                             | 52 "He went in for the _____ layup"                                  |
| 66 Initials of 66 Down  | 55 Gator guard Moten   |
| 67 Namesakes of super Big Ten guard Lewis                             | 56 Child's toy   |
| 69 Abbr. for "Yukon Territory"  | 58 Abbr. for state where D. Johnson and T. McCalister star           |
| 70 Marble of Iowa   | 59 _____office memo  |
| 71 Abbr. for "on or about"  | 61 Big Ten guard standout Gary                                       |
| 72 Abbr. for "Her Majesty's Ship"                                     | 63 Room feature  |
| 75 Summer to Pierre   | 65 _____ nod: religious governing body                               |
| 77 Outscored the opponent   | 66 Bruin Richardson  |
| 78 St. John's guard Jackson   | 67 Hammonds of the Yellow Jackets                                    |
| 79 A standout Hawkeye   | 68 Initials of Iowa State's Hill                                     |
|   | 73 Initials of fine transfer for N.C. State                          |



**Last Week's Answers**



**Meet The Press**

**Sutton Upset With Rebels' Rejection Of UK Proposal To Move Game Back One Day; Is All For Doubleheader at Indy**

By Nick Nicholas

Last Tuesday, prior to Kentucky's second meeting of the year with the Auburn Tigers, Eddie Sutton was on hand at Wildcat Lodge for his weekly press conference. Here are some leftover tidbits from that day which just might whet your basketball appetite.



**Exposure too costly:** In the last five years or so, college basketball on television has become as popular as your favorite sitcom.

More and more, television networks control schedules of teams even more than do the institutions. Take Kentucky for example. The Wildcats, after playing Ole Miss on Saturday (Feb 28) will play the following afternoon against No. 8 Oklahoma, a game made especially for national television. Is it fair, especially to the players?

"It makes it very difficult on the players," said Sutton. "But at the same time, when you have chance to play a national game, it helps you (school) in many ways. It helps you in recruiting. It gives your fans in Washington D.C. or Los Angeles or New York City or Detroit a chance to see the Wildcats play. Plus, it puts a lot of money in the bank, which helps some of the non-revenue sports, lady sports which don't really draw that much revenue.

"Sometimes we have an obligation as a basketball team here at the University of Kentucky to do that. It's unfair to the players when they have to play back-to-back like that. I was disappointed when Mississippi wouldn't change the game to Friday and give us that extra day."

**Gentlemen's agreement?** Recently, the University of Kentucky, through the voice of athletics director Cliff Hagan, asked the University of Mississippi if it would reschedule its game with the 'Cats from Saturday, Feb. 28 to Friday, Feb. 27. UK requested this change because it plays Oklahoma on national TV (CBS) on Sunday at noon.

However, since Ole Miss hosts Auburn on Feb. 25 (Wed.), the Rebels felt they might be at a disadvantage, having one less day to get ready for the Wildcats.

Mississippi revoked on the idea and the game is still scheduled for Feb. 28.

"We had a gentlemen's agreement, I thought," said Sutton. "We helped Auburn when they went to the Cotton Bowl (last season Kentucky OK'd a date change with the Tigers)."

Sutton said the agreement was "that anytime we could, we would move a game back so we would have a day between to help our league. I really believe that."

"We made a request to the University of Mississippi and they rejected the request and said they didn't want to change the game."

**Murphy's law:** Mississippi basketball coach Ed Murphy, whose team recently improved its SEC slate to 5-5 with back-to-back wins over Tennessee, said he was thinking of his players when the Rebels declined to move their date with UK.

What's your reaction, Eddie?

"I can understand his reasoning—that he has that extra day to prepare for the Wildcats," said Sutton. "(But) they could have moved their game from Wednesday back to Tuesday, which I'm not sure would have been that big of deal. They play on Saturday (at Georgia, Feb. 21) and that would give them Sunday and Monday to prepare. They

could then play the game on Tuesday (Auburn) and play us on Friday.

"They didn't like that gameplan.

"I haven't talked to anybody," Mr. Hagan did all the communicating."

Sutton said he still would have agreed if their roles would have been reversed.

"I will always try to help anyone in that



**Ole Miss' Ed Murphy**

situation, if they've got a national game," Sutton said. "I believe that's the way it should be. I think that's been done, for the most part, in years past."

**Reflecting back:** After discussing Mississippi's decision not to move the game at Kentucky's request, Sutton quickly was asked if he could understand Murphy's current situation of building a program in comparison to his days as a JC coach at Idaho and at Creighton.

"I can understand that, but I still think you always have to be fair if you're playing in a conference," Sutton answered. "It was my understanding, when we (SEC coaches) talked before Ed came into the league, that there would be some 'give and take.'"

"We're always going to be on national television, but let's say Mississippi a year from now is on national television. They very well could be because they've got a lot of good players coming back and Ed has his son coming in as well as some junior college players. I just feel like it's the responsibility of the other coaches and the other institutions to try to help them and give them relief anytime they can.

