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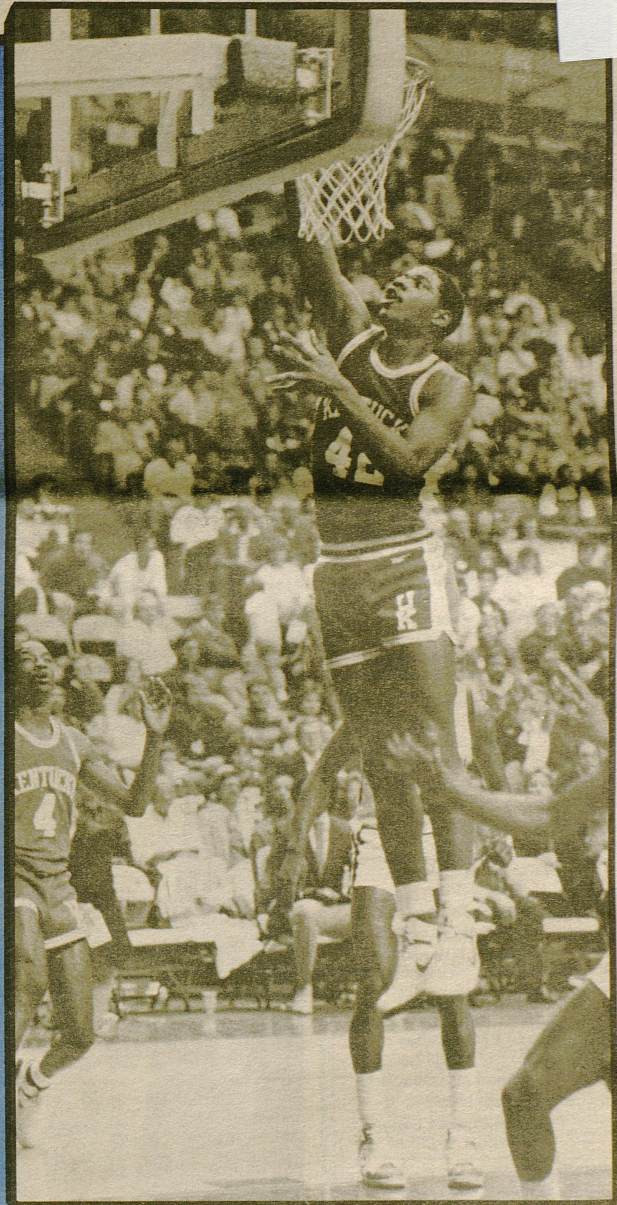
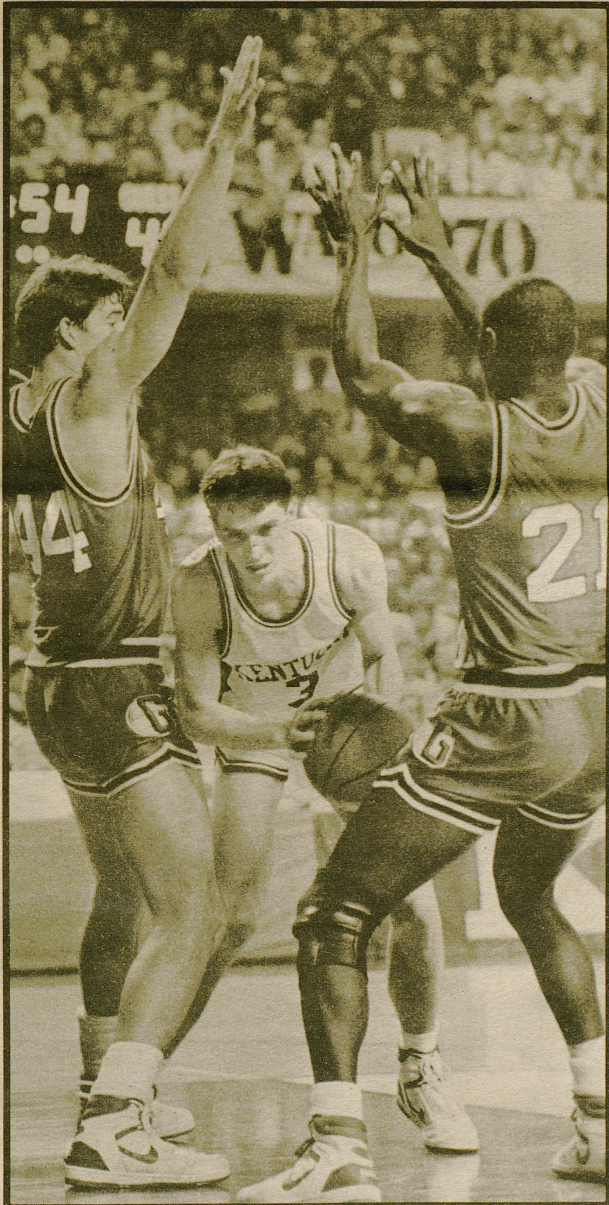


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# Cat Stats

Chapman Leading Kentucky In Scoring And Assists;  
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9-GAME STATISTICS

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS (7-2 Overall; 1-1 SEC)  
(3-0 Home; 2-1 Away; 0-1 Neutral)

