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Cat Chasing

Iona, Boston University and Texas A&M Head To Bluegrass This Weekend In Hopes Of Claiming Kentucky's Coveted UKIT Trophy

WILDCAT BASKETBALL NOTES

DATES: 5, 6, 8: 34th Annual University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament
Friday, Dec. 19 and Saturday, Dec. 20, 1986

SITE: Rupp Arena - Lexington, Ky. - capacity: 23,000

TIPOFF: Friday: 6:30 p.m. - Boston University vs. Texas A&M
9:05 p.m. - Kentucky vs. Iona
Saturday: 6:30 p.m. - Consolation Game
9:05 p.m. - Championship Game

ON THE AIR: UK RADIO NETWORK (Cawood Ledford and Ralph Hacker) - 90+ stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas. Anchoring the coverage this season is the powerful 50,000-watt clear channel WLW in Cincinnati. Located at 700 on the AM dial, WLW beams the Wildcat action to at least 40 states. The Kentucky Network will carry all games of the tournament.

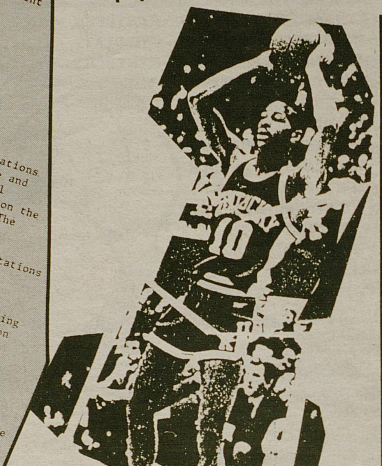
UK TELEVISION NETWORK (Milo Hamilton and Rob Bromley) - Eight stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. The UK TV Network will carry only the games involving Kentucky.

THE COACHES: **EDDIE SUTTON** is now in his second season at Kentucky after completing the most successful first-year in NCAA history. Last season, Sutton guided the Wildcats to a 31-4 record and a spot in the NCAA Final Eight. He also led UK to its 30th Southeastern Conference title with a 17-1 league mark and guided the Cats to the SEC Tournament championship. For his efforts, Sutton was named National "Coach of the Year" by Associated Press and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Sutton is now in his 18th year as a college coach and has compiled a record of 377-130. That's a winning percentage of .744, which places him among the winningest coaches in the country.

GARY BROOK is in his first season at Iona and has so far led the Gaels to a 4-2 record.

SHELBY METCALF is in his 24th season at Iona and has so far led the Gaels to a 384-354 record, including this season's 4-1 mark.

MIKE JARVIS is in his second season at Boston U., where he has compiled a 23-12 record, including this season's 4-1 mark.



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS:

Team	Player	PPG	RPG
Kentucky Wildcats (3-1)	F 30 - Irv Thomas (6-7 sophomore)	9.0	6.5
	C 44 - Rob Lock (6-11 junior)	6.8	3.0
	G 3 - Rex Chapman (6-5 freshman)	14.0	11.5
	G 10 - James Blackmon (6-3 senior)	6.8	3.0
	C 15 - Ed Davender (6-3 junior)	16.3	3.0
Iona Gaels (4-2)	G 14 - Richie Simmonds (6-2 junior)	21.3	3.7
	G 22 - Alvin Lott (6-0 junior)	12.8	3.2
	C 34 - Jeff Wilder (6-7 junior)	10.8	8.2
	F 23 - Tony Wright (6-5 junior)	9.5	4.3
Texas A&M Aggies (4-1)	F 21 - Winston Crite (6-7 senior)	16.6	8.6
	F 44 - John Trezvant (6-7 junior)	12.6	6.6
	F 25 - Mike Clifford (6-6 senior)	3.6	9.4
Boston U. Terriers (4-2)	G 11 - Todd Holloway (6-0 senior)	14.0	4.2
	G 22 - Paul Crawford (6-5 junior)	6.6	3.2
	C 34 - Jessie Spinner (6-10 junior)	6.6	3.6

THE UKIT:

The University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament is the country's third-oldest in-season college basketball tournament, tied with the ECAC Holiday Festival. The first UKIT was held in 1953 and Kentucky won that one with wins over Duke and LaSalle. Through the years, UK has captured the title 25 times.

- Here is the complete list of the nation's oldest in-season tournaments:
1. All-College Tournament.....51 years
 2. Sugar Bowl Tournament.....48 years
 3. UKIT.....48 years
 4. ECAC Holiday Festival.....34 years
 5. Far West Classic.....34 years
 6. Sun Bowl Tournament.....31 years
 7. Milwaukee Classic.....26 years
 8. Budweiser Bayou Classic.....25 years
 9. Rainbow Classic.....24 years
 10. Lobo Invitational.....23 years
 11. Volunteer Classic.....21 years
 12. Cable Car Classic.....20 years

KENTUCKY AT RUPP ARENA:

Kentucky is now in its 11th season in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country and has compiled a remarkable 131-16 record in the facility named for the late, legendary Coach Adolph Rupp. That's a winning percentage of 91.1. Last year, the Wildcats compiled a perfect 18-0 record at Rupp, marking the fourth time in 10 years UK has gone unbeaten in the 23,000-seat arena. The Wildcats have now won 22 straight games at Rupp; the last loss coming on Feb. 24, 1985, when Georgia downed Kentucky, 79-77.

SERIES INFORMATION:

Kentucky has a 2-0 record against Iona. The two schools first met on Dec. 23, 1977, at Rupp Arena, with UK winning 104-65. The Cats, of course, went on to capture the NCAA championship that season. Kentucky defeated the Gaels the next season in the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, 57-50.

Kentucky has a 3-1 record against Texas A&M. The Cats won 49-29 in the 1978 UKIT. That loss stands as one of only two UK losses in the UKIT since moving to Rupp Arena in 1976.

CAT SCANS:

Kentucky and Boston University have never met.

Kentucky continues to shoot well from the floor. After connecting on 63.8 percent from the floor against Lamar, the Cats are 54.1 for the season. . . . Shooting from the foul line is another matter. After a dismal 4-for-12 outing against Lamar, Kentucky's season average from the margin of 30.3-27.0. . . . UK's two walk-ons, Steve Bruce and Terry Shige, saw their first action of the season in the Lamar game. Each played just one minute, but Coach Eddie Sutton admits they may see more playing time with the UK roster now down to seven scholarship players. . . . Rob Lock's 12 points against Lamar matched his career-high point total, set last season against Pepperdine.

THE OPPONENTS: Iona brings a 4-2 record into the UKIT after capturing the title of last weekend's Manufacturers Hanover Classic with victories over Grambling (77-65) and Morehead State (69-66). Texas A&M brings a 4-1 mark into the tournament after defeating Nebraska at College Station last Saturday, 66-64. The Aggies' only loss of the season was a 97-79 setback at Oklahoma in the first game of the year. Besides Nebraska, A&M owns victories over SM Texas State, Oral Roberts and Texas Southern. Boston University is 4-2 coming into the tournament after defeating Colgate, 78-65, last Thursday, Dec. 11.

THE WILDCATS: Kentucky ran its record to 3-1 on the season after downing Lamar at Rupp Arena Saturday night, 71-56. The Wildcats placed four players in double figures, led by Ed Davender's 16 points. James Blackmon added 13, while Rob Lock and Derrick Miller each scored 12. Perhaps the most impressive aspects of Kentucky's game were the shooting (63.8 percent from the floor) and the assists (23). The Cats, however, were once again outrebounded (29-27), which illustrates UK's continued lack of strength inside. Free throws continue to be an area of concern for Coach Eddie Sutton as the Cats hit only 6-of-12 from the charity stripe. For the season, UK is shooting a dismal 57.1 percent from the line.





Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Brings Cheers (And Jeers)

"Tis the season to be jolly. And a time to bring joy to the faces of the young at heart, regardless of age.

With the Christmas spirit in mind, we take this opportunity to play the role of Santa to all our friends and foes around the sporting world.

To Indiana coach Bobby Knight who has revealed those awful transgressions of past Kentucky basketball teams: three appearances on *Truth or Consequences* with the consequences being three fishing trips with Joe B. Hall.

To former UK coach Joe B. Hall: an autographed copy of *A Season On The Brink* complete with a dirty language dictionary.

To former Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler: a five-minute CBS-TV special prior to the Kentucky-Oklahoma game in March for all the world to see him sing "My Old Kentucky Home."

To former Louisville Courier-Journal sports editor Billy Reed: A Bobby Knight teddy bear to cuddle up with on these cold, lonely winter nights as he huddles near the radio while listening to his favorite college basketball team. (You fill in the blank).

To Louisville Courier-Journal sports columnist Rick Bozich: Billy Reed's old, worn-out manual on "How To Make Friends With A Knight In Shining Armor."

To new Louisville Courier-Journal sports editor Steve Ford: four video tapes of the original "Bobby Knight Weekly Television Show."

To Louisville Courier-Journal managing editor David Hawpe: a framed portrait of the popular automotive slogan, "Ford Has A Better Idea."

To Lexington Herald-Leader sports columnist John McGill Jr.: a Barry Bingham golden parachute policy in case Billy Reed comes aboard the Herald-Leader in the near future.

To Lexington Herald-Leader Wildcat beat writer Jerry Tipton: a ticket to the Washington Post for H-L writer Jeffrey Marx who likes to follow Kentucky sports.

To Lexington Herald-Leader's Jeffrey Marx who broke the Pulitzer Prize-winning story on UK: Tipton's job and getting snow-bound at Dale Brown's home for six months.

To LSU coach Dale Brown: six full pages of publicity in the Lexington Herald-Leader, complete with Marx's by-line, a Pulitzer Prize and 10 years probation by NCAA with sentence to be served in Siberia. . . of course his cell-mate will be Arvidas Sabonis.

To Alabama coach Wimp Sanderson who won coach of the year honors last season: his first national political race with the motto of, "Vote For Wimp, I Did."

To sports writer Bob Watkins: a book on how to win Wildcat friends while writing about the Louisville Cardinals, and a college course on how to win Cardinal fans while writing about the Kentucky Wildcats.

To WHAS and Louisville Cardinal radio analyst Jack Sutherland: an all-expenses paid trip around the world. . . with Jim Griesch.

To Jim Griesch: a framed copy of the Dec. 12 Louisville Courier-Journal announcing Billy Reed's resignation along with a copy of

the hit record, "Who's Sorry Now?"

To Sports Illustrated's Curry Kirkpatrick: a Wildcat poster autographed by Eddie Sutton.

To Louisville Coach Denny Crum: Kentucky's formula on how to enjoy a midnight practice and attract 12,000 fans at the same time.

To UK radio color analyst Ralph Hacker: an autographed picture of Dick Vitale, a phone call from Al McGuire and a network television contract from CBS-TV, with money of course.

To Georgia football coach Vince Dooley: a new study hall for his football squad, a set of encyclopedias for each of his players, and a weekly tutoring session with Jan Kemp.

To SEC columnist Stan Torgeson: a Christmas card from the Ole Miss athletics department.

To Vanderbilt coach C. M. Newton: two more recruits from the state of Kentucky next spring to go with Barry Goheen, Scott Draud, Frank Komet, Derrick Wilcox and Chip Rupp.

To Jerry Claiborne: several blue-chip linemen, especially one named Frank Jacobs from Northern Kentucky.

To injured UK cheerleader Dale Baldwin: a will to never give up the fight.

To ESPN's Dick Vitale: a new pair of glasses. . . and a hairpiece to match.

To NBC-TV color analyst Al McGuire: a bowl of hot chili from his favorite Lexington hangout, Brookings.

To CBS-TV color analyst Billy Packer: the credit he deserves. He's earned his own star.

To college basketball fans everywhere: Al McGuire and Billy Packer back together doing the NCAA Final Four along with Dick Enberg. Oh, how we miss this entertainment.

To UK's Eddie Sutton: A Kentucky-Arkansas basketball game in Fayetteville's Barnhill Arena preceded by a homecoming parade with Frank Broyles as the grand marshal.

To University of Louisville president Donald Swain: Denny Crum's coaching contract plus a million-dollar bonus.

To University of Kentucky president Otis Singletary: Walter Byers' NCAA job in Shawnee Mission, Kan. He's had plenty of experience with UK, the SEC and the CFA.

To Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins: Otis Singletary's current job. There's no bigger business in the Commonwealth than the University of Kentucky.

To Wildcat Robert Lock: Masters & Johnson's manual on "How To Make Love" . . . with the UK student section at Rupp Arena.

To UK running back Ivy Joe Hunter who gained over 200 yards against Vanderbilt last season: five straight games against the Commodores.

To former Wildcat Jim Master: two more years of college eligibility so he could enjoy the three-point goal from 19-9.

To Jim Master again: a videotape of his famous jumper against Louisville in 1983 which sent the game into overtime. He still thinks it was the shot heard around the world.

To Jim Master again: a year of playing for Bobby Knight so he could experience a real "season of horror."

To Jim Host: another stroke of genius like the one which landed broadcaster Milo Hamilton as the play-by-play announcer for UK basketball games on television. Milo's fresh new approach has fans once again turning up the volume on television sets instead of switching to radio. Hamilton is the best thing to hit the airwaves in Kentucky since the legendary Claude Sullivan became a household word in the late 1940s.

To Milo Hamilton: An enjoyable season in Big Blue Country so he'll return for many, many more. He's a pro's pro and he's the best. Second to none.

To WKYT-TV's Sports Spectrum: a better time slot than 11:30 p.m. on Saturday for the best locally produced sports show in history. It would be a hit at 7 p.m. any week night. C'mon, Ralph Gabbard, give the show a shot in the arm.

To Channel 27's Rob Bromley who broke the retirement story of Joe B. Hall two years ago: the "Never Give Up Award." After apparently getting the axe from the station, he refused to quit, kept fighting back and broke one of the decades' top stories when Joe B. called it quits. He still doesn't get credit he deserves, but in his heart he knows he's a winner.

To all the greedy newspapers which publish gambling advertisements and Las Vegas betting lines: the same treatment that Basketball Weekly received for publishing said material. In other words, no press credentials for the NCAA Tournament.

To all the greedy athletics departments around the country which boast of crusades against drinking and drugs only to rush down to the bank with the huge checks from breweries for the sale and/or advertising of beer in game programs and broadcasts: rubber checks from said companies.

To Louisville's Freedom Hall: a return of the annual Kentucky-Notre Dame basketball classic.

To Indianapolis' Hoosier Dome: A Big Four Classic involving Kentucky, Indiana, Louisville and Notre Dame.

To UK's Memorial Coliseum: one Wildcat home game each season, preferably the University of Tennessee contest with all tickets being sold statewide on a lottery basis.

To UK baseball Keith Madison: a sparkling new baseball stadium so he won't dream of the good ole days at Mississippi State.

To all our readers everywhere: a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Eric Manuel—Sean Sutton—Deron Feldhaus—Lyndon Jones—Jay Edwards—Prince Stewart—Jerome Coles—Brian Partridge—Eric Smith—Aubry Boyd.

These are some of the top high school names around the state and nation and they'll be playing at Rupp Arena this Saturday in the first annual Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic.

Tip-off for game one is 9 a.m. as Chattanooga (Tenn.) Baylor will take on Lex-

ington Tates Creek. At 10:45 a.m., Mason County will collide with Lexington Bryan Station.

Game three at 12:30 p.m. will feature the nation's No. 1 high school team in the Marion (Ind.) Giants. Coach Bill Green's team will go against Prince Stewart and the Lafayette Generals.

Topping off a great day of prep action will be Top Ten-ranked Macon (Ga.) Southwest and Lexington Henry Clay.

This will be the only opportunity this season for University of Kentucky fans to see the exciting Eric Manuel play in person in the Commonwealth.

Manuel, who is headed to UK next season, is a consensus prep All-American and is considered the nation's premier player by several scouting services.

A limited number of lower arena tickets are still available at the Rupp Arena ticket office and any Ticketron outlet around the nation. Ticket prices are \$10, \$8 and \$6 each. One ticket is good for all four sessions.

Kentucky senior James Blackmon should have quite a cheering section this weekend during the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

Blackmon, who hails from Marion (Ind.) High, will have 600 or so hometown folks in the stands Friday and Saturday as UK defends its UKIT crown.

Some 1,000 Marion High fans are expected in Lexington this weekend to watch Marion in the Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic. Over 600 of Marion's fans have purchased tickets to the UKIT to cheer on one of their very own.

"It's going to be great," said Blackmon of his hometown fans coming to Rupp Arena. "They love their basketball up there. It'll be a great weekend."

Bill Greene, Marion's head coach, and two Marion Giants, Jay Edwards and Lyndon Jones, stopped by Sunday afternoon to visit with Blackmon at Rupp Arena.

Greene and his players were in town with other Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic coaches and players for a press conference promoting the classic.

When Kentucky meets Iona Friday night in the second game of the UKIT, the Wildcats will be shooting for their 16th consecutive win in the annual Christmas classic.

Kentucky last lost in the UKIT in 1978 when the Cats were upset by Texas A&M 73-69. UK bounced back to beat Syracuse 94-87 in the consolation game and hasn't lost since.

The Wildcats have now won seven straight titles.

The UKIT is the third oldest in-season basketball tournament in the nation. The oldest is the All-College Tournament which has been in the works for 51 seasons followed by the 48-year-old Sugar Bowl tournament. Next are the UKIT and the ECAC Holiday Festival, each being 34 years old.

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NBA's Houston Club Picks Up Minniefield

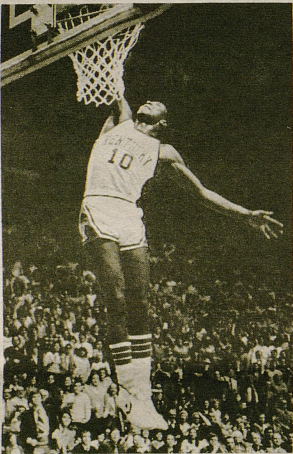
Last week former Kentucky Wildcat hoopster Dirk Minniefield was traded to the 1986 NBA finalist Houston Rockets. The 6-foot-3 guard was averaging 2.5 points per game in 11 outings for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Minniefield will take Robert Reid's place on the Rockets' roster. Reid was placed on injured reserve last Monday (Dec. 7) following arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

In exchange for Minniefield, Cleveland will get Houston's third-round pick in the 1989 draft.

Drafted by Dallas in the second round in 1983, Minniefield spent two seasons playing for the Louisville Catbirds of the Continental Basketball Association. Last season for Cleveland he connected for 5.5 ppg while dishing out 3.5 assists per contest.

He pumped in 8.7 ppg during his four-year stay at Kentucky. A member of the famous 1,000 point club (1,069), Minniefield still



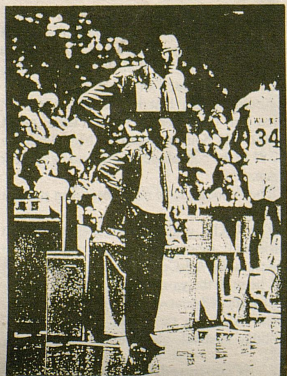
Dirk Moves To Rockets

has the all-time career assist mark at UK with 646 in 123 ballgames.

Minniefield joins former Louisville standout Rodney McCray in Houston. Those two are best remembered for playing against one another in the 1983 Midwest Regional finals, known throughout the Bluegrass as Dream Game I. Louisville eventually beat the Wildcats in Knoxville, 80-68 (OT) and won a ticket to the Final Four.

On that memorable day McCray scored 18 points while Minniefield netted 12. Now the two will be joining forces in hopes of helping Houston make the NBA finals for a second straight season.

Ironically, Minniefield played with the other McCray brother, Scooter, when he was with the Cavs.



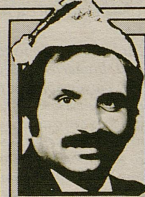
Scouts' Dreams Are Sleepers' Destinies

State's Rip Van Winkles Can Add Spark

College coaches often tell me that they are looking for some Indians to play with their chiefs. In other words, these scouts aren't looking for All-Americans but for solid players who'll compliment the superstars.

Our state has its share of "Rip Van Winkles" as sleepers are often labeled. Below are who I consider the Bluegrass state's top 15 senior sleepers, and in many cases, some are playing in the shadows of a teammate who generally receives most of the ink for the team. Note that all players are listed alphabetically.

Alan Burchett, 6-6, G-F, Wayne County—A nice swingman



Rick Bolus

Cats' Pause Columnist

who has the potential to develop into a lower Division I big guard. Hit for 18 points per game and 10 rebounds per game as a junior but lacks the quickness to compete higher than lower-Division I. TENNESSEE-MARTIN AND TRANSYLVANIA ARE IN HOT PURSUIT OF HIM.

Willie Combs, 6-0, G, Hazard—Teams with supermate, Terry North, to form the best backcourt pair in the state. Although North gets most of the recognition, it is Combs who is the glue that holds the team together. Hit for 11 ppg and 6 rpg a year ago for a team that got to the semifinals of the state tournament. MORE DIVISION II THAN DIVISION I, TENNESSEE-MARTIN AND MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LIKE THIS GUARD.

Tony Commodore, 6-0, G, Newport—Has impressive stats as a junior with 17 ppg, seven rpg, and six apg. Is an athlete from the word "go" and could be tabbed the best player in the Ninth Region before the end of the season. Just needs to drop a few pounds to aid his speed and quickness. NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY HAS EYEBALLED THIS LOWER-DIVISION I GUARD.

Nelson Cundiff, 6-3, G, Russellville—This "Rip Van Winkle" for the Fourth Region averaged 17 ppg, seven rpg, and three apg as a junior with points coming primarily from the "J". NEEDS MORE STRENGTH AND TO DEVELOP PHYSICALLY, BUT A REAL STEAL FOR THE DIVISION II COLLEGES.

Kenny Davis, 5-10, PG, Louisville Valley—Played at Louisville Male as a sophomore and transferred to Louisville PRP as a junior where he was ineligible. Being at his third school in three years makes him an unknown but he can P-L-A-Y the game from the floor general slot. POSSESSES ULTRA-SPEED AND QUICKNESS BUT NEEDS MORE GROWTH AND RANGE TO VIE HIGHER THAN DIVISION II.