"We want them to win; I want everybody in our conference to win, especially win they play against non-conference teams. That does nothing but good things as far as the SEC is concerned.

"I've always tried to be fair along the line in doing that, in trying to help folks."

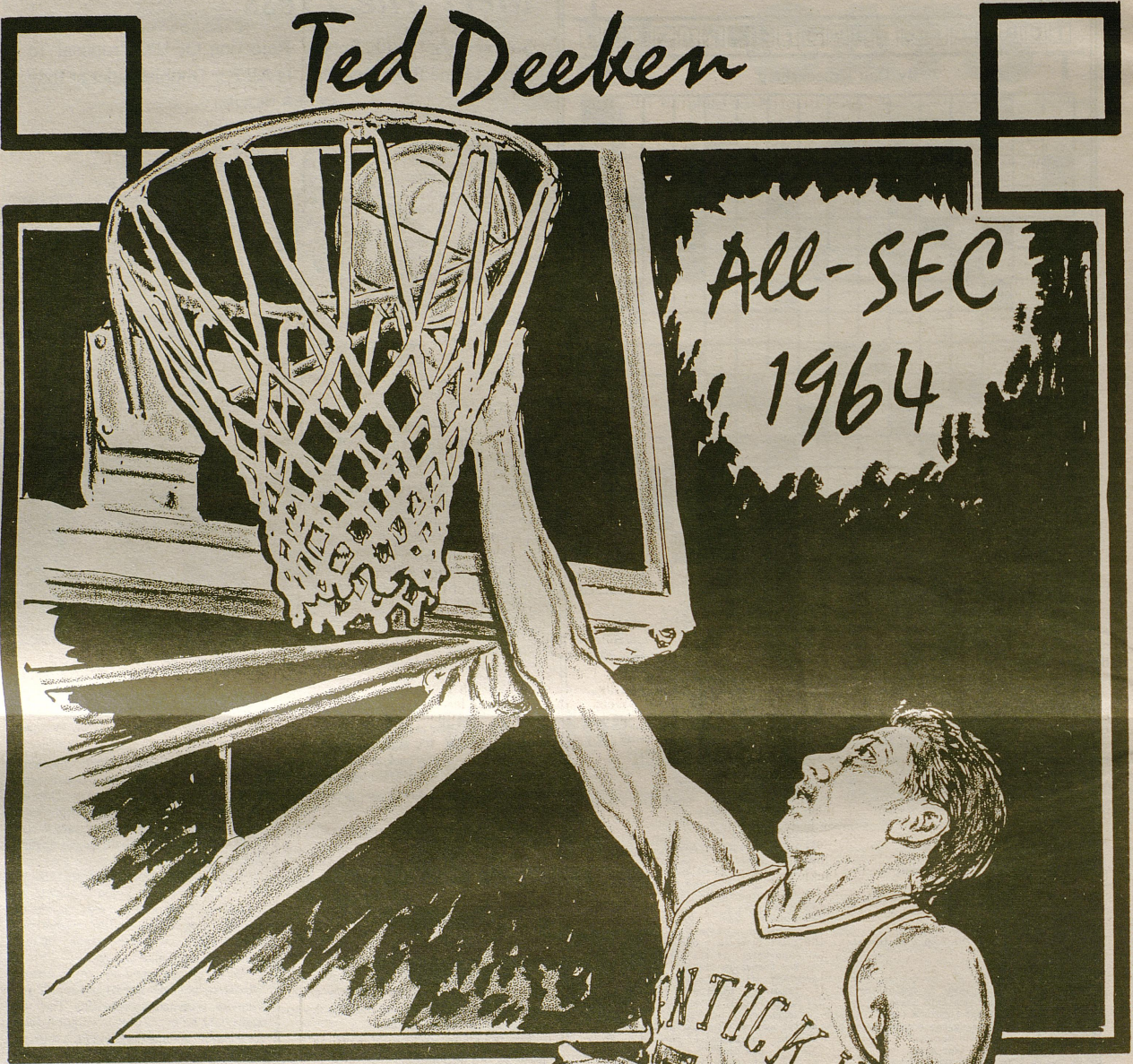
**How 'bout an eye-opener?** Mississippi has the right to decline a change of date requested by the Wildcats. UK, meanwhile, controls the time in which the contest is played. When asked if the Ole Miss-Kentucky contest would be set back, say in the afternoon, Sutton quipped, "We're thinking about playing at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

"Now."

Seriously, the UK coach did say, "we have the right to change the time, because the game is taped-delayed and won't be shown until 11:30 (EST). So, it makes no difference

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# Ted Deeken



THE 6'-3 1/2" FORWARD WAS  
CO-CAPTAIN OF THE '64 TEAM  
WHICH WON THE SEC CROWN,  
UKIT & SUGAR BOWL TOURNEYS!



## Keeping In Touch With In-State Talent

UK's Priority Is Landing Bluegrass Boys

Kentucky Coach Jerry Claiborne likes to recruit home-grown talent. He believes in-state players take more pride in playing for the Wildcats and has done all he could since coming to UK to keep the best Kentucky high school prospects in the state.

