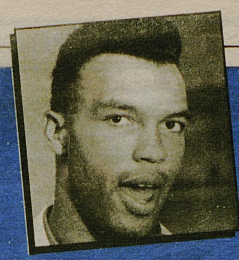
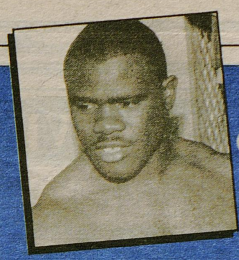


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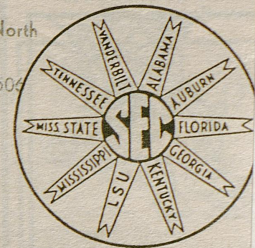
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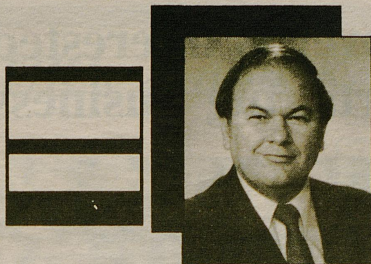
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'CATS WIN ONE FOR JERRY



Unlike on the previous two occasions, this time Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne was able to run off the field with his head held high, after his 'Cats upset No. 11 Georgia 16-10. The victory marked the first-ever win for Claiborne over Georgia's Vince Dooley. And not since 1977 had Kentucky defeated the Bulldogs in this annual conference battle. Kentucky will enter Saturday's game with Division 1-AA Southern Illinois with a 3-4 mark, 1-3 in Southeastern Conference play. Southern Illinois is coming off a 10-9 loss at the hands of rival Northern Illinois. Southern Illinois, 4-3, and Kentucky will kickoff their evening affair at 7:30 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium. After Saturday's game, the Wildcats have only three battles remaining on their schedule. On Nov. 5 Claiborne's squad will entertain Eric Jones and his Vanderbilt Commodores. Kickoff has been moved to 7:30 p.m. Next, will be the 'Cats' final home game of the season, as Galen Hall's Florida Gators come to Lexington for an afternoon visit. And the regular season finale will take place in Knoxville, (Nov. 19) against the struggling Tennessee Volunteers. Many experts believe the 'Cats have a golden opportunity to win their final four games, thus finishing with a 7-4 record. However, don't mention 'bowls' around Claiborne. All he's concerned with right now is a showdown with Southern Illinois. Please see pages 12-13 for more on last Saturday's upset special.

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OSCAR L. COMBS

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Georgia win should give UK needed shot in the arm

Never say never!

Just when many fans of the Kentucky football team were beginning to believe the 'Cats would never win a close game, the Big Blue rose to the occasion and carried an overjoyed Jerry Claiborne off the field Saturday afternoon.

Nothing could have been sweeter for the Kentucky program, which has needed a shot in the arm like the one it got.

Along with a 16-10 upset victory over Georgia came a renewed confidence in the Claiborne philosophy, a legitimate shot at a winning season and a somewhat longshot chance at a (whisper, whisper) postseason bowl if some other good fortune could follow.

In a season which most experts believe has the Southeastern Conference in a downspiral, it isn't all that impossible that UK just might win three more and possibly all four remaining games.

But first let's talk about Saturday.

It was to be a gloomy one. One controversy after another led up to the contest. Everyone around these parts knows the basketball allegations have completely overshadowed the football team. Up until Saturday, that wasn't all bad because there had been little to cheer about on the football field.

Then a few of the friends in the horse industry had been upset about moving the Georgia game from night to day to accommodate national television over Atlanta Superstation WTBS, thereby making the 'Cats and Keeneland go head-to-head.

Now that the game is history, we can say with candor the university made not only a wise decision but the only one it should have.

First of all, can you imagine what such an exciting upset victory on national television will mean to Claiborne on the recruiting trails this winter? As WTBS wrapped up the telecast, it showed the final seconds of the game, Claiborne being embraced by his assistants and players and the scoreboard. I don't care how many extra fans from Keeneland might have attended the game, they'll never match those scenes being shown coast-to-coast to millions of college football fans.

Plus, it was the biggest upset of the day and since the game was on WTBS, every other major network (ABC-TV, CBS-TV, ESPN and CNN) all picked up the highlights and telecast them throughout the weekend. There in the midst was Georgia product Alford Rawls' 48-yard touchdown run.

It's a recruiting plus you just don't get that often.

For WTBS, it was the third time this season UK has been shown and the Wildcats haven't disappointed. For UK, the third time was the charm.

Kentucky helped Auburn provide WTBS fans a great game back in September and then one of the station's most exciting games of the season was Alabama's 31-27 victory Oct. 1.

Kentucky's victory would still have been a great win had the game been

played at night, but consider a couple side effects: First of all, the upset would have gotten little publicity outside Kentucky because of early newspaper deadlines in the East. The game wouldn't have been over until after 10 p.m. By then, most newspapers already have their lead sports stories set up.

By it being an early afternoon game, the Kentucky upset was played as one of the major stories in almost all the papers. As far as attendance goes, the crowd was listed at slightly more than 50,000, a figure which surprised even me. Considering that UK was coming off back-to-back losses and going against Keeneland, I figured it might be closer to 40,000.

There was speculation that many Georgia fans might opt for the races instead of the game.

Judging from the Georgia section at Commonwealth Stadium, those Bulldog fans are true to their school. And as for Kentucky, it appeared the great multitude of missing fans were once again in the student section, where they have been missing from action for the past two or three years.

Keeneland, on the other hand, enjoyed a great attendance of over 21,000. All this leads us to the conclusion that there really aren't that many who cross over, maybe three or four thousand. In the end, neither group should have to alter its plans to accommodate the other. Both have valid reasons for daytime events.

With that in mind, I have to say Kentucky is going too far in trying to appease the racing people and putting its football fans to a far greater hardship next month for the Vanderbilt game.

The Vandy game is now set for 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4. The game was originally set for 1:30 p.m., but because of the Breeder's Cup being staged in Louisville on that afternoon, UK said it was trying to cooperate with its friends in the industry so fans could attend both events.

To me, it would have made a little more sense if the Breeder's Cup was being staged in Lexington, but Louisville? Do we have to begin scheduling our football games around major events in Cincinnati now?

Let's put UK football first and foremost in its season and let's not worry about some other sport. Again, what a missed opportunity it would have been last Saturday if UK had not moved the game for national television. Nuf said?

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Kentucky can now set its sights on a stretch run where Claiborne and his 'Cats can realistically see the opportunity to win each and every game. That doesn't mean they'll win any of them, only that the opportunity is there.

The Wildcats might even be favored in each of them, but they cannot afford to take any for granted.

Southern Illinois is first on the line. A victory Saturday and UK is even at 4-4.

Again, you take nothing for granted.

After that come Vanderbilt and Florida at home before closing the season at Tennessee.

I can't go any further without admitting an accident which almost happened:

It was Saturday morning about 9:30 and while on the way to the office before the Kentucky-Georgia game and I had the radio dial turned to good ol' 590 WVLK, where you get nothing but Big Blue coverage on game day.

When UK assistant athletics director Gene DeFillippio made the comment that if the 'Cats could just pull off the Georgia upset, "we could be on our way to a bowl game," well, I forgot I was behind the wheel. Thankfully, there was no other vehicle within a half mile of my swerving.

I said to myself, sure, this fella has to put on a straight face and he is paid to promote the Big Blue, but *B-O-W-L T-A-L-K*, well, that's a little too strong.

Guess who was grinning from ear-to-ear after the final second ticked off the stadium clock?

Which leads us to Vanderbilt and Florida.

Each has been as equally unimpressive as they have been impressive this season. Vanderbilt has beaten the likes of Florida but lost to Ole Miss and Duke. Florida beat LSU but has lost to people like Memphis State and Vandy.

And the season finale is at Knoxville where the Vols are struggling to say the very least. Until last Saturday, Tennessee was winless. Johnny Majors' team finally conquered Memphis State 38-35 but it wasn't easy.

Prior to the season opener, less than a handful of experts expected anything but a disaster for UK in 1988. But strange things happen once you tee up the pigskin. Kentucky could still finish 3-8 on the season or it could wind up 7-4 or somewhere in between, but last Saturday's upset has surely sparked new life into this team and you could see it spread all over Jerry Claiborne's face.

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One lady embraced another after the game in the Commonwealth Stadium pressbox after Saturday's game. They were Faye Claiborne and Barbara Dooley.

They've been friends for a long time, and always will be said Claiborne's wife.

"It was a tough loss for them," said Mrs. Claiborne, "I really feel bad for the Dooleys, they've been personal friends of ours for years. They run their program a lot like ours. I know how they felt today, but I told her that we needed this victory a lot worse than they did."

Somehow, I've got a feeling the Dooleys probably agreed. But it isn't all that simple.

Had Georgia won the game, the Bulldogs would have been a lock for a piece of the SEC championship. A victory would have given the Dawgs a 5-0

conference mark. With two games left against Florida and Auburn, Georgia no doubt would have finished at either 6-1 or 7-0. With everyone else already having at least one loss, Kentucky appeared to be the victim for the clincher.

Anytime you have a conference title on the line, you don't give an inch to your best friend, Jerry Claiborne or anyone else. But I'm sure if Dooley had to lose to someone, he'd much rather it be a Jerry Claiborne.

Footnote: Nice guys don't always finish last. They didn't Saturday.

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The fallout from the additional 17 allegations from the NCAA toward the UK basketball program is still making news.

Many of you read where one portion of an allegation said that a university representative made a special trip to Lexington with a potential UK recruit for an interview with me to be published in this publication.

The NCAA said Bill Chupil transported Lawrence Funderburke and a friend to Lexington last school year for the sole purpose of being interviewed for this publication. The NCAA has asked UK to provide the NCAA with a copy of the paper containing the article and to explain my company's connection with the athletics department.

Well, you readers who have been subscribers to *TCP* for at least the past year know there is absolutely no truth to that rumor because there has never been a feature or interview on Funderburke published in this newspaper.

The problem I have with the NCAA on this matter, however, goes beyond that. What if I had interviewed the kid? Would that be a crime? No!

The fact is that Chupil did visit the *TCP* retail store where numerous items on many sports are sold. Chupil has been one of hundreds of sports fans who make purchases from our store each year. Hundreds of college basketball fans (not just UK because all state colleges are covered as well as the national high school scene) purchase our annual *Kentucky Basketball Yearbook* at our office each year. It was this reason Chupil had made this particular visit, according to him.

I hesitate to detail this matter because it really isn't any of the NCAA's business what I or my company does in the process of publishing a newspaper or running a retail operation.

But because of the insinuations, I feel you deserve this. The only regret I have is that I goofed as a reporter. I had the opportunity to seek an interview and publish an exclusive story but because I was so busy with other matters at the time, it simply didn't occur to me.

I apologize to you, our readers, for the oversight, but I assure you if another story idea pops into our office unex-

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Football is not the only thing Ray Gover is interested in; is a proven pursuer of other sports, big business

By Warren Havens

University of Kentucky receiver Ray Gover feels that he knows his opposition inside and out. Not just the coming weekend's opponent but any foe.

"I feel dominant over a defensive back because I've played their position," Gover says. "I think like a defensive back and I know what they're thinking. It gives me an advantage."

Gover, a fifth-year senior, spent his first three years at UK as a defensive back. The converted receiver is Kentucky's starter at the wideout position.

"It means a lot to me to be starting," Gover says. "I feel that I need to prove myself as a senior."

With seniority comes leadership. "He leads by example," notes Joe Phillips, UK's receivers coach. "The young receivers see him working hard and it rubs off on the younger players."

Kentucky assistant coach Jake Hallum believes Gover has acquired natural leadership qualities through summer internship work completed at the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York the past two summers. After football, Gover says he looks forward to working for Chase Manhattan in either New York or Washington, D.C.

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Chip Garber, who's in charge of Kentucky's defensive backs, hated to see his pupil switched to offense, but knew his loss was the team's gain. "We decided to move Ray to receiver because of a shortage of receivers," Garber says. "We felt Ray had real good hands. He is a great athlete with good range because of his speed."

"He's a helluva athlete," adds Phillips. "Moving from safety to wideout and ending up starting more games than Dee Smith really says something."

"I asked to change," Gover remembers. "I figured I had more of a chance to play on offense and could help the team out more."

Gover has sparked the Wildcats this season, averaging 16.3 yards per catch in UK's first six games of the 1988 campaign. This season also has provided Gover's personal highlight, a 44-yard touchdown reception against Alabama. The touchdown was the game's first score and spurred the 'Cats toward a 17-0 lead at intermission.

Phillips says Gover, who he calls a possession receiver, is getting his hands and holding on to most passes his way. He attributes this to Gover utilizing his hands more so than his body and surge of confidence, which comes through familiarity with the position.

Gover, who played both positions in high school, said the conversion was easier than his coaches might have thought. "It's like riding a bicycle," Gover said. "You never forget. I just had to get back into the flow of it. This year, it feels totally natural to me. It's like I never left it (receiving) and I'm very comfortable at this point."

Phillips also says the former safety is an expert at getting open. "If there's one guy you can count on to get open, it's Ray Gover. He runs such good routes."

The flashy Gover explains his pass route proficiency in workman-like fashion. "It's a challenge to me to get open," Gover says.

"If you're going to run a pattern, you might as well do it as well as you can and make it worthwhile."

Phillips, a UK receiver in the early '80s, says that Gover is a different breed of pass catcher. His face glows when he mentions Gover's aggressiveness and physical style.

"He reminds me of me," Phillips says. "He's one of the more aggressive receivers in the Southeastern Conference. Plus he plays on all the special teams."

Gover's special teams chores this season have included making tackles and running back kicks.

Seeing plenty of action is nothing new for the senior. Gover has not missed a game in his career at Kentucky.

"I never stopped and noticed it until this year," he says. "I've only missed one practice and that's because I was ill. After the first year, time started to fly by. I don't know where it went. It's kind of unbelievable. But when I was a freshman, I never thought I'd see the day I'd be a senior in college. That first year at school is tough."

Phillips adds: "Coming out of the backfield to block, he blocks as well as some of the running backs."

"It's embarrassing for someone to knock me down," Gover says. "A lot of my blocking abilities come from my experience at defensive back. It's not hard (blocking) but you have to want to do it and you have to want to be physical."

Gover's pro-type frame makes him a nice target for Kentucky's quarterbacks. At 6-foot-3, 202 pounds, Gover has been timed in the 40-yard dash at 4.6.

"I figure if you don't get them, they're going to get you. And I'm not going to be gotten. They have to be a good one to get the best of me. Not too many are going to be as big as me. And if they are as big as me, they're going to have to be extra fast."

With his physical attributes and his mental desire for the rough and tumble world on the gridiron, it's only fitting that Gover enjoys being on the special team unit as well. "I love it," says Gover. "It's exciting, it happens fast and it's real physical."

He also was a high jump participant in high school, regularly clearing 6'11" as a sophomore. In a giant midwestern meet where prep champions from five states gathered, the Dayton, Ohio, product captured first place, setting a personal best—7'½".

And then there's Raynard Gover, the basketball player.

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"I always had a problem of being real skinny," he says.

The slender yet solid senior has added 30 pounds to his frame since his high school hoop days where he was an all-area performer.

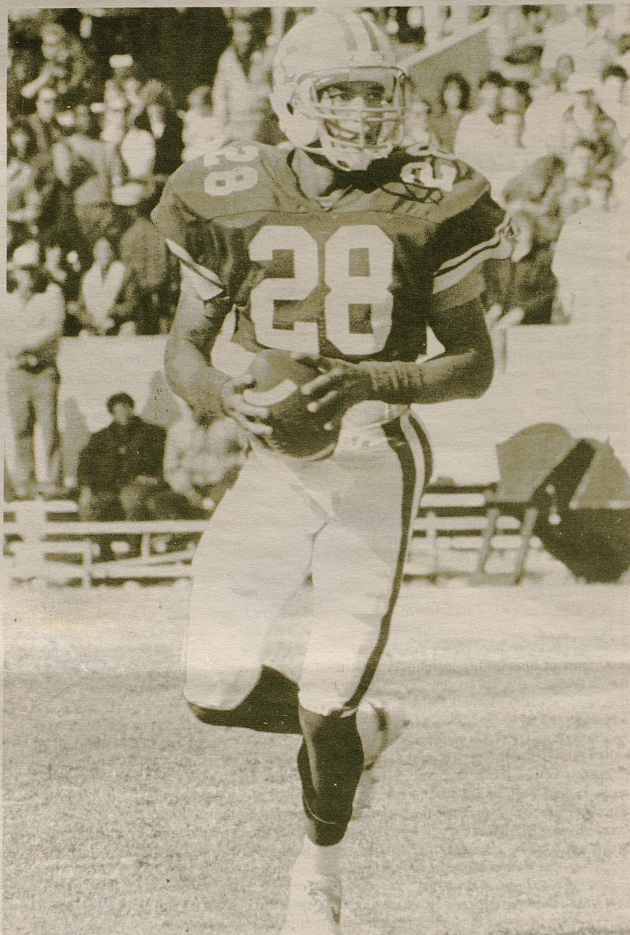
Gover's statistics as a senior lured college recruiters even from Big 10 schools to see him play. "My senior year, I averaged 22 points, nine rebounds and two dunks."