John Eubanks, 6-4, Swingman, Louisville Seneca—Although teammates Junior Graves and Robert Peyton receive most of the ink for the Redskins, Eubanks is, in reality, really the second best college prospect on the team behind Graves. This late developer has all of the physical tools but just needs overall refinement of game. A LOWER DIVISION I PROSPECT, HE MAY HAVE TO GO JUCO INITIALLY DUE TO SUSPECT GRADES.

Mike Minix, 6-2, G, Paintsville—When you think of Paintsville, John Pelphey automatically comes to mind. Minix, however, is a player who can play in the right Division I program. This handling guard can light up the scoreboard with his jumper and recently had 25 points in the finals of the Begley's Hillbrook Classic which his team won. MOREHEAD STATE HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST.

Matt Pollitt, 6-8, C, Fleming County—Here's a late bloomer whose best days lie ahead of him. Possesses a nice touch for a big man but needs more of an inside power game in order to play at the Division I level. THIS THREE-YEAR STARTER IS BEING RECRUITED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Michael Peachers, 6-3, F, Hopkinsville—Forget LaMonte Ware and Jeff Quarles for this team as Peachers could potentially develop into a better college prospect if his backcourt game ever comes around. This small forward hit for 15 ppg and 4 rpg as a sophomore on team that had a 30-5 slate and played a vital role as a sophomore when his team won it all. NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY LIKES THIS LOWER-DIVISION I TO TOP DIVISION II PLAYER.

Chris Russell, 6-6, F, Louisville Trinity—Recently signed with Northern Kentucky University and the Norsemen's coach, Mike Beitzel, inked him not because he is a scorer but because he can play defense and rebound. His high school coach, Joe Thompson, told *The Cats' Pause* that Russell is the best defender he has coached in 13 years. HAD STATS OF 10 PPG AND 10 RPG A YEAR AGO.

Steve Spurlock, 6-8, C, Louisville Seneca—Here's a developing insider who won't get his mitts on the ball much this season with mates like Junior Graves and Robert Peyton around, but he'll do the other things needed for his team to win, such as rebound and play defense. SIZE, AND POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP DOWN THE ROAD WILL CATCH THE EYES OF LOWER-DIVISION I FOLKS AND TOP DIVISION II PROGRAMS.

Len Suber, 6-1, G, Hopkinsville University Heights—Several college coaches went to observe his teammate, Enrique Tuluna (bound for Western Kentucky), and came away liking Suber instead! This pure shooting off-guard can play at the lower Divi-



Paintsville's Sleeper—Mike Minix

sion I echelon but needs more growth and improved handling for point guard to play beyond that level. KENTUCKY WESLEYAN, TENNESSEE-MARTIN, SOUTHERN INDIANA, EAST TENNESSEE STATE, MERCER AND SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ARE SHOWING INTEREST.

Kevin Sullivan, 6-2, G, Louisville Southern—Is in the shadow of teammate Bill Farley, but it is Sullivan who holds the key to his team's future this season. Has an excellent jump shot with range and possesses all of the physical attributes in terms of speed, quickness, and leaping ability. LACK OF SIZE FOR OFF-GUARD AND NOT BEING A TRUE POINT GUARD WILL KEEP HIM INTACT FOR A QUALITY DIVISION II SCHOOL.

Leonard Taylor, 6-6, F, Louisville Ballard—Has really improved leaps and bounds since last year. This forward runs the floor like a deer but needs better one-on-one skills with the ball in order to improve his game. VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH, WESTERN ILLINOIS, EVANSVILLE AND BRIGHAM YOUNG HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT HIM. WILL PROBABLY BE OUR STATE'S TOP SLEEPER FOR THE DIVISION I COMMUNITY.

Jerry Tevis, 6-4, F, Lexington Henry Clay—Ineligible as a junior after transferring in from Lexington Bryan Station where he played as a sophomore. He's the key to the Blue Devil's chances of winning it all this year. This small forward can stroke the jumper and hits the offensive boards. HOWEVER, HIS BACKCOURT GAME IS SUSPECT AT PRESENT. LOWER-DIVISION I PROGRAMS WILL TAKE NOTE OF HIM.

Defense Busters

On Defense: Kentucky Baffles Lamar With 2-1-1 Zone; On Offense: 'Cats Connect For 63.8 Against Opponent's Zone; Overall: UK Wins 71-56

By Nick Nicholas

Zone by the 'Cats? Really. How did they do? Let's just say Kentucky's switch to a 2-1-2 played a paramount role in helping UK turn back Lamar, 71-56.

With Kentucky hanging on to a one-point advantage (46-45) with 11:38 remaining, Eddie Sutton decided it was time to make a change. And picture-perfect it was. Kentucky initiated an 8-3 spurt and coasted to its biggest win (15 points) of the young season.

Another key for the Wildcats' was their hot shooting from the field. Lamar threw different zone variations at UK. Early on the Cardinals' full-court press also gave Kentucky troubles.

More than once did the hometown boys have problems while trying to figure out Lamar's defense. It was not until the end did UK solve the puzzle.

Kentucky's 25-11 run was the decisive blow which kept the visitors at bay. Combined with their pesky new-found zone tactic, the 'Cats upped their record to 3-1.

"We played in spurts again tonight, but overall we played a good game against a good team like Lamar," said Sutton afterwards.

"We turned the ball over a lot in the first half because of Lamar's press," Sutton added. "We played the press a lot better in the second half with some excellent passing from Davender and (Rex) Chapman.

Overall, UK turned the ball over 11 times. Ten of those miscues came in the first 20 minutes, however. Lamar committed 14 turnovers (eight in the first half). The Cardinals' winning flight was shot down due to some poor shooting—39.7 percent.

UK, ranked 19th in the country by AP, will now have until Friday to prepare for its annual UKIT. On Friday Boston University and Texas A&M will open the tourney followed by Iona against the host Wildcats. The consolation and championship rounds will be played on Saturday night.

The 'Cats' repertoire featured an excellent shooting night from the field. Led by Derrick Miller's three-point arsenal (two of three), UK connected on 14 of 20 which totals a glittering 70 percent. Miller loaded up for 12 points in the initial 20 minutes but was shut out in the second half.

For the game Kentucky shot 63.8 percent from the field (30 of 47). Meanwhile, Lamar didn't throw in the towel. Twice the Cardinals erased considerable spreads in Rupp Arena—a difficult uphill task to the average opposition.

Junior Ed Davender responded with a team-high 16 points. He also pulled down six defensive boards and handed out five assists.

Lamar's outstanding big man, James Gulley, was a force underneath. The 6-foot-8 forward muscled in 24 points while snaring 12. Both figures were game-high marks.

"At the end of the game things kinda snowballed," said Lamar head man Tom Abatemarco. "We are a good team. They (Wildcats) hit 70 percent in the first half but we were down only a couple. At the half, Gulley was exhausted."

Gulley was held to 10 points in the second half and was shutout during the final 4:40 of play.

"This is the toughest game he has had," added Abatemarco, "and I should have rested him more."

James Blackmon hit the double-digit column for the initial time this season. He connected on 6 of 9 from the field on his way to a 13-point performance.

Kentucky's Rob Lock had a fine overall game as he gave UK 30 minutes of consistent play. Lock contributed a strong showing last Saturday. And it couldn't have come any sooner.

The 6-10 junior pumped in 12 points while being credited with two assists and two steals to boot. Earlier in the campaign against Texas Tech, on a couple of occasions Lock received boos from UK's student section. Obviously, his efforts were appreciated by his classmates, drawing a standing "O" late in the contest. This may be a night for him to build on.

"I knew I could be play a lot better than I was playing," said Lock. "I feel good about tonight."

"Rob played a good game and we are glad to see that Rob is playing up to his potential," commented Sutton. "I feel that Rob can play like that all the time."

UK Run Late In Second Half Turns Back Cardinals

Lamar was no patsy. The representatives of the Southland Conference only trailed 46-41 with 13:28 left. A 14-foot turnaround connection from Gulley followed by a 16-foot jumper from senior guard James Nance quickly pulled Lamar within one, 46-45.

Having only nine players available (two non-scholarship) Sutton was forced to shift defenses and play a 2-1-2 alignment. It worked.

"The changing point of the game came when Sutton went to a zone," said Abatemarco. "We didn't expect him to use it. It changed the whole complexion of the game. Davender, Blackmon and Lock then broke the game open."

Lock's eight-foot turnaround keyed a 6-to-zip Wildcat run. Baskets by Davender and Richard Madison made the count 52-45 in favor of UK. By this time Kentucky's 2-1-2 zone was in effect (in his postgame conference Abatemarco called it a matchup).

When down by bunches it's time to go to three-pointer. Lamar didn't hesitate as DeWayne Brown canned his bonus attempt from the right side. After a layup by Davender, again Lamar cut the lead to four (54-50) with 4:40 remaining. This time it was a Gulley layin which did the trick. However, Gulley's easy basket, his 23rd and 24th points on the night, was also his last.

In fact, Lamar was so confused it didn't score a point until only 24 seconds remained on the clock. Nance hit a three-pointer but by that time UK led 67-53.

The rout started like this. A nifty pass in the paint from the kid, Rex Chapman, to Davender upped the margin to six points. Davender was fouled on the play and com-

pleted the three-point sequence with a charity toss. He was the only 'Cat who could say they had a successful night from the line, 5 of 7. Kentucky could manage just six of 12 attempts from the stripe.

Nevertheless, as they say in Bluegrass Country UK was on its way to the winner's circle.

Layups by Lock and Blackmon (2) sandwiched between a 10-foot jumper by UK's center broke things wide open. Credit Madison and Davender for two assists apiece during this eight-to-zero stretch.

Davender's long arching alley-oop connection to a soaring Chapman was sweet icing on the cake. By now the game was over as only 33 ticks remained on the scoreboard showing UK ahead 67-50.

"UK is an underrated team," the Lamar coach noted. "It is not the Kentucky team of the past with the 6-11 players but it has finesse players. It will be one of the three or four top teams in the SEC and will get an NCAA bid."

'Cats' Run And Hide, Cards Almost Catch Up At Half

Despite UK's hot pistol in the first half, Lamar trailed only by two at intermission (33-31). Sutton witnessed his troops lose a 31-22 lead in the final 4:07. If not for Miller's 19-footer in the final minute of play, the contest would have been tied at halftime.

The game started with each team hitting a three-pointer. For the first 11:21 the biggest lead for either team was three points.

A Miller three-pointer gave the 'Cats their biggest lead to date 22-18 at the 8:29 mark. Gulley narrowed the gap back to two with a four-foot jumper in the lane. Before the half ended Gulley would score eight of Lamar's last 11 tallies.

UK would eventually grabbed a nine-point cushion and seemed headed for a comfortable halftime lead (31-22). But two baskets underneath by Gulley and a three-point-

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE
Date: Dec. 13/86 Site: Lexington, Ky.

VISITORS (Lamar Name, Pos)	PTS	REB	AST	PF	PTA	FT	FTA	STP	FT%	STP	FT%
Neil Lamar	11	9	3	2	17	12	12	16	100	1	100
35 DeWayne Brown	10	5	0	2	12	9	12	14	75	0	0
31 Ed Chapman	11	2	4	0	12	9	12	12	75	0	0
10 James Gulley	24	12	0	2	23	12	23	11	52	0	0
10 James Nance	5	4	0	2	10	0	10	0	0	0	0
11 Dennis Jones	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Danny Gauthier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 Juliet Wells	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	56	31	8	14	62	33	62	19	53.2	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)											
TOTALS	33	16	14	12	16	19	19	16	70.0	0	0
1st Half	20-31	11-23	2nd Half	12-26	44-39	Game	25-58	19-29	42.9	0	0
PTS	14	17	PTS	19	25	Game	53-33	32-28	61.0	0	0
FT %	45.5	70.0	FT %	57.7	71.4	Game	6-12	50.0	0	0	

HOME (Kentucky Name, Pos)	PTS	REB	AST	PF	PTA	FT	FTA	STP	FT%	STP	FT%
Neil Spivey	11	4	3	1	12	0	12	13	0	0	0
10 James Blackmon	13	3	0	0	11	1	11	3	9	0	0
30 Terry Thomas	4	7	0	0	11	1	11	2	9	0	0
10 Rob Lock	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	100	0	0
10 Rex Chapman	5	11	1	3	5	1	5	1	20	0	0
10 Ed Davender	5	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Derrick Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
11 Steve Bruce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Terry Shipp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 Richard Madison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	71	56	14	10	74	30	74	24	40.5	0	0
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OFFICIALS: Debbie Pasco, Bill Presscott
Ref: Andre Cook
Technical Fouls: Kentucky 0, Lamar 0
Attendance: 23,121

by Danny Gauthier helped Lamar climb back in the contest at intermission. "We did have a little trouble getting started tonight," said Sutton, "because Lamar was playing like a knuckle ball pitcher. They kept us off balance early in the game."

Cardinal-Wildcat Tidbits

Kentucky's Cedric Jenkins had his cast removed last Thursday (Dec. 11) and has been given the green light to shoot free throws. If you'll recall, he was diagnosed in early November as having a stress fracture. Meanwhile, Jenkins has been instructed to still use his crutches when walking. UK team physician Michael Ray says Jenkins is making "good progress." If everything goes as planned Jenkins could be back by the first of the year. Jenkins, with his long arms, formed a capital "Y" concluding the K-E-N-T-U-C-K-Y cheer at midcourt. From 9:01 in the second half till 5:20 remaining UK didn't score a point. Kentucky's lead only slipped from 52-45 to 52-48. Lamar was also shut out for a great length of time—from 4:03 till 24 seconds remain-

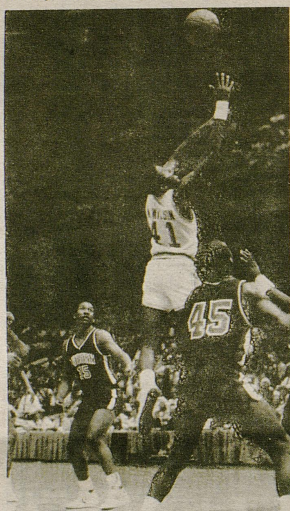
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LSU's Wilson Back On Tigers' Squad

Dale Brown received some good news last Saturday. Star forward Nikita Wilson, who was declared academically ineligible last January, was allowed back on the squad in time for Sunday's game against Georgia Tech in Baton Rouge.

Wilson passed 15 credit hours during the Fall term which earned the team's captain a spot back on the roster. A starter in 17 of 18 possible games last season, Wilson was allowed to practice with the team during his 10-month absence. In '86 he averaged 13.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Against the Yellow Jackets he tallied six points. All of which came down the stretch as the Tigers eased past the ACC squad 52-49. The contest was played before a nationally televised ESPN crowd.



Nikita Wilson No. 41

CJ's Reed Resigns; May Be Bound For Lexington Newspaper

Billy Reed, the widely read sports columnist for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, has resigned from his sports writing duties in the Derby City. According to Reed, his reason for leaving was because of differences with CJ's management concerning his future role with the newspaper.

Reportedly, Reed has been contacted by the *Lexington's Herald-Leader*. Reed told *Herald-Leader* sports writer Jerry Tipton that the H-L opportunity, "is a possibility that will receive very serious consideration."

"Writing and reporting are the only skills I know," said Reed. "I want to employ them in some way. It might be public relations, politics or journalism or some combination."

Herald-Leader editor John Carroll quoted about the matter. "I feel we have a strong sports department and we're not looking for additional help. But when a first-rate pro like Billy Reed comes along, you can't stand by idly."

Reed, 43, was previously on the *Herald-Leader's* staff in the 1960s. In 1966 he then moved to Louisville to work for the *Courier-Journal*.

In 1968 he left the CJ and took a position as a full-time writer for *Sports Illustrated*. Reed then returned to the *Courier-Journal* in 1972. Since 1977 Reed had been the paper's sports editor while also a sports columnist.

Lamar Coach: Lock Could Be UK's Key

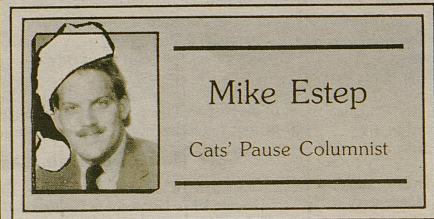
Also Gives His Impressions Of Mike Scott

If you've been to any of the Kentucky basketball practices recently, it shouldn't come as any big surprise that Eddie Sutton's team is playing so inconsistently in the games.

In a five-on-five drill last week in practice, the White team featured student manager Tim Jackson, assistant coach Wayne Breeden, Richard Madison and walk-ons Steve Bruce and Terry Shigg.

Not exactly the fearsome fivesome.

Sutton was forced to go with that lineup in practice because UK assistant Dwane Casey, who had just been given the OK by the



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NCAA to suit up for workouts, had taken an elbow to the mouth from Rob Lock and had to be taken to the hospital for stitches.

"I don't have anything against coach Casey," Lock told reporters with a grin. "but he's new around here and he has to pay his dues."

If anybody on the UK squad knows about paying dues, it's Lock. Troubled with inconsistency his entire career at Kentucky, Lock felt the wrath of the boo-birds when he entered the game against Texas Tech Dec. 2.

But Lock was inserted into the starting lineup against Lamar Saturday, and the junior center from Reedley, Calif., responded with a career-high 12 points.

"In the Texas Tech game, I played poorly and I probably deserved what I got," Lock said. "But it felt good to come out and play well tonight. To come out and perform well tonight, it gives me a real good feeling."

"I felt a little apprehensive, coming back into Rupp Arena after being booed. Nobody likes to be booed. I say that because I don't want to get booed again."

Lamar Coach Says Lock Could Be Key For UK

If Lock can continue to play as he did against Lamar, you can rest assured the big redhead won't hear many more boos. In 30 minutes of action, he was six of seven from the field, and even chipped in with two steals and a pair of assists.

Lamar coach Tom Abatemarco said if Lock can duplicate that performance on a consistent basis, he looks for Kentucky to be going strong in March.

"If Lock can play, consistently, their gonna be a really good basketball team," Abatemarco said. "They got excellent perimeter people and the way Eddie plays, it's tough to play 'em. He's gonna control the ball and do a real good job of shot selection."

"They're a good basketball team, they're well-coached. They're an underrated team, believe me, they are. They're not the Kentucky teams of the past with 6-8, 6-9, 6-10 (players), but they have finesse players. They do a great job in their motion offense. They're a tough defensive team. They're a team that's gonna be in the NCAA playoffs down the road. They'll be in the top three or four teams in the Southeast Conference, and they'll get an NCAA bid."

"I was not surprised at Kentucky. I tried to tell my people that this team is underrated. This is not the "franchise" Kentucky team, like they're gonna be in couple of years with the recruiting year they had. But there's not that many great teams this year. They're a good team that's gonna be in the NCAA playoffs."

Abatemarco was an assistant under Jim Valvano at N.C. State last year, and he compared this year's Kentucky team to the one that lost to the Wolfpack in Raleigh last season.

"Well they don't have as much depth, and they did lose some very good players," Abatemarco said. "But if (Winston) Bennett and (Cedric) Jenkins were back, they'd be every bit as good as last year. (Irv) Thomas is gonna get better and better as the season goes on, and so will Richard (Madison). I understand they're gonna get a big kid named (Mike) Scott who played at Wake Forest in the ACC. I had a chance to see him play, that'll help 'em a lot."

"They've got great athletes. They got the thin athletes, the Blackmons and the Davenders. There's still seven pretty good high school All-American players. He's just missing one or two to have a great team. If the people in Kentucky are patient with them, there gonna do some great things."

Says Scott Could Help 'Cats

But coach, can Kentucky be there in March, without a dominating

center?

"The way (Sutton) plays, yes," Abatemarco replied. "If they keep shooting as well and if they can get one more big kid. If Lock and Scott can come along, they could be a very good basketball team. They also could go the other way. It's gonna be that type of year. It could go either way. But I have a lot of confidence in them. Hey, I'm sounding like a Kentucky alum. Would you guys leave me alone?"

Speaking of Scott, Abatemarco saw him play at Wake Forest two years ago, and gave these thoughts on the big guy who is expected to be in uniform for the 'Cats in early January:

"Mike Scott's a big, tough 6-10 role player. OK? He's gonna help 'em a lot," he said. "He runs the floor well, he shoots the ball well, he's a good player. He played well against us at North Carolina State. He's a good passer. He's more mobile than Lock is. He'll help 'em a lot. But he's no franchise, now, they're not bringing in a Dave Cowens, so you better relax."

He might not be a Dave Cowens, but Abatemarco did say he could help tremendously in the areas Kentucky is lacking in right now.

"Rebounding strength, that's all," he said when asked what Kentucky needed to be a contender in the NCAA's. "And they need more consistency out of (guard James) Blackmon. I think that's key, if Blackmon can play as well as he did tonight."

Defense Finally Wore Cards Down

The Lamar coach said that he was most impressed with the Wildcat defense. He said that the swarming man-to-man, (and the zone that Sutton pulled out of storage) was too much for his team to handle.

"Oh, wow," Abatemarco said. "They pick you up when you come



Lamar Coach Tom Abatemarco

off the bus. "I mean they're denying you all over. It's just great defense. The kids are in great shape, they do a great job."

"I said it last year, that the team we played against, Kentucky, played the best defense against us at North Carolina State. . . and we played Duke twice. There were times in that game (which NC State won 54-51) that we couldn't run our offense."

Lamar was in the game nearly all the way, trailing just 54-50 at the five-minute mark. But that's when the aforementioned Kentucky defense shut the door.

"As a matter of fact, what they should let you do in basketball is throw in the white towel," Abatemarco said. "With three minutes left, just let me throw it in. Then I would've gone home with a three-point loss, or whatever it is."

"And I wish Eddie would have let my assistant (Tony Branch) play against their assistant (Dwane Casey), because I think we could have won," Abatemarco said. "Branch being a Louisville guy, and Casey a Kentucky guy, I would have had a shot at the game then."

"See what we should have done with three minutes left, is stop the game and let them go one-on-one and see who woulda won it," he added. "I mean this doesn't mean nothin', it's a non-conference game anyway."

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First-String Appearance May Mean New Beginning For Rob Lock

By Nick Nicholas

Rob Lock deserved an apology from his Wildcat classmates. It was just that simple. Maybe Eddie Sutton wanted to show everyone, most importantly Lock, that by starting him would elevate the big guy's confidence.

Stepping on the hardwood during pre-game introductions, starter Rob Lock received the biggest cheer of UK's first-stringers. It almost seemed the student body knew it was at fault for booing Lock against Texas Tech.