This year Kentucky has more Division I prospects than normal. Recruiters from all across the nation have regularly visited prospects in the Bluegrass. However, it looks like Claiborne again has succeeded in selling the in-state players on Kentucky.



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With less than one week to the national signing date Claiborne had commitments from 12 of the state's prep players.

Two of the state's top high school football players — running back William Dishman of Lexington Bryan Station and lineman Jerry Bell of DeSales — both announced last week they would sign with Kentucky this week.

The 6-3, 255-pound Bell picked the Wildcats over Tennessee and Michigan. UK coaches think Bell could become a standout lineman in the Southeastern Conference.

"I just think Kentucky will be the best place for me," said Bell, an All-State defensive lineman. "I really like the program Coach (Jerry) Claiborne has at Kentucky and the things he is doing."

Bell never seriously considered Louisville. He said, "Louisville was too close to home. They are also an independent and I didn't like that."

Kentucky has recruited Bell, who has a 2.5 grade-point average, since his sophomore year. He moves well for a 255-pound lineman and has excellent upper body strength. He loves contact and is an intense competitor.

Bell played tight end or fullback in goal-line situations for DeSales last year but will be a defensive tackle or guard at UK.

State pride certainly played a role in his decision to stay in the Bluegrass.

"If I can help Kentucky be a better team, then that's what I want to do," said Bell, who had also been recruited by Alabama and UCLA. "There's no sense in having all the good players in Kentucky leave the state. If that happens, Kentucky can never do much. The best players should stay close to home."

Obviously Dishman agreed. The 6-0, 195-pound Dishman rushed for 1,568 yards on 156 carries in 1986 and gained over 100 yards each game for Bryan Station. He rushed for almost 3,500 yards in his three-year career.

Bryan Station Coach Steve Parker thinks Dishman, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds, is the best running back he has ever coached and compares him to former UK standout George Adams.

"He runs a lot like George did," said Parker, a former UK griddier who has sent Marc Logan, Cornell Burbage, Dermontti Dawson and Edgar Shearer to play for Claiborne. "He looks for the end zone every time he runs."

"He's bigger and stronger than any back I have coached. I think he is one of the top 10 running backs in the country."

Georgia, Florida, Michigan State, Michigan, Louisville, Eastern, Western and Morehead all tried to recruit the Bryan Station star.

Here is a brief look at the other in-state commitments UK had by Feb. 5:

• **Derrick Thomas** — The 6-2, 215-pound Thomas is a terrific hitter and has the size and quickness that college coaches like. He played linebacker at Bryan Station.

• **Todd George** — The 6-4, 250-pound Covington Catholic offensive lineman was one of the top players in northern Kentucky. George, who runs the 40-yard dash in 5.2 seconds, was overshadowed by Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic but one UK coach said, "Believe me, he's a player."

• **Jeff Houk** — The 6-2, 200-pound quarterback led St. Xavier to the Class 4-A state championship and was at his

best in the playoffs. He runs the 40 in 4.7.

• **Freddie Maggard** — The 6-2, 190-pound Maggard is one of the state's most versatile athletes. He played quarterback and defensive back at Cumberland but will probably be used on defense at UK.

• **Joey Couch** — The 6-3, 240-pound linebacker led Paintsville in tackles three of the last four years. He could play linebacker over a down lineman position at UK.

• **Shawn Evans** — The 6-6, 220-pound end didn't receive lot of publicity during the year but one UK coach said, "We think he could develop into a big-time player. We like his size."

• **Steve Kelley** — Another big hitter is this 6-2, 218-pound linebacker. He runs the 40 in 4.8.

• **Courtney Longacre** — The state's best center last season was the 6-2, 223-pound Louisville Fairdale product. He has been timed in 5.1 for the 40.

• **David Scott** — The 6-2, 210-pound Jeffersontown running back has the size and power UK coaches like in a running back.

• **Larry Jackson** — The 6-1, 175-pound Jackson helped Mayfield win two straight Class AA state titles. He was a first team All-State defensive back.

Another recruit the Cats want is 6-0, 216-pound linebacker Billy Swanson of Paducah Tilghman.

The real recruiting jewels, though, are tight end Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic, tight end Jeff Ellis of Louisville Male or wide receiver Phil Logan of Louisville Holy Cross. They are three of the nation's best prep players.

If Kentucky could sign two of the three, it will have once again controlled the state even though wide receiver Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox picked Indiana and lineman Walter Underwood of Fairdale chose Alabama.

Jacobs, Ellis and Logan have UK among their final candidates. Jacobs visited Penn State last weekend after going to UCLA one week earlier. Logan is still trying to decide between Tennessee and Kentucky. Ellis is considering three or four schools.

"I've talked to Jeff Ellis and Phil Logan both," said Bell. "I wouldn't tell anyone where to go to school because you have to make that decision for yourself. But I would love to see them sign with Kentucky."

So would Jerry Claiborne.