"I saw him play basketball and he dunked it anyway you wanted him to dunk it," said Hallum. "I was at a track meet where he jumped 6'11". I just wanted to see his movements and really let him know of our interests in him."

"In that game, I saw him take off from the free throw (line) and extended to slam it home."

Gover's athleticism carries on a family tradition as his father, Harold, was a three-sport performer at Bluefield State in West Virginia. There, he met Ray's mother, Parthenia. She was on the performing dance team, Bluefield's equivalent to UK's Dance Cats. She now teaches at Dunbar High School in Dayton, Ohio, a cross-town rival to Ray's Jefferson High School.

Gover starts on two teams in summer basketball leagues in New York City, where he lived until he was nine. The leagues, tournaments and pick-up games in New York include the area's talented college basketball



Following end of football season, Gover may give hoops a shot

players who, like Gover, have returned home for the summer. The likes of Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins has even graced the league. Thus, Gover crashes the boards with the best of 'em. "I definitely hold my own," he says.

After the football season, the senior mentions he might play basketball for Kentucky, where graduation and hardship have depleted Eddie Sutton's thoroughbred stable. In the offseason, Gover also plays pick-up games with UK's basketball team where he has impressed many of the squad's members.

"He could definitely help us," said junior guard Derrick Miller. "He can really get up."

According to Gover, he was encouraged to play basketball earlier in his collegiate career at UK but opted to devote himself to football. "Right now I'm concentrating on football. After the season, I'll give it some thought."

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If Gover does not make head lines in football, basketball or business, the handsome talent then has a modeling career to fall back on. Gover said his height, his facial structure with its high cheek bones, and stern look are what agencies have told him are his attributes.

As a teen, Gover was nominated to participate in the Mr. Teen USA competition in Minneapolis, Minn. "I won two, two-year

contracts with two different agencies but I didn't pursue it because of football. With the connections I've made and people I know in the business, I could make a serious go of it."

Gover chose Kentucky and coach Jerry Claiborne's disciplined program over Pittsburgh, USC, Notre Dame and Penn State. He was recruited by nearly everybody. "I knew Kentucky was more disciplined than the other schools," he states. "I was kind of wild coming out of high school and I didn't need anybody to just let me go."

He describes himself as a "social-type." When the prospect of playing professional football was brought up, Gover said he would "love the experience, for the football part and the social part."

As you can probably tell Gover enjoys a lot of things life has to offer. "I like different things. I just don't want a boring outlook on life. When I get older, I won't say I'll be wild but I won't be sitting around at home because you just grow old that way. Neither side of my family is like that. My grandmother is the type that will still dance with me."

"If it looks interesting enough, I'll try it," he says. And Gover's track record shows that whatever he might be interested in, he'll succeed.

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UK's Ralph Kercheval put the 'foot' into football

He's been called 'Babe Ruth of UK football'

Since the inception of modern football at the University of Kentucky almost 100 years ago (1891), Wildcat teams have featured many multi-talented performers who, among other things, really put the "foot" in football, but



Russell Rice

Cats' Pause Columnist

no Wildcat has surpassed the overall feats (or feets?) of Ralph Kercheval, who almost six decades ago made his mark as perhaps the greatest UK kicker of all time.

Kercheval, now semi-retired after many years of managing thoroughbred farms and training horses, was born at Salt Lick but came at an early age to Lexington, where he was coached at Henry Clay High School by John Heber, former Wildcat star (1916-17-18-19-20) who called Kercheval the best kicker he had ever seen.

"HE WAS A NATURAL BORN PUNTER," Heber said. "I didn't teach him a thing. In fact I tried to stop him from taking two or three steps before kicking and it hurt his effectiveness. So I just moved him back a few yards. He was great when I first saw him. I suppose he taught himself."

As part of his punting technique, Kercheval seemed to throw the ball downward. He once explained that he held the ball with one hand on top and a little to the side, which allowed the left arm to swing as if he were in stride and gave him excellent balance.

"Even as a kid I could kick the ball 55 or 60 yards," he said. "When I was about 12 or 13, we used to go over to where the Kentucky players were punting. We'd get behind the goal, in case they missed, and shag balls. Sometimes they'd let us punt. I used to kick it over their heads. They'd get a bang out of that.

"We used to climb over the fence (at old Stoll Field), hide and get lost during the games. That's when they put up barbed wire over the cyclone fence. The players had to walk through a garden area from the dressing room to the playing field, and we'd often walk with them, hiding under their blankets. When we got inside, they would turn us loose."

One of those Wildcat players was the flamboyant John Simms "Shipwreck" Kelly, backfield standout and a punter in his own right who would play one year (1931) with Kercheval at UK and then draft the Wildcat punter two years later when Kelly was a player and part-owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers pro grid team.

KERCHEVAL, ALSO AN OFFENSIVE BACK, played a secondary role his freshman season as the Kittens overran six opponents and his punting services seldom were needed; however, he kicked the extra points.

As a third-string fullback behind the Phipps brothers—Tom and Jack of Ashland—his sophomore year, Kercheval failed to see action in a 19-0 opening victory over Maryville. He was languishing on the bench late in the first half against Washington & Lee the following Saturday when the Wildcats were assessed a 15-yard penalty that put them deep in their own territory. Wildcat coach Harry Gamage looked down the bench and yelled: "Kercheval, go in there and kick it."

"I caught the ball real well and kicked it 75 yards in the air," Kercheval said. "I remember, as a kid would, everybody rose in their seats on both sides of the field, and I couldn't help but see and hear them. When we went back to the dressing room, Gamage sat beside me and said: 'I'm going start you this half, and we're going to kick every time on first down.'"



After a 75-yard punt in the air vs. Washington & Lee, Kercheval was a fixture in the lineup

After playing well in that game, which UK won 45-0, the multi-talented Kercheval was assured a starting position for the remainder of his career at UK.

John McGill, former sports editor of *The Lexington Herald*, wrote that Kercheval could be called the "Babe Ruth of Kentucky football because his punts linger so vividly in fans' memories that his all-around ability is often overlooked."

KERCHEVAL'S RECORD for the most punts in one game is 17 against Alabama in 1931, a game won by the Tide 9-7. On a free kick, he booted the ball 65 yards to the Tide 15. He rushed for 161 yards in a 7-0 loss to Duke. He tried his first quick-kick, a 58-yarder against Tennessee, and punted one 68 yards out of bounds on the Vol four.

In the final game of his sophomore season, he ran nine yards for a TD to beat Florida 7-2 at Jacksonville. His nine punts averaged 48 yards, one traveling 66 yards.

"We had them beat with fourth down and seven or eight inside our own 35," Shipwreck Kelly recalled years later. "In the huddle, I told (captain) Babe Wright that I wanted to see Kercheval kick one more time before the season ended. Ralph took the ball and kicked it out of

the end zone and into the bay. That was the only time I've ever seen a ball kicked out of a stadium."

According to available records, Kercheval finished that season with 64 punts for 2,627 yards, a 41.0 average in those days when the ball was, as Kercheval recalls, "shaped like a pumpkin."

Injuries kept Kercheval out of the Duke and Alabama games his junior season, when he unofficially punted 69 times for 2,763 yards with three of the punts traveling 60 yards or better. He set school and national records the following season with 101 punts for 4,394 yards, a 41.8 average.

In a 7-6 victory over Georgia Tech in 1933, he had a 77-yard punt, a school record that remained on the books until Randy Jenkins kicked a 78-yarder in 1983. Later in the game, he kicked a 73-yarder, going against the wind, and averaged 45 yards on 16 kicks. He also kicked the winning point and made two key defensive plays.

ANOTHER MEMORABLE GAME occurred midway of that season as against Cincinnati in the Queen City, where the Wildcats and Bearcats, both undefeated, met before a record 16,000 fans in Nippert Stadium. Here is how UC's fleet halfback Bill Schwarberg described Kercheval's kick-

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

So, the staff of *The Cats' Pause* is starting a program we call "Big Blue Penetration."

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The good word? Academics at UK, my friend

On the hoop scene, Sutton's at it again

It happened late in World War II. I was in high school and several of us wanted to go to Lexington to see the 11th Regional Basketball Tournament at Alumni Gym.



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

There was just one problem. None of us had a car and even if we had, gas rationing was in effect. But seven or eight of us pooled our meager resources and hired a taxi to take us to Lexington.

During the ride, the driver heard us talking about UK. The only educational institutions this fellow had ever been inside were one-room schools.

Finally, his curiosity got the best of him. He asked the question that I will never forget:

"Hey, guys, is there a schoolhouse at UK?"

During these days of the basketball mess, we often forget that there are indeed schoolhouses at the University of Kentucky. And there is a whole lot of learning going on. The brightest kids in the history of the university are now on campus.

No longer can a diploma from an accredited Kentucky high school get a youngster admitted to UK. This figure, provided by Dr. David Roselle, president of the university, is startling: This year's freshman class of 2,600 was chosen from an applicant pool of over 11,000.

That's right. Over 8,000 were turned down by UK this year!

Roselle is proud that National Merit Scholars are not a rarity on campus. The university has its first faculty member of the National Academy of Sciences. The university is now one of the top 45 public schools in research.

About the only bad news is that Roselle doesn't have the funds to keep his best teachers or to attract even better ones. Our state never has supported any of its schools well enough.

So it turns out that all of the news emanating from UK isn't bad. Roselle takes advantage of his public appearances to spread the word about the good things at UK, too.

WHAT HAPPENED? – But there was an interesting turnaround involving Roselle last week. At the annual fall meeting of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association in Lexington, I congratulated Roselle for his honesty and courage when he appeared for two hours with Milton Metz on WHAS radio. He spared no words and was adamant that anyone who was proven guilty in the NCAA probe would be punished.

Roselle didn't talk very long about basketball to the broadcasters and rushed off without answering any questions. Not one.

Completely open earlier in the week with Metz, the UK president was now different.

What happened?

I started asking questions. The major thing that I learned is that a mutual friend of Governor Wallace Wilkinson and UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton

had asked Wilkinson to call Roselle and ask that he go easier on the coach.

Amazing.

It was the first time since John Y. Brown Jr. asked former president Otis Singletary to fire football coach Fran Curci and hire George Allen that a governor had involved himself in UK athletics.

Roselle called the current period "a very unhappy time in university athletics."

When he finished talking about basketball, a camera man from Lexington television station WLEX-18 turned out his light.

"I quit talking about basketball," Roselle explained to the crowd. "The local paper has five guys covering basketball but someone gave us \$2 million and we got a little squib back in the paper."

Roselle said that the "biggest asset the university has is the support of people around the Commonwealth."

SUTTON'S GAG – Sutton reacted to his problems by gagging his players and restricting media access to them. I like Sutton; I want you to understand that. But he is acting like a little kid who takes his ball and goes home. And I will be so bold as to say that if anyone should wear a gag, it is Sutton. His mouth has caused him and the university unnecessary problems.

As I think I've told you before, Sutton had checks made with Indiana University and Georgetown University to see what the media policies are of those schools. That, as I have told Sutton, is utterly ridiculous and shows contempt for the media covering the UK basketball team.

UK has a competent sports information director, Chris Cameron. Sutton should listen to his advice.

Cameron is the expert in this field, Sutton isn't. If the latter doesn't change his childish policy, Roselle should step in. If the president has the guts, that is.

BLUE-WHITE GAMES – The Wildcats will scrimmage Nov. 1 at Freedom Hall in Louisville, on Nov. 3 at Nelson County, on Nov. 7 at Rupp Arena and on Nov. 11 at the Owensboro Sportscenter. Tickets are \$5 and \$3.50.

REX AT INDY – Rex Chapman and his Charlotte Hornet teammates will play the Indiana Pacers at Indianapolis on Monday, Dec. 12. The only other former UK player in the National Basketball Association is Kenny Walker with the New York Knicks. Sam Bowie, recovering from an injury, isn't expected to play for Portland, but he's on the Trail Blazers' roster.

NBA COACHES – Four NBA coaches have Kentucky connections, but only two are natives. One of the natives is Wes Unseld, the All-American at U of L who coaches Washington. Do you know the other? Think about it a minute.

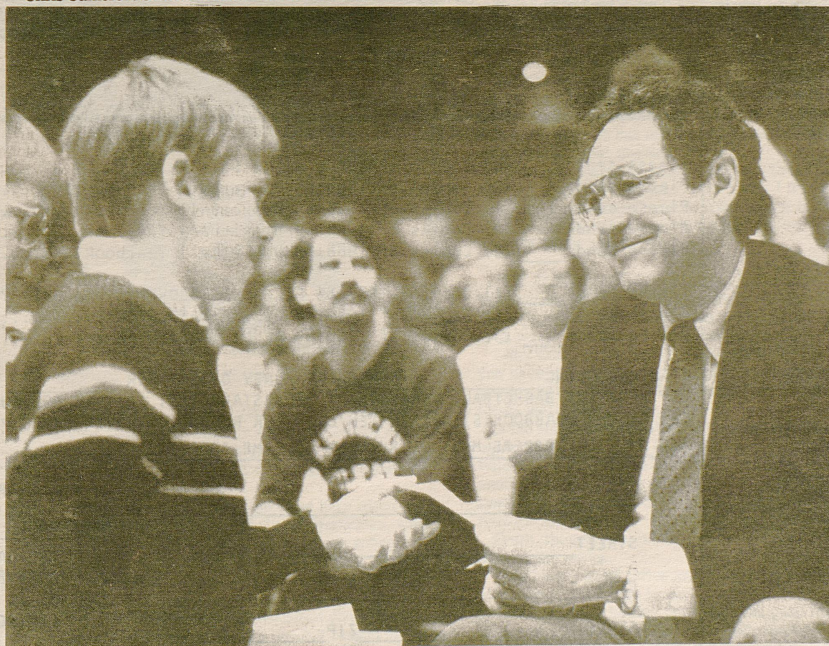
Two other NBA coaches with state connections are Bellarmine College graduate John MacLeod of Dallas and UK's Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Give up on the other Kentucky native?

He's Bernie Bickerstaff of Harlan County. The San Diego graduate coaches Seattle.

TOO MUCH CREDIT? – Was someone at UK smart enough to choose the busiest sports day of the year to announce the other NCAA allegations against the basketball program? Or did UK just get lucky?

Think about it. With the World Series and college football, UK picked the day to assure that the university would get the least play possible nationally.



Kentucky's Eddie Sutton should look to Chris Cameron for PR advice, not Bobby Knight

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NCAA probe hitting home with two Bluegrass 'Cats

John Pelphrey: It's us against the world

Deron Feldhaus and John Pelphrey won't play their first basketball game for Kentucky until next month. However, no one on the UK team understands the value of Kentucky basketball more than the two red-



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

shirt freshmen.

Pelphrey was the state's 1987 Mr. Basketball at Paintsville while Feldhaus was a standout at Mason County. Both played in the state tournament, earned All-State honors and dreamed of playing for UK.

That's why the 18 allegations the National Collegiate Athletic Association has filed against UK troubles the two in-state products so much.

"I don't want to say Kentucky basketball means more to us (in-state players) because it means a lot to every player here," said Pelphrey. "But those of us from in the state especially don't want to see UK's image tarnished.

"All the negative publicity UK has gotten really bothers me. I see all this as a challenge. None of us want to see UK go downhill while we are here. We want to keep Kentucky number one.