When Lock checked out with 17 seconds remaining in last Saturday's game against Lamar, he was greeted again with a chorus of cheers. The cheers this time were not meant for an apology, however. The final standing ovation UK's student section gave him was for a job well done.

Helping Kentucky record its third win in four outings, Lock, a starter for the first time since his freshman season, scored 12 hard-fought points while logging 30 minutes.

"I felt a little apprehensive coming into Rupp Arena and being booed by my fellow students," Lock said following Kentucky's 71-56 victory against Lamar. "But I have to give a lot of credit to people in the community. I received many support letters and the people on campus just told me to keep my head up. I felt like I was mentally ready to play. I had a lot of confidence."

In return, Lock waved to his classmates as if to say, *Thanks for sticking with me*. His courteous gesture toward the student body may indicate that Rob Lock is on his way to better days.

"I needed a game like this to prove to myself I could play like this," Lock said. "I think I played very well tonight. I did everything the coaches told me to."

Friday before the Lamar contest, Lock and assistant James Dickey talked about the center's roles.

"Coach Dickey defined my roles in what I needed to do for the team to be a success," said Lock. "I wasn't forcing shots tonight. Although I didn't rebound well I think I played pretty good defense. I played well within myself. That's the key to my (future) performances."

"He said they don't really need me as a scorer too much because we have James (Blackmon), Ed (Davender) and Rex (Chapman). He said if I work hard on rebounding and defense... that's what the team needs."

"I wasn't really looking to score as much in this game."

His and Dickey's game plan paid off. While concentrating on the boards and guarding the Cardinals' James Gully, Lock's double-digit production was made possible by a six of seven performance from the field.

Eight of his points—two dunks, a tip-in and a layup—came from underneath. He also showed the 23,123 in attendance that he can hit the jumper. In the second half the Reedley, Calif., product buried an eight- and 10-footer, respectively.

Gully, a 6-foot-8 bulldozer, came into the game averaging 23 points per contest. He poured in a game-high 24 points (11 of 22 from the field).

"He's (Gully) a good basketball player," said Sutton, in defense of his center.

Grabbing only two rebounds, Lock did manage to compile marks in both the assist and steal departments. What may be even more of a surprise was the fact he didn't commit a single turnover during his overtime work load.

"I had two assists and two steals and that's something I've never had before, even in high school probably," noted Lock with a proud and happy look in his eyes.

Lock's services now are needed more than ever.

Kentucky's injured list is growing and growing. With the addition of Paul Andrews and his injured knee, these days there are almost as many players in street clothes on

UK's bench than reserves in uniform. An improved Lock is just what Dr. Sutton ordered.

The UK staff will be looking for consistency now from its only true post player. Not before long will an 18-game SEC round-robin schedule appear on tap.

"I think he can play that way every night," said Sutton. "It would mean a great deal to the team, especially when we only have seven scholarship players at the present time."

From the opening tip until he left when the game was decided, Lock was hustling all the way. He deflected several passes underneath and was seen more than once diving for a loose ball. This was a different player. He was playing with enthusiasm and confidence, some things for the past two seasons which have been missing from his playbook.

Lock had his game face on and was prepared for Tom Abatemarco's club.

After his second dunk gave the Wildcats a 24-20 lead, Lock stared at Gully as if to say *Take that*.

"I grunted on that dunk," said Lock with a smile. "He looked at me and I looked at him. I don't think I intimidated him, to tell you the truth. I just looked at him."

"I didn't do that maliciously. It was the heat of the battle if you want to call it that."

That's not the Rob Lock who Wildcat fans have watched during the last two seasons.

At one point in the second half Lock appeared to be too tired to continue, Sutton, while focusing his attention toward Lock,



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motioned his hand to his stomach and then to his heart.

"He got a little fatigued," Sutton said. "I (pointed to) belly and then valentine—(meaning) suck it up. And he did that."

Late in the game he ignited a 19-to-six spurt when he dished off an assist to Ed Davender. Davender's layup at the 4:54 put UK on top by six, 54-48. With UK leading 59-50, Lock proceeded to reel off two buckets of his own which gave the hosts a 13-point margin with 1:41 left to play.

"It helped me when I started this evening, and when I didn't receive any adverse cheering," said UK's center. "I had confidence."

"I just got off on the right foot and that's got to help your confidence."

Lock now has an impressive showing under his belt. What about Kentucky's upcoming battles? Will Rob Lock be able to give the Wildcats productive play from the post on a consistent basis? And what could happen to Lock once Cedric Jenkins and Mike Scott come into fold?

"The key to how well I'll play will be the next game," said Lock, looking ahead to Friday's game against Iona. "I played well tonight and I can't get complacent. That's the key."

"If I play well in the next couple of games I think I'll be consistent. I may have one or two bad games. But the next game is the key for me."

"I'm going to try as hard as I did tonight in the next game."

Facts And Figures From 10 Years At B/C All-Star Camp

By Camp Director Bill Cronauer

★ All 23 NBA teams showcased at least one former B/C All-Star on their opening-day rosters—a total of 77 players and two coaches.

★ B/C All-Stars participants include the No. 1 player on an astounding 11 teams: Celtics—Larry Bird, Lakers—Magic Johnson, Rockets—Akeem Olajuwon, Pistons—Isaiah Thomas, Hawks—Dominique Wilkins, 76'ers—Charles Barkley, Nets—Buck Williams, Jazz—Darrell Griffith, Kings—Reggie Theus, Mavericks—Rolando Blackman, Supersonics—Xavier McDaniel.

★ On the 1985-86 NBA All-Star team, four of the five first teamers have attended B/C: Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Dominique Wilkins and Isaiah Thomas. So have the top two vote-getters on the second team—Akeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley.

★ Ten members of the B/C All-Stars hierarchy competed in the 1986 NBA All-Star game in Dallas—Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Dominique Wilkins, Isaiah Thomas, Akeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley, Ralph Sampson, Kevin McHale, Rolando Blackman, and Jeff Malone. In addition, they have reigned as All-Star Game MVP four of the past five years (Bird in '82, Sampson in '85, and Thomas in '84 and '86).

★ In Dick Vitale's '86-87 Basketball Yearbook, NBA scouts and coaches evaluated "The Best In The Biz." Ex B/C'ers dominated as the No. 1 center (Akeem Olajuwon), the top four forwards (Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, Kevin McHale and Dominique Wilkins) and the No. 2 and No. 3 guards (Magic Johnson and Isaiah Thomas).

★ B/C All-Star products dominated last season's NBA statistics: seven of the top 15 scorers played at B/C, including top scorer Dominique Wilkins... five of the top 10 rebounders, including No. 2 Charles Barkley and No. 3 Buck Williams... five of the top 10 assist leaders, bolstered by the 1-2-3 sweep of passmasters Magic Johnson, Isaiah Thomas and Reggie Theus.

★ Eleven former B/C All-Stars were selected in the first round of the 1986 NBA draft, including five of the top nine picks: Auburn's Chuck Person (Pacers), Kentucky's Kenny Walker (Knicks), Michigan's Roy Tarpley (Mavericks), Miami of Ohio's Ron Harper (Cavaliers) and Ohio State's Brad Sellers (Bulls).

★ B/C All-Star attendees stand tall in the NBA's awards balloting: Larry Bird has ruled as the Most Valuable Player for the last three years. Bird, Darrell Griffith, Buck Williams and Ralph Sampson won four Rookie of the Year titles in the last five years. Hubie Brown and Frank Layden have been honored as Coach of the Year.

All-Speakers Team Larry Bird Magic Johnson	All-Counselors Team Akeem Olajuwon Kevin McHale	All-Campers Team Ralph Sampson Buck Williams
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Dominique Wilkins Rolando Blackmon Isaiah Thomas	Dominique Wilkins Charles Barkley Darrell Griffith	Dominique Wilkins Mark Aguirre Jeff Malone
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Team-By-Team Breakdown Of Former B/C All-Stars In The NBA (1986-87)

Hawks:	Scott Hastings Antoine Carr Dominique Wilkins Cliff Levingston Randy Wittman Glenn Rivers	Bucks:	Jerry Reynolds Scott Skiles
Celtics:	Greg Kite Kevin McHale Larry Bird	Knicks:	Kenny Walker Gerald Wilkins Trent Tucker Coach Brown
Bulls:	Brad Sellers Earl Cureton Elston Turner John Paxson	76'ers:	Tim McCormick Jeff Ruland Kenny Green Charles Barkley Andrew Toney Jim Les
Cavaliers:	Ron Harper	Suns:	Ed Pinckney Mike Sanders Jeff Hornacek
Mavericks:	Roy Tarpley Mark Aguirre Rolando Blackman Al Wood Derek Harper	Blazers:	Jim Paxson
Nuggets:	Paul Williams	Kings:	Joe Klein LaSalle Thompson Reggie Theus Harold Pressley Bruce Douglas
Pistons:	Joe Dumars Isaiah Thomas	Spurs:	Tyrone Corbin Jon Sunvold
Warriors:	Clinton Smith Terry Teagle	Sonics:	Curtis Kitchen Xavier McDaniel Dale Ellis Danny Young
Rockets:	Dirk Minniefield Ralph Sampson Akeem Olajuwon Dave Felt Buck Johnson	Jazz:	Thurl Bailey Dell Curry Darrell Griffith Coach Layden
Pacers:	Greg Dreiling Steve Stipanovich Chuck Person Wayman Tisdale Kyle Macy	Bullets:	Dan Roundfield Anthony Jones Jeff Malone Frank Johnson Ennis Whalley
Clippers:	Benoit Benjamin Rory White Norm Nixon Darrell Valentine	Lakers:	Magic Johnson Adrian Branch
TOTAL: 77 players, two coaches			

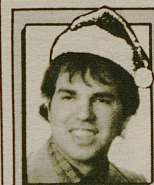
That Santa Claus, What A Guy!

Took Sports List On Visit To Claus Manor

You know what I did last week? Well, do ya? I ventured many long hours to meet one of the most popular figures of all-time. His name usually pops up around this time of year.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without Santa Claus. My good friend Santa Claus.

I paid my annual visit to Santa the other day. Whew! You think things are chilly in Kentucky during Christmas time. Try spending a day or two at Claus Manor located in the heart of greater North Poleville. Brrrrrr!



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

This is not to say I didn't enjoy my stay up North. It was kinda fun. I even got to play basketball with the North Pole Giants, a team comprised of only elves. Being 5-foot-8 I was like Manute Bol to my little friends. Hey, in one game I scored 30 points and hauled down 20 boards. It was a sportswriter's fantasy come true.

Oh well, back to the story.

When I got to the end of my destination I was greeted at the front door by the jolly ole guy himself. "Ho, ho, ho. Come on in, Nick. Make yourself at home."

So I shrugged off my jacket, kicked off my boots and prepared for an evening with the Clauses.

Santa asked me how Oscar, Eddie and Jerry were doing and I replied, "Fine." But I told him that I had a few requests from SEC Land which should be brought to his attention. He responded by saying, "Sure. No problem."

That Santa Claus... what a guy!

To tell you the truth he hasn't changed a bit. Same ole suit. Still needs a shave. And, could stand to lose a pound or two.

Ah, what the heck. Santa Claus wouldn't be Santa Claus if he didn't have a red suit, a white, fluffy beard, and a round pot belly that bounced like jelly with every step.

While Mrs. Claus was heating up the western Kentucky barbecue I had brought in appreciation of their kind hospitality (Owensboro barbecue of course), Santa and I took timeout to have a chat alongside a warm and crackling fire.

I proceeded to read him my list. He knew I'd been good this past year, so there were no complaints with my wishes. My personal needs were short.

After asking him for a trinket or two for myself and my family, I then turned to the list which my cohorts from the sporting world asked me to pass on to Santa.

With a pen in one hand and a legal pad in the other he bellowed out a "Ho, ho, ho" and said, "Nick, let 'em rip."

What you're about to read is the list of names and wishes I reeled off to the man they call St. Nick. I followed up each request with a point or two of my own.

Checking To See Who's Naughty Or Nice

Season's Greetings from the Kentucky Wildcat football players to quarterback Bill Ransdell: A shot at the professional ranks. Holder of 16 Wildcat passing records, Ransdell deserves an opportunity to be in the NFL. No matter what the score, no matter what the injury would Ransdell even consider to give up. A nice spot for "Dollar Bill" would be in Cincinnati as a backup to Boomer Esiason. In all likelihood veteran Ken Anderson will retire after this season. So, Santa could you tell Paul and Mike Brown about this pro prospect from Elizabethtown? Believe me, he's a winner.

Season's Greetings from Eddie Sutton to Winston Bennett, Cedric Jenkins and Paul Andrews: Speedy and healthy returns: Santa, these three deserve better fates than the ones recently bestowed them. I know Bennett is out for this season. There's no one more deserving of "going out in style" at the University of Kentucky than Winston Bennett. If you could, please keep an eye on him once he gets back on the court next season. Concerning Jenkins and Andrews, their services are needed immediately. I know their injuries are about healed, but could you prescribe some special medicine which would get them back in time for the Louisville game?

Season's Greetings from Eddie Sutton to Eddie Sutton:

Removal of a certain vodoo witchdoctor who has cast an evil spell on the 1986-87 Wildcat basketball team. Santa, this vodoo person needs to be stopped. Kentucky is down to seven scholarship players and two walk-ons. What if one-by-one your elves became sick and your production line wasn't able to build those neat toys for all the good little boys and girls of the world? Wouldn't you be stuck in a real pickle? Well, if Coach Sutton loses another Wildcat he might even have to play a zone defense. And you know how Eddie despises those zones. Santa interrupted and said, "I'll get on it right away."

Season's Greetings from Gene Bartow to Wimp Sanderson: Tickets to a UAB-Alabama basketball showdown: Just in case some day the two teams agree to the in-state contest, please give Wimp a pair of tickets for admission. It will probably be a cold day in you know where before Sanderson will ever coach Alabama against UAB on the hardwood. By sitting in the stands, however, this way he'll see what he's been missing.

Season's Greetings from Bill Arnsparger to the LSU fans: A win over Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl. LSU fans are probably wondering about Bill Arnsparger's decision to suddenly pack



Bennett And Jenkins On The Mend

his bags and head to Gainesville to be Florida's athletics director (SEE Stan Torgerson's column in this issue). An excellent coach on the pro and college level, this will be the last game on the sidelines for this Paris, Ky., native. A win against the Cornhuskers would ease the fans' pain of his departure to the Sunshine state.

Season's Greetings from Kentucky fans everywhere to Sam Bowie: Good fortunes for the rest of his NBA career. Bowie has been dealt more injuries than Hollywood's top stunt man. His most recent injury came last month when he fractured his leg against Dallas. A couple of nights prior to the Dallas encounter Bowie turned in a 31-point performance. If there's any way possible could you keep Big Boo away from the injury bug? Please do so. He deserves a prosperous and happy NBA career.

Season's Greetings from Ray Bell Construction Company to the University of Tennessee: To finish UT's 25,000-seat arena by the start of next season. For the past two years Tennessee has been awaiting the completion of its gigantic gym. Bell Construction appears to be on its way to finishing the arena by next November. Seeing is believing. Right, Santa?

Season's Greetings from Jerry Claiborne to Kentucky Wildcat fans: A bowl trip next season. Being the world traveler you are, wouldn't it be nice to send Wildcat fans to a postseason contest next year? Two years have come and gone since Kentucky fans enjoyed a trip to a bowl. Despite a 5-5-1 year Wildcat supporters traveled in thousands to Cincinnati, Blacksburg and Knoxville, cheering for their favorite team. UK fans have paid the price. Next season is time for the fans as well as the Wildcats to go bowling. Don't you think so, Santa?

Season's Greetings from the Kentucky student body to

(Continued On Page 22)

Coca-Cola Sponsors Thoroughbred Classic Dec. 20 At Rupp Arena

In yet another show of support for high school athletics in central Kentucky, Coca-Cola Bottling Mideast, Inc., is teaming up with Fayette County's high schools as the corporate sponsor for the first Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic.

The Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic will be staged Saturday, Dec. 20, at Lexington's Rupp Arena.

In announcing Coca-Cola's sponsorship of the annual high school basketball event, Coca-Cola vice-president Mike French said his firm is delighted to be the classic's sponsor.

"We at Coca-Cola are particularly pleased to be involved with this even as it will provide significant revenues for each of the four participating Fayette County high schools," said French, the vice-president of marketing for Coca-Cola.

"Coca-Cola supports these schools in a variety of ways throughout the year, and this Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic is just another element of that support," French added.

This year's event includes the nation's top-ranked prep team in Marion, Ind.; the nation's top prepster in Macon Southwest's Eric Manuel and two of the state's top candidates for Mr. Basketball (Deron Feldhaus of Mason County and Sean Sutton of Henry Clay). Manuel and the two Kentucky stars are headed for the University of Kentucky while Marion's top two guns, Jay Edwards and Lyndon Jones, will wear the Red and White of Indiana University next year.

"Obviously, we are doubly excited at the prospect of having three key UK signees plus the nation's No. 1 team here in Lexington at one time," French said. "This should be quite a display of basketball."

Tickets Still Available For First Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic

Tickets for the inaugural Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic, a four-game card of exciting high school basketball, are now on sale at the Rupp Arena ticket office or any Ticketron outlet.

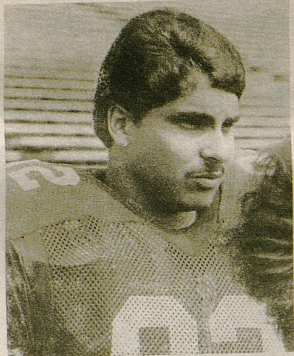
Games get underway Saturday, Dec. 20, at Lexington's Rupp Arena.

Following is the schedule of games:

- 9:00 a.m. Chattanooga (Tenn.) Baylor vs. Tates Creek
- 10:45 a.m. Mason County vs. Bryan Station
- 12:30 p.m. Marion (Ind.) High vs. Lafayette
- 2:15 p.m. Macon (Ga.) Southwest vs. Henry Clay

Ticket prices are \$10, \$8 and \$6 per person for lower arena seats. One ticket is good for all four sessions. Discounted student tickets are available only at participating high schools and ONLY in advance. No discounted tickets will be sold at the gate.





Vic Adams

Adams, Robinson Get Freshman Honors . . .

Kentucky football freshmen Vic Adams and Ron Robinson have been named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel All-Southeastern Conference freshman squad.

Both Adams and Robinson were redshirt freshmen performers this season for the 5-5-1 Kentucky Wildcats.

Adams, a defensive guard from Mid-dlesboro, Ky., compiled 47 tackles during his rookie season. He also was credited with three quarterback sacks and two tipped passes. Probably Adams' best performance came against Virginia Tech, when he racked up six tackles, two being solos.

Ron Robinson is Kentucky's lone starting safety due to UK's wide-tackle-six alignment. Robinson was in on 63 tackles, tying him with Guy Neal for fifth-highest total among Wildcat members. He recovered three fumbles while also causing a fumble.

. . .Chenault, Gardner Make All-Soph Teams

Second-year Wildcats Chris Chenault (linebacker) and Carwell Gardner (defensive end) were selected to the annual sophomore All-America teams. The squad is picked by football writer Harry DeVold.

Chenault, 6-foot-2, 233 pounds, was placed on the first team. He was second on the team in tackles behind only linebacker Larry Smith. Chenault compiled 93 total tackles, 58 which were of the assist variety.

In 1986 at Cincinnati he returned an interception 65 yards late in the first half, giving Kentucky a 13-9 lead at intermission. UK won the 1-75 battle 37-20.

Kentucky's third-team representative, Gardner, was third on the team in the tackle department, corraling 93, including four QB sacks. Gardner is 6-2, 217 and is a product of Louisville Trinity.



Chenault First-team Choice

Super Fan Demaree Loyal To 'Cats

Has Hat To Prove It

During the Fran Curci years at the University of Kentucky, then assistant football coach Charlie Bailey approached Lonny Demaree after a practice-session clinic.

"I don't know how you and these other guys do it," said Bailey, now the head coach at Memphis State University. "Because of your loyalty to the program, I'm going to dub you a 'Super Fan' and give you one of these caps."

Since then, Demaree wears his UK "Super Fan" cap to work every day at the Information Systems department of IBM Corporation. He also wears the cap to games.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I enjoy being around the football program," says Demaree, who hasn't missed a game at Commonwealth Stadium since it opened in 1973. "I've always liked UK football. When they played at Stoll Field, I'd go over when I was a kid and peek through the hedges."

Demaree now has season tickets in section 106, row 2, right next to the visitor's section. But he doesn't mind.

"I like to keep a running dialogue with the visiting fans, in a



Demaree With Marc Higgs, Ivy Joe Hunter

good-natured sort of way," said Demaree. "I had a great time at the Florida game, when we beat them (10-3). I listen to the radio and take my binoculars to the games, and I tape the replays as well."

Demaree first began attending Kentucky games back in the mid-60s, when Charlie Bradshaw was the coach. Since then, Demaree has seen three head coaches come and go, including Bradshaw, John Ray and Curci. Jerry Claiborne is the current head coach.

"I think Kentucky has had some of the best coaches you could ever ask for," said Demaree. "When you take some of the former assistant coaches now in the pros — people like Chuck Knox of the Seattle Seahawks, Don Shula of the Miami Dolphins, Blanton Collier, who left here for the Cleveland Browns and Ray, who was an assistant for many years in the pros."

Demaree says changing the coaching staffs at UK every seven to eight years is not the answer.

"The problem has always been with the administration and the nature of the area," said Demaree.

Points To Problems Within Program

Some of the problems, Demaree suggests, include:

•The lack of a professional fund raiser for the university's athletic programs. "UK's one of the few schools that doesn't have one," he said. "We may get one after Dr. (Otis) Singletary leaves in June of next year."

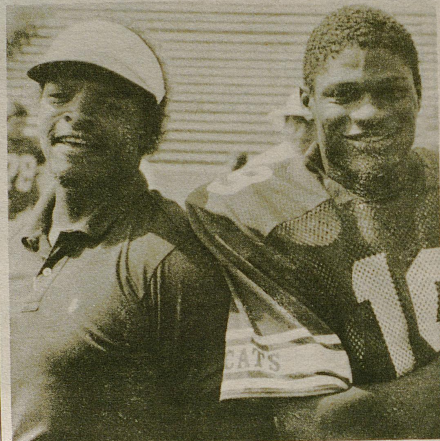
•The lack of a "bowled-in" Commonwealth Stadium. "UK's third from the bottom in that capacity," said Demaree. "Only Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Vandy have smaller stadiums."