*'I Just Think Kentucky Will Be The Best Place For Me. I Really Like The Program Coach Claiborne Has At Kentucky And The Things He Is Doing.'*

—Louisville DeSales' Jerry Bell

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CLAIBORNE brought in 10 out-of-state players for official visits last weekend just before the national signing date.

They were 6-0, 290-pound offensive lineman John Covert of Gainesville, Fla.; 6-5, 235-pound center Steve Fischer of Orange Park, Fla.; 6-4, 218-pound tackle-defensive end Mike Good of Tucson, Ariz.; 6-2, 195-pound linebacker Joel Goode of McKeesport, Pa.; 6-3, 245-pound offensive lineman Lance Hostetler of Massillon, Ohio; 6-3, 235-pound lineman Mark Moore of Charleston, W.Va.; 6-4, 200-pound lineman Mark Rhea of Beavercreek, Ohio; 6-3 quarterback Alonzo Sullivan of Largo, Fla.; 6-4, 245-pound lineman Mark Weatherford of Fork Union, Va.; and 6-4, 195-pound defensive back Jon Weeks of Brandon, Fla.

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THE UK basketball team has not been mentally prepared to play every game this season. The players admit that they have had trouble "getting up" for teams like Mississippi and Mississippi State.

Maybe in the past UK's overall talent would have still allowed the Cats to win a game when that happened. But not this year.

"We have to play hard and respect everybody we play this year," said Sutton. "I'm disappointed our players would say that. Maybe we just haven't got across to them that we have to play smart and hard to have a chance to win."

"We have got to respect all teams but fear none. I didn't like the remark about not respecting some teams and told our players I didn't appreciate it."

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when the game is played. And I would say there is a very good chance that the game will not be played that evening."

**Doubleheader, hoop style:** Last Monday it was stated by one school official that only Kentucky needs to give the OK for a doubleheader at the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome featuring UK, Indiana, Notre Dame and Louisville.

The proposal lists the game being played next season on Saturday, Dec. 17. U of L would face Notre Dame while the 'Cats would play Indiana. In years to follow both the Hoosiers and Irish would alternate contests against the two institutions from the Bluegrass.

And also, 43,000 seats would be allotted for the two contests, with the best seats marked at \$25 apiece. This, however, is only a plan for a possible annual double-header. Nothing so far has been made official.

Said Sutton, "I've been a strong advocate of that. I haven't read the (newspaper) article, but I would be very much in favor of Indiana, Notre Dame, Louisville and Kentucky playing a one-night affair in Indianapolis."

"I really believe it would be good for basketball; it would raise a lot of money for each institution. It would be a highlight of college basketball because you're talking about four of the best basketball programs in America."

"I have no control over that (giving the 'OK' for the series). Mr. Hagan would be the one who would make that determination, along with maybe Dr. (Otis) Singletary and the administration. I would vote for it. I think it would be a good thing for college basketball."

**Xs and Os:** When Kentucky is running its offense, the 'Cats seem to always initiate things with a pass to the wing, one reporter noted. But when facing a team with better-than-average quickness UK has difficulty and sometimes becomes confused.

Professor Sutton was asked what he does to solve this particular problem.

"They're two solutions. One, you can dribble entry like a lot of ballclubs do... chasing the wing man away. The other way is to try and enter the ball to one of the post men. We'll come to a 1-4 set, and if you get overlapped on the wing then you try to hit one of those interior people and look for a back door play."

"Those are things that we've been working on."

**Blackmon coming of age:** While Kentucky was recording a 50-36 win over Mississippi State, senior guard James Blackmon was leading the way. He scored a season-high 18 points on eight of 12 from the field. His career-high at Kentucky is 22.

With his collegiate career winding down, Blackmon, like last season, is again coming of age.

"James Blackmon played one of the best games (Mississippi State) that I've seen him play in the two years since I've been here," Sutton said. "He had 18 points, but I thought he played well defensively. Had he hit his free throws (1 of 4) down the stretch then he would have perhaps broken his personal record."

"Overall, James has really matured. I'd like to see him drive with the ball a little bit more when there is an opening. He is a quick 'driver.' Even though he might not get all the way to the basket he may force a 'help' situation. Then he could kick the ball off to a shooter who might be able to knock it down."

**Whatsa matter?** Recently, freshman guard Derrick Miller has seen his playing time diminish. In Oxford, Miss., he played only three minutes, while against Mississippi State in Lexington he logged only seven minutes. In those two games Miller failed to score.

Is Derrick Miller in Eddie's woof-woof

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estate, otherwise known as the coach's infamous dog house?

Sutton noted that Miller just needs to "get a smile on his face." In other words, improve his attitude along with his confidence.

"Derrick has played some wonderful ball for us," Sutton commented. "He hasn't played well for us in the last three or four ballgames, but he's played well for a freshman. I do believe, because he's such a competitor, that he feels like he should be contributing more to the ballclub than what he has.

"He will. Sometimes he gets down on himself and gets to frowning a little bit. I always tell him, 'Put a smile on your face and good things will happen.'