C	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3PT	3PTA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Ant	To	Blk	Stl	Pts	AVG
CHAPMAN, REX	9	300	33.3	60	122	49.2	28	56	50.0	12	21	57.1	18	2.0	13	1	31	20	3	13	160	17.8
DAVENDER, ED	9	299	33.2	51	109	46.8	2	18	11.1	42	56	75.0	32	3.6	18	1	29	17	17	146	16.2	
MILLER, DERRICK	9	174	19.3	25	53	47.2	16	32	50.0	6	13	46.2	32	3.6	14	6	14	2	6	72	8.0	
LOCK, ROBERT	9	200	22.2	31	51	60.8	9	18	50.0	9	18	50.0	49	5.4	28	1	4	13	10	8	71	7.9
BLACKMON, JAMES	9	249	27.7	25	49	51.0	5	14	35.7	11	23	47.8	27	3.0	20	1	20	12	1	15	68	7.3
MADISON, RICHARD	9	293	32.6	23	45	51.1	1	16	26	61.5	75	8.3	23	1.6	21	4	4	4	4	62	6.9	
THOMAS, IRVING	9	212	23.6	23	43	53.5	13	27	48.1	48	5.3	32.2	9	1.9	3	8	3	8	59	6.6		
ANDREWS, PAUL	4	56	14.0	2	4	50.0	1	2	50.0	3	8	37.5	3	0.8	4	1	2	3	5	1.3		
SHIGOR, TERRY	3	7	2.3	1	4	25.0	3	8	37.5	3	8	37.5	3	0.8	4	1	2	3	5	1.3		
JENKINS, CEDRIC	3	3	1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
ZIEGLER, TODD	3	7	2.3	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7	
BRUCE, STEVE	3	7	2.3	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7	
TEAM	9	1800	200.0	261	482	50.0	51	122	41.8	110	187	58.8	299	33.2	163	7	116	119	23	74	643	71.4
WILDCATS	9	1800	200.0	211	487	43.3	26	79	32.9	116	167	69.5	288	32.0	189	8	95	151	15	54	564	62.7
OPPONENTS	9	1800	200.0	261	482	50.0	51	122	41.8	110	187	58.8	299	33.2	163	7	116	119	23	74	643	71.4

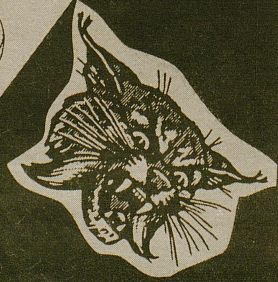


UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record UK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 29	1-0	71	69 Austin Peay	2	20 DAVENDER, ED	6 MADISON, RICHARD	22,630 (H)
Dec. 02	2-0	66	60 Texas Tech	6	23 DAVENDER, ED	7 THOMAS, IRVING	21,805 (H)
Dec. 06	2-1	66	71 Indiana	5	26 CHAPMAN, REX	10 THOMAS, IRVING	17,232 (A)
Dec. 13	3-1	71	56 Lamar	15	16 DAVENDER, ED	7 MADISON, RICHARD	23,123 (H)
Dec. 19	4-1	75	59 Iowa	15	19 LOCK, ROB	11 LOCK, ROB	22,723 (H)
Dec. 20	5-1	81	69 Boston	16	19 LOCK, ROB	15 MADISON, RICHARD	23,240 (H)
Dec. 27	6-1	85	51 Louisville	12	26 CHAPMAN, REX	15 MADISON, RICHARD	19,513 (A)
Dec. 27	6-1	85	51 Louisville	34	26 CHAPMAN, REX	9 MADISON, RICHARD	20,053 (L'ville)
Dec. 30	6-2	65	69 Georgia	4	16 DAVENDER, ED	11 LOCK, ROB	12,347 (A)
Jan. 03	7-2	63	60 Auburn	3	24 CHAPMAN, REX		

REMAINING GAMES

Jan. 07	Alabama	(H)
Jan. 10	Tennessee	(A)
Jan. 12	Mississippi State	(H)
Jan. 14	Florida	(H)
Jan. 18	LSU	(A)
Jan. 21	Vanderbilt	(H)
Jan. 25	Navy	(A)
Jan. 29	Ole Miss	(H)
Jan. 31	Mississippi State	(H)
Feb. 04	Auburn	(A)
Feb. 07	Alabama	(H)
Feb. 11	Tennessee	(A)
Feb. 14	Florida	(H)
Feb. 19	Vanderbilt	(A)
Feb. 21	LSU	(H)
Feb. 25	Georgia	(H)
Feb. 28	Ole Miss	(H)
Mar. 01	Oklahoma	(H)





## Oscar L. Combs

Cats' Pause Publisher



# Looking Forward To '87 Shootout — SEC Style

It's going to be some kind of a year.

Just when it appeared Kentucky could be facing a long, cold winter, Eddie Sutton gently put the branding iron to his thoroughbreds and out they race with one of the biggest upsets of the Sutton era.

Kentucky's 63-60 upset victory over the Auburn Tigers Saturday night on the road put the Wildcats right back in the thick of the Southeastern Conference race and re-established the Big Blue Machine as one of the top contenders.

Not only did the Wildcats whip the league's highest ranked team on its home court, UK also gained revenge for its only regular season conference loss of a year ago.

Auburn, ranked the nation's No. 5 team by *The Associated Press*, figured to get off to a flying start by turning back the visiting Wildcats and saddle the Kentuckians with their second straight SEC loss.

But this has not started out as the year of the home team.

Far from it.

To date, there have been eight SEC contests. Would you believe the visiting team has won six of those eight contests? SEC coaches certainly can't complain about officiating on the road thus far.

First, you had Vanderbilt shocking LSU in Baton Rouge and Alabama edging Georgia in Athens on the same night. So much for a rarity.

But that was only the beginning.

Georgia, considered down after losing to 'Bama at home, walked into jammed-packed Freedom Hall and did a number on Kentucky after the 'Cats had just finished thrashing Louisville 85-51.

Non-believers still didn't flinch.

But that changed Saturday.

Florida walked into Athens and bounced the Bulldogs 87-80 leaving Georgia with a 1-2 SEC mark. Can you believe this one? One win (on the road at Kentucky) and two losses (both at home).

Kentucky then upset Auburn.

And finally, Tennessee.

Coach Don DeVoe and his Vols had lost 14 consecutive road contests in the Southeastern Conference.

The Vols journeyed west to meet arch-rival Vanderbilt, a team which is being labeled as one of the nation's biggest surprises. And it was supposed to be another sweet win for Vandy which raced out to a 9-1 record before losing back-to-back squeakers in the Sugar Bowl tourney.