"You have to give the appearance of being big-time," Demaree continued. "Some people in the administration believe

that the stadium can't be bowled in until we start having consistent sell-outs at every game. Well, I don't subscribe to that theory."

Demaree said that when UK played at 37,000-seat Stoll Field, it wasn't sold out every game. Since the team moved to Commonwealth Stadium, the 58,000-seat facility has been sold out many, many times.

"They'd have no problems selling out a 73- to 74,000-seat stadium," Demaree insists. "That would give UK football an ap-
propration."



Demaree Alongside Cisco Bryant

pearance of being more big-time. And everybody wants to be a part of that."

Demaree insists that the longer UK waits to bowl in its stadium, the more it's going to hurt the program.

"It cost \$12 million to build it originally," he said. "It would cost that much now just to bowl in one side."

•Another problem has been the lack of an adequate training facility, although UK has recently begun constructing a new one to replace outdated Shively Sports Center.

"You get what you pay for," said Demaree. "For years, other Southeastern Conference schools have had a big advantage over us in weight-training and practice facilities. It's about time we got a new one. Still, we're spending \$6 million on a new complex. Georgia's spending \$8 million on a new one. We'll have 48,000 square feet at ours. They'll have 78,000 square feet at theirs."

Demaree probably knows about the facilities at other schools around the nation because he's attended games at most of them. He's been to every SEC stadium except Louisiana State and Florida and also at Ohio State, Oklahoma and Notre Dame.

"The SEC is the top conference in the country," said Demaree. "Any year we go in, it's generally known, pretty cut and dry, that we're almost never going to finish higher than seventh. It's difficult to catch up with those people unless you make an extreme effort."

Demaree Is More Than Just Your Average Fan

Even though UK has struggled in football, Demaree remains loyal to the program. He's especially close the players on the team.

"I go to most of the practices," he said. "I know most of the players on a first-name basis. I've gotten to know the coaches well. I've sponsored some of the players, like Cisco Bryant a few years ago. Helping the players is one of the big contributions you can make to a program. They've all got special needs. Sometimes, they'll tell you things they wouldn't tell the coaches. Most coaches are glad to see us come around."

Demaree was disappointed with the recent 5-5-1 season, which he admits will make it more difficult for UK to recruit some of the in-state major college players this year. But he's optimistic.

"From what I've been told, we're still going to get most everybody we're after," he said. "We're in good shape. There's 21-22 listed as Division I potential, and if we get 17-18 of them we'll be satisfied." Signing date is the second Wednesday of February, according to Demaree.

"I put a lot into the program," Demaree said. "But I get a lot out of it, too. There are lots of benefits. I'm part of the football family."

Demaree and his wife, Maggie, have one daughter, Margot.

1986 Kentucky Wildcat Basketball Statistics

(Thru Four Games)

Date: 12-15-1986		(1-1 Overall; 0-0 SEC) (3-0 Home; 0-1 Away; 0-0 Neutral)																					
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS																							
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CHAPMAN, REX	4	4	130	32.5	21	43	48.8	7	18	38.9	7	10	70.0	6	1.5	5	-	14	8	2	6	56	14.0
THOMAS, IRVING	4	4	108	27.0	14	23	60.9	-	-	-	8	16	50.0	26	6.5	14	-	6	11	2	6	36	9.0
HILLER, DERRICK	4	-	66	16.5	13	21	61.9	6	11	54.5	-	3	-	8	2.0	4	-	2	8	2	5	32	8.0
BLACKMON, JAMES	4	4	112	28.0	10	18	55.6	-	3	-	7	15	46.7	12	3.0	16	-	12	8	-	8	27	6.8
LOCK, ROBERT	4	1	75	18.8	12	20	60.0	-	-	-	3	7	42.9	16	4.0	11	-	3	4	4	2	27	6.8
MADISON, RICHARD	4	3	136	34.0	12	23	52.2	-	-	-	2	6	33.3	20	5.0	7	-	10	9	2	2	26	6.5
ANDREWS, PAUL	3	-	50	16.7	2	4	50.0	-	-	-	1	2	50.0	3	1.0	3	-	1	2	-	3	5	1.7
JENKINS, CEDRIC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ZIEGLER, TODD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRUCE, STEVE	1	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHIGG, TERRY	1	-	1	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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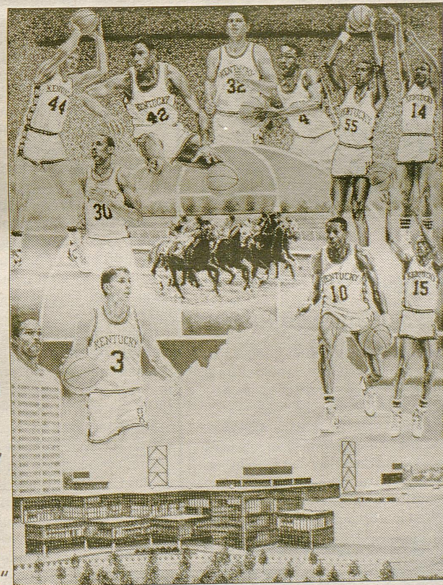
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Andrews Sidelined With Knee Injury

Senior guard Paul Andrews sprained his knee during practice and as of last Monday (Dec. 7) he will miss three weeks according to UK coach Eddie Sutton.

Andrews becomes the fourth Wildcat forced to the sidelines. Already Winston Bennett is lost for the season with a knee injury while Cedric Jenkins is still recovering from an ankle injury. The 6-9 forward/center is expected to be ready for game action in early January.

Todd Ziegler was suspended due to a shoplifting charge. His availability won't be known until after his case is concluded. Ziegler is scheduled to make a final court appearance on Dec. 23.

Currently, Kentucky is down to seven scholarship players and two walk-ons.

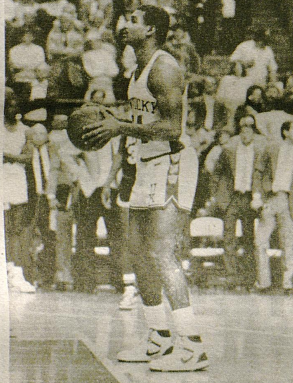
Regarding Andrews' injury, assistant coach Wayne Breeden told *The Cats' Pause*. "It could happen anytime in practice. But we've just had that kind of luck."

Andrews' injury was defined by team orthopedic specialist Dr. Michael Ray as being a "medical collateral ligament sprain of the right knee."

While no surgery was required, Andrews did have to walk on crutches for a few days. The injury happened during a defensive drill when he was hit on the outer region of his right knee.

He's averaged one point per game while playing 16.6 minutes a contest. Meanwhile, last Monday Andrews wasn't the only Wildcat who was suffering.

Two days following UK's loss at Indiana, James Blackmon also suffered an injury dur-



Andrews Joins Injured List

ing practice. While going after a loose ball early in the session, Blackmon suffered a cut on the chin. The cut required 14 stitches. However, he was back the next day.

And... guard Rex Chapman's play was limited because of the removal of an impacted wisdom tooth (Sunday). He shot free throws and ran through some offensive patterns during this particular session. Chapman was back to regular workouts the next day.



Thomas Gives 'Cats New Look

Irv Coming Into His Own This Season

Irv Thomas insists he didn't lose confidence in his ability when he played sparingly during the 1985-86 basketball season.

"I always believed in myself and my ability," said the 6-7 University of Kentucky sophomore. "However, I think I did hit a point where I didn't practice as hard as I could because I knew I wasn't going to play."

"That's all behind me now, though. This is a new year and I know I have an opportunity to play."

Thomas, who played only 82 minutes in 19 games last



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

season, could be Kentucky's most improved player. He gained valuable experience on UK's summer exhibition tour but also played and lifted weights regularly when the team returned home.

"Irv came back with a tremendous attitude and could turn out to be a key player for us this year," said UK Coach Eddie Sutton. "I felt like he would do more for us last year but it's hard for a freshman to go against quality players without having some setbacks."

"Irv's biggest problem is that he still plays in spurts. He's inconsistent just like most sophomores are. But I still believe he can be an outstanding player."

He showed he could be just that at Indiana when he had 10 points and 10 rebounds in UK's narrow loss.

Thomas brought some impressive credentials to Kentucky. He averaged 18.6 points, 14.5 rebounds and 5.3 blocked shots per game his senior season in Miami, Fla., and led his team to a 38-1 record and state championship. He hit an uncanny 64 percent from the field that year.

Thomas, who had attended summer camp at Kentucky, picked the Wildcats over Minnesota, Florida and Georgia Tech and became Joe Hall's final recruit when Hall resigned after the 1984-85 campaign.

Now Thomas is ready to step forward and prove that he belongs at Kentucky, especially since injuries have sidelined forwards Winston Bennett and Cedric Jenkins.

"I'm more comfortable here now," said Thomas. "Last year I wasn't as strong or experienced as I am now."

"I didn't get to play as much as I expected last season but I'm ready to step in now and play regularly. I feel really good about myself and think I'm ready to play my best basketball."

"But my biggest concern is just helping the team win. Everybody expects a lot from us even though we lost Kenny Walker and Roger Harden and have had some injuries. We may even have less overall talent than we did last year but I think we will have another successful year."

Thomas can play center, his high school position, or forward. He also feels he can block shots, get out on the fast break, rebound, hit the 15-foot jumper and get the ball inside.

The UK sophomore knows his defense will be better this year after going against All-American Kenny Walker and Winston Bennett in practice all last year.

"I played center in high school but now I can go out on the floor and guard people after working against Winston and Kenny," said Thomas, who hopes to play in the National Basketball Association when he leaves Kentucky. "I'm a more versatile player now than when I came here because I have learned to make the transition to playing out on the floor."

Thomas, like most players, wanted to earn a starting position and did. He could have accepted another role but his goal was to start.

"Starting matters to every player no matter what some say," said Thomas. "Everybody takes pride in feeling they are the best a team has to offer at a certain position."

"But no matter what I try to play the best I can, do what the coaches want and help the team. We feel we can win a national championship and I want to be a big part of that in any way I can."

ASSISTANT coaches always look for things to use, or not use, when they become head coaches.

"You are always looking for things that you might be able to use yourself if you become a head coach," said UK assistant coach James Dickey. "But you always have to coach your own personality no matter what you learn."

"When Dwane (Casey) gets his shot at a head job, I'm sure he'll have some of the philosophy of Joe Hall, Clem Haskins and Eddie Sutton in him. But he'll still have to call his own shots just like Joe Hall did when he took over from Adolph Rupp."

Still, when Dickey gets a chance to watch a Bobby Knight or Denny Crum he is always looking for things he might be able to use.

"The first thing you always have to do is concentrate on helping your team win," said Dickey. "But it is good to look at another coach and try to improve your knowledge of the game. It's helpful to examine their philosophies and tendencies."

UK Assistant James Dickey Stresses Patience

GOING FROM a reserve's role to the spotlight in one year is not easy for any UK player. That's why Dickey thinks everyone should be patient with Rob Lock, Richard Madison and Irv Thomas.

"Last year Irv played behind two pretty good players in Kenny Walker and Winston Bennett," said Dickey. "Now he is expected to start and produce like them but that just doesn't happen."

"Richard and Rob helped us at times last year but they were not in a position of having to produce every game like we need for them to now."

"We don't have depth in our front line and those guys have to play. Our five guards are as good as any in the country but it will take time for our big guys to develop. We just hope we can be more consistent in conference play and hopefully the NCAA."

After 10 Years, Sutton Agrees To Coach Festival

SUTTON turned down chances the last 10 years to coach a team at the U.S. Olympic Festival before finally agreeing to serve in 1987 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

"I did not want to give up that much time in the summer until our sons were older," said Sutton. "This year the committee caught me in a weak moment and I told them I would do it."

Sutton may have also agreed to coach the team because freshmen guards Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller have to be two of the leading candidates to be invited to the Olympic Festival.

"I would hope the selection committee would take some of our younger players so I would have a chance to coach them," said Sutton.

Sutton even admitted that he would be interested in coaching the 1992 U.S. Olympic team if the opportunity arose.

"It would be a great honor to represent the U.S. in the Olympics," said Sutton. "But for a year it is almost a fulltime job and takes away from your own program."

"Bobby (Knight) made five or six trips to Europe to scout before the last Olympics. It takes a lot of time but any college coach would be eager for the opportunity."

John Thompson of Georgetown will coach the 1988 Olympic team but the two leading candidates for 1992 have to be Sutton and Denny Crum of Louisville.

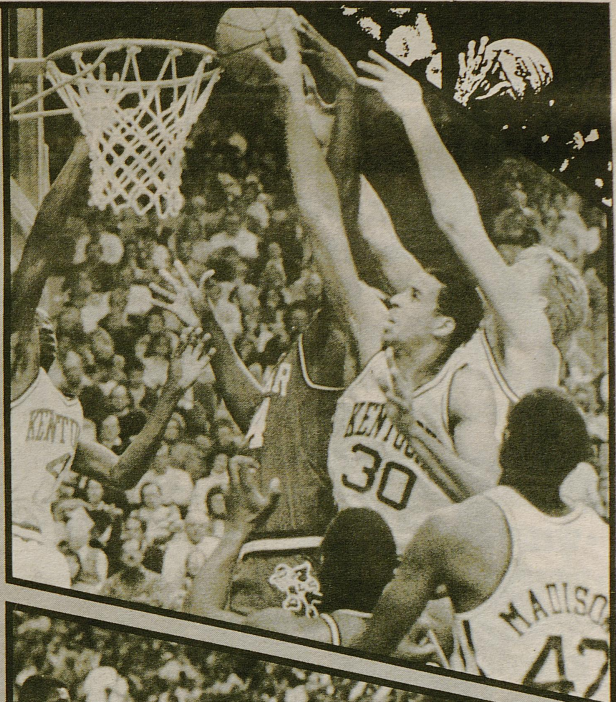
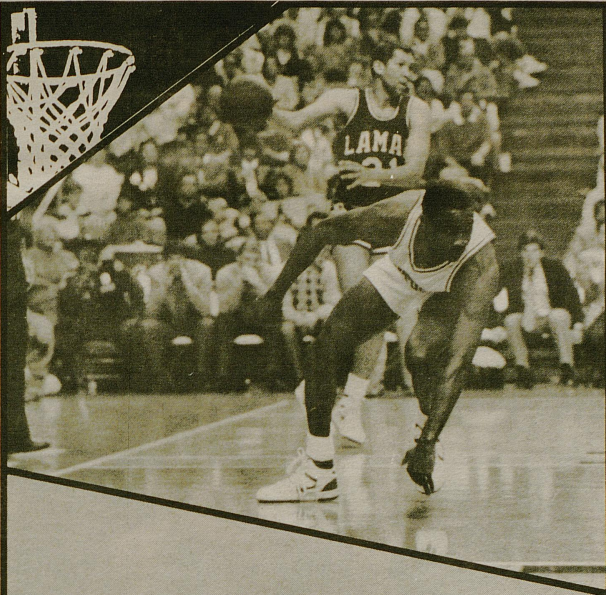
Pay Up On That There Milkshake

UK ASSISTANT coach Dwane Casey owes Oscar Combs, publisher of *The Cats' Pause*, a milkshake.

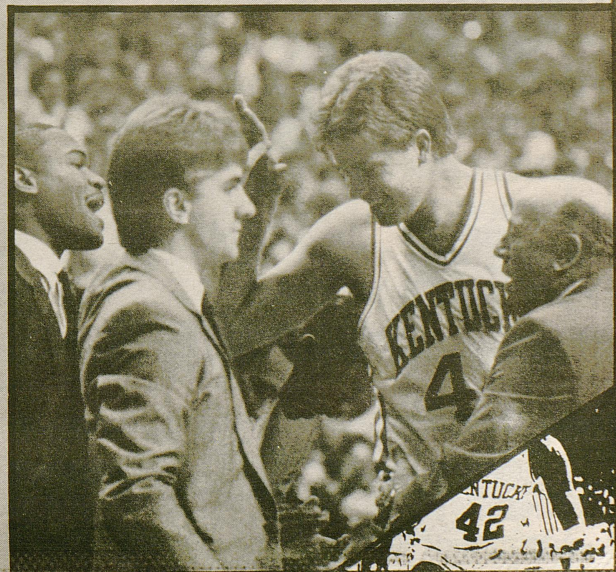
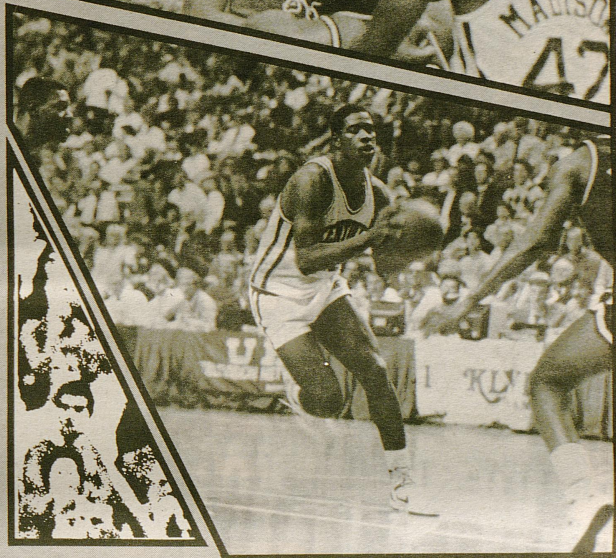
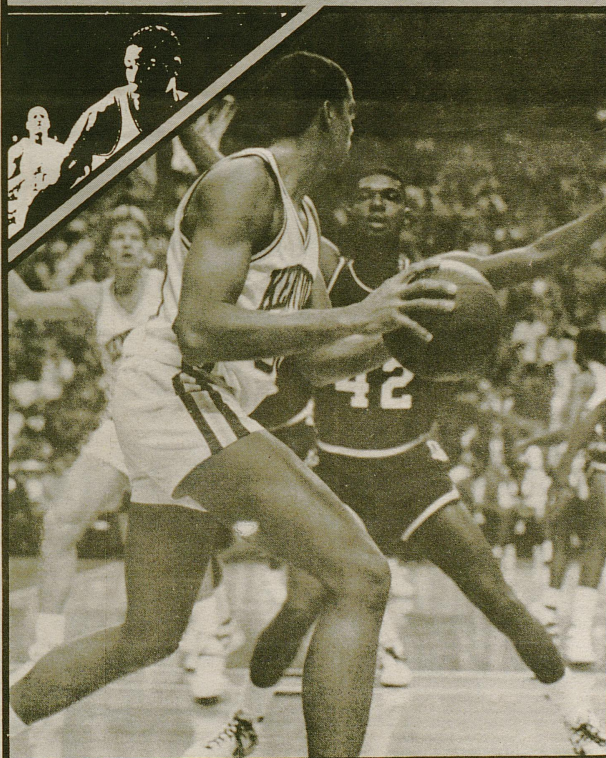
Combs told Casey before the Indiana-Vanderbilt game that he expected the Commodores to win since the game was in Nashville and Indiana would be coming off its emotional win over Kentucky.

Casey didn't waste any time taking that wager. That night Vandy upset Indiana just as Combs predicted.

Casey shouldn't feel too bad, though. The win cost me a milkshake, too. Hope Oscar doesn't mind blowing his diet for a couple of well-earned milkshakes.



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Wildcats

Field For First Annual Coca-Cola Thoroughbred Classic

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Baylor

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
12	Matt Brown	G	5-10	149	Sr.
10	Eric Smith	G	6-1	173	Sr.
30	Evans Dunn	C	6-1	177	Sr.
20	Brian Partridge	F	6-2	189	Sr.
5	Neal Wilson	PG	6-0	147	Jr.
32	John Jennings	G	5-11	168	Jr.
3	Bobby Rouse	G	5-11	165	Jr.
50	Murray Willis	C	6-2	206	Sr.
31	Peter McGraw	C	6-3	170	Jr.
44	Mike McCamish	C	6-4	210	Sr.
22	John Reid	F	6-2	184	Sr.
42	Doug Trivers	C	6-1	162	Sr.
25	Jeff Truitt	F	6-0	165	Jr.
34	Anthony DeMovellan	F	5-10	175	Jr.

Tates Creek

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
10	Adrian Stevens	F	6-0	175	Sr.
12	Mike Darnell	G	5-7	150	Jr.
14	Antoine Spillman	G	6-0	160	Jr.
15	Bruce Harris	G	6-0	145	Sr.
20	Kevin Jarvis	G	6-0	160	Sr.
21	Bobby Smith	F	6-2	165	Sr.
22	Travis Brashear	G	5-11	160	Jr.
23	Damian Clayborne	G-F	6-3	175	Sr.
25	Mark Brown	F	6-2	175	Jr.
31	Tommy Fitzpatrick	F	6-2	180	Jr.
32	John Bates	G	6-2	175	Sr.
33	Brad Huffman	F	6-1	160	Jr.
34	Jerome Coles	C	6-6	225	Sr.
42	Gary Gordon	F	6-2	165	Jr.
54	Houston Ball	C-F	6-3	200	Sr.

Mason County

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
12	Rheuben Bluford	F	6-1	160	Sr.
4	Jerry Butler	G	5-9	145	Sr.
44	Deron Feldhaus	C	6-7	202	Sr.
15	Chad Fletcher	G	5-11	155	Sr.
5	Rodney Jackson	G	5-9	155	Sr.
35	Robbie Jacobs	G-F	5-11	155	Sr.
40	Robert Lofton	F-C	6-1	173	Sr.
10	Greg Fulton	F	6-0	155	Jr.
33	Chris Gifford	G	6-0	140	Jr.
21	Scott Morgan	G	5-9	140	Jr.
13	Tony Ring	F	6-1	160	Jr.
24	Brian Simpson	G-F	6-1	142	So.
54	Trevor Pollitt	C	6-3	185	So.