"There are some things that he must understand, like when he covers a bigger person he must remember to block out. The other night he allowed a bigger guy to get inside on him. He (Miller) had to foul him in order to stop the two points. He perhaps took two shots too quickly. But he's a good basketball player for a freshman.

"Look across the country and see how many freshmen are playing at this level or are really contributing as much as he has in the season."

**It doesn't get any easier:** Kentucky's remaining schedule, prior to its encounter



Georgia's Hugh Durham

with Sonny Smith's Tigers, is a very demanding one. Just ask UK's head coach.

"We've got four places to go and they're not easy," said Sutton. "We've got to go to Georgia. And if I were to vote for coaches of the year at this point I would vote for Hugh Durham and Ed Murphy. I think they've done an outstanding job with their ballclubs. We've got to go to Alabama, LSU and Florida. They're all good ballclubs.

"We've got Auburn here and we've got Ole Miss coming, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Oklahoma.

"If you take those teams all of them that we're going to play are in the top 50 in the country. That doesn't mean they all will get in the NCAA Tournament. But I'll be very surprised if the teams that I have mentioned aren't all in a post-season tournament, whether it be in the NCAAs or the NIT.

"What we have to do is just play them one at a time."

**Reggie's on his way:** University of Kentucky freshman Reggie Hanson, who's having to sit out this season due to being a casualty of Proposition 48, is on his way to earning a spot on next season's team.

According to Sutton, Hanson, the Pulaski County all-State performer, is doing fine in his academic work and should meet NCAA guidelines required for student-athletes to be eligible for a scholarship.

"We see Reggie Hanson at least two or three times a week. We don't see him play basketball; he plays over at Seaton Center. He is very happy; his grades are very good. He will be eligible, in all likelihood. He will help our ballclub and we're happy that he is here.

"He could probably help our ballclub right now."

If you'll remember, Hanson is listed at 6-foot-8, 180 pounds. Last season Hanson was named MVP of the Sweet 16 as Pulaski County captured the state title.

## What A Difference A Month Makes

'Cats Peaking In Time For Tounament?

A little over a month ago, when Kentucky was preparing to play Alabama for the first time, the 'Cats were riding high—a 7-2 record overall, 1-1 in league play. UK had breezed through the non-conference part of its schedule with six wins and only one defeat, all of which was culminated Dec. 27 in Louisville when Eddie Sutton's club destroyed Denny Crum's Cards 85-51 on national television.

Everybody was expecting great things from Kentucky.

At the time, Sutton tried to warn everyone, tried to tell people that UK wasn't yet a Top Twenty team. He tried to impress on



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Cats' Pause Columnist

everyone that his club was young and would have its ups and downs. Every time Sutton's mouth flew open, it seemed, the word "inconsistent" came out.

"I keep saying, 'Be patient, we're gonna be up and down.'" Sutton said. "It's gonna be that type of season. We're not gonna be overpowering. I think a lot of false alarms went out after we beat Louisville like we did, and that was a fluke—to beat 'em by 34 points.

"I think everybody got the idea, 'Well, it's gonna be a tough season.' Then we beat Louisville and everybody gets their optimism up. We're gonna be a good basketball team on given nights, but on other evenings we're not gonna play that well. I think that's already been established."

Some people, though, were slow to be persuaded. UK lost to Georgia in Freedom Hall to open the 18-game SEC slate, but then bounced back to beat highly-ranked Auburn on the Tigers' home court. A lot of people were talking SEC title.

Then it happened. The Wildcats' inexperience started to show.

### 'Cats Took Lumps Early In SEC Play. . .

The Crimson Tide rolled into Rupp Arena and handed Kentucky its worst defeat ever (to that point) in Rupp, pounding the 'Cats by 14. UK then traveled to Knoxville, only to come back home on the short end of a seven-point loss to Tennessee. And after a pair of wins over Florida and lowly Mississippi State, the wheels came completely off the Wildcat wagon—a 35-point pasting at the hands of LSU, a team which occupied the basketball basement in the SEC at the time. Worst of all, it happened at home.

Kentucky set a lot of records that day, Jan. 18, losing a home game by the widest margin in 50 years. The 25 percent shooting mark was the lowest total ever turned in by a Kentucky team, at least since statisticians started keeping such records. The 26 turnovers represented the most miscues Kentucky had committed in five years.

But much more important than any trivial shooting percentage or turnover statistic, was the effort put out by the men in Blue. For the first time in recent memory, maybe ever, the Wildcats quit. Actually folded up their tents and just went through the motions for much of the second half of the contest.

"I didn't bring any of our players to the press conference today because they don't deserve to come," Sutton said after the record-setting loss. "I wish I didn't have to come and face you folks. I've coached 30 years, and this is the most embarrassing game I've ever been a part of. And I apologize to all the great fans of Kentucky for the way we played this afternoon."

But just hours after the perhaps the most humiliating loss in the 84-year history of Kentucky basketball, Sutton began to put the 'Cats back on the right track. He called a 6:30 practice, not as punishment, but in an attempt to turn things around.