All Tennessee did was to snap its 14-game streak with a convincing 81-72 victory which really wasn't that close.

Just how close?

Well, DeVoe's charges wanted to take no chances in this one and jumped to an incredible 23-3 lead in the game's first five minutes. Can you imagine the deathly silence at Vandy's Memorial Gym?

This is not to suggest that there will be more victories than losses for visiting teams this season.

It merely proves there is so much balance in the SEC that no one is assured of a victory just because the game is being played on one's homecourt.

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The SEC race is only a week old, but it isn't too soon for fans to begin sizing up just which teams are expected to challenge for regular season honors.

Alabama and Florida stand atop the league standings with perfect 2-0 marks and both have earned the co-leaders' role by pulling an upset win on the road.

Tennessee is in third place with a 1-0 mark while Kentucky and Vanderbilt are 1-1. In sixth place is Georgia at 1-2, followed by Mississippi State and Auburn at 0-1. LSU is 0-2 and Ole Miss' SEC opener was set for Monday evening.

The top five teams, ironically, all have won at least one game on the road during the league's first week of action.

With two full months of action remaining, this certainly no time to write anyone off. Nevertheless, each and every SEC game is vital in a year when there are so many excellent teams.

There are two very big games on Wednesday when Kentucky entertains Alabama and Auburn hosts Georgia. If either Kentucky or Auburn harbors any hopes of winning the league title, a victory is a must at home.

An Alabama win Wednesday would put Wimp Sanderson in a very early contender's role. Such a victory would be 'Bama's second road victory and would give UK its second homecourt SEC loss. That could spell curtains for Kentucky's drive to successfully defend its league title.

Meanwhile, preseason favorite Auburn hopes to bounce back after being stung by Kentucky on Saturday. Sonny Smith's Tigers are favored, but a mental letdown could prove fatal.

After playing before the school's 11th largest crowd (12,347), Auburn will likely have fewer than 7,000 show up for the Georgia contest. While Georgia has suffered its own problems at home, it was the road (in Louisville) where Hugh Durham's Dogs got well at Kentucky's expense last week.

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Things will really heat up this weekend.

Kentucky travels to SEC arch-rival Tennessee, Alabama hosts Vanderbilt, Auburn journeys to Mississippi State, LSU welcomes Georgia and Florida is at Ole Miss.

Florida will have no trouble at Ole Miss. Alabama will prevail over Vanderbilt. Auburn will get well at the expense of Mississippi State and Georgia will nose out home-standing LSU.

That leaves Kentucky at Tennessee.

In years past, nothing has been more definite than a Big Orange win over Kentucky in Knoxville.

Prior to last season, UK had lost 10 of its last 11 games with Tennessee in Knoxville. In fact, the last Kentucky win came during the 'Cats' national championship drive in 1978.

With the arrival of Eddie Sutton came a change in luck for Kentucky as the 'Cats posted a hard-earned 62-60. Never mind that the two-point victory came during a disappointing 12-16 UT campaign. For Kentucky,

any win is Knoxville is cause for rejoicing.

Will Sutton be able to pull off a second straight miracle?

Without question, Tennessee is a vastly improved club over a year ago. It's more experienced, has three very quality players in Fred Jenkins, Tony White and Dyrone Nix, and sophomore pivotman Doug Roth will be the key to a big year for DeVoe.

This is mighty early to talk about being a pivotal game for either club, but it will be just that. The winner will finish in the top division with a shot at being a title contender. The loser will settle around the middle of the pack.

A real shootout could be in the making between Kentucky's talented guard trio and Tennessee's great scoring artists, White and Jenkins.

Defense will be the difference. Kentucky will win another close one, but to keep everyone happy I'll take Tennessee by three. (In case you're wondering, yours truly picked UL over UK, Kentucky over Georgia and Auburn over the Wildcats).

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If someone would have bet you on Nov. 20 that Kentucky wouldn't be sporting a 7-2 win-loss mark on Jan. 4 with a 34-point win over Louisville and an upset win on the road at Auburn, you could have name the odds and you'd be a pretty rich fellow right now.

What Eddie Sutton has done with this team is nothing short of a minor miracle. The miracle is more in the form of how he's fashioned the 7-2 mark than the mark itself.

Going with seven players for the most part, Sutton has mixed his playing time to perfection and has avoided, for the most part, any serious foul problems which could have put the 'Cats in some very dangerous situations.

One of the quickest ways to pick up cheap fouls is to become tired. Another stroke of magnificent coaching as Eddie has mastered his game plan of keeping his outnumbered troops fresh throughout the games. Only one has UK been in serious foul trouble.

Perhaps the greatest blessing among all the illnesses and injuries has been opportunity for ample playing time for those left in uniform.

Had Winston Bennett, Cedric Jenkins, Paul Andrews and others been in uniform, people like Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller certainly would have seen much less playing time.

Richard Madison and Irving Thomas would have been used much less, in all probability. Now, they all have valuable experience and the club should be better off when NCAA tournament time rolls around in March.

Jenkins is slowly working his way back but only time will provide a complete recovery and it's too early to say just when he'll be able to really contribute.

Andrews is regaining his old form and showed signs of coming back in the Auburn game.

Right now, the big question surrounds 6-11 sophomore Mike Scott who has been working out with the 'Cats since late last month. He will become eligible to play on Jan. 18 when UK hosts LSU on national television.

He should be a big boost to the Cats' front line.

All in all, Kentucky should be a pretty competitive team by tournament time. The only real concern is the 'Cats compiling a record good enough to be invited even if UK doesn't win the SEC.

There was a time when Kentucky feared facing the prospects of having to win the tourney to get an invitation. Upset wins over Louisville and Auburn have put UK in a position where the 'Cats should be able to control their own destiny, long before March 8.