Bryan Station

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
00	Roy Booker	G	5-7	128	So.
4	Michael Allen	G	5-10	145	So.
10	Cliff Davis	G	5-7	152	Sr.
11	Larry Brown	G	5-9	169	Sr.
12	Marc Whitley	G	5-10	154	Sr.
13	Tony Hughes	G	5-9	133	So.
15	John Harris	G	5-8	142	So.
23	Lamont Ross	F-C	6-1	162	So.
24	Donnie Thurman	F	5-11	163	Sr.
31	Keith LaPrelle	G-F	5-11	151	So.
33	Michael Hampton	F	6-1	189	So.
35	Robert Higgins	C-F	6-4	178	Sr.
40	Mark Scruggs	C-F	6-4	202	Sr.
45	Craig Brooks	F	6-1	185	Jr.
55	Ronnie Ingram	F	6-0	195	So.

Marion, Indiana

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
4	Lyndon Jones	G	6-3	180	Sr.
10	Derek Barnett	G-F	6-1	175	Jr.
12	Jay Edwards	F-G	6-5	180	Sr.
14	Robbie Morrell	G	5-9	145	Sr.
22	Steve Walker	G	5-10	145	Jr.
25	Kyle Persinger	G-F	6-5	185	Sr.
30	Robert Stanley	F	6-0	170	Sr.
32	Daric Keys	F-C	6-6	190	Sr.
34	Anthony Butler	F	6-2	165	So.
42	Eric Persinger	F	6-3	175	Jr.
44	Scott Hunt	C-F	6-7	210	Sr.
52	Eric Ewer	C-F	6-6	220	Sr.
54	Eric Krabbe	C	6-4	205	Jr.

Lafayette

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
11	Darrell Hill	G	5-9	152	Jr.
14	Danny Prather	F	6-3	173	Jr.
15	Keith Denton	F	6-2	168	Sr.
20	Marcus Hill	G	5-11	161	Sr.
22	Charles Hill	G	6-1	160	Sr.
24	Mike Gay	F	6-2	172	Sr.
25	Tim Newsome	G	5-11	158	Jr.
30	Jeff Neal	G	6-0	170	Jr.
33	Prince Stewart	G	5-11	165	Sr.
35	Morgan Burdette	G	6-1	167	Jr.
42	Kelly Hobbs	F	6-2	180	So.
52	Glenn Hammond	F	6-3	172	Jr.
55	Willie Eames	C	6-7	208	So.

Macon (Ga.) Southwest

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
40	Aubry Boyd	G	6-5	175	Sr.
12	Tony Hall	G	6-1	175	Sr.
44	Roderick Manuel	G	6-4	210	Sr.
52	Eric Manuel	G-F	6-6	206	Sr.
30	Maurice Williams	F	6-1	170	Sr.
24	Marcellus McCamy	F	6-1	155	Sr.
34	Fred Crocker	F	6-2	155	Jr.
20	Ricky Jones	G	6-0	150	Jr.
54	Keith Green	F	6-4	190	Sr.
22	Reginald Coleman	G	6-0	165	Sr.
42	Chucky Balkcom	F	6-3	170	Jr.
11	Rico Whipple	G	5-4	150	Sr.

Henry Clay

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Class
10	David Taylor	G	5-9	150	Sr.
12	Rick Holt	F	6-0	154	Sr.
14	Aaron Butler	G	5-8	142	Jr.
20	Sean Sutton	G	6-2	175	Sr.
24	Allen McCowen	F-G	6-1	172	Jr.
30	Mark Willoughby	G	5-11	150	Sr.
32	Kerry Washington	G-F	6-0	158	Sr.
34	Jeff Walker	F	6-2	160	Sr.
42	Darrell Bates	F	6-1	156	Sr.
44	Jerry Tevis	C-F	6-4	178	Sr.
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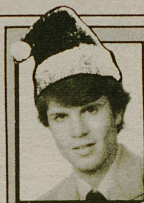
Vandy Draws Attention With Upset Of IU

Who Will Succeed Arnsperger At LSU?

Here's a few things to kick around from last week's sports scene. First, how about the surprising success of the Vanderbilt basketball program?

Psst... Want to know which team fills the bill of *SEC sleeper*? It's those scrapping Vanderbilt Commodores. Just last week on Vanderbilt's home court, the 'Dores upset Indiana 79-75 to give C.M. Newton his biggest win since he took over in Nashville.

Earlier, Vanderbilt captured the Hawaiian Airlines Tourney and then lost at Duke. Then the Commodores shocked Bobby Knight's club before an overflow crowd at Memorial Gym. This squad, which



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some experts think is Newton's best in his six-year stay in Nashville, rallied from a six-point halftime deficit to overtake the nation's No. 2 ballclub.

Goheen, Perdue Spark Commodore Rally

A big reason for the comeback was the outstanding shooting of guard Barry Goheen. But Goheen wasn't the only reason. Another key figure in this upset special was 6-foot-11 junior center Will Perdue. Perdue was a force offensively, scoring 15 points and was a monster on the boards. Strong rebounding is something Vandy fans have been waiting for a long time.

Before the season began, the Vanderbilt coaching staff believed this would finally be the year the Meritt Island, Fla., native would blossom into an outstanding player at the pivot position. So far the staff has looked like profits as Perdue has averaged more than 20



Vandy Guard Glen Clem

points per game this season, which has sparked the team to a remarkable 5-1 start.

However, Perdue and Goheen haven't been doing it all by themselves. Joining them are many players who compliment each other extremely well.

Helping Perdue along the baseline is senior Steve Reece and sophomore Frank Kornet. Both are rugged inside bangers with Reece regarded as one of the SEC's best defensive players.

His scoring ability, though, has been much improved, witnessed by his 12 point performance against Indiana. Bud Adams, a transfer from Georgia Tech also has impressive potential. Adams is an excellent outside shooter who can consistently connect from three-point land.

Another forward who has added to Vandy's early success is

freshman Eric Reid. Reid, a 6-8 power forward may eventually earn a starting nod later in the season because of his outstanding athletic ability and offensive skills which will develop as the season progresses.

Reid gives the 'Dores something the team has been missing—an athlete who can rebound and move up the floor and score.

What also was astounding about Vandy's victory against Indiana is it was done without the services of Bobby Westbrook. Westbrook, a 6-6, forward was the team's top returning rebounder (averaging 5.7 rpg). However, he was unable to play against the Hoosiers because of an injury during the Hawaiian Airlines adventure. Westbrook is expected to be back in January and his presence gives Vandy one of the deepest frontlines in the SEC.

In the backcourt helping Goheen is sophomore guard Barry Booker and senior Glen Clem. Booker supplies the club with speed and quickness along with a respectable shooting touch. Clem, on the other hand, has excellent size for a guard (6-6) and is a solid defensive performer. Coming off the bench freshman Scott Draud has uncanny range from behind the three-point stripe. During his last two years at Ft. Thomas Highlands (Ky.) he led the state in scoring average 30.4 and 35.3 points per game, respectively. Draud gives Vandy instant offense coming off the pines.

Yes indeed, Commodore mania is spreading quickly throughout Nashville. It's obvious that Newton has a wealth of talent at his disposal and is able to go 10 deep at times to mix and match his players to any given game situation. Before the season Newton was quoted as saying it's been a tough struggle to reach the upper echelon of the SEC.

"I hate to lose," he said. "But I don't plan on letting it happen again. I'm starting my sixth season at Vanderbilt and we've been competitive for the championship in only one year (1982-83)."

Newton's club has given notice that the Commodores will certainly be competitive in the SEC this season. Who knows, Vandy may earn its first appearance into the NCAA Tournament since 1974. Especially if Goheen continues to connect from the perimeter and Perdue controls the inside game. Yes sir, I can already hear SEC color analyst Joe Dean. "It's string music time for Vanderbilt in N-A-S-H-V-I-L-L-E, T-E-N-N-E-S-S-E-E."

Arnsperger Reached Top At LSU, Moves To UF

With the recent resignation of LSU head coach Bill Arnsperger, who left to become the athletic director at Florida, the Tiger football program has become somewhat muddled. First of all, I believe Bill Arnsperger resigned for two reasons:

No. 1... he was getting close to retiring from coaching and grew tired of the day-to-day pressures of being a major college football coach. This was especially the case at LSU where the school has outstanding fan support. But it's also a school where the fans can be fickle to the extreme of demanding an SEC championship every season.

No. 2... I think Arnsperger felt he could hardly do anything else at LSU. After all, he had compiled an impressive 26-7-2 coaching record which included two Sugar Bowl appearances in three years.

At 60, Arnsperger probably thought that LSU would expect the same success year in and year out which is simply not feasible competing in the toughest league in the country on a consistent basis. Just assessing this past season he realized a lot of things must go right in order to win an SEC championship. In fact, if Florida and Alabama hadn't beaten themselves with costly mistakes then LSU would not be playing on New Year's Day.

Arnsperger can now enjoy the warm surroundings of Gainesville, Fla. While the athletics director at Florida, he'll also be closer to his two kids who just happen to attend UF. The pressure and headaches of being an athletics director certainly can't compare to that of leading the life of a major college head football coach. But before he begins his new athletic administrative duties at Florida, Arnsperger will try to add another feather to his coaching cap, hoping to lead LSU to a victory against Nebraska in this season's Sugar Bowl.

Who Will Succeed Arnsperger...

Who will become the next head coach at LSU? Already school Chancellor James H. Wharton proposed hiring 33-year old defensive coordinator Mike Archer to the LSU athletic board. But that didn't sit too well with the athletic board. The board voted 10-8 against hiring Archer and was appalled at the chancellor in pressuring them to make a decision so quickly without first searching for a prominent head coach.

One of the key areas that has not been mentioned about the job is LSU's current coaching staff. Here's a staff which was brought

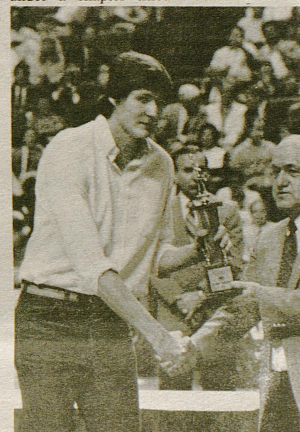
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It's Now Confirmed: Scott Not Eligible To Play For UK Until At Least Jan. 17

Although NCAA regulations would allow Mike Scott to play for Kentucky in this weekend's UKIT, the Southeastern Conference has a rule that will keep the 6-11 transfer out of the 'Cats lineup until Jan. 17, if he indeed decides to enroll at UK and play for Eddie Sutton's ballclub.

Under NCAA rules, Scott would be able to play at any university after satisfying three areas: 1) complete one academic year of classroom work (24 credit hours) at Lexington Community College, 2) graduate from LCC, 3) meet a one-year residency requirement at the school he intends to attend. Scott's last final exam at LCC was scheduled for Dec. 19, and should he pass all his classes, he would be in compliance with NCAA regulations in all three areas.

But an SEC rule, which is Paragraph B under a chapter titled "Certification of



Mike Scott

Eligibility" in the 1986-87 league manual states: "... If a junior college graduate previously attended any four-year institution (Wake Forest in Scott's case), the student may not compete unless he or she completed at the junior college following transfer from the four-year school a minimum of 24 semester or 36 quarter hours and one calendar year has elapsed since transfer from the four-year college."

That's where Scott reaches a snag. Since he played in a game for Wake Forest last Jan. 16, and then transferred to LCC, he won't be allowed to take the court for Kentucky in a game until the LSU game on Jan. 18.

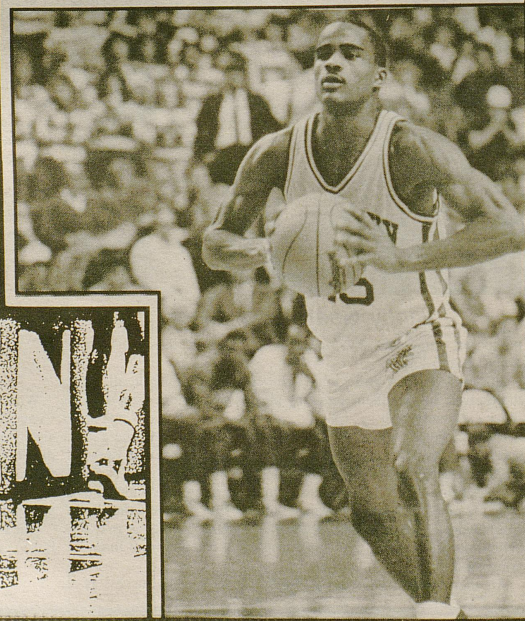
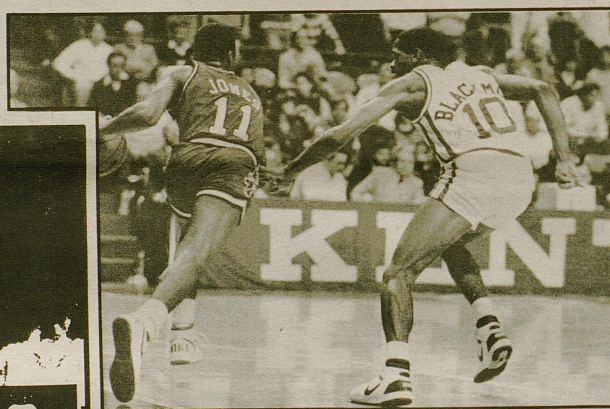
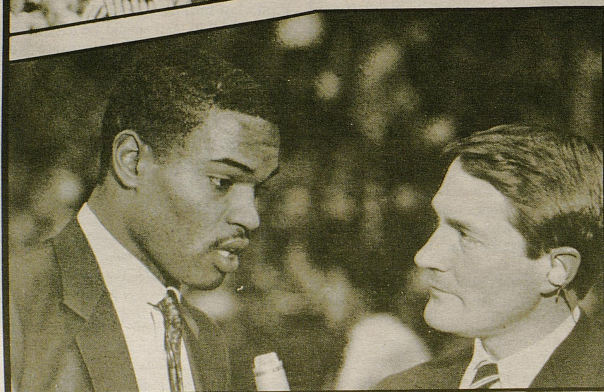
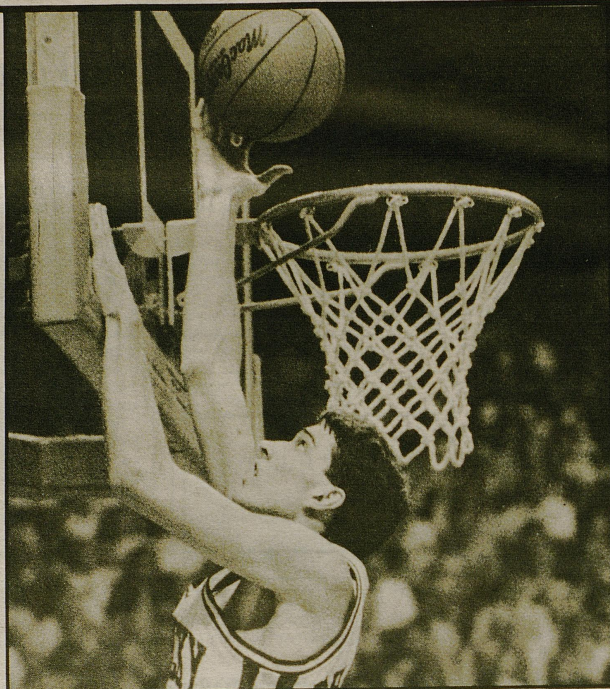
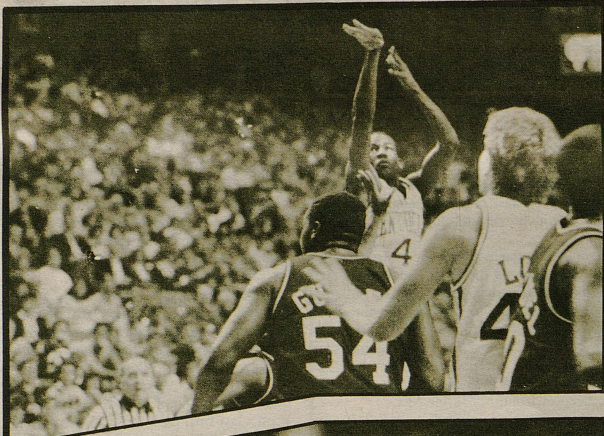
Scott would be able to practice for the 'Cats as soon as he is graduated from LCC and is admitted at Kentucky.

"No diploma is needed," said Bob Bradley, one of UK's assistant athletic directors said. "All we'd need is a letter saying he's completed all his requirements."

Bradley told a local newspaper that the paper work is already being prepared to get Scott admitted to the university.

"I would say he could practice as soon as Dec. 20," Bradley said.

Kentucky got some more good news from the NCAA last week concerning Sean Sutton. Because he has already signed to play for Kentucky next year, UK was told that he would no longer be allowed to sit on the bench with his father Eddie during Wildcat games for the rest of the year. But the situation has been reversed and the younger Sutton will be allowed to return to the Kentucky bench for the remainder of the season.



UK Surprised Me With Its Play At IU

Look For 'Cats To Continue To Improve

I know that it's been a couple of weeks since Indiana beat Kentucky. I felt that the 'Cats had a chance, but I didn't think the game would be very close. Playing in Bloomington is very difficult, to say the least. You see nothing but a sea of red (crimson if you want to get picky) everywhere you turn. To come out with a victory is very tough. In Bloomington, IU's tradition, as well as their tough but solid coach, Bobby Knight, make the Hoosiers almost unbeatable.

I've made no bones about it, I couldn't ever play for Bobby Knight. Those who do not, and are fortunate, usually become better basketball



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players as well as better people. His disciplinarian style doesn't suit everyone. His off-the-court (and sometimes on-the-court) antics really aren't a thing of beauty. Knight is a man who says what's on his mind, especially when it comes to Kentucky. I really don't think that it's right to take shots at another university if you don't have all the facts.

Regardless of what you think about Sir Bobby, however, he is a super bench coach. He gets the most out of his players and they seem to really like coach Knight. Knight also has the respect of his peers. Anytime you are selected to be an Olympic coach, I would say you're doing alright.

Maybe the best thing you can say about Knight, though, is that he demands his players to get the best academic help possible. He has his own stringent academic policies, and they often stretch far beyond what the university or the NCAA require.

It's Tough To Stop Steve Alford

Before Kentucky's game with IU, I thought about who would be guarding Steve Alford. Indiana runs an offense that has picks set for a particular player often. You may get through one pick, and then there you are with two more waiting for you. You know that they are coming, but it's too difficult to stop. I thought Ed Davender would do a good job on Alford, and he did. People don't realize that when a guy of Alford's stature is guarded very close, you can't touch him—the officials will blow the whistle every time.

Alford has plays that are set up for him. We faced the same type of situation when we played against Isaiah Thomas. He was tough to defend because he had plays that were designed for him. Coach Joe B. Hall would tell me to get ready because he knew that Dirk Minniefield would get into foul trouble. Any time a star player is on his home court, he will usually get the calls. The next time you watch a home team, look at the star player closely. He may do some things that will surprise you. Officials probably won't admit it, but they give star players the star treatment. Alford played well, but I think some calls were questionable.

IU was always a special game for us. The practices that week usually were some of the toughest of the year. We worked on their offense, which isn't very complex. You just get annoyed because of the constant motion and all the picks that are set.

IU Game Was Always Biggest Of Year For Hall

I think the Indiana game was the biggest one of the year for coach Hall. He talked about how tough it would be, told us that the team that was the most aggressive would win. I never heard coach Hall talk about the time Knight hit him (the IU coach "cuffed" Hall on the back of the head during the late moments of the 1975 meeting in Bloomington), but some of the guys who were around say that it was a pretty nasty sight. Coach Hall would always stress to us that we had to be tough against IU. He didn't want us to get into any fights, but he did want us to be the intimidators.

Something that was pretty interesting was the performances of Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller. Chapman just happened to be attending the Kentucky Wesleyan-Kentucky State game. (His dad, Wayne, is the coach at Wesleyan, while my little brother Mike is a guard on K-State's team).

Rex told me that he thought that UK could beat Indiana. I looked at him in disbelief. After watching IU beat Notre Dame in South Bend on television the previous night, I felt the 'Cats would be in for a very long afternoon. I told Rex how difficult it would be for Kentucky's defense against the Hoosiers' pick-happy offense. Rex

told me that the 'Cats were ready to defend Alford.

The two freshmen performed like veterans. I couldn't believe how well they played. In 1980, my freshman year, we beat IU in Bloomington, we had Freddie Cowan, Melvin Turpin, Charles Hurt and Derrick Hord. In other words, we had some of the best players in the country at each position. My point is that Chapman and Miller played in Assembly Hall like they had been there before. Their confidence after that game has helped them enormously. These guys will only get better and better. That's real bad news for the opposition.

Outcome May Be Different At Tourney Time

Indiana happens to be one of the few schools that has a lead in the series with Kentucky. I think that if IU plays the 'Cats in the



Sir Bobby Knight

NCAA tournament, and if all goes well, I think UK can beat the Hoosiers. Eddie Sutton's team will only get better and better as people get healthy. I think that the team is playing better than people really expected them to. Once each player learns his role, I think this team will be very hard to beat. I think James Blackmon has the right attitude. He doesn't care about individual stats, it's the wins that mean the most to him. If everyone has the right attitude, and I'm sure that they do, look for another banner season from the 'Cats.

If you have any suggestions on topics you would like for me to write about, drop me a line in care of:

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Kats Make Colonels Their Fifth Victim, Win 88-56 At EKU

Kentucky's Lady Kats took the money in the first half and ran away from the Eastern Kentucky Colonels 88-56 last Tuesday in Richmond. Following the opening tip, UK outscored the Colonels 24-5 as UK won its fifth game without a setback.

Sophomore guard Jodie Whitaker paced the Lady Kats' attack with 20 points. Bebe Croley added 16 while UK's offensive sparkplug Sandy Harding scored 10 points.

Kentucky led by 20 tallies by intermission (40-20) and coasted to a victory.

Thirty-nine seconds into the contest EKU's starting point guard Tina Reece was forced to leave the ballgame because of a knee injury. While the injury damaged the Lady Colonels' chances, their performance from the field in the first half didn't help matters, either. EKU fired a dismal 20.7 percent from the field, hitting only 6 of 29 field-goal tries.

Earlier, UK traveled to Miami, Fla., to take on the Lady Hurricanes. Terry Hall's club used a 56-19 advantage on the boards to more than help Kentucky win, 71-55.