### . . .But May Have Things Turned Around

Whatever the coach said during that practice session, it worked. Since the LSU loss, Kentucky has won five times and lost just once. During that time, the 'Cats have upended three Top Twenty teams—Navy, Auburn and Alabama—and claimed two big SEC wins on the road—at Vanderbilt and at Alabama. Once in danger of not being invited to the NCAA tournament, Kentucky is now playing its best basketball of the season. And if UK can keep third place in the conference locked up, the 'Cats should be shoo-ins for the postseason event.

In addition to erasing doubts of playing in the postseason, Ken-

tucky's recent streak has also squelched rumors of dissent on the squad. While UK was busy losing four of 10 games in January, talk around Lexington had the players at each other's throats. Supposedly, the team had too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Word had it that one basketball wasn't enough to go around. If that was the case, things seem to have worked themselves out. In the last six games, three different players—James Blackmon, Rex Chapman and Ed Davender—have led the scoring parade. Against Auburn, Kentucky placed four players in double figures in scoring, and against Alabama, the 'Cats had three men in double digits.

That, more than anything, may point to the fact that Kentucky is finally beginning to grow up and mature as a ballclub. It looks like UK is tuning up to make a run at the NCAAs.

Winston Bennett, who has been a part of two clubs that made long runs in NCAA tournament play, said this year's team is starting to display signs of being ready to make some noise.

"I think that's one of the things you have to have if you're gonna go anywhere in the NCAA tournament, you're gonna have to have that great balance," Bennett said. "And the last couple of games, we've really been fortunate to have a balanced ballclub."

Richard Madison, who is finally making himself at home under the basket, says Kentucky *thinks* it can now play with anyone, something that wasn't necessarily the case when UK hooked up with Alabama the first time.

"Then we were young and inconsistent," Madison said after the game in Tuscaloosa. "We were forcing a lot of shots too early and we weren't taking our time on offense. Today, we recognized a lot of things and we ran our offense. We got a lot of shots we were able to hit.

"We beat two great ballteams (this week), two Top Twenty teams, and it just showed us that if we compete every day, we can beat anybody."

Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson, said when Kentucky is play-



Madison Says UK Can Play With Anybody

ing well, they have too many weapons. If you shut off one guy, somebody else comes in and picks up the slack.

"Kentucky's a little bit like we are, they have somebody come through (for them) every game," Sanderson said after he watched Davender, Chapman and Richard Madison lead the balanced attack that stopped his Tide in Tuscaloosa. "Against Auburn, it was Blackmon. Against us, it was Davender."

Davender, who scored 29 points, two of which came on a twisting shot in the lane with five seconds left to win the ballgame, says Kentucky is starting to make it's move.

"I'll just put it this way," Davender said after the contest. "we're jelling and it's just a matter of time for us to put it all together."

What a difference a month makes.

# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Four Years Ago

"Kentucky played well and beat us in every way possible," said Mississippi State coach Bob Boyd after his team was crushed by the Wildcats 88-67 in front of 23,548 fans at Rupp Arena. It was a game which had shades of December written on it for UK and featured a total team effort.

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

State jumped out to an early 16-10 lead, but the 'Cats battled back and by halftime UK held a 39-31 advantage. In the second half, the 'Cats started to pull away. The highlight of the contest came when guard Dirk Minniefield slammed one home, with his head high above the rim. Kentucky upped its lead to 25 points with over five minutes to go and just coasted the rest of the way.

\*Derrick Hord sank a last-second desperation shot to give the 'Cats a 71-69 win over Auburn. With the score tied at 69, UK called timeout and set up a play where they would spread out the floor and get the ball inside to Melvin Turpin. Dirk Minniefield was trapped outside and couldn't get the ball into Turpin. He passed the ball over to Hord, who sank the shot to give Kentucky a thrilling win. The game started in controversy—at the 18:07 mark in the first half, UK's Charles Hurt fouled Auburn's Charles Barkley, and the burly forward retaliated by hitting Hurt in the back. Barkley was ejected from the game while Hurt stayed in. Turpin led all scorers with 25 points. Jim Master added 20 for Kentucky. Chuck Person led the Tigers with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Kentucky is now 16-5 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

\*UK head football coach Jerry Claiborne signed 27 players to national letters-of-intent

to play at Kentucky, 17 of which are from inside the commonwealth. Claiborne called his second UK recruiting class "good, but not great."

## Five Years Ago

\*Kentucky center Sam Bowie announced that he would sit out the remainder of the 1981-82 basketball season after missing a great portion of the year because of a broken tibia.

\*Kentucky avenged an early-season loss to Mississippi by defeating the visiting Rebels 56-49 in Rupp Arena. Ole Miss kept the tempo at a slow pace but there were still a great number of turnovers, 36 in all. The game was very physical and the biggest highlight was the awesome shooting exhibition put on by Ole Miss' Carlos Clark, who fired in 13 of 15 from the field while scoring 30 points. Mississippi took the early lead but Kentucky fought back to go ahead 26-23 at the half. Derrick Hord led Kentucky with 15 points.