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**HITS AND MISSES** . . . Super frosh **Rex Chapman** continues to draw oohs and aahs everywhere he pops up. The Owensboro Apollo product put the pin to Auburn's balloon Saturday night with three three-pointers to break a 29-29 tie and send UK on its way to the 63-60 win. Said *Birmingham News* sportswriter Kevin Scarbinsky, "It is a measure of Chapman's brilliance that, in the ninth game of his college career, he can force one of the top 10 teams in the country to alter its game . . . In one stretch in the second half, Chapman hit five three-pointers in seven minutes. If Auburn wants lessons on how to play with the new three-point rule, they might inquire whether Chapman hires out for clinics." Scarbinsky was referring to Auburn coach **Sonny Smith's** postgame comments which indicated that Auburn wasn't prepared to stop Chapman and that "Chapman made us play differently than we wanted to play" . . . Driving over to Auburn for the Wildcats' game were Cedric Jenkins' parents, **Allie** and **S.A. Jenkins** . . . Also making the game were UK president and Mrs. **Otis Singletary** who were returning from the Sugar Bowl . . . The big talk around Auburn over the weekend was the coaching vacancy at Alabama where Georgia Tech coach **Bill Curry** was finally hired. Duke coach and Alabama grad **Steve Sloan** was named the new athletics director at 'Bama . . . How long will it be before **Howard Schnellenberger** leaves Louisville for greater opportunities? Apparently not long. Howard shocked many football followers when he was quoted in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* as being very interested in the Alabama job if Alabama was interested in him. That doesn't sound like a man who plans to be around for a national championship team at Cardinal Stadium. That apparently wasn't the first job Howard has been interested in recently. Supposedly, friends of Howard had dribbled his name around the LSU job a few weeks ago and a Birmingham report over the weekend said **Florida State** officials had already talked with Howard about taking over there had **Bobby Bowden** been named coach at Alabama. The latest word has Howard in line for the head coaching job with the **Atlanta Falcons**. Former Louisville sports columnist **Dave Kindred** wrote an article in an Atlanta paper last Friday suggesting that the Falcons should consider such an appointment. Stay tuned . . . Do you like the new three-point shot? If you say yes, you're in for some good news.

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VIEWPOINT  
Letters To The Editor



## We Dare You

Dear Sir:

My friend and I really enjoy reading *The Cats' Pause*. Just before the UK-U of L game we read a letter in *Viewpoint* from Robert Dishman ("Put Up Or Shut Up", Dec. 27 issue of *TCP*).

Well, Robert, the real Kentucky team is the University of Kentucky Wildcats!!! If last year's victory was luck and homecourt advantage, then what was this year's awesome victory over Louisville? Eddie Sutton (America's *Real Coach*) should not have called Louisville UK's little brother because big brothers aren't that cruel.

We dare you, Mr. Dishman, to shut up because Eddie and Rex (Chapman) put up!

Loyal UK fans,

Greg Johnson & Brian Scantland  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

## Only Wants Good News

Dear Sir:

I was very disappointed with one of your columns concerning the Kentucky and Louisville basketball game. I felt while reading Oscar Comb column that he thought more of Louisville.

He stated that Kentucky had no business being on the same floor with this collection of Louisville talent. Now that is laughable! I realize that Kentucky doesn't have an inside game, but their guards are so superior to that of Louisville's that I feel that they have a good chance of winning the basketball game. If the publisher is going to continue to put the 'Cats down in the future, I think he should move to Louisville where he can feel at home and let someone who is truly a lover of Kentucky sports have his job. Us Kentucky fans don't want the bad points emphasized, we want to hear the good things about our team.

An Angry Fan,

Pam Walden  
Bronston, Kentucky

**(Editor's note: Ms. Walden, as long as we are in the newspaper business, and as long as we are covering the University of Kentucky, we at TCP will continue to try to be objective. That means emphasizing the "bad" points along with the "good" points.)**

## Bragging Rights

Dear Sir:

Mr. Dishman—PUT UP AND SHUT UP!  
In reference to your letter to *The Cats' Pause* dated Dec. 27, 1986. I believe you can now see how good of a (coach?) Denny Crum is.

I suppose this will give UK the bragging rights for some time now, after all, we just gave "America's Coach"—Mr. Crum his worst defeat ever.

I hope you get to sit back and enjoy our 'Cats—"America's Team" and "America's Real Coach"—Eddie Sutton, as much as everyone else will.

Now that UK has proven they CAN PUT UP, I believe that my friends at Rupp Arena will agree with me that it is time for you to SHUT UP!

GO 'CATS!

Sincerely,

Jay Raymond  
Cromwell, Kentucky

# Hated, Mistrusted And Misunderstood

That Pretty Much Sums Up The NCAA

It's called the National Collegiate Athletic Association. You're right. It's as stuffy as it sounds.

The organization, or corporation, what have you, is one of the most controversial around. The NCAA has caused more confusion and frustration than any other sports entity in the history of mankind.

You know the reasons for this. Any sports fan that reads the daily newspapers or weekly magazines has read about the NCAA and its ruler, executive director Walter Byers.

Byers, the bespectacled, low-key, 64-year-old patriarch who never earned a college degree, has built the NCAA into an ominous em-



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

pire that nearly everyone hates, mistrusts or misunderstands.

Did you hear the shouts of joy through the land when Byers announced earlier last year that he would retire in 1988? Most of the 991-member institutions are still celebrating.

Why is this true? Because the NCAA has a growing reputation for a lack of professionalism in its dealings with the schools. You've heard or read of its secret investigations, lack of communication, confusing rule book that nobody understands, and practically paranoid, arrogant attitude towards anyone outside the NCAA realm in Mission, Kansas.

### Oh, No — What Have We Done This Time?

To give you an example of what's going on right now in the collegiate world, at least 25 schools are currently on probation by the NCAA, most of them not really sure what they did wrong in the first place.