"I understand how people across the state feel. They wonder what's going on here. Kentucky's players and fans are like a big family and this is hurting all of us."

Feldhaus, expected to be one of UK's starters at forward this year, is glad the additional NCAA allegations were finally made public last Saturday. The wait for the bad news had been as hard on the players as any practice UK Coach Eddie Sutton made them endure last year.

"I wanted to know what was going on and now we at least know something," said Feldhaus. "I've been around Kentucky basketball all my life and this program really means a lot to me. I just don't think you could grow up in Kentucky and not understand just how special UK basketball is to people.

"We can't let this NCAA investigation doom our whole year. We can't do anything about what has happened. We have to put the charges behind us and worry about basketball."

That would be easier if sophomore Eric Manuel could play. However, he's been accused of cheating on his college entrance exam and volunteered not to practice until the matter is resolved. That means he could miss the season since UK doesn't expect to appear before the NCAA Infractions Committee until at least February.

"We were really depending on Eric," said Feldhaus. "We were going to build our team around him.

"I was totally shocked when I found out he couldn't practice. I really hurt for him because he's such a great guy. About all he can do now is try to keep his head up but I know that's not easy to do.

"I hope he can play. If he can't, somebody is going to have to take the shots and make the plays Eric would have. He was going to be our big-play guy."

Pelphrey knows UK can't afford to count on Manuel's return or feel sorry for all that has happened since the 1987-88 year ended.

"It's sad to see a player of Eric's stature denied a chance to play," said the former Paintsville standout. "In life you now always asked what cards you want. You have to play the hand you have.

"We've had a lot of adversity but we can't change any of it. We have to adapt, improvise and overcome.

We have to find something good in this and go on.

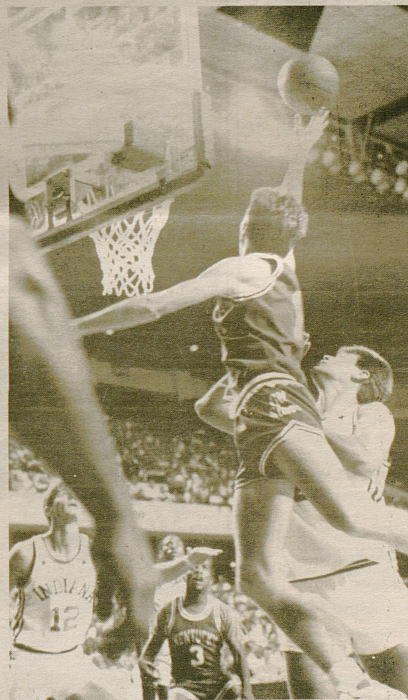
"If we sit back and feel sorry for ourselves, we will really be in bad shape. People we play are going to want to beat us and they won't care why we are short-handed. It's us against the world this season."

Most preseason basketball publications had Kentucky picked fourth or lower in the Southeastern Conference this year. And that's before Manuel's status was thrown into limbo.

Pelphrey and Feldhaus, though, think it would be a mistake to already write off the Wildcats.

"A lot of schools would love to have the players we do," said Pelphrey. "We do have a lot of guys who have not had a chance to play. But that doesn't mean they can't play.

"We are going to have to listen to what the coaches say and really practice hard. However, we all have a burning desire to win. We are anxious to get a real taste of college basketball and show people that we can play."



Pelphrey hopes to keep 'Cats on target

MATT WENSTROM, a 7-0 center, was making his official visit to UK when 17 additional NCAA allegations were made public by Kentucky. However, the Texas prep standout said the timing didn't hurt UK's chances of signing him.

"Really I'm glad I was able to be here when the allegations were announced," said Wenstrom, who is ranked as one of the nation's top 50 high school players. "I was shocked when all this first broke about Kentucky because Kentucky had never done anything like that with me."

Wenstrom has known UK assistant coach Dwane Casey for three years. That's one big reason he visited Kentucky along with North Carolina, UCLA, Villanova and North Carolina State. He's also friends with guard Jeff Brassow of Houston, who announced last week he would sign with Kentucky in November.

"Jeff's decision really won't play a big role in my plans," said Wenstrom. "If he hadn't picked Kentucky, it would not have been a demotion for Kentucky in my mind. Since he did pick UK, I can't let that really influence my decision.

"Our games do blend well together but you have good players at almost every school. You have good players at Kentucky now."

Just how many more good players UK can sign this year or next because of the current NCAA investigation, though, remains a big question mark. That's one reason Brassow's recent announcement came as a surprise to most college basketball recruiting experts.

"A major obstacle we are having to overcome is all the negative publicity we have received," said UK assistant James Dickey. "It's amazed me how well Coach (Eddie) Sutton has handled this. He's been the one to bring up the NCAA investigation in every home we have visited.

"He has laid all the facts out. He hasn't speculated about this or that. He's just told the recruits and their families what is going on.

"Most of the homes we have been in we were well received. Once we actually had a chance to explain what was going on everyone felt better. So many families thought we had already been tried and convicted. But when we left the families had a much better feeling about our program and staff."

Wenstrom readily admits the NCAA probe will play a role in which school he signs with next month. However, he does feel UK has been honest with him.

"Through the whole recruiting process UK has been honest with me and that includes the NCAA investigation," said Wenstrom. "They have told me if worst comes to worst, and they don't believe it will, that I could transfer if I didn't feel comfortable.

"They have said they would let me leave and not cost me any eligibility if things don't go well with the NCAA. I don't have a problem with that because no one really knows what will happen. All I know is that all the stories I've read and heard are a lot different from what the coaches have told me. That's why I have not ruled out UK."

Wenstrom, a solid student as well as a gifted center, has enjoyed the recruiting process. He knows each school shows him the best of what it has to offer but he's made sure he has asked players and students at each school about problem areas.

"The best sources of information are the players or students," said Wenstrom. "That's why I try to talk to everyone I can when I'm on a visit. I want to know all I can about the school so I can make the best decision possible about my future."

THE CURRENT NCAA probe at Kentucky might temporarily end the UK-Louisville basketball series if the NCAA bans television appearances by the Wildcats as a result of the current investigation.

"Any time you're looking at a loss in (TV) revenue, you have to weigh that loss against whatever benefits you might receive," said Louisville Coach Denny Crum last week.

If the NCAA investigation of its 18 allegations against UK results in a ban on TV appearances by the Wildcats, U of L would have the freedom to schedule another TV game. The current contract calls for Louisville, UK and CBS-TV to all be in agreement to televise the game.

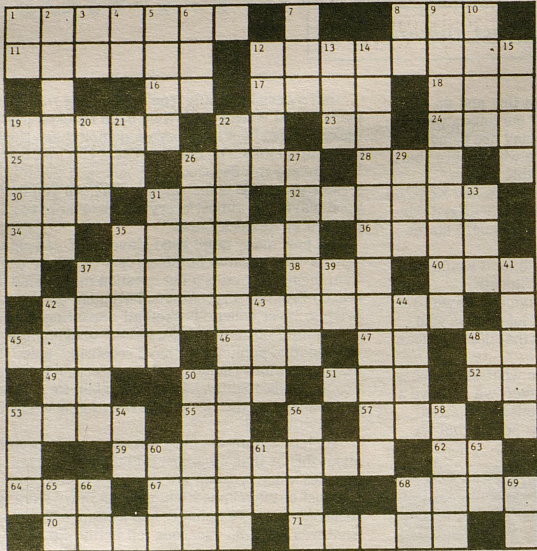
Crum, though, insists he's not advocating a suspension of the series.

"It's been a good series and I hope it continues," said Crum. "You hate to see anybody have the kind of problems they're having down. It's not good for the image of intercollegiate athletics anywhere."

This season's game is scheduled to be played either Dec. 31 or Jan. 1 in Freedom Hall, pending a decision by CBS Sports, which will work the game around the pro football playoffs.

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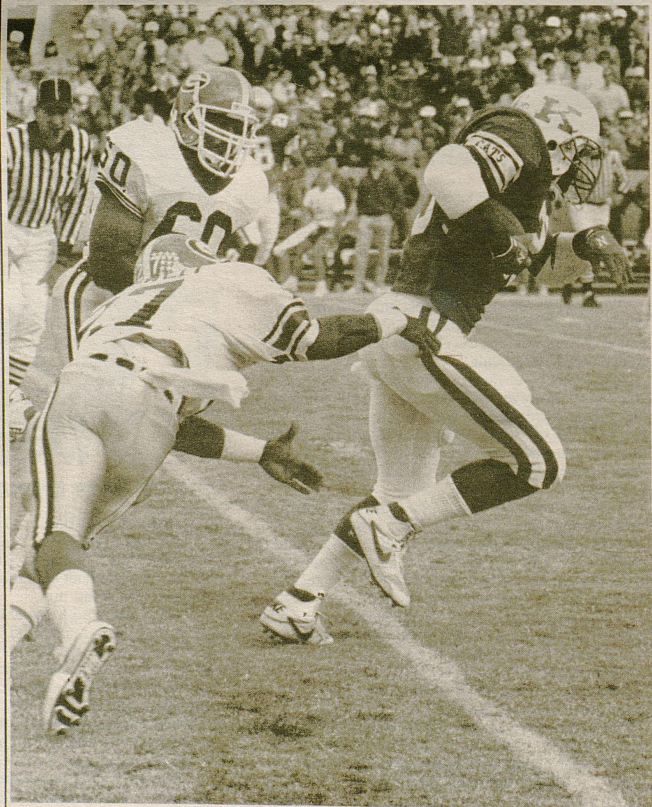
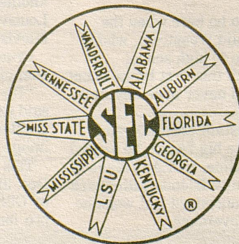
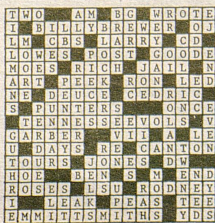
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- 7 Title of respect
- 8 Geometric ratio
- 9 QB _____ ball-carriers were 37 Down and 11 & 49 Across
- 10 Atlanta sports arena
- 12 _____ ups
- 13 Charles Sturgeon _____ the '59 and '60 Cats in rushing
- 14 _____ 159 yds. rushing came vs. Ole Miss in '65
- 15 Erotic
- 19 Task
- 20 Rd. and at. mate
- 21 Common verb
- 22 UK's all-time rush king
- 26 _____ Henry had 122 yds. vs. LSU in '79
- 27 Parchment document
- 29 _____ ha, NE
- 31 Farm structures
- 33 See 20 Down
- 35 Coach Ray's first rush leader
- 37 '85 Cats rushing leader
- 39 Initials of Curci's last rushing leader, Laurence
- 41 '67 and '68 rush leader Lyons
- 42 Poster
- 43 Be in debt
- 44 Gas
- 48 Initials of '60s letterman Gash
- 50 L11'
- 53 _____ Joe averaged 6 yds. per carry in '86
- 54 Initials of 59 Across
- 56 First name of all-time one-season rush leader of Cats with 1278 yds.
- 58 Entrance
- 60 N: short written message
- 61 Fans' chant on fourth and short
- 63 Initials of '80 rush leader Brooks
- 65 Initials of '77 Cat with 13 TDs rushing
- 66 Thus
- 68 Initials of mid-'80s Cat Alexander
- 69 Initials of UK's only 4-season rush leader

Last Week's Answers



YARDS AFTER CONTACT—Alfred Rawls breaks the tackle of Georgia's Chuck Carswell. See page 13 for story on the UK back.

'Blue Saturday' left Wildcat fans humbled

But the real sweating has yet to begin

THE STUFF HAS NOW OFFICIALLY hit the fan and it appears that the muck-raking, mud-slinging and name-calling have only just begun. On Oct. 15, the University of Kentucky unveiled



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the 17 new allegations against its basketball program handed down by the NCAA. Call it "Blue Saturday," which left many Wildcat faithful humbled.

The charges ranged from relatively minor — improper contact by a UK alumnus — to extremely serious — offering a recruit cars and cash to play for the Cats.

And whether you are backing the Big Blue all the way or have already found them guilty, there is no doubt that this cloud will continue to hang above the team until at least three more months.

UK has until Dec. 12 to reply to the charges and then a hearing will be scheduled, most like for February when the Wildcats are wrapping up Southeastern Conference competition and counting down to the SEC tournament.

WHEN THE UNIVERSITY RELEASED THE 17 new allegations — the first concerned UK assistant coach Dwane Casey and \$1,000 that supposedly popped out of a package he mailed to a recruit Chris Mills' father — no names were given.

It was an unexpected move since Casey, Mills and his father Claud Mills were all named in the initial charge. Why the sudden change?

UK attorney James Park Jr., who is heading the school's internal investigation, said it was to protect the privacy of some individuals. What about the Millises and Casey?

UK released a summary of the new allegations that contained such synonyms as "representative of the university's athletics interests," "member of the basketball staff of the university" and "prospective student-athlete."

Read those as "booster," "coach" and "recruit."

But the school's action served as only a temporary roadblock. It seems like every day another name is "filled in" by one news organization or another.

AMONG THOSE THAT HAD SURFACED at this writing were UK all-time leading scorer Dan Issel, "basketball junkie" Bill Chupil of Columbus, Ohio, recruits Matt Bullard and Lawrence Funderburke, UK assistant coach James Dickey, Michigan signee Sean Higgins, Kentucky players Eric Manuel and Sean Sutton and The Cats' Pause publisher Oscar Combs.

From the varying degrees of severity within the charges, I tend to believe that some of the minors ones were just discovered while the NCAA was investigating some of the major ones.

I think the NCAA will be under pressure to find UK guilty of at least something and to impose more than a "slap on the wrist" penalty. There has been too much national publicity on this probe for the NCAA to come away with nothing and for UK to go on unscathed.

That does not bode well for Kentucky.

Although UK coach Eddie Sutton has not specifically been linked to any of the allegations, can he



Scott given a little priority

escape unharmed if UK should happen to be found guilty of some violation?

I DOUBT IT. THERE ARE two scenarios if UK, and therefore Sutton, are to be penalized: If Sutton knew about the violations, he would have to be considered a co-conspirator; if he didn't, then that says something about the amount of control he has over his coaching staff.

I don't mean to speculate about Sutton or UK's guilt or innocence, I just mean that Sutton will probably not be able to come away clean if the school does not.

I don't find it unusual that Sutton has not been linked to any of the allegations specifically. Coaches of top-notch college basketball programs are high-profile people and easily recognized. This means they are under constant scrutiny from someone and almost have to be above reproach.

In other words, if a school wanted to hand out cash to its players, it wouldn't have the head coach be the bag man.

In six weeks or so, UK will surely release its reply to the NCAA in one form or another and that should be, more or less, a plea of guilt or innocence to each of the 18 charges.

It is then that the real sweating will begin.

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"OUR FIRST GOAL IS TO win the SEC. I think that's a very high goal, but it's a goal that we have every year."

That could be the Quote of the Week considering it came from Eddie Sutton, whose Wildcats have been decimated by Proposition 48, the NBA and the NCAA investigation.

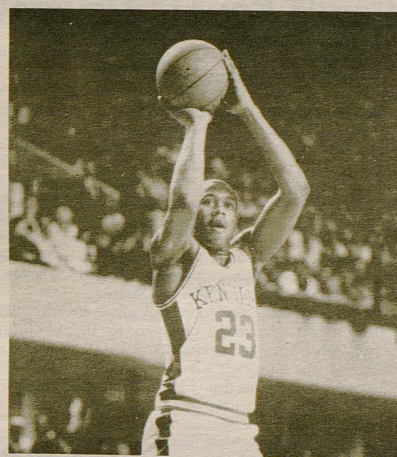
Things have gotten so bad, that UK had to recruit a couple of walk-ons just to be able to put 12 players on the practice floor.

"I think the fans understand that this is not going to be the usual Kentucky kind of year," Sutton said.

That could be the Understatement of the Year.

The actual lack of bodies, not to mention their inexperience, is going to force some changes this season. Don't expect the current edition of the Cats to look anything like last season when they're on the court.

"We can't play quite as liberal as we have the



Manuel off limits to media

last couple of years," Sutton said at the team's annual Media Day activities. "We've got to shorten the game and work for a high percentage shot."

THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME adjustments on defense.

"Because of the lack of players and the fatigue factor, we'll possibly play more zone than man," Sutton said.

And just who will be on the court looking for those good shots?