Bebe Croley hit on 9 of 13 attempts from the field while scoring a team-high 21 points. She also grabbed a game-high nine rebounds. Other Lady Kats in double figures were Jodie Whitaker with 12 points and Debbie Miller added 10.

The Southeastern Conference ballclub had an outstanding night from the field. Kentucky drilled 56 percent of its shots (28 of 50).

Gators Had Nation's Toughest Slate; Cats' Schedule Rated 29th

In a NCAA study released last week it was learned that Florida encountered the nation's toughest grid schedule in 1986.

The Gators' 11 overall opponents, which included the likes of Miami, LSU, Auburn, Alabama, Georgia, Florida State and Mississippi State, compiled a .682 winning percentage. This figure did not include the opponents' meetings with Florida.

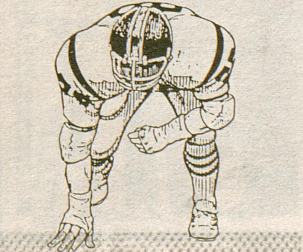
During the season at one time or another all seven of Gator opponents mentioned above were members of the Top 20.

The only team on the Gators' slate to have a losing mark was Mid-American representative Kent State. The Golden Flashes finished the season with a 5-6 record.

Florida finished its season with a 6-5 campaign.

Louisiana State was second in the country, with a .648 percentage. Despite its difficult schedule LSU captured the SEC title and will be appearing opposite Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day. Notre Dame had the third most difficult schedule.

Here's a listing of the SEC squads and their schedule of difficulty in '86: Florida (1st), LSU (2nd), Alabama (13th), Mississippi State (24th), Kentucky (29th), Georgia (32nd), Mississippi (50th), Vanderbilt (52nd), Auburn (63rd) and Tennessee (82nd).



Satellite Guide Will Help UK Fans Find Wildcats On Tube

According to Louisville productions, Kentucky's upcoming games against Iona (Dec. 19), consolation or championship game of UKIT (Dec. 20) and against Georgia (Dec. 30) will all be on Galaxy 3.

While the Dec. 20 and 21 games will be on transponder 12, the Dec. 30 contest will be on transponder 17.

A guide January's "Cats On Satellite" will be published in an upcoming TCP issue.

Lady Kats Fall From Unbeaten Ranks; Lose Twice

The Kentucky Lady Kats were knocked from the unbeaten ranks last Friday by No. 13 Ohio State, 76-71 at Memorial Coliseum. Previously Kentucky was undefeated, sporting a 5-0 mark.

UK's frigid 36.4 percent shooting from the field in the first half dealt a decisive blow to the home team's chances. Terry Hall's squad trailed at halftime 39-33.

Sophomores Bebe Croley and Jodie Whitaker led Kentucky in scoring with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Tracey Hall was the game's high scorer with 26 points. OSU pushed its record over the .500 mark at 2-1.

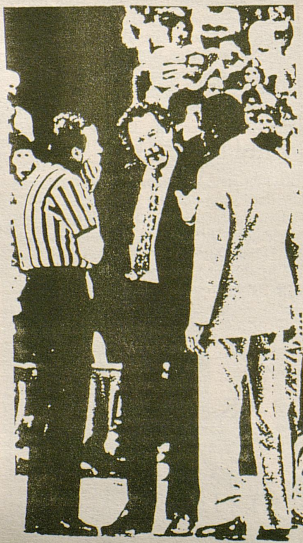
Kentucky dropped its second game in three days, losing to nationally ranked Illinois, 78-76 at Memorial Coliseum. The Lady Illini, No. 18 in the nation, led by as many as 15 in the second half. Illinois even owned a nine-point advantage (73-64) with 4:28 remaining.

UK, 5-2, cut the margin to one (73-72) with two minutes remaining and had possession. But a traveling call on Croley turned the ball over.

After an Illini bucket, Sandy Harding hit a jumper to close the gap to one with 1:34 left. However, an Illini field goal and a UK miss sealed the home team's unlucky fortunes.

UK was led by Corley's 22-point performance. Harding added 19 points and handed out a game-high nine assists. The win improved Illinois record to 6-0.

Jonelle Polk paced the winners with 21 tallies.



Rumors Have Brown Headed For NBA

Kentucky Recruiting Class Nation's Best

The moment of truth for Kansas coach **Larry Brown** may be on the horizon. Recent news that the New York Knicks had fired **Hubie Brown** and named **Bob Hill** to coach the team for the remainder of the year had to send chills down the collective spines of Jayhawk rooters.

No one seriously believes that Hill, who ironically, was an assistant to Brown at Kansas until two years ago, will be given the job on a long-term basis. As a native New Yorker with a wife who resides in the Big Apple, it would seem the Knicks job might be the one that lures Brown back to professional basketball.



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

Unsolicited, here's a piece of personal advice: Don't do it, Larry. First reason, the Knicks are not an NBA franchise which can win, and second, at Kansas a dynasty-like program is being built.

I say the Knicks can't win and history is squarely on my side. This franchise is run by a mega-corporation which is often ponderous and slow to move in a business which frequently requires snap decisions. And the recent recruiting year enjoyed by Kansas seems to me further proof that the nation's top prospects are believing that Lawrence is a good place to be.

Finally, if Brown takes himself out of consideration for the job early, it will add something new to his career—stability.

Before I start on the recruiting ratings, I would like to point out that all the **Kentucky** media and coaches who are now gloating about their great recruiting class will be the same ones telling us next year that these kids were overrated just because they signed with UK. It happens every time.

Nonetheless, **Van Coleman**, my No. 1 recruiting guy, says the Wildcats reaped the biggest harvest in the fall signing session. His top 12 are:

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| 1. Kentucky | 5. Pittsburgh | 9. Kansas |
| 2. N.C. State | 6. North Carolina | 10. Indiana |
| 3. Iowa | 7. UCLA | 11. Arizona |
| 4. Florida State | 8. Ohio State | 12. South Carolina |

More updates following the spring signing session.



Packer And McGuire, Together Again?

News that **CBS** had won another three years of exclusive rights to televise the NCAA tournament caught everyone by surprise. There was a feeling among many (including the NCAA Division I Basketball Committee which ultimately made the call) that a two-network split of the tournament was desirable. Three years ago **NBC** wasn't even given a chance to bid on the tournament, a sign that NCAA executive director **Walter Byers** wanted them on probation a while longer for bankrolling the CFA several years before. This time, however, the door was open. Apparently what happened is **CBS** was very determined to not let it get away. Not only did they produce the largest offer, but they were willing to televise the regionals for three straight nights in prime time. **NBC** simply couldn't afford to match that and the contest was all over.

Incidentally, do not believe for a minute that **NBC** will drop its

coverage of college basketball. It's an easy way to fill those time slots and they'll continue to be with us. . . **Al McGuire**, whose



Kansas' Larry Brown To The Knicks?

contract expires after this year, is in an interesting spot. Certainly **NBC** will do everything to get him locked up for several more years, but wouldn't **CBS** love to complete the sweep and match **McGuire** with **Billy Packer**. As they say, stay tuned.

No surprise that **North Carolina** lost early. I told you the Tar Heels would be better in March than December. What was an eye-opener, however, was the performance of **UCLA**. The Bruins have some big, young guys who'll be effective enough to compliment the backcourt of **Reggie Miller** and **Pooh Richardson**. How good are the Bruins? New Orleans is not an idle dream.

If you are arguing the merits of college basketball over the NBA, here's a great line. At his current pace, Chicago Bulls star **Michael Jordan** will miss over 1,300 shots this year. That would be second only to **Wilt Chamberlin** who missed over 1,500 the year he averaged over 50 points. (And presumably, most of Wilt's misses were from short range).

Westmont over **Western Michigan**, but the Broncos over **Michigan**. **Utica College** over **Maine**, but the Black Bears over **Michigan State**. College basketball, 1986.

I suggested to new Boston College coach **Jim O'Brien** that Louisville might be willing to trade him **Kenny Payne**, **Chris West**, **Kevin Walls** and a future draft choice for his point guard **Dana Barros**. Said the first year coach who's woefully short of manpower: "No deal". . . Barros will be one of the few things **BC** fans can cheer about this winter, which is interesting considering this was a prime-time program for most of the decade. Remember the **Jay Murphy**-staying-eligible-by-taking-night-classes story? It embarrassed the university and the admission's staff has played hardball since. **Rumeal Robinson**, who failed to score 700 on his SAT test, but was still enrolled at Michigan would not have been admitted at **BC**. Unless something changes, you are talking about the Northwestern of the Big East.

Clemson coach **Cliff Ellis**, Syracuse coach **Jim Boeheim** and Michigan coach **Bill Frieder** get a lot of heat about the non-conference schedule from various media sources. My question is how come no one ever puts **Georgetown** into consideration for the cream-puff schedule award? Check it out. The Hoyas like a soft December. Very soft.



VIEWPOINT

Letters To The Editor

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Don't Ever Forget '75

Dear Sir:

I am 25-years-old and have followed the Wildcats since I was a kid. The Mideast Regional game against Indiana in 1975 is when I became a "hardcore" Wildcat fan.

I love *The Cats' Pause*, but the reason I had to write was Mr. Gibb's letter (in the Nov. 29 issue) about Dean Smith. I, too, will never forget what "Clean Dean" said and did to Rick Robey. Although that was eight years ago, that incident was burned into my memory and I say Kentucky fans should never forget.

Good luck to the 'Cats.

Brad Hunt
Eddyville, Kentucky

King Football

Dear Sir:

Even though I am disappointed in the 'Cats' 1986 football season, I still must have *TCP*. So, enclosed is my check for renewal for '87. I am anxious to learn how Jerry (Claiborne) will do in recruiting this year. I wish him great success. I am also at a loss (as to) why here is not more support of the UK football program. It appears that basketball is the only sport that many fans care about. I like basketball, too, but in its season. Down here in the deep South, basketball is tolerated, but football is king. Will Kentucky ever be competitive in football? What will it take? Do we have to have winning teams before we will support it, or can we produce winning teams by our support? What's the answer?

Congratulations to Eddie Sutton on his excellent recruiting year.

Sincerely,

Roland Butler
Greensboro, Georgia

Blue Blood

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to *The Cats' Pause*. Your newspaper keeps my Blue Blood pumping while I am overseas. I enjoy reading every article (with the exception to the occasional article concerning the second-best university in the state).

Sincerely,

K.W. Hornback,
New York, New York

Ready For Eddie's Call

Dear Sir:

Here's my renewal to *The Cats' Pause*. Put it in the hopper fast—don't let me miss a single issue and keep 'em comin'!

I need to keep up with the goings on with the 'Cats. With all the players Kentucky has been losing, I may have to play myself if Sut-

ton calls me.

Here in Big Orange Land, I've had a rough week, after Tennessee knocked us out of another Liberty Bowl. The attitude around here is one of "I knew Tennessee wouldn't have any problem with Kentucky." Well it hurts, doesn't it Jerry? I have a sure-fire solution to anyone in Kentucky who may be just a half-hearted Kentucky fan—send them down here to live in Tennessee for a spell, the Big Orange fans will turn you around to be a true "Blue" fan.

Well, I'm sure wondering about this round-ball season. I wonder how Sutton will do with an "all guard almost" lineup. Anyway, there's not much pressure this year. Wow, look out next year—four guys at the seven-foot level (almost). Look out opposition, here come the Wildcats.

I'm pulling for Blackmon, come on James, show us this year. Also, Richard Madison, this is your year, your chance. Let's see some board work and some three-point shots.

Good Luck—Go Wildcats—Go Kentucky,

Charles E. Shepherd
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Satellite TV Listings

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription for *The Cats' Pause* for another year.

On page 25 (of the Nov. 29 issue), you had an article about the satellite TV listing, but it had an incomplete address. So I immediately called *TCP* and since you all did not have the information, I called Louisville Productions and the gentleman I talked to was so helpful and gave me a schedule.

The games on Dec. 19th, 20th are on Galaxy 3, transponder 12.

I live in Fort Worth, Texas, and I bought a satellite dish so I could pick up my Kentucky Wildcats. So any time that the games are on satellite I sure would appreciate you publishing the time, etc.

Keep Up The Good Work.

Robert Vanover
Ft. Worth, Texas

Here We Go Again!

Dear Sir:

A la Jock Sutherland, a little too much beans when we want clams! So don't renew our subscription to *The Cats' Pause*!

From reading Bob Watkin's column, I can see that he is a very professional writer. He has a very nice and interesting style. It is the content of his column that often turns me off.

I have nothing personal against the University of Louisville, the basketball players or Denny Crum, the coach.

If I wanted to read about their basketball program in any manner, I would subscribe to the *ScoreCard*. The University of Louisville has a 50,000-watt clear channel radio station, *ScoreCard* and Jock Sutherland. I won't pay \$25 a year for a magazine that gives them publicity.

I enjoy reading some items about other state schools and I have no objection to reading an occasional comment by Dean Smith, or any other coach, for that matter.

I cannot forget the University of Kentucky and the Joe B. Hall basking that went on under Denny Crum.

To me, U of L is just another sports program in the country. The UK-U of L basketball game is just another game to us. I feel worse when UK is beaten by Indiana than I do when UK is beaten by U of L.

I would prefer to receive a smaller magazine, covering UK only, and I would not mind paying the same \$25 for the smaller magazine.

Thank you,

David and Ruby Hampton
New Madison, Ohio

...And Again!

Dear Sir:

We have enjoyed our very first year of *The Cats' Pause*. I am enclosing a check for our renewal and I'm also sending a gift subscription for my brother and his family to start receiving your magazine. I know that they will enjoy it as much as we have.

My only suggestion to you is that you somehow train Bob Watkins to write about another school besides the University of Louisville. Living in Louisville, we see and hear enough about the Cards. If we wanted more that that we'd subscribe to Louisville's magazine.

We're just diehard, hardcore, 'Cat fans that would rather spend our money reading about Kentucky and other great SEC schools.

Good Luck 'Cats!

Jill and Dave Denton
Louisville, Kentucky

Sticking Up For Dicky

Dear Sir:

While reading the Nov. 8, 1986 issue of *The Cats' Pause*, I was very disappointed to see a letter from Boss Clarke from Flatwoods printed in your fine publication.

While being aware that these type of people still exist, I don't need to read their racist remarks in my favorite paper.

"MASSER" C.W. Clarke's (from Flatwoods) remarks about the PUSH-EXCEL Classic, Rev. (Jesse) Jackson and especially Mr. Dicky Beal were racist cheap shots.

Please omit further redneck remarks from this great publication, you guys deserve better.

Sincerely,

L. Jordan Clemons
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky

P.S. Maybe we should advertise as: Spotlighting UK and SEC and Sports of All Sorts.

Black, White And Red?

Dear Sir:

I'm a transplanted UK alumnus trying to grow blue flowers in red soil. It was with great interest that I read your coverage of the Billy Reed-Courier-Journal controversy. Reed scored a three-pointer in saying, "I'm the only one down there who cares about UK." (*Cats' Pause*, Dec. 13, 1986, p. 22)

Reed was not allowed to cover the game for the *Courier-Journal* as they ran two lead articles on the cover of their sports page Sunday morning, Dec. 7. The introductory paragraph of the first, by Dave Koerner, praises the IU starting lineup and is quickly followed by five paragraphs of quotes by IU All-American Steve Alford. The other, by Rick Bozich, should be titled "Highlights from Hoosier heaven." It seems the "new" *Courier-Journal* is black and white and red all over. Looks like more *Cats' Pause* subscriptions in the Louisville area.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson
Louisville, Kentucky

Minor Sports Fan

Dear Sir:

I want to commend *The Cats' Pause* for using some of its outer columns on each page to cover, among other things, minor sports. I have written several times in the past requesting such coverage of minor sports. We distant subscribers to *TCP* get no such coverage of minor sports. We thank you very much.

I would like to tell you how well-written *TCP* is compared to similar sports papers. I also subscribe to the *LSU Tiger Rag*, and until it died, *South Sports*. They look like high school papers compared to *The Cats' Pause*.

Sincerely,

Murtel Meyer
Chico, California

Blue In Orange Country

Dear Sir:

I'm amazed! Why have recent writers expressed surprise at some UK fans' behavior? I've known for years that many UK fans are spoiled babies. Keep in mind, I'm not anti-UK. I graduated from the university in May, and bleed Blue—win, lose or draw! However, as time has gone on, I have become increasingly frustrated by the attitudes of some "UK fans" that we would be better off without.

Example: Southern Miss was the first football game I was able to attend this year. UK was undefeated and blowing out a highly-regarded team. Instead of deafening crowd noise, we were confronted by constant fan gripes and complaints. As I now work in Knoxville, and had taken several Big Orange

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Todd Hallum

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in by Arnsparger. This staff has helped LSU become one of the premier programs in the country. What is their status at LSU?

If you recall, there was a lot of bitterness displayed between some LSU staff members of Bo Rein when Jerry Stovall took over after Rein had tragically died in an airplane crash in 1979. One year later Stovall let go most of Rein's staff after becoming the head coach.

So, how are LSU officials going to decide on a new head coach? Will the new head mentor keep any of the members of Arnsparger's staff? LSU officials may stipulate that the new man must keep the current assistants who decide to stay at the university.

Another decision is who is going to be the athletics director? Obviously the AD/coach relationship is very important to any major college football program.

Finally, can the new head coach deal with the many factions of alumni and fans who are involved in the LSU program? Can he adjust to their very high demands?

. . . Mack Brown, Nelson Stokely?

Who are the likely candidates to fill Arnsparger's shoes? News has surfaced that two head coaches at major universities with past ties to LSU have been bandied about. One is Tulane head coach Mack Brown, who used to be an assistant at LSU. The other is Nelson Stokely who is the head mentor at Southwest Louisiana and a former quarterback for the Tigers.

Of the two, Stokely probably holds an edge because Brown hails from instate rival Tulane. In two years at the Green Wave helm, Brown has compiled a dismal 5-17 record. Stokely, however, has a much better head coaching record. Then there's always the possibility of considering a coach from the professional ranks. If you'll recall, Arnsparger was brought in by former AD Bob Brodhead from Don Shula's staff at Miami.

Whoever it may be should negotiate for a long term contract. That's because LSU's football schedule will be one of the toughest in the nation during the next two seasons. Next year within the conference LSU plays SEC foes Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Mississippi State and Georgia. Add non-conference opponents Texas A&M and Ohio State and you have the makings of a very demanding slate.

In 1988 the Tigers play seven conference games with five of the six teams (not Georgia) previously listed plus Tennessee and Auburn. In addition they will play Texas A&M (Baton Rouge), Ohio State (Columbus) and Miami, Fla (Baton Rouge).

Needless to say, with two monstrous schedules ahead, LSU's new coach will be facing an uphill battle.

UK NOTEBOOK

Former Wildcat **Sam Bowie**, is doing well after breaking his leg in a game against the Dallas Mavericks. Currently, Bowie is in a walking cast and the Portland center isn't expected to be out of his full cast until four-to-six weeks. . . Current UK forward **Cedric Jenkins** says he should be ready to practice with the Wildcats this week. During preseason practice, the 6-foot-8 Dawson, Ga., native suffered a stress fracture to his left leg that has already caused him to miss four games of action. It appears he is right on schedule to be fit for play once the Wildcats' SEC schedule gets underway. . . Former UK football assistant **Ro Waldron** has resigned as the head coach at Catholic University in Washington D.C. Waldron's Catholic teams were 4-17-1 during his two years as head coach. This season Catholic finished with a 2-8-1 mark. Waldron says he would like to get back into Division I-A coaching. The Virginia Tech graduate was a member of Jerry Claiborne's coaching staff for three years. . . Ex-Wildcat forward **Kenny Walker** has been struggling during the early stages of his rookie season with the New York Knicks. Because of a badly sprained back in the early portion of December, Walker was given a rest against the Portland Trail Blazers. In a recent Knicks' home game against the Los Angeles Lakers, Walker played but didn't score.

Nick Nicholas

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Jerry Claiborne: *A promise to fill all their seats at Commonwealth Stadium on a consistent basis.* Students tend to be the biggest fair-weather fans of all. Coach Claiborne needs all the support in the stands he can get. An early New Year's resolution from the UK student body—showing support in '87 like Tennessee, Oklahoma, Alabama, Nebraska always do—would bring a smile to Jerry Claiborne's face.

One Very Special Wish

Season's Greetings from everyone to UK cheerleader Dale Baldwin: *A medical miracle.* I saved the biggest and most important wish for last. It's a biggie and it needs to be carried out as soon as possible. You see, Dale suffered a severe spinal injury while practicing on a mini-trampoline prior to a Blue-White scrimmage in Louisville last month. Here's hoping Baldwin will one day retain the full use of his arms and legs.

Following a peaceful dinner, a one-on-one hoop battle with Sky-Elf (a local ringer), and a good night's rest at Claus Manor, I proceeded to head for home. Santa asked me if I wanted a ride back to Lexington on his sleigh. "No thanks," I answered. "I don't have flight insurance."

Mrs. Claus then gave me a check for a renewal of her *Cats' Pause*, but I didn't accept it because the Claus' TCPs are always "on the house."

I thanked them for their hospitality, wished them Merry Christmas, and said "goodbye". Santa added that he would go over the list I brought him with a fine tooth comb. "I'll see what I can do," he said.

Thus, another yearly visit had ended with my friends from up North.

Leaving their home I began to reflect back on last year's visit. It seemed like only yesterday I was asking Santa to bring Coach Sutton 50 new pair of NIKES for the Wildcats to wear this season. He said he would. . . and thank goodness he did.

That Santa Claus. . . ain't he somethin'!



Oscar Combs

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In the first game Friday night, Texas A&M will meet Boston University.

It will be Boston University's first trip to the UKIT. Iona has played UK before in Rupp Arena, but not during the UKIT. Texas A&M owns a 1-1 mark in the tourney, having beaten UK but losing to Illinois in the championship contest back in 1978.