\*In Kentucky's biggest win of the season to that point, Alabama fell to the wayside in Tuscaloosa 72-62. The victory held the Kentucky conference loss total to four and kept them only one game behind SEC leader Tennessee. After trailing 6-4, Kentucky was never behind again. It was a nerve-racking, action packed game before a sellout crowd of Alabama fans. The score was tied at the half but Kentucky surged early in the final 20 minutes. Alabama kept coming back but each time Kentucky held on, and by nailing its foul shots in the final minutes extended its lead to the 10-point final margin.

## Nine Years Ago

\*Kentucky doesn't show the poise it requires to be a true champion and loses its second game of the season 95-94 to LSU in overtime.

"We're having difficulty against teams who want a victory more than we do and we've not adjusted to that," said UK coach Joe Hall.

The King (Kentucky) can no longer wear that title and will have to fight for its life to win the SEC. LSU had all five of its starters on the bench but still managed to knock off the No. 1 team in the nation in overtime.

\*After the loss to LSU, Kentucky coach Joe Hall verbally attacked all of his players and told them they could go down in the UK history books as the "Folding Five." Hall shook up the lineup and substituted 17 times in the first half of the Ole Miss game. Luckily for the Kentucky players, they won the game, although unimpressively, 64-52.

## Eleven Years Ago

\*Freshman forward Bob Fowler and junior guard Joey Holland were suspended from the UK basketball team for breaking curfew. The suspension left UK with only nine players, including football player Derrick Ramsey.

"It's the same old thing," said UK guard Larry Johnson after the 'Cats fell 69-65 to Vanderbilt in Nashville. "We gave the effort and came out on the short end."

Kentucky outrebounded the Commodores 44-30 and took 25 more shots, but was able to hit only 29 of 74 for 39 percent. Jack Givens scored 24 points for the 'Cats and Reggie Warford added 12. UK is now 5-7 in league play and 10-10 overall. Vandy is one game behind conference co-leaders Alabama and Tennessee.

## Sixteen Years Ago

\*The Wildcats set a school record as they passed the 100-point mark for the fourth straight time, beating Mississippi State 102-83. The win boosted UK's SEC leading record to 10-1. A 32-point performance by Tom Parker, the fine clutch play of guard Jim Dinwiddie and an outstanding relief job by center Jim Andrews were the game's highlights. Jack Bouldin led State in scoring with 34 points.

\*Ronnie Lyons scored 41 points in leading the UK Kittens to a 97-88 win over Marathon AAU.

\*UK basketball coach Adolph Rupp was reported in satisfactory condition at the UK Medical Center. Rupp was hospitalized for treatment of an ulcerated right foot. Assistant Joe Hall was named in charge of the team for road games with Florida and Georgia.

\*Kentucky is now ranked eighth in the AP poll, with UCLA and Marquette running 1-2.

\*The Florida Gators beat the cold-shooting Wildcats 74-65 in Gainesville. Tom Purvis led UF with 24 points. Kentucky was led by Tom Parker with 20 points. Sophomore center Tom Payne grabbed 19 rebounds for the 'Cats.

## Thirty Years Ago

\*Gaining their first win over Kentucky in 12 tries, the homesteading Mississippi State Bulldogs upset the Wildcats 89-81. However, the loss didn't drop UK in the standings as second-place Tulane fell to Vandy. Bob McCarthy's boys broke open a close game with a 26-12 scoring spree in the second half, wiping out a five-point UK lead. Four of UK's five starters fouled out in an effort to catch up. Six-foot-seven Bailey Howell led State with 37 points. UK soph Johnny Cox paced Kentucky with 28 points. Gerry Calvert added 14 for the 'Cats.

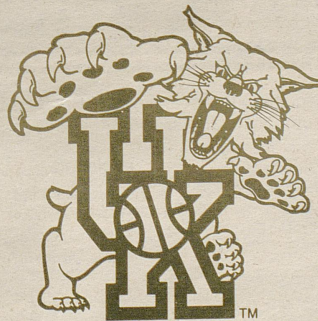
\*Kentucky center Ed Beck was rushed to Georgia to see his ailing wife, who is in serious condition with cancer. Beck will miss UK's next game.

\*Despite regulars Ed Beck and Adrian Smith being out of the lineup, UK romped to a Chicago Stadium college scoring record with a 115-65 win over Loyola. The score would have been higher if Loyola had not played slowdown for the first 12 minutes. Dazzling sophomore Johnny Cox led UK with 32 points, despite sitting out the final 12 minutes. Vernon Hatton, in his first start since his Dec. 31 appendectomy, scored 20 points while Gerry Calvert added 18. Beck missed the game due to his wife's illness, and Smith was laid up with an injured ankle.

## Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Kentucky has never lost a game to Florida in the Gators' O'Connell Center.
2. What player set the Gator record for the most games played in a career?  
a) Vernon Delancy  
b) Eugene McDowell  
c) Neal Walk  
d) Bruno Caldwell
3. Who preceded Adolph Rupp as head coach at Kentucky, and also preceded Norm Sloan as head coach at Florida?  
a) Ray Eklund  
b) J.J. Tigert  
c) John Mauer  
d) Sam McAllister
4. True or False? Former Kentucky forward Kenny Walker holds the O'Connell Center mark for most points scored by an opposing player.
5. Who is Florida's all-time scoring leader?  
a) Eugene McDowell  
b) Vernon Maxwell  
c) Neal Walk  
d) Ronnie Williams
6. Who is Florida's all-time assist leader?  
a) Mike Moses  
b) Vernon Delancy  
c) Nabe Palmer  
d) Ronnie Montgomery
7. In the 27 years the SEC tournament has been contested, how many times has Florida won the event?  
a) none  
b) one  
c) two  
d) four

8. In 1969, the NBA's Phoenix Suns had the second overall pick in the draft. What former Florida player did they select, making him the only ex-Gator to go in the first round?  
a) Mike Leatherwood  
b) Andy Owens  
c) Joe Hobbs  
d) Neal Walk
9. Who holds the Florida single-game scoring record of 54 points?  
a) Neal Walk  
b) Ronnie Williams  
c) Tony Miller  
d) Eugene McDowell
10. What current Gator was named the SEC's Freshman of the Year in 1984?  
a) Joe Lawrence  
b) Andrew Moten  
c) Vernon Maxwell  
d) Randall Leath



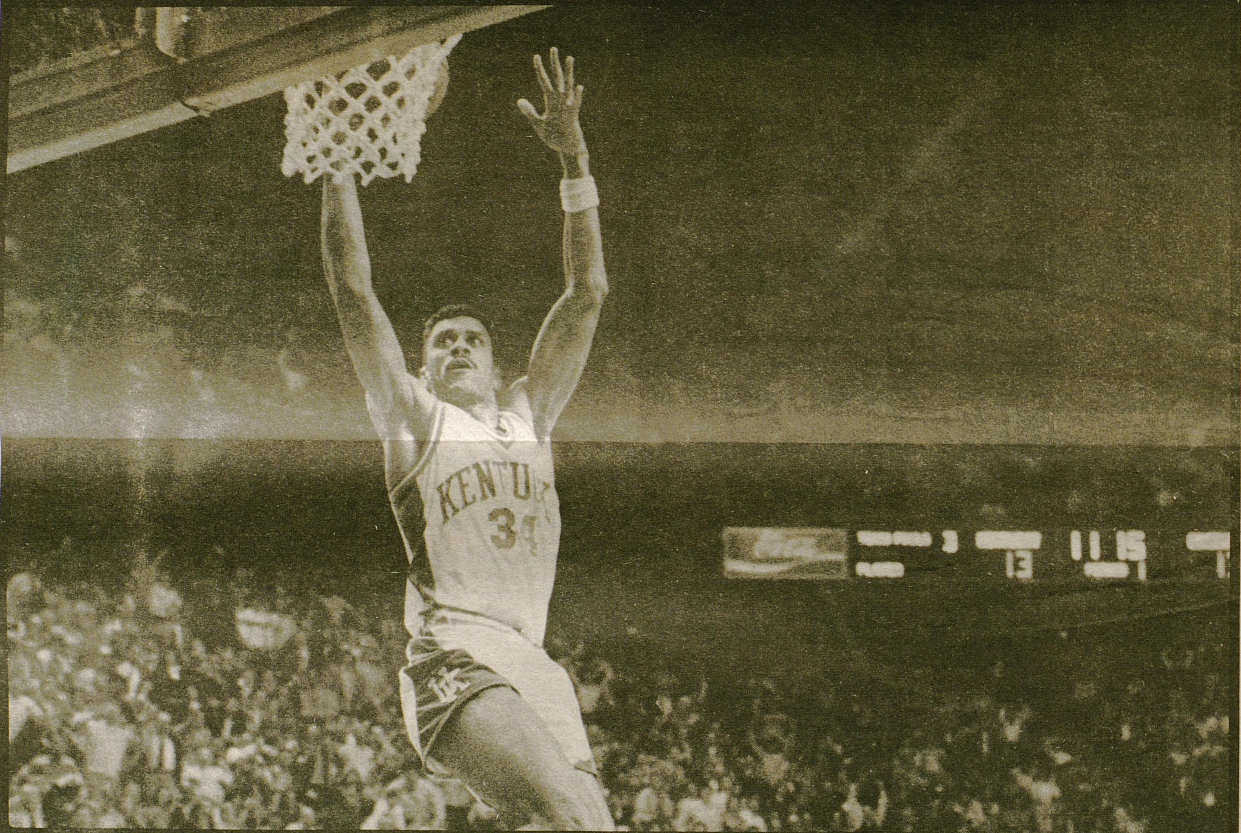
## Answers

1. False. (UK lost 69-57 in 1984)
2. Eugene McDowell. (117 games)
3. John Mauer
4. False. (Auburn's Chuck Person holds the record with 39 pts.)
5. Ronnie Williams. (2,090 pts.)
6. Andrew Moten
7. none
8. Neal Walk
9. Tony Miller
10. Vernon Delancy. (427 assists)

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