"I've always felt seniors — Mike Scott, in this case — should be given a little priority, but I won't say that a month from now he'll be in the starting lineup," Sutton said.

"Mike Scott, Derrick Miller and LeRon Ellis — those are the three players we'll start with," he said, adding that there is a good chance a freshman will be starting this season.

"We may have to play differently than we have in the past, but I'm optimistic about this club and I think the team is too."

Sutton still says that UK is the best job in college basketball, but he did admit that it's not quite as good as it was last season.

"I don't feel as comfortable today as I did a year ago. There are a lot of things in life that's not easy. We've certainly been tested the last few months, but that will pass."

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JUST FOR A MOMENT, WHILE I was standing in Wildcat Lodge recently during Media Day, I thought I had wandered into the wrong building on campus.

The remarks made seemed more fitting for a courtroom than a dormitory. The assembled media were told something like this:

"On the advice of his attorney, Eric Manuel will not be available for interviews.

"On the advice of his attorney, Chris Mills will be available for interviews but he will not answer any questions about the NCAA investigation."

And then again, I thought I was in an Army barracks after we were told that all practice sessions until the start of the season would be closed and that the players would only be available for interviews on Monday and Friday.

Covering basketball used to be so simple. My attorney won't let me say anymore.

'Cats take it to Georgia, d

Kentucky shuts down Georgia in fourth quarter; Rawls haunts Dawgs with 128-yard performance

By TCP staff writer Jim Easterwood

Late October. The time leaves fall and so does interest in the University of Kentucky football.

Usually the time of the year when a 'Cat fan's priorities shift to the state's only true sports passion—basketball.

But while the basketball team bathes these days in a tub of bad pub, the football 'Cats are reaping the dividends of a marvelous matinee performance on national television.

Like the man in the movie *Network*, the 'Cats were mad as hell...and they weren't going to take it anymore. Instead they took it to 11th-ranked Georgia, dropping the Dawgs 16-10 before 50,416 fans at Commonwealth Stadium last Saturday.

"Yeah, that's right," said cornerback David Johnson. "We were yelling on the sidelines in the fourth-quarter. 'Hey, let's finally pull one out.' We've been coming close too much. We were tired of people saying 'You guys can't win the big ones.'"

Doomsayers were predicting another dire finish when Georgia wiped out an early Kentucky lead to go ahead 10-7 early in the second half.

And then, following an interception of second-string quarterback Chuck Broughton, many fans were convinced there would be no joy this fall day in Commonwealth.

Free safety Rusty Beasley counterpunched Broughton's pass to Mike Meece back to the UK 32. Score here and the 'Cats are declared...perhaps for the season.

BUT GEORGIA DECIDED TO TEASE the 'Cats. Quarterback Wayne Johnson fumbled trying to hand off and 'Cat linebacker Chris Chennault recovered at the Kentucky 42. Two plays later tailback Alfred Rawls romped around right end for 48 yards and a touchdown. UK led 13-10 after Ken Willis' PAT hit the left upright.

"Everything was looking doomed after the interception of Chuck," said first-string QB Glenn Fohr. "But then came the fumble. It was like Georgia was saying to us, 'Here's the darn ball. Last chance. If you don't do something with it you deserve to lose.' We then got the run out of Al. We didn't choke."

Actually, UK got several runs out of Al. Big ones, too. The 201-pound speedster came up with vital first-down yardage in two crucial situations late in the game to enable the 'Cats to run out the clock.

The junior transfer from Pitts, Ga., had something to prove. He was originally signed by Georgia, went to a junior college because of grades and then chose UK after he felt the Dawgs didn't show enough interest the second time around.

When Alfred made a motion to UK coach Jerry Claiborne he wanted to stay in and run the ball, Claiborne said: "He didn't have to motion to stay in there. I wanted him to run."

And run he did. "He was jacked up," said Johnson. "We were waiting for him to explode. He, Charlie (Darrington) and Craig (Benzinger) were waiting all week for Georgia, their home state. You could really see it in Al's face. He was saying, 'I'm going to get mine today.'"

Rawls broke to the inside on his big run, then quickly skittered to the outside to slip out of linebacker Brent Collins' grasp, and then evaded a diving attempt by Beasley. He then outran Chuck Carswell and Frenchman Richard Tardits to the goal line.

"I've got to give the line credit and Andy Murray did a fine job of blocking," said Rawls.

BUT RAWLS WAS TOO MODEST. At least half of his 128 yards (on 15 carries) was made on second effort.

"He's another (Mark) Higgs or Joe Morris," said Johnson. "He's as quick as any back I've ever played with."

While Rawls put the run back into Kentucky football, the UK defense was taking the run out of the Dawgs...at least when it counted the most. In the fourth quarter.

Tony Massey sacked Johnson on the Dawgs' first offensive series following Rawls' run. The 13-yard loss put the Dawgs on the seven. Omnipotent Oliver Barnett then teamed up with Massey for a four-yard sack on the next play and Worley was held to a five-yard gain on third down.

Joey Hester punted to the Georgia 43. Flanker Ray Gover's 21-yard run off a possible pass then set up Willis' 29-yard field goal. UK led 16-10 with 10:42 left.

Choke time? No way. Usually, the Dawgs are hard to keep under the porch. But this time the 'Cats kept them there with a scratching and clawing defense.

Kentucky held the Dawg offense to just 224 net yards. Georgia came into the game averaging 424.7 yards offensively.

"It feels great and we deserved it and now we are going to enjoy it," said Massey, who had a great performance. "There's no reason we can't win our last four games. When you learn to eliminate your mistakes, you are going to win. It's that simple."

It also helped when Jay Tesar unleashed a booming 53-yard punt. And, of course, late clutch running by Rawls and Ivy Joe Hunter behind a "patchwork" offensive line led by Mike Nord, Dean Wilks, Brian Cralle, Joel Mazzela, Bo Smith and Darrington.

"I just think we played a tremendous football game in all phases," said Claiborne after undergoing a post-game dunking by his players. "It was exciting the way they hung in there and learned after every tough defeat. It was a big thrill."

UK PUT A MUZZLE ON THE DAWGS early in the game, forcing them to kick a field goal from the 40 that was wide left.

Fohr then directed a 85-yard march in 15 plays. Hunter scored from the two following a key 20-yard scamper by Rawls. Fohr also had a 11-yard scramble as well as completing a 15-yard pass to Murray.

Fohr, in fact, turned in a credible first-half performance as Kentucky took a 7-3 lead. He wound up hitting 9 of 14 passes for 117 yards. He was intercepted twice.

However, the 'Cats stumbled a bit coming out of the gate early in the second half as Georgia went ahead 10-7 on Worley's one-yard leap. It followed a tackle-shedding 31-yard run by the hard-running Georgia tailback. Fohr also flourished a bit.

When Fohr fumbled following a sack, (Smith fortunately

SEC football standings

School	Conference		Overall	
	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
Georgia.....	4-1-0	.800	5-2-0	.714
Auburn.....	3-1-0	.750	6-1-0	.857
Alabama.....	3-1-0	.750	5-1-0	.833
Florida.....	3-1-0	.750	5-2-0	.714
LSU.....	3-1-0	.750	4-2-0	.667
Ole Miss.....	2-2-0	.500	4-3-0	.571
Vanderbilt.....	2-3-0	.400	3-4-0	.429
Kentucky.....	1-3-0	.333	3-4-0	.429
Mississippi State.....	0-4-0	.000	1-6-0	.143
Tennessee.....	0-4-0	.000	1-6-0	.143

Oct. 22 results:	Oct. 29 games:
Alabama 8, Penn State 3	Alabama at Mississippi State
Auburn 33, Mississippi State 0	Auburn at Florida
Kentucky 16, Georgia 10	William & Mary at Georgia
Ole Miss 36, Vanderbilt 28	Southern Illinois at Kentucky
Tennessee 38, Memphis State 25	Ole Miss at LSU

recovered) Claiborne opted for Broughton. And Fohr opted for head cheerleader.

"I wish I could have been in there but Coach made the decision to take me out," said Fohr. "Looking back, you can't blame him. I wasn't moving the ball."

But Fohr refused to hang his head like he accused some Kentucky players of doing two weeks ago with just seconds left in the Alabama game.

"I tried to convey the idea we needed more points and told the coaches not to get conservative," said Fohr. "I don't know if it helped or not but we got the win."

UK KEPT IT SIMPLE WITH BASIC PLAYS in the fourth quarter. The offensive line of Smith, Nord, etc., looked the Dawgs in the mouth and whipped them all the way down to their Bulldog mascot.

"We butted them in the mouth and it came down to who wanted it more," said Fohr. "We did."

There is no question the win was a big boost for UK as well as the team...given these troublesome times.

The national spotlight was on the football 'Cats...and this time the glare didn't hurt at all.

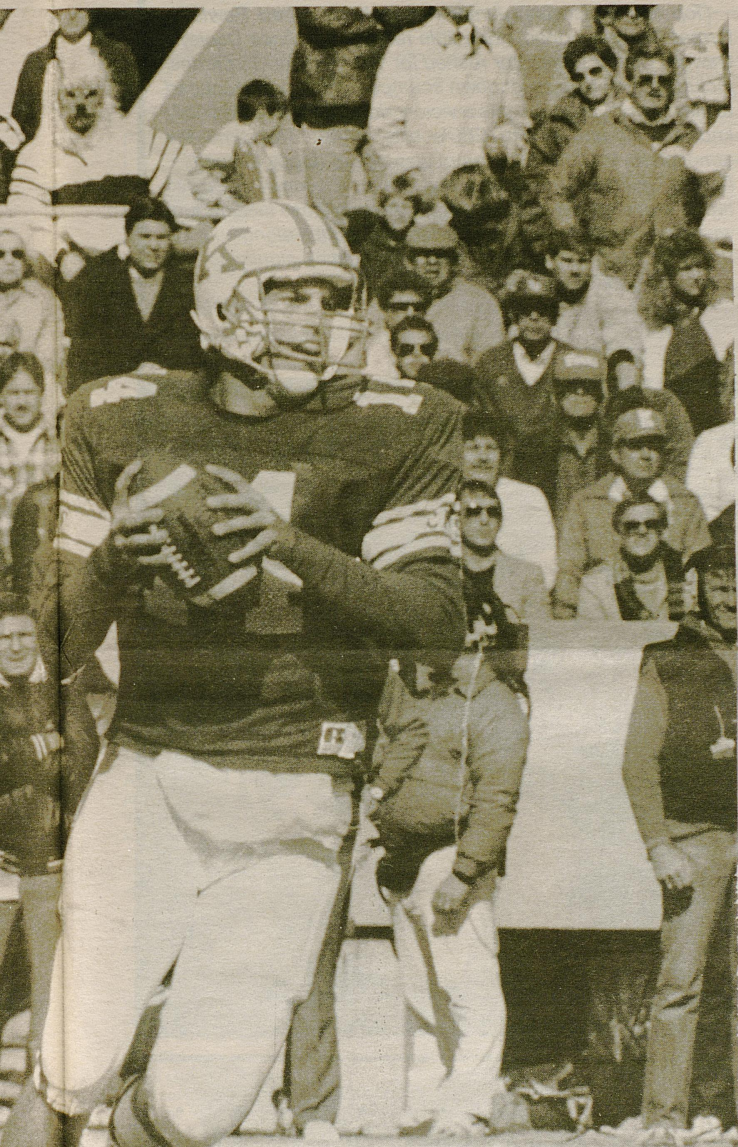
"Georgia was a nationally ranked team and unbeaten in the SEC...I hope that will turn some heads," said Barnett. "And with our next three games at home...who knows. We're always tough at home."

Rupp Arena? The place to be these days is Commonwealth Stadium.



Backup QB Chuck Broughton helped UK's offense

drop No. 11 Dawggs 16-10



Rawls broke Georgia with 'dream' day

By TCP associate editor Mike Estep

As Alfred Rawls paused to go through the tunnel that leads from the Commonwealth Stadium turf to the Kentucky locker room, a smallish man clad in Red and Black, like a stray Dawg in the UK cheering section, turned his attention toward the playing field.

"Hey, Alfred...hey, Rawls," the man shouted. "Wait 'til next year. Wait 'til next year you? @☆#%!"

Alfred Rawls turned his head toward the man, looked him in straight in the eye and smiled a big smile.

A full hour later, after this bunch of near-flawless Kentucky Wildcats had spectacularly dispatched Georgia's 11th-ranked Bulldogs from the unbeaten ranks in the SEC with a 16-10 victory—and broken a 10-game losing streak to the Dawgs in the process—Rawls was still one 5-foot-11, 201-pound bundle of joy.

As a throng of reporters mobbed the squat, muscle-bound fireplug, Rawls looked like he was on top of the world.

As well he should have. After all, the Wildcat tailback had just dipped, doodled, dodged, but mostly devastated, the Junkyard Dawg defense for 128 yards on but 15 carries, one of them a game-winning 48-yard jaunt to the end zone that was pure perfection.

With Kentucky on the short end of a 10-7 score and time running out in the third quarter, Rawls took the handoff from backup quarterback Chuck Broughton on a play designed to go over right tackle. As Rawls approached the line of scrimmage, fullback Andy Murray took Dawg linebacker Mike Collins out of the play with a knock-down block just as Rawls evaded the grasp of strong safety Vince Guthrie. Rawls then bounced outside to avoid free safety Rusty Beasley and turned on the afterburners to outrace left corner Chuck Carswell and linebacker Richard Tardits to paydirt, allowing UK to recapture the lead at 13-10.

Although Ken Willis' attempt for the extra-point nearly shook the upright from its moorings, then harmlessly bounced away leaving the door open for a tying Georgia field goal, Vince Dooley said he knew it was all over but the shouting.

"That run was the ballgame," Dooley said. "It was a 46-pull," Rawls said. "Andy Murray made a good block and I cut outside, broke a couple of tackles, gave a good effort and turned on my speed."

What made the run even more amazing was that it was apparently preordained. Rawls said that as he lay sleeping in the team's motel Friday night, it came to him in a vision. Honest.

"Coach (Jerry) Claiborne likes to talk about (psycho-)cybernetics," Rawls said, "and I saw that play in my dreams last night."

Alfred, you saw that play in your dreams? "Yes, that's right."

46-pull? "Yep."

You saw yourself run 46-pull for a 48-yard touchdown?

"Well, I didn't know how long it was," Rawls said with a straight face, "but I knew it was a touchdown run off the play. A long touchdown run."