One of those schools is Northeast Louisiana's women's basketball program, currently on suspension for what was termed "the illegal recruitment of prep star Chana Perry." Northeast Louisiana officials are still trying to figure out what went wrong, charging that the 411-page NCAA manual is so ambiguous and assinine, it's a wonder everybody isn't breaking the rules and doesn't know about it.

There are several schools not on probation that have suffered from NCAA sanctions they considered unfair or severe. Many SEC schools, besides the University of Kentucky (which was once penalized for the deadly sin of giving a recruit a pair of basketball shoes and a t-shirt), are currently under some sort of penalty for doing something wrong.

Earlier this season, the University of Nebraska had 60 players on its football team temporarily suspended for selling their complimentary game tickets for profit. According to some of the Nebraska players, they were told by the NCAA that selling the tickets at face value was alright, that they were looking into changing the rule, but later informed it wasn't. The school later won an appeal of the ruling.

Or take last season, for another example, when basketball star Steve Alford of Indiana University was suspended for one game because he posed in street clothes for a sorority calendar that was sponsoring a local charity. Alford wasn't paid for the pose, but he paid a severe penalty, missing the Kentucky game at Rupp Arena.

Alford supposedly broke some sort of NCAA rule. It must be a pretty silly rule for him to have been penalized for helping charity.

### Phone Book Makes Better Reading

Have you read the NCAA manual? I haven't read the whole thing, only parts of it. I couldn't make it through it. The wording is difficult to follow and lacking in common sense. It's been called out-moded, complicated and inhumane, 411 pages of gobbleygook.

It's no wonder most of the schools don't know when they're breaking the rules.

The NCAA is currently trying to revise the manual, which includes over 100 pages of rules. Secretary/treasurer Wilford S. Bailey of Auburn University in the Southeastern Conference is heading a committee in charge of the revision. Bailey has called it the "most massive undertaking he's ever been involved in."

In the NCAA manual are the NCAA constitutions, its bylaws, its rules of order and executive regulations, enforcement procedures and a case book that lists hypothetical situations and their solutions.

I would recommend you read it, but it's not on the best-sellers list. Another problem people have with the NCAA, of course, is Byers

himself. Byers, the first and only executive director, has been in charge for 35 years, since 1951.

Byers was 29 when he took over the NCAA, beginning with a three-member staff in a sparse, 2nd floor office above a saloon in downtown Kansas City. The NCAA offices are now inside a modern, two-building complex in Mission, with 115 employees and a budget of \$57.4 million.

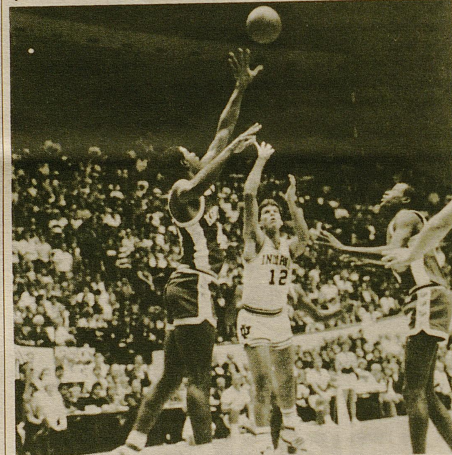
Byers has a reputation as a brilliant organizer, a workaholic, a stickler for propriety and detail and for shunning the limelight. He never takes vacations and makes his employees work on Saturdays and Sundays.

Twice-married and divorced, with three grown children, Byers has a 3,000-acre cattle and horse farm and makes considerably more than his \$10,000 a year salary he made in 1951.

Byers is a perfect representative for the NCAA, an organization that is a lot like parents. It makes the rules. You follow them. And don't talk back!

With big-time sports beset by charges of illegal recruiting and payoffs to players, the NCAA adopted its so-called "death penalty" rule at its convention last January. The rule allows the NCAA to ban a school from playing a sport if it is caught cheating in twice. Some schools have already been threatened with the 2-year suspension.

A good example of this is Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. SMU has been to four bowl games and ranked amongst the nation's Top 10 teams at least twice, but now the school's president has resigned and its athletic director and head football



Hardened Criminal Steve Alford

coach have been fired. All of this came about because of an NCAA investigation that uncovered the broken rules while the school was already on probation.

Incidents like this don't help the NCAA's image, and many university administrators are afraid of future "death penalties" that they feel are part of the NCAA's way of saving face with the general public.

Another fact tarnishing the image of the NCAA is Wichita State's recent decision to drop football as a sport after 90 years of playing with the pigskin because of a lack of funds. Many wonder why the NCAA, with its huge budget, couldn't rescue Wichita State, or help save many of the 20 other schools having financial difficulty with the major sport.

It didn't help any when the NCAA recently inked a lucrative deal with CBS Television to cover the NCAA Tournament through 1990. CBS, which has held the tournament since 1982, signed a three-year package worth over \$166 million, up considerably from the previous three-year, \$98 million contract. Of the \$57.4 million budget, \$43.8 million came from the men's basketball tournament. Of the \$57.5 million, only \$1.4 million is brought in by football. Thus, football programs at the smaller institutions across the country are suffering.

One more item to discuss. The NCAA investigative unit includes 25 full-time and 12 part-time employees. Most of these "investigators" run around with little supervision from the NCAA. The NCAA says it's impossible to keep up with what they do and how they go about it.

So there. That's the NCAA. Impressed? Hardly. Who cares? Everyone. What's going to be done about it? Who knows? Maybe we'll find out after 1988.

# Time To Outlaw Freshman Eligibility

Another Installment Of "What If" Game

A couple of months have passed since this space was occupied by a "What If" column. Well, you're probably wondering, "it can't be, not another one." I'm sorry to disappoint you but, yes, it's another one of those column which might ask the question:

**What if...** next season the NCAA decides to do away with the three-point shot?

Kentucky's Eddie Sutton would probably take that famous sab-bathical he's been saving for a horrid situation.

Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller have proved the three-pointer from 19' 9" is too simple to be worth an extra point. Three more

Trying to get settled during the first year in your college sur-roundings is difficult, and even more difficult than past years. If you haven't noticed—there's more competition in the job market. It's very important for a collegiate freshman to get a good head start in the classroom.

Mental and physical strains can easily occur when trying to "get off on the right foot." Making the transition from high school to



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Cats' Pause Columnist

years from this short of distance and Miller could be destined for the 1,000-point club. Chapman? It's too scary to even ponder.

Not everyone, however, has two guys like Chapman and Miller. Those who follow the hoop scene seem to be against this bonus baby.

Sutton was right, the shot has had an impact on college basket-ball. The coaching is different. The pace of the game has picked



Sutton Using Three-Pointer Well. . .

up. Hot-shooting prospects instead of towering centers are now the apple of recruiters' eyes.

It's this simple, you're in love with the shot if you've got the three-point bombardiers. . . You despise the shot if your squad consists of members from that infamous housebuilding team, other-wise known as the boys from *Bricklaying Construction Co.*

### Three-Point Shooters Changing Game Plans

Chalk it up to good ole human nature. What one holds close to their heart another would be jealous of. Of course Kentucky, North Carolina and Nevada Las Vegas fans, to name a few, love it. If I had guys like Kenny Smith and Jeff Lebo, Gerald Paddio, or Chapman and Miller, I, too, would make sure no one removes the 19' 9" line from my basketball court.

And sure, Louisville and other teams which don't have outstanding guard play hate it.

What the NCAA probably should do is extend the three-point line. Possibly from 23 feet 5 inches—NBA style.

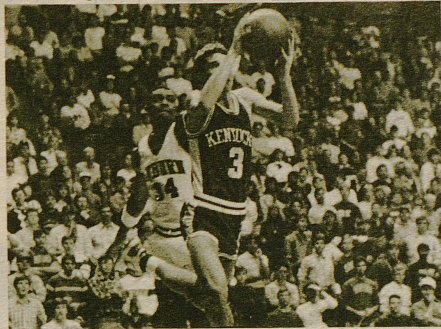
**What if...** freshman eligibility is outlawed next season?

If you think Eddie would be upset if the three-point shot was erased from the college map, I wonder if he could live with this situation. Almost everyone knows that Kentucky landed six recruits during last November's early signing date.

"We've got help on the way," is familiar statement these days in the repertoire of quotable quotes from Eddie Sutton.

This writer, meanwhile, is not in favor of freshman eligibility. Before you send those "Are you crazy?" letters to yours truly, let me give an opinion.

Please. Pretty please.



...So Is Freshman Rex Chapman

college courses can be a scary predicament.

Place a basketball, football or a baseball, in the freshman's hand and *presto* you have instant trouble.

Minor sports—golf, tennis, track, etc.—are even worse. Players involved in minor sports sometimes are gone on the road for a week's period. Tell me if you please, how can a freshman get a quick grasp on his or her school work if they miss so many classes.

Now, if college coaches were serious about higher standards in academics instead of wins and losses they would see things my way. That is, if they were *really* serious about the future of their players.

What I would propose the NCAA to do is give the incoming student/athletes four years of eligibility following their first year. I also would allow those first-year players the opportunity to practice with the squad.

This way they would get the best of both worlds.

Jerry Claiborne's philosophy of redshirting freshman players (unless they possess outstanding athletic ability) is beneficial in the long run to the student/athlete.

While UK's gridiron success on the field could stand some improvement, the football Wildcats have shined in the classroom. Claiborne's pupils for the past three seasons have led the SEC in all-Academic selections. That's what is really important!

season? The site might even be where Dream Game VI turned into Cream Puff VI. Yes, Louisville and Freedom Hall will host the Southeast Regional finals.

### Should 'Cats Have Drilled U of I So Bad?

Remember the '75 season when Indiana embarrassed Kentucky by 23 points in Bloomington. Well, Joe B. Hall and Kentucky didn't easily forget. Kentucky decided turnout was fair play. In the un-forgettable 1975 Midwest Regional finals in Dayton, UK led by Kevin Grevey, Jimmy Dan Conner, Mike Flynn and a host of others upset the No. 1 Hoosiers, 92-90.

Kentucky's 34-point conquest over Louisville easily could blow up in the 'Cats' faces if the two teams were to do battle again this year. The Cards are too talented and Denny Crum's too good of a leader to not use this recent embarrassment to the Red and Black's advantage.

If Dream Game VII is played before next season, you'd have to believe the Cards will be prepared this time around.

**What if...** college athletes were paid a considerable amount of cash for their athletic services. On a recent NFL television show (CBS) Brian Bosworth of Oklahoma said he favored college athletes to be paid for their performances. What's next. . . high school players to get mucho dinero? After that Pee Wee football stars will be wanting to negotiate a contract or be traded to the nearest team in the neighborhood.

Let's keep amateur and pro standings apart. Because he's eligi-ble for the draft (due to his early completion in undergraduate work) Bosworth should jump to the National Football League.

So ends another exciting, stimulating and gratifying episode of "WHAT IF." One day it might appear again in this same space. You can't wait can you?