HITS AND MISSES . . . *The Louisville Courier-Journal* will be without two of its biggest sports writing names next year after the retirement of columnist **Earl Cox** and the recent resignation of **Billy Reed**. Cox is taking early retirement in January and Reed resigned last week after a run-in with the newspaper's management over his role at the newspaper. Reed, who had operated with complete freedom during the past 10 years or so, was told recently that he would come under the supervision of new executive sports editor **Steve Ford**. Reed, who wrote a positive column on Indiana coach **Bobby Knight** after fellow columnist **Rick Bozich** had written an unflattering column on the Hoosier mentor, was pulled from the

Kentucky-Indiana game and assigned to the lesser important Louisville-Eastern game on Dec. 6. In addition, Ford ordered the copy desk to hold Reed's column on Knight and it was never published. Reed bristled at the two actions, took a week's leave with pay and then announced he was resigning after meeting twice with newspaper management. . . Rumors have it that both Reed and Cox will go to work for *The Lexington Herald-Leader* in some capacity after the first of the year. . . UK coach **Eddie Sutton** invited some 300 friends of Kentucky basketball to Rupp Arena for a picture-taking session with the Wildcats Sunday after the UK-Lamar game. It was a tradition started several years ago by former UK coach **Joe B. Hall**. . . Sutton's mother, Beryl Ailshie, is visiting the Suttons in Lexington and will spend the Christmas holidays here. . . One of the Kentucky friends at the picture-taking session Sunday was former Wildcat and NBA star **Adrian Smith** who said he thought the idea of inviting friends to the event is a great idea. Smith said it was his first invitation. Other ex-Wildcats attending included Dan Issel, Jack Givens, Larry Stamper, Billy Ray Lickeret and James Lee.

Late Surge Enables UK To Ease By Lamar

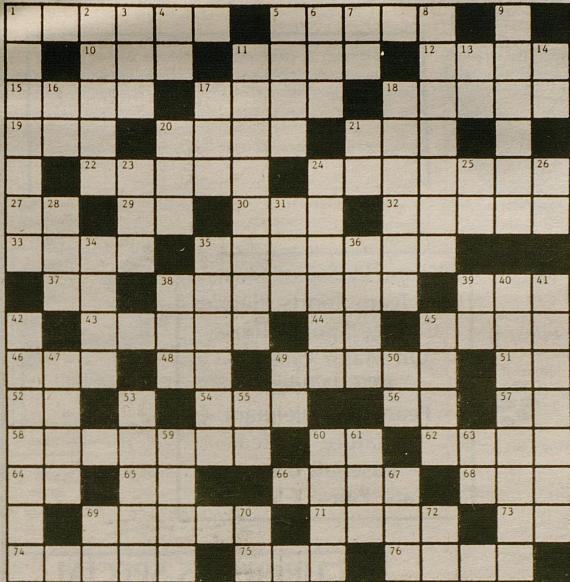
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ed. During this period the Wildcats increased their advantage from four (54-50) to 14 (67-53). . . **Rob Lock** started in place of junior **Richard Madison**. It was his first start since he was a freshman. . . The loss drops **Lamar** to 2-2 on the season. . . Kentucky continues to have trouble at the foul line (six of 12 against the Cardinals). When asked about the problems, **Eddie Sutton** quipped, "We hit 50 percent. That's doing good." Kentucky came into the game hitting only 58.3 percent of its free throws. . . **Rex Chapman** paced the Wildcats with six assists. **Richard Madison**, **Ed Davender** and **James Blackmon** had five each. Lamar had a total of only 11-team assists. **Ed Manuel** and **James Nance** led the way with two apiece. . . Walk-on **Steve Bruce** checked in for the first time this season at the He entered the lineup in the first half (10:52) and quickly returned to the bench (10:44) after committing a foul. **Terry Shigg** and **Bruce** were both in action with 17 seconds remaining in the game. "I was happy to allow the walk-on players Terry Shigg and Steve Bruce a chance to play

tonight," said Sutton. "They have put in a lot of hard work and deserve a chance to play." . . Sutton picked up his second technical of the season. He left the coaching box while complaining after a Madison bucket had been disallowed in the first of play. . . The win at **Rupp Arena** gives UK a 14-3 record. It was the 22nd straight win for the 'Cats at home. . . Lamar coach **Tom Abatemarco** was a former assistant to **Jim Valvano** at North Carolina State from 1982-'86. He was on the bench when State upset Houston in the 1983 NCAA Championship battle. When one meets the first-year Cardinal coach for the initial time you might think he's a double for Valvano. Like Jimmy V, Abatemarco loves to talk about basketball. . . Kentucky's win over Lamar was its first ever over the Cardinals. The only Southland Conference team the 'Cats have ever faced was on Jan. 8, 1945 when UK beat **Arkansas State**. UK won 75-6. No, that's not a misprint.

TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE '86-'87 CATS

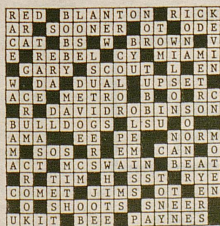
ACROSS

- 1 A new Cat in Eddie's pack
- 5 "He _____ up an air ball"
- 10 Abbr. for "Oxford English Dictionary"
- 11 As a cucumber
- 12 The _____ of March
- 15 Rollers
- 17 "He _____ 50% from the field"
- 18 Pulverized tobacco
- 19 Printer's need
- 20 Can Cats _____ UL again?
- 21 Abbr. for "Army of the United States"
- 22 Shooting _____ a Cat "no-no"
- 24 _____ guards can drive foes crazy
- 27 Pac-10 state abbr.
- 29 Initials of one of Cats' top guards
- 30 Groupup boys
- 32 _____ # is 32
- 33 Foes _____ to be quick to match Cats
- 35 Hit 57% from the field last season
- 37 Roman numeral for Davender's number
- 38 Clearly an All-American candidate before going down with injury
- 39 Tide
- 43 Calamities
- 44 Pac-10 state abbr.
- 45 Thomas is the _____ sophomore of the Cats
- 46 Very long time _____
- 48 Reds' league
- 49 The _____ point shot could be the Cats' bread-and-butter
- 51 Indefinite article
- 52 Initials of #4 of the Cats
- 54 List ender
- 56 Initials of '60s Cat football Lyons
- 57 Initials of a former Cat hoop great
- 58 1st name of a 6-7 junior Cat
- 60 Initials of a Cat freshman
- 62 An offensive move
- 64 Initials of Cat Irving
- 65 Initials of Owensboro's Cat
- 66 Will fill again for magical Cats
- 68 Abbr. for "amount"
- 69 Steal
- 71 Senior guard Andrews
- 73 Good time to win if not in regulation
- 74 A major asset for '86-'87 Cats
- 75 _____ code
- 76 The _____ Towers of Joe's Cats

DOWN

- 1 Big year is expected of this Cat
- 2 _____ improvement will be a big plus for the Cats
- 3 Former Cat standout James
- 4 First name of a 6-2 junior Cat
- 5 Blow a horn
- 6 Not cold from the floor
- 7 Initials of a tall Cat
- 8 Will be sorely missed
- 9 Cats' will _____ their SEC title
- 11 _____ play reminds many of a young Nancy or Master or better
- 13 Abbr. for a Final 4 school of '86
- 14 Abbr. for a California city
- 16 Cats were 17-1 _____ the SEC in '85-'86
- 17 Abbr. for "seminary"
- 18 Brought new meaning to nickname "Fast Eddie" will three-guard magic
- 20 Masculine nickname
- 21 Abbr. for an SEC school
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- 24 Piffle
- 25 Abbr. for "overdose"
- 26 Initials of Eddie's high school boy
- 28 Takes over for Roger
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- 34 Tie score
- 35 6-6 Cat Derrick
- 36 Few could _____ like "sky"
- 38 Sutton's favorite 3-letter word
- 39 2nd and 4th of the five
- 40 Should improve on 9.4ppg of '85-'86
- 41 See 38 Across
- 42 _____ play late last season gives promise for a big '86-'87
- 45 The essential person
- 47 Leave out
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- 50 1st name of Cat from Brooklyn, NY
- 53 Tally outside 19-9
- 55 Two 3-pointers in the fall
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- 61 Numbers man
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Last Week's Answers



Meet The Press

Wildcat Coaches Get Approval To Suit Up In Practice; Jenkins, Andrews Expected To Be Back In Three Weeks

By Mike Estep



Prior to Kentucky's matchup with Lamar Dec. 13 in Rupp Arena, Wildcat coach Eddie Sutton had these interesting bits of information to serve up at his weekly press conference from Wildcat Lodge.

Gimme a break: In the wake of all the injuries that have reduced Kentucky's practice sessions to games of four-on-four, Sutton announced that he would seek permission from the NCAA to allow UK assistant coaches to work out with the team.

"I think there's a voodoo witchdoctor out there," Sutton said, "and we're checking with the NCAA to see if it's legal to suit up Dwane Casey so he can work out in practice with us. Now we're so thin we need some people that will give us some competition in practice."

"Also, Wayne Breeden, one of our other coaches (will participate in practice). Doug Barnes is over the hill, so he can't do that. James Dickey may be able to go up and down the floor a couple of times. But I'm certainly not gonna suit up."

Sutton may have to don a practice jersey and take the court, after all. On Thursday, Casey's first day of practice, junior center Rob Lock caught the UK assistant in the mouth with an elbow, loosening several front teeth and opening a gash which required four stitches to close.

No More Walk-Ons: Rumors had been flying that Sutton would ask Wildcat football coach Jerry Claiborne if he would allow several members of the UK football team to come out for basketball. Sutton put those rumors to rest at the press conference.

"No more walk-ons," Sutton said. "We've got two good ones. Terry (Shigg) and Steve (Bruce) are both good ones."

"Jerry's football players need to be doing what his staff wants them to do. That may be lifting weights or off-season programs. I'm really hesitant about asking, and I haven't asked."

Injury Report: Paul Andrews and Cedric Jenkins are still on the mend, and Sutton said he expects them to be back in action in about three weeks.

"We hope that Paul will be back in three weeks," the coach said. "It was just a freak situation where he went down."

"We hope Cedric will be back in three weeks. And we hope that Mike Scott will decide to play for the University of Kentucky."

In addition to Andrews and Jenkins, two other Kentucky players have been less than 100 percent in recent practices. Rex Chapman had an impacted wisdom tooth removed last weekend, and James Blackmon loosened several teeth and needed 17 stitches in his mouth after diving for a loose ball in practice.

"If we can just survive the next few days," Sutton said, "I think we'll be OK."

Thomas understanding his role: When asked about the sudden improvement of forward Irv Thomas, Sutton said, "I've got great assistant coaches, they do a good job."

"Irv, I thought, played well in the Texas Tech game, and came back against Indiana and played a sensational ballgame," Sutton added. "Irv Thomas is a hard worker, and I think he's beginning to understand what his role should be."

Sutton calls "traveling" violation on Galvan: Sutton said he was displeased with

official Paul Galvan, who officiated the Indiana-Kentucky game in Bloomington. Galvan called a 10 p.m. game in Memphis on Friday, and then had to travel to Bloomington for the 2 p.m. tipoff the next day.

"I wasn't too pleased with that, and I told Paul, who's a good friend of mine," Sutton said. "Paul has been the supervisor of the Southland Conference, and is now the supervisor of the Southwest Conference. I told him after the ballgame that I don't believe he would allow any of his officials to do that."

"That's pretty difficult. I consider Paul to be one of the 10 greatest officials in the game. I think he's a great official. But there needs to be restrictions where officials can't do that, because it's not fair to the ballclubs that are participating."

Cats hitting the books: With the team already down to seven scholarship players, an academic casualty at this point would be a severe blow. But Sutton said all of the Kentucky players are making good progress in the classroom.

"We've got the best counseling center in college basketball, in college athletics," Sutton said. "Bob Bradley and his staff do the best job, in my opinion, of any of the places that I know of. And we feel like that all of our players, going into finals, are in good shape."

No word on Ziegler: When asked about the possible return of forward Todd Ziegler, who is currently serving an indefinite suspension from the team after being arrested for shoplifting, Sutton said he had not talked to the Jefferson native recently, and would not until after Ziegler clears up matters with the courts.

"I have not talked to Todd, and I told him the last time (I did) that until he gets everything cleared away with the court that I would not talk to him."

Ziegler's next scheduled court date is Dec. 23.

No votes for Kentucky: After the UPI coaches panel, of which Sutton is a member, placed the Wildcats in the Top 20, the UK coach was asked if Kentucky belonged in the poll.

"I didn't vote for 'em (Kentucky)," Sutton replied. "I didn't think we deserved to be in the Top 20. You only get to vote 15 places. I voted Indiana first, and I think with (injured Ricky) Calloway, I think they are the best team in the country, until someone beats them. I think I voted Vegas second, Purdue third, Iowa fourth. And Western Kentucky, I had them up there, I had them fifth. I think they're a great ballclub. They're certainly the best team in the state, in my opinion."

"They should've won the NIT, they had Vegas down by 21 points at one time and then the three-point shot got 'em. I'm glad the Wildcats don't have to out there. Because I think they're pretty good."

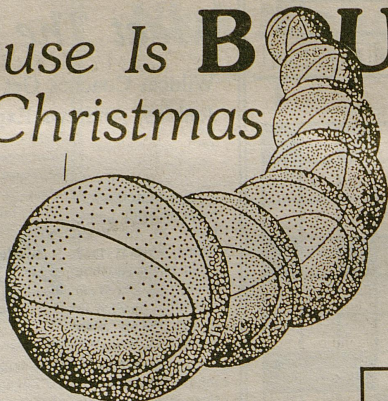
You gotta believe: Before Kentucky went to Bloomington and acquitted itself, many fans throughout the state had just about given up on this team.

"I think a lot of fans had written the season off," Sutton said. "And I still believe that we got a chance to win the SEC and be in the NCAA tournament. We're gonna be inconsistent. Until we can get everybody in the lineup, we may lose some ballgames. But by the middle of February, I think we can be a good basketball team."

"I like our ballclub," Sutton added. "I like our guys, they're good people. I just hope we don't lose any more."

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UF Searched While Arnsparger Awaited?

Who Are They Trying To Fool?

You have to wonder whether the University of Florida and Bill Arnsparger think the public is foolish or if they just don't care.

Need we remind you of the scenario from the past four months. The Florida athletic director's job comes open. Arnsparger goes to interview. The LSU people get, shall we say, upset.

So Arnsparger says he has told Florida to take his name off the list of candidates.

Florida announces they have done so and will continue the search for a new A.D. Send in an application if you're interested.

The football season ends. Arnsparger discloses, in the locker



Stan Torgerson
Cats' Pause Columnist

room following the Tulane game, that he is resigning. He has three options he says. He can collect his NFL pension or seek another job not connected with coaching or just go fishing.

Ten days later his unemployment and Florida's "search" for an athletic director ends at the same time. Arnsparger is named to the post for which he was no longer a candidate.

In one fell swoop the Gators and Arnsparger have made fools out of the supporters of two great universities.

Does anyone really believe that a deal wasn't consummated months ago to be effective at the end of the football season? Does anyone seriously think Arnsparger quit one job without having another one locked up? Does anyone suspect that Florida might possibly have been playing games this fall pretending to search for the man they wanted while having already selected him some time before?

Was that fair to those candidates who applied and hoped to get the job? Was that the right thing to do to LSU supporters who backed their team in the belief that their coach was as emotionally involved with the program as they themselves were?

And most of all, is that any way to start a new relationship? Who ever can ever believe Arnsparger and University of Florida president Marshall Criser again?

Oh, for sure there will be denials that a deal was cut when the LSU coach applied for the job earlier this fall.

If you believe that, you believe Tigers can fly and Gators make nice household pets.

Do you know what the real problem is with all this? It's not that Bill Arnsparger is going to Florida and that Criser hired him. The coach is free to pursue any job he wishes and the university is equally free to hire anyone it feels is qualified.

What About The High Standards?

No, the problem is that we talk and talk and talk about honesty and standards and quality in college athletic programs.

We, meaning college officials everywhere, proclaim we're against cheating of any kind. Integrity is of paramount importance we say.

Then Florida turns around and goes through the charade of finding a new head man for the athletic department when it had already made a choice.

Under the circumstances it seems highly unlikely that the LSU coach soon to be UF athletic director can capture the respect of Gator fans, because he obviously has created doubt about whether or not his word is to be trusted.

Of course, we could be totally and completely wrong. It would be that no deal was struck last fall. It could be that Arnsparger just got tired of coaching. It could be that Criser heard of his new availability, called him and asked if he would be interested in reapplying.

It also could be that I'm 25, rich and handsome—but I'm not. This has been a never to be forgotten year for LSU. Between Bob Brodhead's problems, Dale Brown's chase of a seven-foot Soviet basketball player, Bill Arnsparger's defection to Florida and goodness knows what all, there has been more turmoil in the ranks of the Tigers than any SEC school has endured since Ole Miss fired Billy Kinard in the middle of the night after the third game of the 1973 season.

We mean no disparagement of either Florida or Coach Arnsparger. The Gators are high on our personal list of favorite schools, and it's always been a pleasure to visit their campus.

As for Arnsparger, he has proven his leadership ability and he should do a very fine job as head Gator.

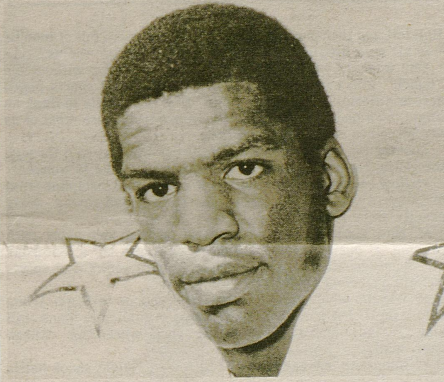
But both parties were less than honest with their respective fans

and in a profession where honesty is sometimes in short supply, we would have expected more from those involved.

Not For Broadcast

A salute to Kentucky basketball fans. Dale Baldwin is a UK cheerleader who was seriously injured while practicing a routine in November. It appears Baldwin will remain a quadriplegic. The school staged a collection for the young man prior to the **Austin Peay-Kentucky** game and \$10,158 was raised. Wildcat supporters should be proud. . . Speaking of Kentucky basketball, the loss of last year's starters **Kenny Walker, Roger Harden and Winston Bennett** cost the 'Cats 54 percent of their scoring, 51 percent rebounding, and 76 percent in the assist category. . . Isn't it amazing how some schools seem to specialize in talented athletes at one position? When Vanderbilt's **Carl Parker** was named first-team All-SEC at tight end, he was the fifth consecutive Commodore to win that honor at that position. **Allama Matthews** won it in 1982, **Chuck Scott** in 1983, and **Jim Popp** in 1984 and '85. Since Parker is only a junior he will be a favorite to repeat in 1987 giving Vandy six straight first-team All-Conference tight ends.

. . . Auburn has finally gotten rid of its tartan floor. It was the worst in the league, completely worn out with several



Allama Matthews

cracks in it. Now it may be the best. It's made of wood with new marking and color schemes surrounding the court. Auburn needed it. The Tigers' gym, along with **Georgia's**, rated as one of the two dearest in the Southeastern Conference. . . Correction. We said LSU had lost to Mississippi State in football more than to any other team in the league. Wrong. **Alabama** has the most wins over the Tigers—32. State has recorded 30. . . How long do you have to be associated with the **Duke** basketball program before you learn to spell the coach's name? KRZYZEWSKI isn't exactly Smith or Jones. . . **Vanderbilt** will record its 1,000th basketball victory sometime this season. The Commodores had 997 in mid-December. . . Florida's 7-1 center, **Dwayne Schintzius** is just two months past his 18th birthday. Coach Norm Sloan says, "Before he's through at Florida he'll be the dominant center in college basketball." . .

. . . Eight players on this year's LSU football team have made somebody's All-SEC team. . . The acceptance by **Bill Arnsparger** of Florida's athletic director's job smells like week old fish in light of the fact that everyone including Arnsparger has denied, for the past three months, that he was still under consideration for the post. How can anyone ever believe, again, anything either party says? . . . Auburn had the best turnover record in the league this season. The Tigers took over the ball 37 times on fumbles and pass interceptions while giving it up only 22 times. That's a plus of 15. Vanderbilt had the worst record. The Commodores coughed up the ball 37 times while taking it away just 20 times. That's a minus 17. . . Every team in the SEC except Vanderbilt finished the 1986 season with a record of .500 or higher. . . The league posted a record of 32-13-2 against outside competition. That's a winning percentage of 72.5. . . Georgia coach **Hugh Durham** on basketball's new three-point play: "Everybody says, 'boy that's going to get the little guy back in the game.' Hey, if you can hit it from out there we're going to guard you. If you want to take the big guy out of the game then widen the lane. You're not going to take the good big man out of the game. There is no legislation you can pass that is going to take the good big man out of the game." . . **The Last Word:** Jack Hartman last year announcing his retirement after 16 seasons as Kansas State basketball coach. "Coaching is all I've ever done. I've never had a real job."

Arnsparger To Take AD Position At UF

Louisiana State's football coach Bill Arnsparger has accepted the athletics director position at the University of Florida. Arnsparger, who led his squad to a Southeastern Conference championship this season, will coach LSU against Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl.

The appointment of Arnsparger was made last Monday (Dec. 7) by University of Florida president Marshall Criser.

"Bill Arnsparger is the kind of quality individual so badly needed in intercollegiate sports programs in this country," said Criser. "We are fortunate that he will join us."

Arnsparger was interviewed for the Gator position prior to the start of the 1986 season. However, he took his name out of the hat because Florida was not going to hire a successor before the start of the '86 season. Thus, he decided to devote his time to LSU football for the entire regular season.

He replaces Bill Carr who resigned in early October. Carr left to pursue outside interests following seven years as UF's athletics director.

Arnsparger owns an impressive 26-7-2 record at LSU. Currently, his team is ranked No. 5 in the country (Associated Press poll).

"I have no other desires to coach," Arnsparger said. "If I wanted to coach, I'd stay at LSU."

He's a native of Paris, Ky., and a former offensive lineman for legendary coach Blanton Collier at Paris High School. Throughout Arnsparger's career he was an assistant coach at Miami (Ohio), Ohio State, Kentucky and Tulane. He also served as an assistant to Don Shula with the Baltimore Colts before both went to Miami to build the Dolphins into a dynasty, winning two Super Bowl championships in the early 1970's.

In 1974, Arnsparger was the head coach of the New York Giants, a position he held until 1976. He then returned to Miami, where he guided the famed Killer B's defense in the early 1980's.

Jeremy Foley, senior associate athletics director, has headed the athletics director position on an interim basis at UF since Criser left.

Bama's Bennett Comes Away With Lombardi Trophy

Alabama's Cornelius Bennett was awarded the Lombardi Trophy, given annually to the nation's top collegiate lineman. The award was announced in Houston last Thursday, Dec. 4 and presented by the Downtown Rotary Club of Houston. Proceeds from the event were earmarked to cancer research.