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	KENTUCKY	GEORGIA
First downs	20	10
Rushes-yards	46-192	49-175
Passing yards	176	49
Attempts-completions-interceptions	23-13-3	9-3-0
Total yards	368	224
Return yards	(-3)	45
Fumble-average	5-36.4	7-37.9
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-24	3-25
Possession time	30:53	29:07
Georgia	0	3
Kentucky	7	0

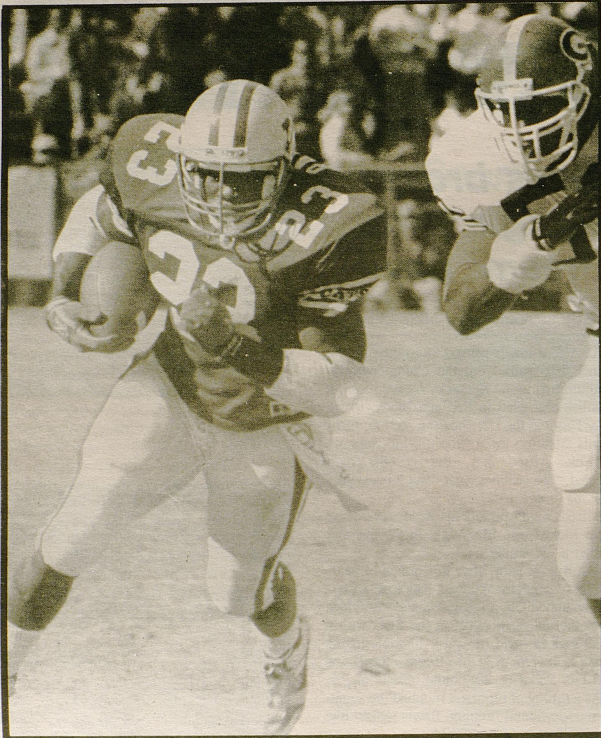
KY—Hunter 2 run (Willis kick)
 GA—Kasay 20 FG
 GA—Worley 1 run (Kasay kick)
 KY—Rawls 48 run (kick failed)
 KY—Willis 28 FG

KENTUCKY						
RUSHING						
	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Fuhr	7	14	30	(-16)	0	-11
Hunter	9	34	0	34	1	9
Rawls	15	128	0	128	1	48
Murray	2	1	0	1	0	1
Baker	9	36	0	36	0	10
Broughton	3	0	12	(-12)	0	(-2)
Gover	1	21	0	21	0	21
TOTALS	46	234	42	192	2	48
PASSING						
	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Fuhr	17	11	2	147	0	27
Broughton	6	2	1	29	0	23
TOTALS	23	13	3	176	0	27
PASS RECEIVING						
	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Murray	3	27	0	15		
Gover	2	13	0	9		
Logan	2	40	0	27		
Darrington	2	26	0	16		
Balden	1	13	0	19		
Jones	1	22	0	22		
Clark	1	23	0	23		
Knox	1	6	0	6		
TOTALS	13	176	0	27		
PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Tesar	5	182	36.4	53		
TOTALS	5	182	36.4	53		
FIELD GOALS						
	ATT	MADE	LONG			
Willis	1	1	29			
TOTALS	1	1	29			
ALL RETURNS						
	PUNTS	NO	YDS	KICKOFFS	NO	YDS
Tolbert	2	(-3)	—	—	—	—
Hunter	—	—	—	1	0	—
TOTALS	2	(-3)	—	1	0	—

GEORGIA						
RUSHING						
	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TDS	LONG
Worley	19	99	0	99	1	31
Johnson	9	18	20	(-1)	0	6
Ellis	1	6	0	6	0	6
Hampton	4	18	0	18	0	7
Henderson	14	58	0	58	0	13
Talley	2	0	5	(-5)	0	0
TOTALS	49	200	25	175	1	31
PASSING						
	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TDS	LONG
Johnson	9	3	0	49	0	35
TOTALS	9	3	0	49	0	35
PASS RECEIVING						
	NO	YDS	TDS	LONG		
Worley	2	14	0	6		
Marshall	1	35	0	35		
TOTALS	3	49	0	35		
PUNTING						
	NO	YDS	AVG	LONG		
Hester	7	265	37.9	51		
TOTALS	7	265	37.9	51		
FIELD GOALS						
	ATT	MADE	LONG			
Kasay	3	1	20			
TOTALS	3	1	20			
ALL RETURNS						
	PUNTS	NO	YDS	KICKOFFS	NO	YDS
Carswell	1	4	—	—	—	—
Henderson	—	—	—	1	35	—
Lewis	—	—	—	—	—	2
Beasley	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	1	4	—	1	35	4

—Cats' Pause chart

drop UK's offense score just enough to back up the tough 'Cat defense

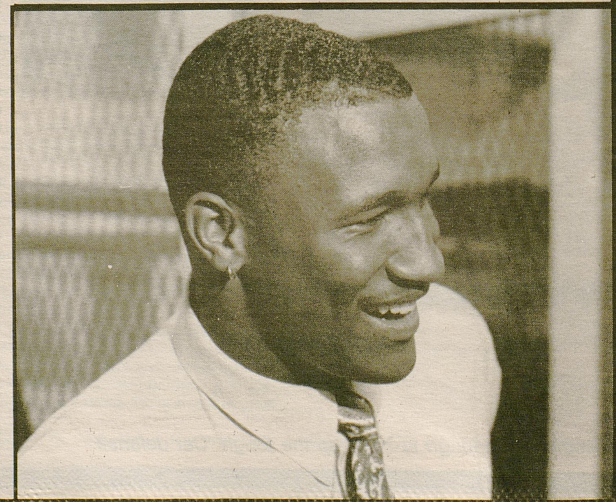


KENTUCKY WILDCATS

SCORE ONE FOR THE 'CATS

(Top left, clockwise) Junior runningback Alfred Rawls, a former Georgia signee, got a little revenge on Vince Dooley's Dawgs. The JuCo transfer rushed for 128 yards on 15 carries, including a 48-yard touchdown scamper which put UK ahead to stay; Jerry Claiborne gets a victory ride after the 'Cats finally knocked off one of the SEC's elite, 16-10; This time the atmosphere in UK's locker room was one of happy memories. Donnie Gardner's smile can attest to that. The junior defensive tackle was credited with five tackles. Among those tackles, four were first-hit efforts; and Jay Dortch, co-captain along with Bo Smith for the Georgia game, raises his helmet, signifying he's ready for gridiron combat.

(Georgia-Kentucky photos by Gary Cromwell)



With each day, Meece is getting better and better

Says future looks bright for himself, 'Cats

Progress. That would best describe Mike Meece's journey on his way to becoming a valuable tight end on Kentucky's team this season.

Although an untested redshirt sophomore before the



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season began, Meece was expected to receive very minimal playing time during his first crack on the major college level. However, the Cincinnati, Ohio, native quickly dispelled those reports this past spring when he caught the attention of both fans and the coaching staff by helping his Blue team win the annual spring game with two pass receptions, including a touchdown.

IN FACT, THAT EFFORT climaxed his earning the most improved offensive player award during the offseason.

"One of my goals was to play at the University of Kentucky," said Meece, referring to his arrival as a mainstay at the tight end position. "Last year I didn't play that much. I just wanted to work hard and show people that I could play."

"Right now I have three years left and I will be happy getting more playing time. I'm trying to contribute the best I can."

In Meece, what the Wildcat staff got was unexpected contribution. Although with just a few games of experience under his belt Meece's efforts will become even more valuable with a recent injury to Martin Pennington. Already he has started one game and has caught six passes for 52 yards (not including the Georgia game) as the team heads toward the November portion of the schedule.

Furthermore, he has given the UK offense another threat with a receiver who has the ability of running with the football after catching the pass.

"I think I've shown I can catch the ball," said Meece of his performance this season. "I'm blocking better although I need to get stronger. I feel I can make something happen once I get the football."

The one thing, however, he doesn't want to do with the ball is cough it up. Against Auburn this unfortunate occurrence stopped a Wildcat fourth-quarter drive which helped the War Eagles complete a hard-fought 20-10 victory. This play, where an Auburn linebacker nailed the lanky tight end as soon as he caught the football, is something he hopes won't happen again.

"I had no idea he was there," remembered Meece. "But I felt him, believe me. There was nothing I could do about it. His helmet hit the ball just as soon as I caught it. Those things happen and that's the breaks of playing football. That's all."

You might say, this was a vicious way of welcoming the inexperienced Meece into the rugged SEC. According to the UK sophomore it wasn't the first time, however.

"David Johnson indoctrinated me to the SEC with a hit he gave me in the Spring Game," recalled Meece, who has excellent hands and has been clocked in the forty-yard dash in a time of 4.68. "He (Johnson) gave me a concussion. But I'm now getting used to the physical play in playing more in the SEC."

One of the reasons why Meece has developed so quickly can be related to his height—he's a tall target for Glenn Fohr. Listed at 6-foot-6, 227 pounds in the UK press guide, he gives a passer a big target to look at. In fact, he realizes he can't play another position on the Wildcat squad because of his size.

"I'm in a position to where I don't know if I could

play anywhere else," he said with a chuckle. "I'm tall and lanky and need to bulk up a little bit. I don't know if I could play defense too well."

NOW, WHAT EXCITES Meece is that he has proven that he can become a solid SEC-type tight end. Although there is a need for some more strength, Meece along with a healthy Pennington and Charlie Darrington give the UK offense three prime targets for its new pass offense.

With the new pass routes, Meece hopes his number will be called for more big play possibilities.

"I love this new offense," said Meece. "I'm more comfortable with it. I think we can move the ball, especially when we got good yardage on first down. We have proved against Auburn and other teams that we can move the ball."

From Meece's standpoint, he hopes more passes and playing time will be coming his way as his UK career continues through graduation. With Darrington and Pennington being both seniors, Meece realizes that he will be the one to take over at the tight end slot for the next two seasons.

"Hopefully, I will be the starting tight end next year," he said. "Both Charlie and Martin are graduating. But I know there will be some redshirts coming up and other recruits coming in. I just want to improve and become a threat in our passing game."

Meece also wants his teammates to become threats for the next couple of seasons in the Southeastern Conference. Despite the near miss upset victories against Alabama, LSU and Auburn, Meece believes the 'Cats are on the right track.

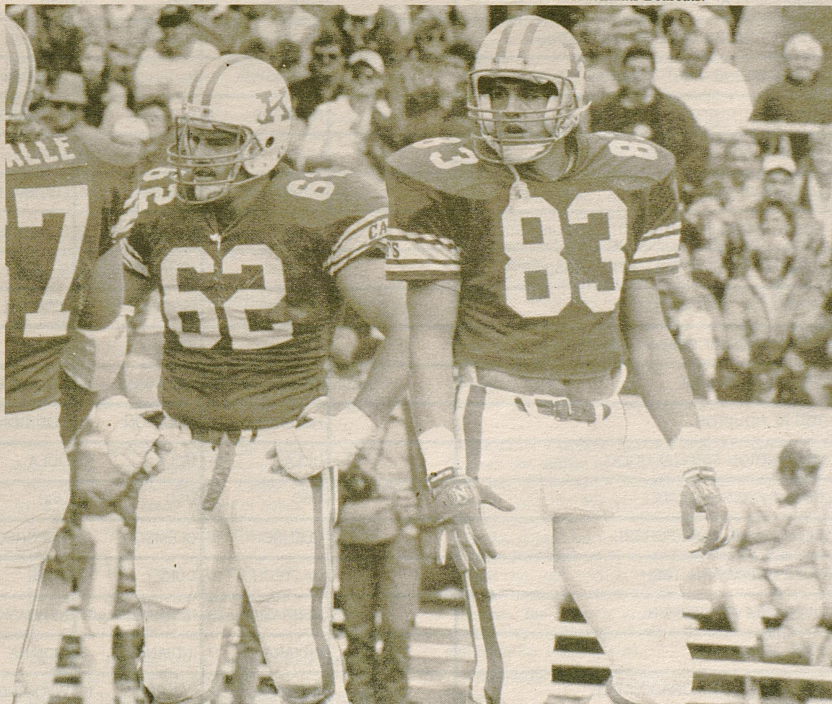
In fact, he says this team can stay competitive throughout the rest of his eligibility.

"We have a young team this year," informed Meece. "Hopefully, we can end up with a good season this year, to gain some momentum for the next couple of seasons. It looks like we will have most of our offense and

defense back for the next two years. I know we had a good recruiting class last year and we should be real competitive.

Now, if just those new players can improve as much as Meece then Kentucky will be in business for a long time to come.

UK NOTEBOOK: When trying to figure out just why UK hasn't been to a bowl game since 1984, all you need to do is look at UK's record in games decided by less than a touchdown. Since 1985, Kentucky is 4-9 in games with a point spread of seven or less. Included in two of the three victories are wins over mediocre clubs such as Tulane and Virginia Tech. But this past Saturday's upset special over Georgia, 16-10, may change things for the 'Cats. Prior to the Georgia game, this trend has already continued this year with the heart-breaking losses to Alabama and LSU. With Florida, Vanderbilt and Tennessee still remain on the schedule, it's a good bet at least one of these games will be decided in the fourth quarter. . . One UK-LSU leftover. It seems UK defensive tackle **Donnie Gardner** was the man to blame for the Wildcats' kicking game breakdown against the Tigers in the second half. According to LSU linebacker **Ron Sancho** in a postgame interview, both Gardner and Sancho were involved in some physical tussles in previous fourth-down punting situations. Apparently, Sancho caught the UK defensive tackle off guard when he slipped by Gardner instead of getting into a one-on-one battle. Thus, Sancho came through clean and blocked **Jeff Nelson's** punt that won the game for the Tigers. . . UK will play its first night game at Commonwealth Stadium this season when Southern Illinois invades Lexington Saturday. . . For you stat hounds, UK's **Jerry Claiborne** has never lost a home night game against a non-conference opponent during his seven-year coaching career at Kentucky. However, there was one tie, when his 1983 club matched totals (13-13) with then-**Watson Brown's** Cincinnati Bearcats.



Sophomore tight end Mike Meece (83) is becoming a regular in UK's offense



CATS' PAUSE SCOREBOARD

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Cromwell



Pigskin
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Last Week	16-9 (.640)	15-10 (.600)	16-9 (.640)	14-11 (.560)	16-9 (.640)	15-10 (.600)
Season Total	144-52-3 (.731)	144-52-3 (.731)	137-59-3 (.696)	140-56-3 (.711)	141-55-3 (.716)	141-55-3 (.716)
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AT KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY 17	KENTUCKY 21	KENTUCKY 20	KENTUCKY 20	KENTUCKY 17	KENTUCKY 17
ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE	MISS. STATE 4	ALABAMA 5	ALABAMA 15	ALABAMA 6	ALABAMA 7	ALABAMA 7
AUBURN AT FLORIDA	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 7	FLORIDA 2	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 3	FLORIDA 3
WILLIAM AND MARY AT GEORGIA	GEORGIA 17	GEORGIA 27	GEORGIA 20	GEORGIA 28	GEORGIA 28	GEORGIA 6
MISSISSIPPI AT LOUISIANA STATE	LSU 17	LSU 10	LSU 7	LSU 11	LSU 10	LSU 10
NAVY VS NOTRE DAME (AT BALTIMORE)	N. DAME 21	N. DAME 19	N. DAME 48	N. DAME 25	N. DAME 21	N. DAME 17
PENN STATE AT WEST VIRGINIA	W. VIRGINIA 10	W. VIRGINIA 10	W. VIRGINIA 17	W. VIRGINIA 4	W. VIRGINIA 13	W. VIRGINIA 10
TEMPLE AT RUTGERS	RUTGERS 12	RUTGERS 6	RUTGERS 6	RUTGERS 10	RUTGERS 9	RUTGERS 3
MIAMI (FLORIDA) AT EAST CAROLINA	MIAMI 31	MIAMI 16	MIAMI 28	MIAMI 17	MIAMI 22	MIAMI 14
LOUISVILLE AT CINCINNATI	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 12	CINCINNATI 3	LOUISVILLE 6	CINCINNATI 3
SOUTH CAROLINA AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE	S. CAROLINA 7	S. CAROLINA 2	S. CAROLINA 3	N.C. STATE 6	S. CAROLINA 6	S. CAROLINA 10
MEMPHIS STATE AT SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	S. MISS. 7	MEMPHIS ST. 3	S. MISS. 8	S. MISS. 10	S. MISS. 14	S. MISS. 7
VIRGINIA AT VIRGINIA TECH	VIRGINIA 7	VIRGINIA 9	VIRGINIA 14	VIRGINIA 5	VIRGINIA 7	VA. TECH 3
NEW MEXICO AT BRIGHAM YOUNG	BYU 17	BYU 13	BYU 10	BYU 27	BYU 13	BYU 10
RICE AT ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS 20	ARKANSAS 14	ARKANSAS 30	ARKANSAS 20	ARKANSAS 17	ARKANSAS 4
TCU AT HOUSTON	HOUSTON 6	HOUSTON 11	HOUSTON 11	HOUSTON 7	HOUSTON 6	TCU 7
WASHINGTON STATE AT UCLA	UCLA 21	UCLA 10	UCLA 10	UCLA 13	UCLA 7	UCLA 10
USC AT OREGON STATE	USC 7	USC 13	USC 13	USC 11	USC 13	OREGON ST. 3
CLEMSON AT WAKE FOREST	CLEMSON 12	CLEMSON 17	W. FOREST 1	CLEMSON 7	CLEMSON 24	CLEMSON 3
DUKE AT GEORGIA TECH	GA. TECH 10	DUKE 9	DUKE 10	GA. TECH 7	DUKE 3	GA. TECH 3
NEBRASKA AT MISSOURI	NEBRASKA 21	NEBRASKA 36	NEBRASKA 34	NEBRASKA 18	NEBRASKA 27	NEBRASKA 20
IOWA AT INDIANA	INDIANA 17	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 13	INDIANA 4	INDIANA 9	INDIANA 7
WYOMING AT COLORADO STATE	WYOMING 12	WYOMING 16	WYOMING 7	WYOMING 7	WYOMING 17	COL. STATE 7
KANSAS AT OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA 41	OKLAHOMA 44	OKLAHOMA 80	OKLAHOMA 65	OKLAHOMA 49	OKLAHOMA 30
OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN STATE	MICH. STATE 12	MICH. STATE. 3	MICH. STATE 21	OHIO STATE 3	OHIO STATE 6	MICH. STATE 13

Marcus Dupree: I was offered a million dollars!