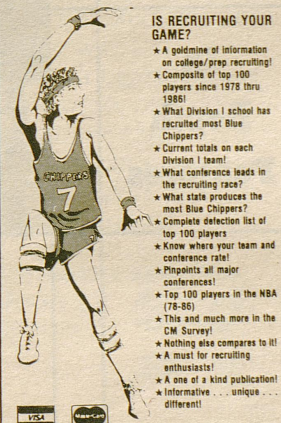
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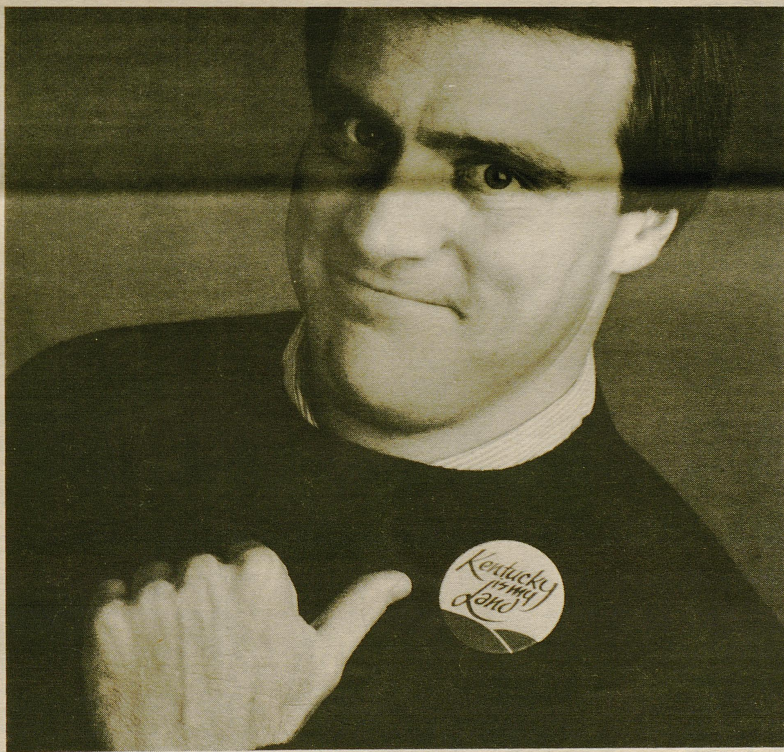
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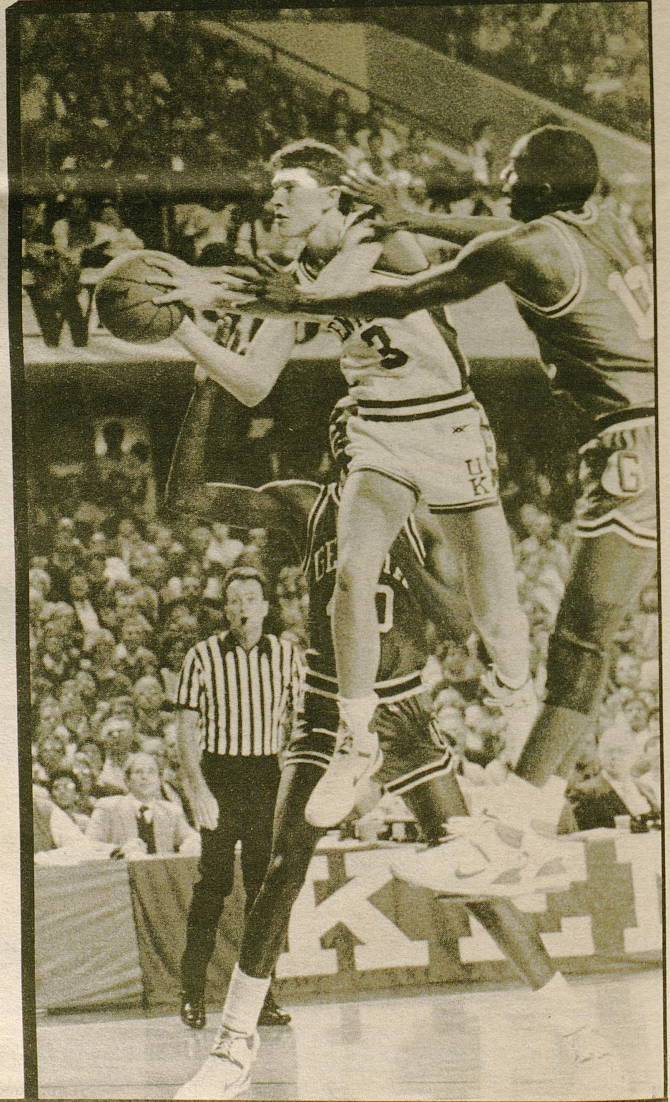
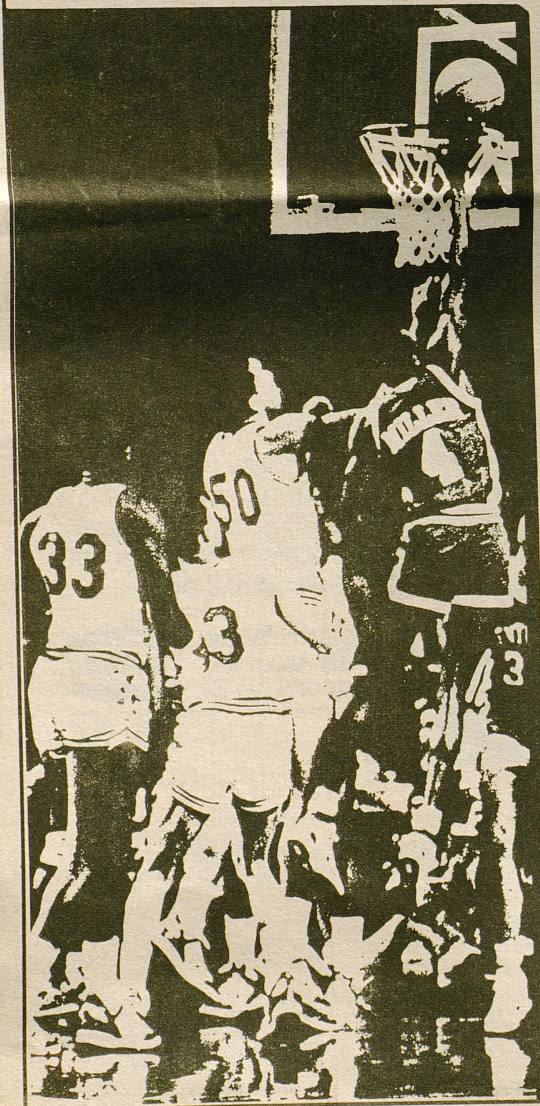
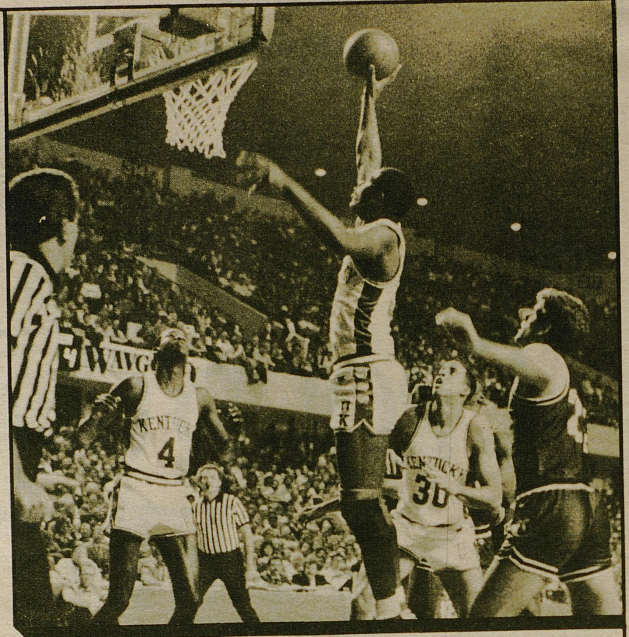
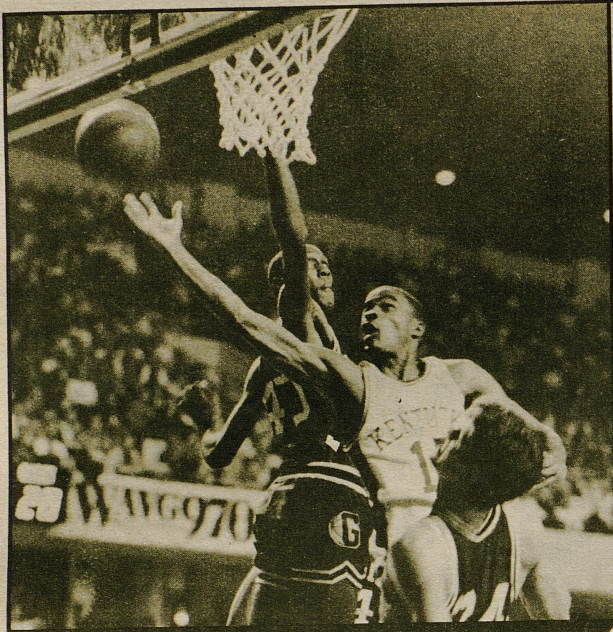
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## More Wishes For New Year's List