Bennett, whose Crimson Tide will face Washington in the Sun Bowl Christmas Day, won the award over an outstanding crop of lineman. Included in that bunch are University of Miami tackle Jerome Brown, Oklahoma's Brian Bosworth and Ohio State's Chris Spielman.

All four were All-American selections this season. Unlike the Heisman Trophy, votes for the Lombardi Trophy are never made public.

Even though he missed two games because of a pulled hamstring, the 6-foot-4, 235-pound outside linebacker netted more quarterback sacks than any other Alabama player.

Big in stature, Bennett is considered an excellent pro prospect because of his outstanding speed. He's been timed in the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds, a time usually registered by only running backs, receivers and defensive backs.

The award is given in honor of the late Vince Lombardi, former legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers. Lombardi died of cancer in 1970.

Committee Of 101 Donates \$1,000 To Baldwin Fund

Recently, the Committee of 101 donated \$1,000 to the Dale Baldwin fund. Baldwin was severely injured last month while using a mini-trampoline. The Wildcat senior from Leitchfield, Ky., has lost the use of his arms and legs.

Following his accident, UK set up a Dale Baldwin fund to help the Wildcat cheerleader with his expenses.

"This is our way of helping someone who has dedicated so much time to University of Kentucky sports," said 101 president Van Florence.

The University of Kentucky collected \$10,158 during the Wildcats' home opener against Austin Peay (Nov. 29).



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fans to the game, I was totally embarrassed and did something I have NEVER done before—left early. Needless to say, they were less than impressed and rather amazed at the fan behavior.

In fact, several times I have seen Kentucky state troopers and Committee of 101 representatives instruct fans to sit down and quiet down. Sorry if we bothered those dressed in pink, green, etc.—those who were there to be seen, and certainly not to cheer on the Big Blue. Even at the UT-UK game in Knoxville, many fans drove 150 miles to support the wrong side.

Oh well! This won't do any good. The majority of *Cats' Pause* readers are real fans, the kind who have a clue (as to) what is actually taking place. The kind who don't boo someone for traveling across the country and working year-round—all so they can have the honor of wearing a Kentucky uniform. I hope the next time they (the students who boo) fail a test, for whatever reason, that it is published statewide and all those around them ridicule them—especially their own families. Maybe they'll have a new perspective then.

See you at the ballgame—I'll be the one dressed in Blue and CHEERING for the Kentucky players!

On. On. U of K.

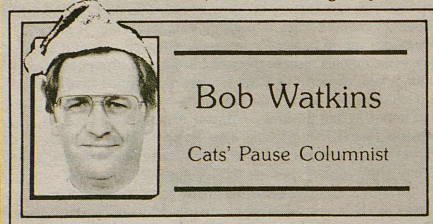
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IU Coach's Barbs Are Objectionable

'Dr. Eddie' Suits Up The UK Assistants

The 'Stand Up Guy' and things. Bobby Knight a stand up guy? Like some others in the sports news media, I have been a longtime admirer of most of what Bob Knight has said he stand for—fairness, honesty, integrity, principals. But the IU coach's remarks after the Kentucky game smack of arrogance and contradict the very principals he has always professed to stand for.

First, if Knight had a beef with the ways Joe B. Hall was conducting the basketball program at Kentucky, he should have said so then and to the NCAA, instead of waiting two years after



Hall left and then pontificate his views to a room full of men he—in his next breath—referred to as a "bunch of --holes."

One wonders where Bob Knight would be today without the "bunch" who have kept his name at the top of sports pages across America for so many years? It is reasonable to think he might have had to get a job in the real world where most of us are forced to control our emotions.

Looking back over things the Bellicose One has said through the years, reviewing some of his antics, you have to wonder...

How he could demand such self control and discipline from his players while at the same time ranting and raving, doing exactly as he pleased.

How could a man of Knight's position get away with heaving a chair across a basketball floor on a Saturday afternoon and then have the nerve to call a roomful of sports writers a "bunch of --holes?"

Why he would take up a PA microphone at Rupp Arena before an IU-UK game a few years ago to publically thank Hall and UK administrators for their good works for college basketball?

And, with one exception I can recall, Knight shook hands with Hall after every IU-UK game that I can remember. Now he tells us he has, for a long time "been sick of the way they do things down there."

What is a definition for hypocrisy? Perhaps, at some point, Knight will share his definition with the "three or four" sports writers he is able to tolerate.

Dr. Eddie's house call

Doctor Eddie Sutton and things.

Kentucky's basketball coach was introduced so last week after Paul Andrews went down with a sprained knee that will shelve him for at least three weeks and left UK with seven scholarship players. "We've contacted the NCAA for permission to use assistant coach Dwane Casey at practice," he said.

Everyone laughed. Sutton did not.

"I'm serious. And, if the NCAA says it's legal, we're going to dress out (assistant) Wayne Breeden too. And James Dickey might go up and down the floor a few times. If it's legal we're going to suit 'em up."

Late last week the NCAA did approve the use of UK assistant coaches in practice. But a day later Casey was on the injury list when Rob Lock elbowed him in the mouth. The wound was stitched up and Casey returned to practice the following day.

Despite UK's casualty list, Sutton continues to strike an optimistic note. "I still think we're going to be a pretty good club by the middle of February. We're going to be in there contending for the SEC title."

UK expects to have Cedric Jenkins and Andrews back perhaps for the Georgia game in Louisville Dec. 30.

"And we're still hoping Mike Scott decides to go with us," Sutton said. "So, we could have him too."

Scott is expected to finish his associate degree requirements at Lexington Community College this month and sign with UK. He would not be eligible to play until Jan. 17. "But he would be available to practice with us as soon as he's accepted by the University of Kentucky," Sutton said.

Indiana game reflections

Calling it a "great college basketball game," Sutton added, "The thing I noticed too, after the game, was that the players all had good feelings toward each other. I think this is the greatest non-conference series in the college game today. Bobby and I talked about that and, while there have been some bad times in the series, it's a great series and we want it to remain that way."

Night to remember

Barry Goheen, native of Calvert City and graduate of Marshall County High, who shoots hoops for Vanderbilt these days, had one of those (K)nights to remember Dec. 9 in Nashville. The 6-4 sophomore guard can tell his grandchildren about the night he helped get Vandy a Christmas present. Goheen scored a personal high 26 points (20 the second half), burning down Knight and the No. 3 ranked Indiana Hoosiers.

Watching Goheen play so well brought to mind, one more time, a couple of old notions...

In-state schools, particularly UK, missed out on another player from western Kentucky.

And, another sharpshooter from west Kentucky will come back to haunt the Wildcats.

Goheen, a sophomore, is on the way to becoming one of the premier backcourt players in the Southeastern Conference.

Mr. Basketball candidate

Just the way some western Kentucky fans were miffed when Lamont Ware of Hopkinsville High was not mentioned more prominently as a candidate for Mr. Basketball, Washington County High Coach Whitey Simpson is upset because his senior prize has been ignored.

Kevin Ellery, a 6-5, 225-pound senior, "I think, is the best player in the state," Simpson said last week. "I think it's just a matter of his not getting the recognition he deserves because of our locale (Springfield) and he's a black kid. And also, because we weren't in the state tournament last year."

Top players? In a poll of coaches published in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* Lamont Ware was voted No. 1. In the *Louisville Courier-Journal* Pelphrey was the top vote getter.

"I thought that was great, it restored my faith in their fairness," Simpson said.

The Washington County coach concedes that "(John) Pelphrey (Paintsville) is possibly better than Kevin." But he doubts anyone else is including UK signees Deron Feldhaus and Sean Sutton.

According to another high school coach, Larry Cheatham at Fort Knox who watched Ellery score 32 points against his club, "if Ellery was two inches taller he could pick his college."

Simpson agrees, but adds, "To play big time Kevin would have to play second guard in college, but people just realize what range he has for a big kid. He can shoot the three."

Ellery's academic standing? He ranks 28th in a class of 160 and has a 2.7 grade point average. The coach said Ellery is taking (and passing) college-bound English, Typing, Algebra II, Spanish II and advanced PE.

They said it

LSU coach Dale Brown to the "exploited" college basketball player: "Why should I have a paneled office and a leased car and a long term TV contract? Why should I get paid to force you to wear a certain brand of shoes when you don't have a nickel in your pocket?"

Western Kentucky coach Murray Arnold on Louisville: "Some people are underestimating Louisville, but I'm not. You cannot judge that ball club by three games played at the Arctic Circle," he said referring to UL's trip to the Great Alaska Shootout."

Comment Arnold was right.

People...

UK football coach Jerry Claiborne be in charge of the gray defense in this year's Blue-Gray game on Christmas Day in Montgomery, Ala.

The only UK player on the Gray squad at this writing is wide receiver Cornell Burbage.

UK stars of the future. The *Knoxville News-Sentinel* recognized two of them this month when defensive guard Vic Adams and safety Ron Robinson were chosen to its All-Southeastern Conference freshman football team.

Adams, from Middlesboro, finished the season with 47 tackles, including three sacks, and two tipped passes. Robinson, from Nashville, had 63 tackles, forced one fumble and recovered three others.

Cheers!

University of Kentucky cheerleader Dale Baldwin of Leitchfield who was paralyzed in an accident at Freedom Hall last month remains in a Louisville hospital.

"Dale really needs our support and prayers right now," a UK spokesperson said last week.

And, in the spirit of Christmas, fans attending the Kentucky-Austin Peay game at Rupp Arena Nov. 29, donated almost \$11,000 in support of Baldwin's rehabilitation.

If you would like to make Dale Baldwin's Christmas a bit brighter, you can send him a Christmas card at the Frazier Rehabilitation Center, 220 Abraham-Flexner Way, Louisville, Ky. 40202.

LSU Coach Dale Brown on Russian star Arvidas Sabonis being injured and not able to participate in the USSR's national team on tour of the U.S. last month: "They're telling us Sabonis is injured. If he is it's because a KGB agent hit him in the head with a shovel."

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Four Years Ago

*The annual war between Indiana and Kentucky took place, this time matching the No. two (UK) and three-ranked teams in the nation, both sporting perfect 7-0 records. The game was one of short streaks, and unfortunately for the Big Blue, Indiana got the last streak to slip by with a 62-59 win at Assembly Hall in Indiana. IU overplayed UK's guards defensively and it was very effective, holding the 'Cats to just 37 percent shooting in the first half. But Indiana did no better as they shot 41 percent. However, the big difference in the game came at the charity stripe, where IU made 18 of 23 shots compared to 11 of 18 for Kentucky. It was nip-and-tuck in the beginning, with IU finally jumping out to a 20-13 lead on the strength of six straight Jim Thomas points. The Hoosiers led 32-27 at intermission. But Kentucky came roaring back in the second half

and grabbed a lead at 33-32 at the 17:11 mark. IU hung tough, and with 4:44 left, regained the lead and never let go. Melvin Turpin led the 'Cat attack with 17 points and 10 rebounds while Dirk Minniefield dished out nine assists. Indiana put four players in double figures, including Randy Wittman who scored 17 and snared 12 rebounds. Eleven of those boards came in the first half. UK plays Kansas Saturday in Louisville.

Seven Years Ago

*What coach Joe B. Hall labeled as the "Firehouse Five" sparked Kentucky as the home-standing Wildcats downed No. 1 ranked Indiana 69-58. The Hoosiers had the 'Cats baffled in the first half and the UK offense could not get going. Hall then inserted a lineup of Dirk Minniefield, Dwight Anderson, Derrick Hord, Jay Shidler and Charles Hurt. The 'Cats trailed by 13 points at one point in the first half but a midcourt steal and

dunk by Hurt rallied UK and they trailed only 39-36 at the half. Trailing 53-51 with 9:05 left, the 'Cats reeled off 15 unanswered points and held on for the win. Kyle Macy led UK with 12 points. Fellow senior LaVon Williams had 11 points and eight rebounds while the team's other senior, Shidler, hit some key long-range bombs while scoring 11 points. Ray Tolbert and Mike Woodson scored 16 points apiece for the Hoosiers.

Eight Years Ago

*Four days after upsetting second-ranked Notre Dame, UK opened SEC play, losing 81-76 to Florida in Alligator Alley. UK was flat the entire game and after pulling to within four at 59-55, the 'Cats were never able to get closer. Clarence Tillman led Kentucky with 14 points and seven rebounds. Chuck Aleksinas also had 14 points for the UK.

*LSU was able to convert its second-half free throws and UK was unable to pull off another miraculous comeback as the Tigers defeated UK 93-89 in Rupp Arena. This marked the first time an LSU team has won in Lexington. The key to the game was a 16-2 second-half spurt by the Tigers which saw them go from a 60-52 deficit to a 66-62 lead. UK rallied back after trailing by nine to get within one with 18 seconds remaining, before Dewayne Scales made a three-point play on a dunk and a free throw to put the game away. Dwight Anderson led UK with 16, while Kyle Macy and LaVon Williams had 14 each. The loss dropped Kentucky to 0-2 in the SEC.

*Sharpshooting forward Tim Stephens left the UK team due to lack of playing time and will enroll at Cumberland College. He left

following the Dec. 30 game with Notre Dame.

*UK got back on the winning track with a 90-64 win over Ole Miss at Rupp Arena. The win was UK's first in SEC play. UK led only 65-58 with 5:38 to play, but then outscored the Rebels 25-9 the rest of the way. Six Kentucky players scored in double digits, led by Fred Cowan with 17 points.

Twelve Years Ago

*"I am pleased with this opportunity to serve my alma mater and the state," said ex-UK All-American Cliff Hagan as he was named the school's new athletic director, replacing the retiring Harry Lancaster. Hagan had served as assistant athletic director prior to being promoted to the head job.

Seventeen Years Ago

*Kentucky won the UKIT with a 73-59 win over Navy and a 98-76 win in the final over a good Duke team. Dan Issel scored 40 points in the Navy game, but guard Bob McCowan was the surprise of the tournament, winning MVP honors by hitting over 60 percent of his shots from the field and scoring 41 points in the two games.

Thirty-One Years Ago

*For the first time this year, Kentucky displayed the accuracy and teamwork expected of them as they blasted Idaho 91-49. Bob Burrow led Adolph Rupp's Wildcats with 19 points. Vernon Hutton scored 16. Gerry Calvert had 14, Phil Grawemeyer 13 and Jerry Bird 11.

Wildcat Quiz

1. What team won the first game ever played in the UKIT?
a) La Salle
b) Kentucky
c) UCLA
d) Dayton

2. True or False? UK has not lost in the UKIT in the decade of the 80s.

3. Who was the MVP of last year's UKIT?
a) Kenny Walker
b) Roger Harden
c) Winston Bennett
d) Ed Davender

4. How many UKIT titles has Kentucky won?
a) 20
b) 25
c) 30
d) 33

5. What opposing team has made the most appearances in the UKIT?
a) West Virginia
b) Dayton
c) Illinois
d) California

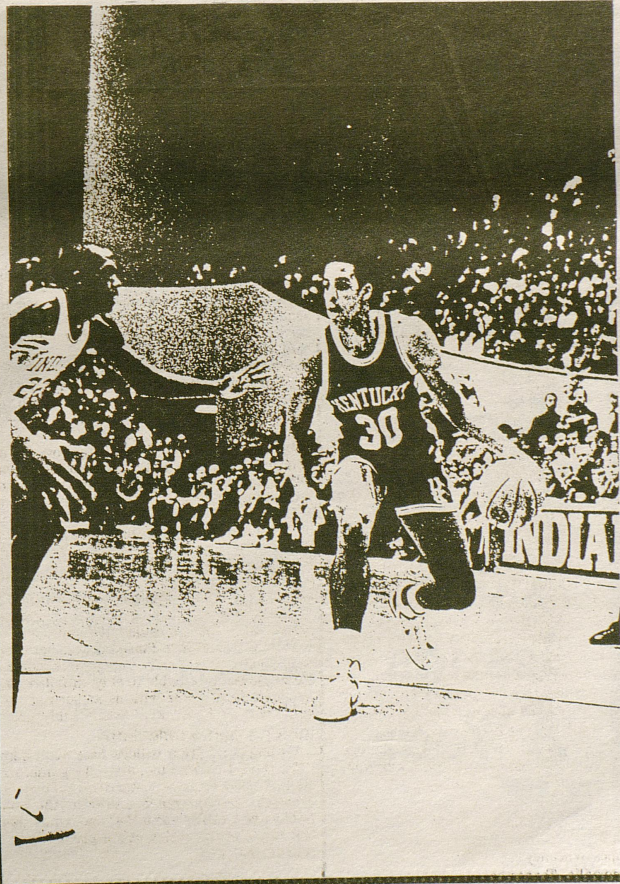
6. What is Kentucky's overall record in the UKIT?
a) 58-4
b) 54-8
c) 55-7
d) 52-10

7. True or False? UK head coach Eddie Sutton was listed fifth on the list of winningest active coaches going into the 86-87 season.

8. Who was the last team to defeat Kentucky in Rupp Arena?
a) Tennessee
b) Georgia
c) SMU
d) Alabama

9. Fill in the blank. During the SEC Media Days (Nov. 12-13), Kentucky was picked by the conference's sportswriters to finish in _____ place in the league this year.
a) first
b) third
c) fourth
d) fifth

10. With the recent knee injury to UK guard Paul Andrews, how many healthy scholarship players does Eddie Sutton have to work with?
a) 10
b) eight
c) seven
d) six



Answers

1. La Salle
2. True
3. Kenny Walker
4. 25
5. West Virginia (six appearances)
6. 54-8
7. False (Sutton is listed seventh)
8. Georgia (Feb. 24, 1985)
9. fifth
10. seven

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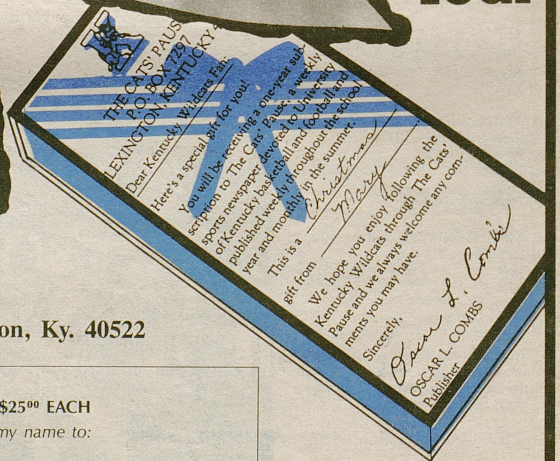
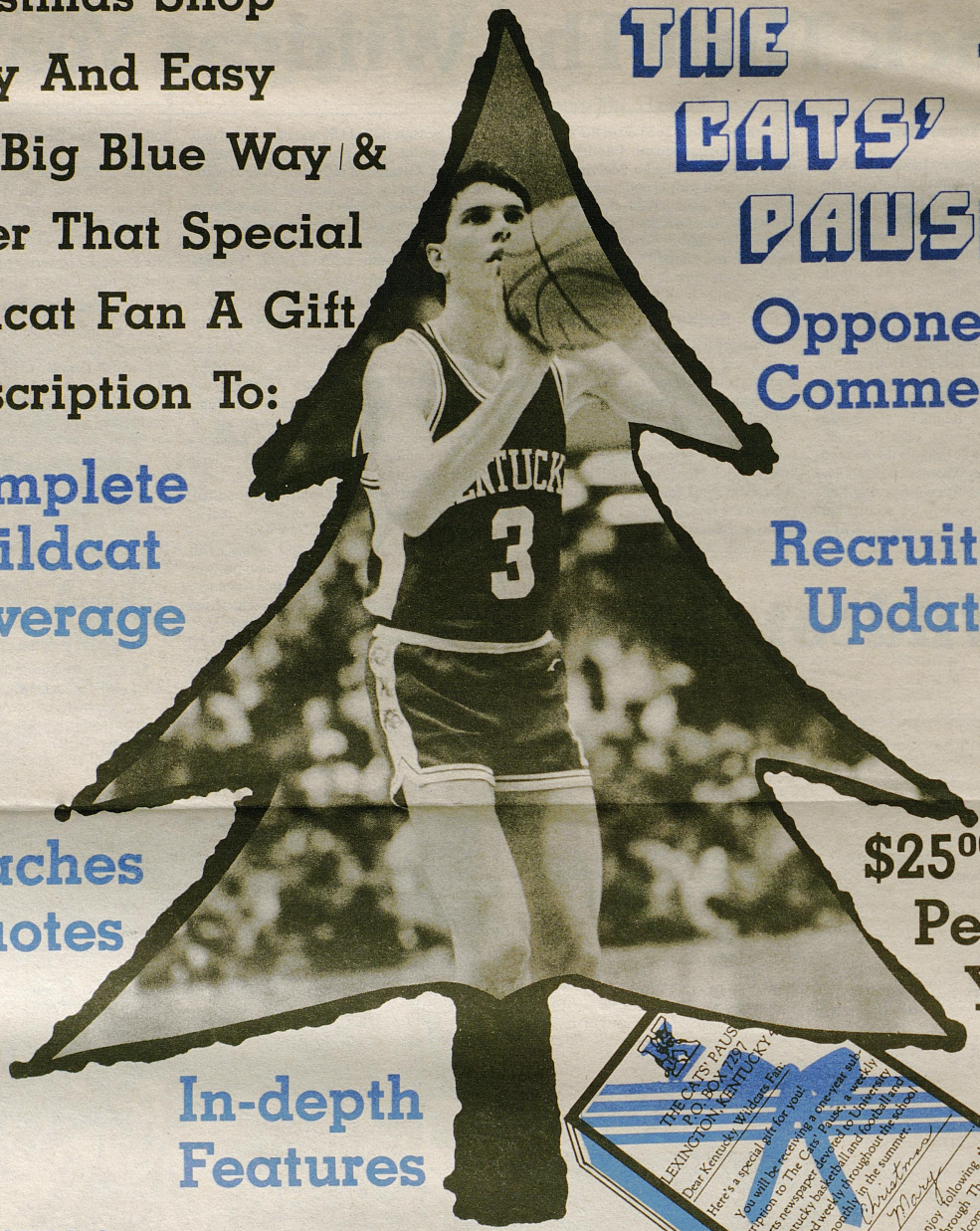


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