Former Sooner breaks his story to columnist

When Marcus Dupree finished his high school football career in Philadelphia, Miss., he was the country's most recruited prep player.

He was big. He was strong. He was fast.



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

He says he was also worth one million dollars to a school he refuses to name.

Some six years after being the object of one of the fiercest recruiting campaigns ever waged, Dupree has finally pulled the curtain on what it was like to be America's premier high school running back.

We've gotten to know each other the past couple of years and I've been asking him for an interview for some time. Last week he came to my office and we talked.

Torgerson: What was the biggest offer you got?

Dupree: (chuckle) A million dollars.

Torgerson: A what? A million dollars?

Dupree: Right.

Torgerson: You're putting me on.

Dupree: Nope.

Torgerson: You mean you were actually offered a million dollars? Payable how?

Dupree: Two-twenty-five a year.

Torgerson: Two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars a year? How were they going to get that kind of money to you?

Dupree: Alumni.

Torgerson: What did you think when that happened?

DUPREE: WELL, I KNEW that if I did take that kind of money I knew some kind of way somebody would get caught and anyway I didn't want it because I didn't want anyone to own me, and like when they told me that I told them I would get my million on my own and work for it.

(I quoted some of Keith Lee's testimony from the Dana Kirk tax evasion trial in Memphis. Lee admitted the former coach gave him cash up front, monthly payments while he was in school, a television, a stereo and a car while playing basketball for Memphis State. Lee also claimed Arkansas State had offered him \$30,000, a new car, \$100 per month, a Mo-Ped for his younger brother and tuition for his sister if he would sign with them. I asked Dupree if any of that surprised him. He said it didn't).

Torgerson: Do you think that's fairly common for a blue chip athlete?

Dupree: Yeah, definitely. Any team that's in the top hundred in the whole nation. If a school wants them bad enough they'll put out just about what they can to get them. It's not just only the smaller schools. It's a lot of the big schools, too. I mean all of them are paying. . . they all are doing something illegal. A lot of them just haven't gotten caught. The schools which are consistently Top 10 schools don't have to buy the athletes. Most of them didn't offer anything because they don't have to.

Torgerson: But big schools that want to be Top 10 is where the money comes from?

Dupree: Yeah.

Torgerson: How many different cars do you think you were offered?

Dupree: I was offered Mercedes, Trans Ams, (laughs) the list goes on.

Torgerson: Ten? Twenty?

Dupree: Yeah.

Torgerson: Or more?

Dupree: Or more.

Torgerson: In addition to cash?

Dupree: Uh, huh.

Torgerson: I'm sure they also offered them to do something nice for your mother?

Dupree: Yeah, they offered her money. That's who they came to because they knew me and my momma were close so they would try to buy her out but she wouldn't go for it because while she likes football, she's an English teacher and she's strictly about getting books.

Torgerson: Marcus, I know for a fact that Bob Barrett, who at that time was an assistant commissioner for the SEC in charge of looking after recruiting violations, came to at least four of your games in your senior year

"If a school wants them bad enough they'll put out just about what they can to get them. It's not just only the smaller schools. It's a lot of the big schools, too. I mean all of them are paying. . . they all are doing something illegal. A lot of them just hasn't gotten caught. The schools which are consistent top 10 schools don't have to buy the athletes. Most of them didn't offer anything because they don't have to."

—Marcus Dupree,
about schools illegally recruiting
and how many it involves.

looking for people who were trying to recruit you illegally. And yet, while he suspected a lot of this was going on he was never able to pick it up.

Dupree: No, because my high school principal put in some rules to try to keep them away from the school until it was time for them to come and recruit me. Every school that sent me a letter he sent them a letter back to give them a guideline as to when they needed to come and when they didn't need to come.

Torgerson: When you were getting some of these offers were they made in person or over the telephone? They certainly weren't made in writing.

DUPREE: THEY WERE MADE on the telephone and during the time the season was over.

Torgerson: This had to be like a circus.

Dupree: It was. My mom just about went crazy. We even bought an answering machine and put it on the phone and just called the people back who I wanted to call back.

Torgerson: Should the schools be allowed to harass these kids by calling them day and night?

Dupree: No, I don't think so. I think some people get out of hand. They really get out of hand.

Torgerson: How many letters did you used to get a day?

Dupree: Whew! Ten to 20 letters a day.

Torgerson: Did you read any of them?

Dupree: Just the ones I wanted. You know, just the major ones.

Torgerson: How did you decide who were interested in and who weren't interested in?

Dupree: I looked at the people who could basically

help me because you could go to a junior college if all you wanted was to get an education. I wanted to be on TV and I wanted to contend for the Heisman Trophy and I wanted to contend for the national championship.

Torgerson: Did you ever seriously consider any SEC schools?

DUPREE: I LOVED Mississippi State when I was growing up and then I went to Ole Miss football camp and I like coach Goode (Tom Goode, assistant head coach) when I was up there and we became really close and I kinda got a feeling for Ole Miss. I also like Alabama. I used to go over and watch them practice every now and then after school when Bear (Paul 'Bear' Bryant) was over there and I also liked Georgia.

Torgerson: So those four schools had a shot at you?

Dupree: Right. But I also liked Oklahoma because I had watched them on TV so much and I just wanted to prove to people who said I couldn't play in that caliber of football, the SEC you know is no pushover, but I wanted to go out and play with the Sooners.

Torgerson: Do you regret going out there?

Dupree: No.

Torgerson: If you had it to do over would you still go to Oklahoma?

Dupree: I'd still go to Oklahoma.

Torgerson: Other than money and cars was anything else ever offered like appliances or a new house for your mother?

Dupree: No because with the type of money they were willing to give she could have bought one.

Torgerson: If that one million was the top, what would you say the average was when they started talking about the money they would give you?

Dupree: Twenty-five thousand, thirty thousand.

Torgerson: A year?

Dupree: Uh, huh.

Torgerson: Marcus, if your sons turn out to be athletes would you want them to go through all this?

Dupree: No. It's just like you're selling yourself. I want him to do the same thing I did—earn it because when they give money to you they think they own you.

Torgerson: I'm gathering that what you're telling me there is no way to rewrite the rules to keep the college game absolutely clean.

Dupree: No. It's the same way as it is with drugs in America. There is no way they can stop all this. It's going to happen one way or another.

Torgerson: Marcus, your million dollar offer, do you think the coach of that school knew an alumnus was trying to lay that kind of money on you?

Dupree: That's hard to say but I doubt if he did.

Torgerson: I wouldn't ask you the name of the school because you wouldn't tell me anyway, but just answer me this—was it in this part of the country?

Dupree: Yeah.

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BARRETT CONTACTED LATER said that to him Dupree's one million dollar figure was "way out in right field, way off the wall." He said that when someone makes a claim like that he goes back to his FBI days and demands proof.

He also questioned the \$25 to \$30 thousand per year amounts. Said Barrett: "I never heard figures like that. Perhaps they said 'we'll give you something worth \$30 thousand' meaning his education."

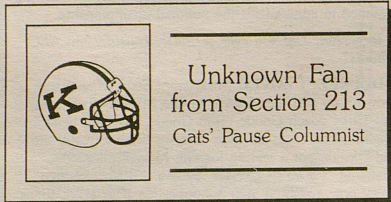
Perhaps. But in recent years there's only been one Marcus Dupree. Perhaps there's only been a single million dollar offer, as well.

✓ Next week: Marcus Dupree looks at his past and future.

This is a victory the whole university can cherish

Have you heard any Tennessee jokes lately?

Kentucky wins! Kentucky wins! Kentucky wins!
It's like getting rid of a lot of frustration. It's like convincing non-believers. It's like a confidence builder, not that it was already lacking.



It was like, finally playing a full fourth quarter without those infamous major blunders. It was like... the other team having to play without benefit of a gift. Final score: Kentucky 16, Georgia 10.

The Gatorade bath coach Jerry Claiborne took Saturday was enough to wash away the snakebit venom from losses to Auburn, Alabama and LSU. A word of thanks to coach Claiborne and his staff for keeping this team together. So much depends on confidence in this game.

In my Sept. 17th column, I coined the phrase: "If confidence lasts, luck will change." After two straight disappointing losses to Alabama and LSU, two of the nations top teams, many people were expecting a collapse against Georgia.

IT IS EVIDENT that this team is of a different breed. Determination keeps these guys going. And determina-

tion paid off Saturday in an emotional victory. It was a victory that was marked by 'Cat domination on both sides of the football. The 'Cats limited the Dawgs to 224 yards on offense while marching for 378 themselves. If it were not for Kentucky stopping themselves with interceptions, the margin of victory would have been greater.

The defense was once again magnificent, except for two plays—31-yard run by back Tim Worley and a 35-yard reception by Arthur Marshall. The Georgia offense did not make any noise all day.

In the interest of fairness, I must say that Tim Worley is an absolutely frightening running back.

THE MOST IMPRESSIVE defense all day was shown by tackle Doug Houser. While in the defensive huddle in the final moments of the game, end Jay Dortch asked Houser what he was going to get him for his birthday. Houser promised a quarterback sack on this play. **...AND DELIVERED!**

It was this type of enthusiasm which brought about the upset victory over the 11th-ranked Georgia Bulldogs.

There couldn't have been a happier person in Commonwealth Stadium than Alfred Rawls, who's from the Peach State. He made good on his promise to the Kentucky staff. He told the coaches that if they would give him the ball he would get more than 100 yards, plus two touchdowns.

For the game he ran for 128 yard on 15 carries and one TD on a 48-yard run. Rawls came up only two yards short of delivering his second TD promise, on a 20-yard run inside the Georgia five.

Rawls completed his message to Georgia by carrying

the ball five straight times in UK's final possession to salt away the game.

This team has shown the type of character which portrays "a no-quit" attitude. They have done this all year.

Case in point, against Alabama when the Tide narrowed the gap to 20-16, Kentucky came right back on a 68-yard TD drive to score (and in only four plays). Again, against LSU the same thing happened.

After falling behind 7-6, the 'Cats immediately jumped back in front of the Tigers with a 70-yard TD pass from Glenn Fohr to John Bolden.

When Georgia went ahead 10-7 against UK, it looked like the visitors had "Ol' Mo" in their hip pocket. But Kentucky came back to take the lead... this time for keeps.

YOU HATE TO LOOK BACK on what could have been, but it's funny how outsiders can recognize what local fans miss.

A local radio station interviewed Georgia's veteran radio announcer Larry Munson. The play-by-play announcer related to something in particular when evaluating the UK team. He stated that he had looked at all the films on the Wildcats, thus believing they had been robbed of a victory in the Alabama game. He stated that three calls had been missed by the officials in the last possession which would have stopped the Tide's winning drive.

I realize that calls are often missed on both sides, but timing plays a big part. Calls missed in the last two minutes are more damaging than those in the first quarter.

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1988 University Of Kentucky football roster

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/JC)	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/JC)
1 Jeff Nelson	P	5-10	165	Sr-IL	Florence (Boone Co.)	52 Scott Booth	OG	6-3	274	Jr-JC	Bradenton, Fla. (NE Miss. CC)
2 Gary Willis	FS-CB	6-1	172	Fr-RS	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)	53 Matt Brnum	C	6-1	238	Fr-HS	Florence (Boone Co.)
3 Alfred Jones	SE	6-4	180	Jr-JC	Oak Ridge, Tenn. (NE Oklahoma)	54 T.J. Maynard	C	6-4	257	Fr-HS	Flatwoods (Russell)
4 Glenn Fohr	QB	6-2	214	Sr-IL	Phillipsburgh, N.J. (Hudson Valley/JC)	55 Travis Hahn	OG	6-2	246	Fr-HS	Louisville (St. Xavier)
5 Al Baker	TB	5-11	225	So-Sq.	Cadiz (Trigg Co.)	56 Derrick Thomas	LB	6-2	228	Fr-RS	Lexington (Bryan Station)
6 Tony Massey	DE	6-2	221	Jr-2L	Somerset (Pulaski Co.)	58 Mike Cahill	LB	6-0	233	Sr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)
7 Eric Green	TB	6-0	193	Jr-Sq.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Forest Park)	59 Steve Kelley	LB	6-2	228	So-Sq.	Hopkinsville (High)
8 Ron Mack	CB	5-10	188	Sr-3L	Lexington (Tates Creek)	60 Courtney Longacre	C	6-2	235	Fr-RS	Louisville (Fairdale)
9 Ken Willis	PK	5-11	184	Jr-IL	Owensboro (Centre College)	61 Bill Hulette	OG	6-2	257	So-Sq.	Morganfield (Union Co.)
11 Mark Sellers	FS	6-3	204	Sr-IL	Louisville (Eastern)	62 Bo Smith	OT	6-3	267	Sr-Sq.	Lexington (Henry Clay)
12 Bill Allen	QB	6-0	201	Sr-Sq.	West Liberty (Morgan Co.)	63 Joel Mazzella	OG	6-1	259	So-Sq.	Parkersburg, WVa. (High)
13 Tim Smith	TB-SE	6-1	196	Sr-Sq.	Whitesburg (High)	64 David Crane	C	6-2	254	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (Trinity)
14 Chuck Broughton	QB	6-4	228	Sr-Sq.	Ashland (Blazer)	65 Chuck Bradley	OT	6-5	265	Fr-HS	Louisville (fern Creek)
15 Sterling Ward	CB	5-11	167	Fr-HS	Lexington (Bryan Station)	66 Brian Denham	OG	6-1	254	Sr-Sq.	Winchester (Clark Co.)
16 Jay Tesar	P	6-0	184	Sr-2L	Vine Grove (North Hardin)	67 Brian Cralle	C	6-1	280	Jr-Sq.	Elizabethtown (High)
17 Larry Jackson	CB	5-11	196	Fr-RS	Mayfield (High)	68 Todd Perry	OG	6-4	252	Fr-HS	Elizabethtown (North Hardin)
18 Freddie Maggard	QB	6-2	220	Fr-RS	Cumberland (High)	69 Tom Crumrine	OG	6-4	276	Jr-Sq.	Westerville, Ohio (North)
19 Ryan Hockman	QB	6-2	185	Fr-HS	Harrison, Ohio (High)	70 Shawn Evans	DT	6-6	240	Fr-RS	Richmond (Madison Central)
20 Chris Tolbert	CB	5-11	182	So-IL	Pensacola, Fla. (B.T. Washington)	71 Greg Lahr	OT	6-4	257	Fr-HS	Pickerington, Ohio (High)
21 Doug Pelfrey	PK	5-11	170	Fr-HS	Edgewood (Middlesboro)	72 Jim Graves	DT	6-6	245	Fr-RS	Lexington (Henry Clay/Tenn. Military)
22 Greg Hunt	SE	6-0	189	Fr-RS	Richmond, Va. (Fork Union)	73 Chris Reedy	OG	6-2	223	Fr-HS	Elizabethtown (High)
23 Alfred Rawls	TB	5-11	201	Jr-JC	Pitts. Ga. (NE Oklahoma A&M)	74 Dean Wilks	SN-OG	6-3	292	So-IL	Proctorville, Ohio (Fairland)
24 David Johnson	CB	6-1	190	Sr-3L	Louisville (Male)	75 Mike Pfeifer	OT	6-7	290	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)
25 Steve Phillips	FL	6-2	203	So-Sq.	Fairfield, Ohio (High)	76 Mike Nord	OT	6-7	278	So-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)
26 Ron Robinson	FS	6-1	189	Jr-2L	Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford)	77 Mike Jones	OT	6-0	255	Sr-Sq.	London (Beechwood)
27 Tony Missick	CB	6-0	197	Jr-JC	Miami, Fla. (Marion Institute)	79 Oliver Barnett	DT	6-3	285	Jr-2L	Louisville (Jeffersontown)
28 Ray Gover	FL	6-3	196	Sr-3L	Dayton, Ohio (Jefferson)	80 Phil Logan	FL	6-2	203	So-IL	Louisville (Holy Cross)
29 Darren Bilberry	FB	6-2	211	Jr-IL	Ft. Knox (High)	81 Jim Wetta	SE	6-2	195	Sr-Sq.	Wellington, Kan. (Hutchinson JC)
30 Tony Zigman	DE	6-2	204	Jr-IL	Lewes, Del. (Cape Hanlopen)	82 John Bolden	SE	6-0	172	So-IL	Louisville (Male)
32 Ivy Joe Hunter	TB	6-0	218	Sr-2L	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)	83 Mike Meece	TE	6-6	227	So-Sq.	Madeira, Ohio (High)
33 Bill Shehan	FL	5-11	190	Sr-Sq.	Florence (Boone Co.)	84 Billy Swanson	DE	6-0	216	So-Sq.	Paducah (Tilghman)
34 Todd Meyer	CB	5-9	180	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (Trinity)	85 Neal Clark	SE	5-9	165	Fr-RS	Paducah (Tilghman)
35 Andy Murray	FB	6-1	237	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)	86 Daniel Schulz	DG	6-1	229	Fr-HS	Lexington (Lafayette)
36 Jay Dortch	DE	6-1	212	Sr-2L	Paducah (Tilghman)	87 Martin Pennington	TE	6-2	226	Sr-3L	Corbin (High)
37 Albert Burks	CB	5-11	186	Jr-JC	Monroe, La. (Hinds CC)	88 Charlie Darrington	TE	6-3	224	Sr-IL	Tifton, Ga. (NE Oklahoma A&M)
39 Jeff Brady	DE	6-1	230	So-Sq.	Melbourne (Newport Catholic)	89 Lane Vargo	FB	5-11	200	Fr-RS	Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent)
40 Randy Holleran	LB	6-1	233	So-IL	McKeesport, Pa. (High)	90 Mike Chism	DG	6-0	262	Jr-Sq.	LaGrange (Oldham Co.)
41 Rodney Shepard	LB	5-11	235	Jr-JC	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Nassau CC)	91 Daniel Lee	DT	6-5	244	Fr-RS	Marianna, Fla. (Cottondale)
42 Dean Wells	DE	6-2	220	Fr-HS	Louisville (Holy Cross)	92 Vic Adams	DG	6-1	269	Jr-2L	Middlesboro (High)
43 Chris Connery	CB	5-10	185	Jr-Sq.	Rochester, Mich. (High)	93 Patrick Porter	TE	6-3	221	So-Sq.	Flemingsburg (Fleming Co.)
44 Craig Benzinger	LB	6-1	221	Jr-IL	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Clarkston)	94 Carlos Phillips	LB	6-1	216	So-Sq.	Owensboro (High)
45 Chris Chenault	LB	6-2	240	Sr-3L	Lexington (Henry Clay)	95 Mike Meiners	DG	6-2	261	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)
47 Jay Amshoff	LB	6-0	208	Sr-Sq.	Louisville (St. Xavier)	96 Donnie Gardner	DT	6-4	236	Jr-2L	Louisville (Trinity)
48 Joey Couch	DT	6-1	229	Fr-RS	Hager Hill (Paintsville)	97 Chuck Latimer	DT	6-5	242	Fr-HS	Lorain, Ohio (Admiral King)
49 Mike Knox	FB	5-10	209	Jr-Sq.	Louisville (Germantown)	98 Jerry Bell	DG	6-3	284	Fr-RS	Louisville (DeSales)
50 Kevin Disotelle	OG	6-3	255	Fr-RS	Houston, Texas (Northshore)	99 Doug Houser	DT	6-4	241	Jr-2L	Aliquippa, Pa. (Central)
51 Scott Rayburn	OG	6-3	241	So-Sq.	Richardson, Texas (Berkrner)						

*Injured, expected to miss remainder of the season.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Seven-game totals, through Oct. 22)

Team Stats	UK
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS.....	105
By Rushing.....	47
By Passing.....	50
By Penalty.....	8
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	859
Ave. Net Per Game.....	122.71
Rushing Attempts.....	266
Avg. Gain Per Rush.....	3.23
NET YARDS PASSING.....	1166
Avg. Net Per Game.....	166.57
Avg. Net Per Attempt.....	6.20
Passes Attempted.....	188
Passes Completed.....	91
Had Intercepted.....	11
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS.....	2025
Avg. Net Per Game.....	289.29
Total Plays.....	454
Avg. Plays Per Game.....	64.86
Avg. Gain Per Play.....	4.46
PUNTING AVERAGE.....	35.67
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.96
KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE.....	20.05
PENALTY YARDS PER GAME.....	49.29
FUMBLES LOST.....	7
TOUCHDOWNS.....	16
By Rushing.....	12
By Passing.....	3
By Return.....	1
TOTAL POINTS.....	136
Points Per Game.....	19.43

Opponent

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18.71 Jay Dortch, UK's leader in interceptions with two

Individual Rushing: Top 5

PLAYER	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Alfred Rawls.....	7	54	305	5.6	4	43.57
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	7	87	285	3.3	5	40.71
Al Baker.....	7	46	182	4.0	2	26.00
Andy Murray.....	7	20	69	3.5	1	9.86
Darren Bilberry.....	7	6	22	3.7	0	3.14

Individual Receiving: Top 5

PLAYER	G	RECP	YDS	TD	CTPG	CT.AVG
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	7	14	113	0	2.00	8.07
John Bolden.....	7	12	232	1	1.71	19.33
Phil Logan.....	7	11	188	0	1.57	17.09
Alfred Jones.....	7	10	141	0	1.43	14.10
Andy Murray.....	7	9	76	1	1.29	8.44

Field Goals

PLAYER	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Ken Willis.....	7	12	8	0.67	1.14

Punting

PLAYER	NO	AVG	G	YDS
Jeff Nelson.....	33	41.06	7	1355
Jay Tesar.....	5	36.40	7	182

Punt Returns

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Chris Tolbert.....	22	206	9	9.36	7	3.14

Kickoff Returns: Top 5

PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG	G	PGM
Ray Gover.....	1	26	0	26.00	7	0.14
Albert Burks.....	1	23	0	23.00	7	0.14
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	7	154	0	22.00	7	1.00
Alfred Rawls.....	5	108	0	21.60	7	0.71
Chris Tolbert.....	3	56	0	18.67	7	0.43

Individual Passing

PLAYER	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	RATING
Bill Allen.....	2	2	2	100.0	0	16	8.00	0	167.20
Glenn Fohr.....	7	139	66	47.48	9	908	6.53	3	96.53
Chuck Broughton.....	6	46	23	50.00	2	242	5.26	0	85.50
Andy Murray.....	7	1	0	00.00	0	0	0.00	0	00.00

Scoring: Top 5

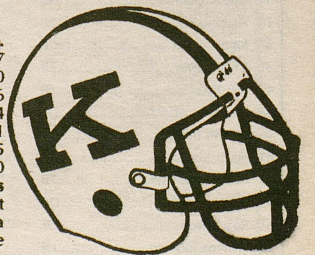
PLAYER	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PPG	FGA	XPA
Ken Willis.....	7	0	11	8	35	5.00	12	13
Ivy Joe Hunter.....	7	5	0	0	30	4.40	0	0
Alfred Rawls.....	7	4	0	0	24	3.43	0	0
Andy Murray.....	7	2	0	0	12	1.71	0	0
Al Baker.....	7	2	0	0	12	1.71	0	0

Interceptions

PLAYER	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Jay Dortch.....	7	2	0	0	0.29
Donnie Gardner.....	7	1	4	0	0.14
Albert Burks.....	7	1	0	0	0.14
David Johnson.....	7	1	4	0	0.14
Tony Massey.....	7	1	-3	0	0.14
Tony Zigman.....	7	1	3	0	0.14
Randy Holleran.....	7	1	29	0	0.14
Chris Chenault.....	7	1	14	0	0.14

Schedule/Results

UK	Opp.
18.....	Central Michigan.....
10.....	at Auburn.....
15.....	at Indiana.....
38.....	Kent State.....
27.....	Alabama.....
12.....	at LSU.....
16.....	Georgia.....
Oct. 29.....	Southern Illinois.....
Nov. 5.....	Vanderbilt.....
Nov. 12.....	Florida.....
Nov. 19.....	at Tennessee.....



Even though Tide went for win, Rose has KY ties

Potential first-round pick defends Curry

According to the University of Alabama's 1988 football roster, only one player is a native Kentuckian and he's offensive lineman Walter Underwood, a sophomore reserve from Fairdale, Ky.



Jamie Vaught
Cats' Pause Columnist

But, in case you didn't know, another offensive lineman by the name of Larry Rose, a preseason All-America selection, also has strong Kentucky connections. He has several relatives living in the Somerset area.

A 6-foot-4, 284-pound senior from Gadsden, Ala., who was recently listed as a potential NFL first-round draft pick by the *Football News*, Rose has three great aunts and several cousins living in Pulaski County. His grandfather, now deceased, grew up in Somerset.

At Alabama, Rose has already accomplished several feats during his collegiate career. As a "true" freshman in 1985, he became the first Crimson Tide performer to start the first college game of his career right out of high school since the first-year eligibility rule was reinstated in 1972. Since then, he has started every Alabama contest except for two games he missed due to injury as a sophomore.

ROSE, A FINANCE MAJOR, is married to the former Karen Nix and they have two children—Amanda, 2, and Emily, four months old. Earlier this month when Alabama visited Kentucky in Lexington, stunning the Wildcats with a come-from-behind 31-27 victory, a jubilant Rose granted a post-game interview and touched on several subjects.

Vaught: You have some relatives living in Somerset. Tell us about them.

Rose: I've got my (great) aunt Bertha and a bunch of kinfolks up in Somerset, Ky. My granddaddy was from Somerset. My whole family and I would like to say 'Hi' to them. I am sorry we had to beat Kentucky the way we did. It was a great game.

Vaught: Many scouts have said you are a potential first-round draft pick in the NFL next year. How do you feel about that?

Rose: I've got a lot of work to do. I've got to get a lot better. You know, personally, that's the way I feel. I'm not worried about that now. I'm just worried about Alabama right now and what we can do in the SEC and the nation. We've got a lot to prove but we're headed in the right direction.

Vaught: Do you have any preference about which NFL team you would like to play for?

Rose: No comment on that.

Vaught: You think you might get yourself in trouble later on, right?

Rose: Right (he smiled).

Vaught: You have played for two different coaches at Alabama—Ray Perkins and Bill Curry. How are they different?

ROSE: I BELIEVE COACH CURRY has more of a one-on-one relationship (with the players). Of course, with that, you get to know him a little better. Coach Curry is real open and he cares about you. Coach Perkins is the same, (but) it takes longer to get to know him. He is a real quiet man.

Vaught: But, for some reason, Curry has given the



Rose: Curry has respect, love of players

impression that he is a quiet man, too.

Rose: Curry may be to the outside world, but he's not to us. That's what matters to us.

Vaught: You are married with two baby kids. But, during the season you live in Bryant Hall with the rest of the players while your wife and the kids live in Gadsden, spending time with both sets of parents. Does that put a strain on your marriage?

Rose: Not really. I see them every weekend. It's (Gadsden) just a hour and a half away from the dorm. I call them every night. It's the best thing for us during the season.

Vaught: Does she miss you?

Rose: Yeah. I miss her, too. We miss each other but it's the best thing right now.

Vaught: Tell us about your team's recent off-the-field problems. People say, "If coach (Bear) Bryant was still around, none of this stuff would've taken place." Do you agree with that?

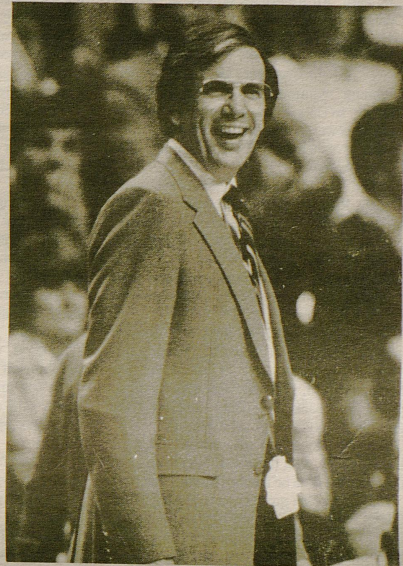
Rose: That's a matter of opinion. I think Bill Curry disciplines (the players) as much as any coach in America. We know that. We all love him. You know guys make mistakes in the summer but that happens all around the nation. It's just that Alabama is in the spotlight, and its problems are brought out more (throughout the country). We're not worried about that any more. We don't want to talk about it any more. It's in the past.

Vaught: What is your biggest moment in sports?

Rose: This one right here (Alabama's win over Kentucky). Really. With 15 seconds left on the clock and a fourth-and-goal (from the Kentucky three), we had to get the (winning) touchdown and we got it. It was just something we had to do. In the Georgia and Auburn (games) in 1985, we came back and beat them, but this one (against Kentucky) stands right up there with those games.

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MOST OF YOU HAVE HEARD about an unfortunate incident which took place in Alabama coach Bill Curry's office on the campus shortly after the Crimson Tide was upset by Ole Miss on Oct. 8. Curry's office window was broken by a hurled brick or rock.



Somehow, Sonny will find the answers

Curry has tried to treat this incident lightly, but this has made Tennessee coach Johnny Majors mad. Like Curry, Majors is in a somewhat uncomfortable position as his Vols are struggling with a 1-6 mark after finally getting their first win of the season last Saturday in Memphis.

Majors has some strong words about the incident. "I would think he wasn't a very brave (expletive)," Majors said. "It doesn't take a lot of (expletive) courage to throw a rock through somebody's window. That's kind of like the Ku Klux Klan. I bet that (expletive) never wore a red shirt. It's just like putting out a bumper sticker."

In the Knoxville area, a bumper sticker that reads "Go Johnny Go and take DeVoe" has been spotted. DeVoe is the basketball coach at Tennessee.

IN BASKETBALL, it appears that the Southeastern Conference will not have a real solid preseason favorite.

"It's harder than ever to choose a clear-cut favorite," Auburn mentor Sonny Smith said in a preseason press conference. "There have been so many Prop 48 victims and defections around the league it's hard to tell who's ahead of the pack. Florida is the most talented team but Georgia's right on their heels. I thought Georgia was a shoe-in for the favorite role until they lost Toney Mack. Tennessee and Alabama are much improved and could challenge."

"There's a three-way race for fifth place between Kentucky, LSU and Vanderbilt. Kentucky will have a lot of new faces but they have three players available who sat out last year, including two high school All-Americans. You never know what Dale Brown's going to come up with. Dale signed the best incoming freshman (Chris Jackson) in this league and he signed a 6-10 player from overseas. I don't know how well Vanderbilt will function without Will Perdue but they've got everybody else coming back."

"Mississippi State and Ole Miss make it even more difficult to make predictions. Mississippi State didn't lose anybody and they were one of the most improved teams in the conference last year. And Ole Miss has Gerald Glass who's already been projected as a first-round pro pick. A lot of folks are picking Auburn 10th and you'd almost have to be looking at this team on paper. But I gotta believe we'll find some way to win."

Even though Kentucky will struggle, it sure looks like it will be a very interesting season in the SEC.

UK's Rawls has 'dream' day

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That he would get a chance to beat Georgia, or even dream about beating Georgia, is a story unto itself. Growing up in Pitts, Ga., (by atlas about a six-inch trip from Athens), Rawls' dreams always placed him in a Dawg uniform.

After rolling up 3,740 yards and scoring 62 career touchdowns in a prep career that saw him earn All-American honors at Wilcox County High in Rochelle, Ga., Rawls was recruited hard by Georgia and eventually signed on to play with the home-standing Dawgs in February 1986. He failed to meet minimum requirements of Proposition 48, however, so Georgia farmed him out to junior-college power Northeast Oklahoma A&M, where he rushed for 808 yards and nine TDs as a sophomore.

When his juco career came to a close though, Rawls said Georgia's interest in him had cooled. And even though he was extremely close to current Georgia backs (also by way of NEO A&M) Tim Worley and Keith Henderson, Rawls opted to join another juco teammate, tight end Charlie Darrington, at Kentucky.

"I always wanted to play for Georgia because I was from Georgia," Rawls says. "But it was just lack of recruiting (on Georgia's part), plus they already had some pretty good backs. Kentucky came out there and did a good job of recruiting me."

So Kentucky's gain was Georgia's loss, in the standings, as it turns out. And it was evident the first time he touched the ball Saturday.

Late in the first quarter, starting quarterback Glenn Fohr was supposed to give the ball to Rawls on a running play designed to go left. Fohr turned the wrong way, not that it mattered. Rawls kicked back to the right, got to the outside and turned the busted play into a 20-yard pickup down to the Dawg 2. Two plays later, Ivy Joe Hunter went over left tackle for the TD, and the foundation for UK's upset of upsets had been set.

Fan from 213

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THE TIMING OF THIS WIN was very important. These are sad times at UK with the allegations hovering over the basketball program. UK's athletic program needs a rallying point. Hopefully, the football team can carry the banner. The win also was very timely, considering the football fans' bitter attitude.

By the way, I would like to extend my thanks to the fans who were at the game. There was improvement in their enthusiasm, but we still have a ways to go.

Let's look at the rest of the season.

There are four games left. The next three are at home and the last game is at Tennessee.

Saturday's game with Southern Illinois should be a victory, barring a major letdown.

Vandy, Kentucky's Nov. 5 opponent, has demonstrated that it can be dangerous offensively (just ask Florida). However, its defense remains a question.

Florida, UK's Nov. 12 opponent, has suffered crippling injuries, many which may be healed by the time these two teams play. Full strength or not, they have the athletes to be dangerous.

THAT BRINGS US to Tennessee, which won its first game of the season last Saturday against Memphis State, 38-25. Is there still anyone out there feeling pity for the Volunteers. Presently, there are several jokes being told about the Vols' current misfortunes.

One man asked another if he would like to purchase four Alabama-Tennessee tickets. The fella responded: "Yeah, do you have change for a dollar?"

Another guy returns to his car to find it broken into. The first thing he checked was to see if his four Alabama-Tennessee tickets had been taken. Instead, he found that the perpetrator had left four more tickets.

One more... someone said Tennessee was going to replace its Astro Turf with cardboard. Yes, they say the Vols look better on paper than on the field.

There are more, but we're just about to run out of space.

"It was a broken play," Rawls said. "The quarterback went the wrong way so I just cut it back the other way."

"I said, 'Wow, it's gonna be like this the whole day.'"

It wasn't that easy, although looking at the stat sheet seems to suggest otherwise. No, on this day, Rawls, who more than any other UK back seems to have an ability to shake tackles, got each and every one of his 128 yards, as John Houseman is wont to say, the "old-fashioned way." He earned them.

"Rawls' performance was super," a giddy Claiborne said, "I mean he made a lot of what we call 'yards after contact.'"

"Rawls, he just broke tackles...and he's got some speed that when he breaks that thing outside, if he's got outside position like he did on that touchdown run, he can outrun some people."

And strangely enough, with Rawls leading the way, that's how Kentucky won this game: with the running game that was so often missing in action during the early portion of the schedule.

"Our running attack was by far the best that we've had all year. It was just as good as it's ever been," the Claiborne said.

So good, in fact, that at one point, Rawls saw himself as an offensive coordinator.

"I was just telling 'em to run the ball," Rawls said with a laugh. "I think we'd had three interceptions, so I just wanted 'em to run the ball."

"He didn't have to motion me," Claiborne said with a chuckle. "I told 'em to leave him in and let him run, because he was wanting to run."

Not that he hasn't wanted to run all year. But this was Georgia. This was the Dawgs. This was something special.

"I'm just glad he didn't go to Georgia," Claiborne said.

After Saturday, coach, you can rest assured there are a lot of people around these parts that agree with you.

Oscar Combs

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pectedly we'll not miss the opportunity and you'll read about it first, in *The Cats' Pause*. Thanks, NCAA, for calling attention to our oversight.

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Now to the charge of being a "promoter" of UK athletics.

Again, I don't have to defend myself to you, our loyal subscribers. You know exactly how I stand concerning UK athletics. We call them like we see them.

We've taken a lot of flack from various UK officials from time to time. We've taken more than a little heat from some UK officials as recently as the past week or so.

Since day one back in September of 1976, this publication has been owned 100 percent by myself. There has never been any outside involvement from anyone else. You know that. It's a shame some outsiders don't understand this.

This newspaper represents exactly what *Freedom of the Press* should be all about. I don't have to answer to anyone at the University of Kentucky. I don't have to answer to any larger corporate board of directors about shrinking profit margins. I don't have to answer to any powerful

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My only responsibility is to myself and our loyal subscribers. I look into the mirror each morning and face myself. If I broke, I have only myself to blame.

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All we promise is to continue the same objective coverage, the same fair-minded columns and constructive criticisms concerning not only UK, but the Southeastern Conference and college sports as well.

Russell Rice

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ing in that game:

"We drove to Kentucky's goal line time after time and Kercheval would simply stand back and kick the ball all the way back. In those days the UC lighting system was not too good and his kicks were so high that we lost them in the lights."

Kercheval punted 11 times in that game, with long punts of 73 and 66 yards, as he averaged 47 yards per punt. He also kicked a 25-yard field goal with less than three minutes remaining to win the game 3-0.

In signing Kercheval to a Dodger contract, Kelly chose his former teammate over Tennessee All-American Beattie Feathers, who signed with the Chicago Bears and that year (1934) became the first pro back to rush for 1,000 yards. Meanwhile, Kercheval became an iron man, playing nearly 60 minutes of each game, as he had at Kentucky, during a six-year career with the Dodgers.

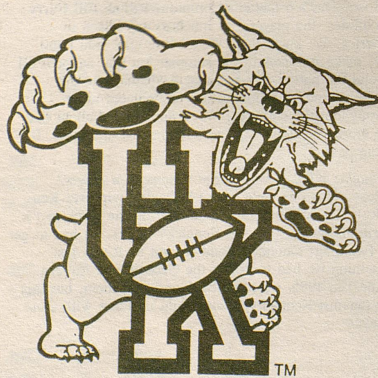
"One season I played every minute of every game, both ways, for 11 games," he recalled. "In one of the later games, I was out of play for only five minutes. And top linemen were getting \$150 and backs \$200 for a full 60-minute game."

One of his fondest memories was during his first year with Brooklyn, when the Dodgers had the ball fourth down in ankle-deep mud on the other team's 40 with the score tied 7-7. Kercheval kicked the field goal for a 10-7 Dodger victory. His longest field goal in the pros was 51 yards, his longest punt traveled 91 yards in the air against the Bears.

DURING THE OFF-SEASON, Kercheval, who had a degree in animal husbandry from UK, worked as an apprentice horse trainer, getting a leave of absence in the fall for pro football. His first full-time job was working for C.V. Whitney. He then managed Middlebrook Farm and Coldstream Stud Farm before serving in the Army during World War II. From 1941-45, he was with the Army Remount Service, with 13,000 horses at Fort Robinson, Neb. Before the war ended he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and was commanding officer at that base.

After the war, Kercheval served 10 years as manager of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's 582-acre Sagamore Farm in Glyndon, Md., where he trained the great Native Dancer. He also spent 10 years at Hurstland Farm and eventually managed Mereworth Farms, one of the largest in the nation, while serving also as the master of his own spread, the old Gallaher property, both in Fayette County.

Although "retired to a certain extent" and living at the homeplace on Richmond Road after giving up the lease on his farm, Kercheval still keeps a few horses, and has more time for golf.



Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Five Years Ago

✓ Kentucky turned the tables in the second half to upset the Louisiana State Tigers 21-13 in Baton Rouge. The homecoming crowd was stunned when the 'Cats came back to make the big plays offensively and defensively to hold on for the victory.

Individually, running back George Adams rushed for 100 yards, 67 of which came in the all-important second half. Quarterback Randy Jenkins was 11 for 18 for just 87 yards, but threw for two touchdowns. Defensively, the Wildcats held the powerful LSU rushing attack to a mere 93-yard performance.

The game started in great style for Kentucky, as on the fourth play of the contest Kerry Baird intercepted a Jeff Wickersham pass and scampered 35 yards for the game's initial touchdown. However, the rest of the

half was controlled by LSU, which is shown in the fact that UK only had 41 yards total offense in the first 30 minutes.

Louisiana State had been in Kentucky territory five times in the half, but could only manage a field goal and a touchdown, which came with just 58 seconds in the half. LSU led at the intermission 10-7.

Kentucky came out strong in the second half, scoring a touchdown midway through the third period. After holding LSU, Adams took a kickoff and scampered down the sidelines for what appeared to be another UK touchdown. However, the play was whistled back because of a UK clip.

With time running out in the fourth quarter, and UK leading 21-10, LSU had the ball on the Wildcat 11. On fourth down, Tiger boss Jerry Stovall decided against going for the touchdown and instead went for the field

goal, which was good.

After the UK offense stalled, LSU had one last chance. The Tigers moved the ball well, but on fourth and 15, LSU could only manage to gain 14 and the 'Cats held on for the win.

After going 0-10-1 the previous year, Kentucky was now 5-1 on the year and 1-1 in the conference. This week Jerry Claiborne's troops travel to Athens to battle Vince Dooley's Georgia Bulldogs.

✓ The Hall of Fame Bowl officials say the Wildcats are on the top of their list of candidates for their bowl.

Bowl officials said UK was at the top of their list once Kentucky started on its winning streak at the beginning of the season. Already, Hall of Fame Bowl officials have been in the pressbox for two of Kentucky's games.

Eight Years Ago

✓ Tulane pulled a miracle out of the hat, with the aid of two pass interference calls, to beat Kentucky 24-22 in New Orleans' famed Superdome. The Green Wave trailed 22-21 and had the ball on its own eight-yard line with just 12 seconds left.

The game was seemingly over. Think again.

One interference call gave Tulane the ball at the UK 45, with five seconds left. Tulane quarterback Nickie Hall then threw a 'Hail Mary' pass to the UK five-yard line, and pass interference was ruled again. There was no time left on the clock but a game cannot end on a penalty. So, on the contest's last play, Vince Manella connected on a 22-yard field goal for the Tulane win.

"They (Tulane) didn't win, as far as I'm concerned," said defensive back Chris Jacobs, who was involved in one of those critical pass interference calls. "It (the call) was a pretty punk thing for him (the official) to do. After it happened, I just looked over to the ref and said a few things."

Kentucky had battled back from a 21-3 halftime deficit. But the Wildcats took the lead when Larry McCrimmon hit Greg Wimberly for an 18-yard score with 4:05 left. The Wildcat offense produced 464 yards, 228 coming on the arm of McCrimmon.

"This is very difficult for us to take," said Wildcat coach Fran Curci after his team dropped to 2-6 on the year. "This is the worst I have ever seen anywhere. They were violent in the locker room. I have never seen anything like it, for young people to be absolutely abused like that. It is shocking."

Curci went on to add: "We weren't going to win that game no matter what we did. That is the bottom line. There was no way we're coming in here tonight and beating these guys. It just wasn't in the books."

Nine Years Ago

✓ In what is becoming a common occurrence for the Kentucky football team these days, the Wildcats won the battle but lost the war Saturday in Baton Rouge as the 'Cats dropped a 23-19 contest to LSU.

Kentucky outgained the Tigers all over the field with seven more first downs and 116 more yards on the ground.

Behind the direction of freshman quarterback Terry Henry, who led UK to long drives in each of the first three quarters, UK led 19-3 midway through the third period. A pass interference call against the 'Cats and later two fumbles set up the hosts scores as they rallied behind the capacity gathering of Tiger faithful.

Shawn Donnigan led the Wildcats' rushing attack with 138 yards while Henry gained 122. Donnigan's total came in 28 carries and

was a career high. In his first collegiate start, Henry also passed for 126 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

✓ The Tennessee Jayvee team defeated the Kentucky Jayvee squad 29-18 in Knoxville. The Vols were able to hold on to a 15-8 intermission lead.

Quarterback Rob Mangas led UK in two second-half scoring drives. The first score came on a one-yard run by Rodney Francis, the second on a nifty end-around by Billy Prewitt. Mangas started the second half and connected on four of seven passes for 101 yards.

Mike Lindsay was UK's leading rusher with 21 yards. The Vols outgained UK 252-135 on the ground, 131-113 in the air.

Twelve Years Ago

✓ One week after knocking off LSU, Kentucky failed in an effort to make it two in a row by dropping a 31-7 decision to Georgia in Lexington.

Kentucky played much better than the final outcome indicated as it actually outgained the Bulldogs 344 yards to 329 and accumulated 18 first downs to 16 for Georgia. The Bulldogs led 10-7 at the half after Derrick Ramsey's touchdown had tied the score at seven-all.

A UK fumble set up Georgia's next score then Ray Goff surprised everyone with an 87-yard scoring strike to Gene Washington.

Greg Woods led UK with 87 yards on the ground. UK is now 4-3 on the season.

✓ The University of Kentucky Lady Kats are preparing for their first season under coach Debbie Yow, who only recently became one of the first full-time women's basketball coaches in the country. At the same time UK decided to name Yow as coach, the administration also decided to begin giving women scholarships.

Sue Feamster, is now director of women's athletics at UK.

Fourteen Years Ago

✓ A fumble and two short punts were responsible for the Kentucky Wildcats' downfall in a 24-20 loss to Georgia.

The Bulldogs scored three touchdowns on drives of 26, 41 and 30 yards. The Wildcats outgained the Bulldogs 320 to 258.

Sonny Collins led the UK attack with 147 yards.

Thirty Two Years Ago

✓ With just 2:10 remaining in the game, UK quarterback Kenny Robertson found end John Cornelius for a 43-yard scoring strike and a 14-7 Wildcat win, ruining a homecoming game for the Georgia fans in Athens, Ga.

The play came after a 15-yard penalty had apparently wiped out UK's scoring chance on the previous play. Kentucky scored in the first quarter, with little Ivan Curmutte scoring from 20 yards out.

UK is now 3-3 on the year. ✓ The Kentucky Kittens snapped a Cincinnati Bearcat 19-game winning streak as they rolled to an impressive 39-7 triumph before 2,000 fans at Stoll Field.

Sensational halfback Glenn Shaw from Paducah scored on runs of 56, 59 and 10 yards, plus he caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jerry Eisaman.

In all, Shaw ran five times for 139 yards.

✓ The University of Tennessee's Johnny Majors, a wisp of a tailback and a triple-threat master, currently is No. 1 in the eyes of the All-American Advisory Board for the Southeastern Conference edging out the University of Kentucky's terrific tackle, Lou Michaels.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Where are they from?

1. Paducah is the hometown of which of the following Wildcats?

- a) Chris Tolbert
- b) Glenn Fohr
- c) Billy Swanson
- d) Chuck Broughton

2. Louisville Trinity produced which of the following?

- a) Vic Adams
- b) Ken Willis
- c) Mike Pfeifer
- d) Oliver Barnett

3. Which of the Wildcats played basketball and football at Jeffersontown?

- a) Jay Tesar
- b) Ron Robinson
- c) Oliver Barnett
- d) Ray Gover

4. Jerry Claiborne is a native of which Bluegrass city?

- a) Hopkinsville
- b) Paducah
- c) Beaver Dam
- d) Henderson

5. Where is reserve quarterback Freddie Maggard is from?

- a) Harlan
- b) Cincinnati
- c) Bowling Green
- d) Cumberland

6. Defensive back David Johnson hails

from which of the following Louisville schools?

- a) Louisville Central
- b) Louisville Male
- c) Louisville Ballard
- d) Louisville PRP

7. True or False? Jay Tesar is from Bardstown.

8. Middlesboro produced which of the following defensive players?

- a) Vic Adams
- b) Donnie Gardner
- c) Chris Tolbert
- d) Tony Massey

9) Jay Dortch is from which western Kentucky city?

- a) Mayfield
- b) Paducah
- c) Owensboro
- d) Fulton

10) This Lexington product played for Jake Bell Henry Clay's Blue Devils. Who is he?

- a) Sterling Ward
- b) John Bolden
- c) Chris Chenault
- d) Mike Nord

Answers

- 1) Louisville Male
- 2) Mike Pfeifer
- 3) Oliver Barnett
- 4) Hopkinsville
- 5) Cumberland
- 6) Paducah
- 7) False (Jeffersontown)
- 8) Vic Adams
- 9) Paducah
- 10) Chris Chenault

- 1) Billy Swanson
- 2) Mike Pfeifer
- 3) Oliver Barnett
- 4) Hopkinsville
- 5) Cumberland

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