Paterno, Claiborne, & Much, Much More

**M**ore items on the New Year's wish list. Along with the top item on your list, here are some more things I would like to see happen in 1987.

**IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL** Oklahoma's Brian Bosworth wins the Heisman Trophy and refuses to accept it (i.e. George C. Scott).

- Joe Paterno leaves Penn State to replace Walter Byers at the NCAA.

- Paterno asks Jerry Claiborne to become his top deputy. Claiborne declines, says he "loves Kentucky too much."



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

**IN BASEBALL** Don Mattingly gets to play in a World Series (Gary Carter does not).

- The (miracle) Chicago Cubs make it to the playoffs. The White Sox make it too and Jim Fregosi is AL manager of the year.

- George Brett is comeback player of the year.
- Rick Rhoden wins 20 games (and hits .305 as DH) for the New York Yankees.

- Houston pitcher Mike Scott wins 30.

**IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL** North Carolina, DePaul, Western Kentucky and Texas El-Paso make it to the Final Four.

- The U.S. Navy releases David Robinson from his commission.

- Robinson is the number one pick in the NBA draft. Atlanta gets him and the marquee reads: "Come see the Dave and Dominique Show."

- James Blackmon goes to a hypnotist who persuades him that a free throw is just a mini-three point shot.

- Ed Davender is named SEC player of the year.
- Denny Crum picks Davender and Rex Chapman for the Pan American team.

- Western Kentucky's Tellis Frank is one of the first six players chosen in the NBA draft and is labeled the "new Kevin McHale."

- Dan Issel's No. 44 would be retired at halftime of the Navy game Jan. 25.

- UK assistant coach James Dickey sends a note to referee Sonny Holmes. It says "no more Mr. Nice Guy."

- Georgia Coach Hugh Durham issues a White Paper: How I went "home" one weekend and outcoached Eddie Sutton.

**IN THE MEDIA** Some special ideas for some special people.

- TCP columnist Larry Vaught wins an all-expenses paid trip to Hollywood as special guest of the cast from *L.A. Law*. Oscar Combs picks up the tab.

- TCP columnist Mel Holbrook is offered an exclusive to do the *Joe B. Hall Era* and says, "Gee, I'll do it."

- John Feinstein wins a Pulitzer.
- Bob Knight drops him a note. It says "Thanks, good job."

- University of Louisville sports information director Kenny Klein is the recipient of the first annual Kentucky Sports Man of the Year Award.

- Former UK assistant sports information director Ron Juanso gets a note from an old friend. It says, "Thanks, fella. We miss you. Send me your address."

- Lexington Herald-Leader sports editor Mike Johnson writes a book called *How I Learned To Appreciate Flag Football*.

### 'Kid Wizard'

Kentucky's loss to Georgia aside, the Wildcats victory over Louisville was one of those that Big Blue fans will relish for years to come.

Much of the reason for that zeal and enthusiasm was surfaced thanks to a placard that a lady sitting behind the University of Louisville's bench at Freedom Hall Dec. 27 held up for all to see.

*Red Who? We got Perv* it said. But, after all was said and done, the words smacked of wishful thinking as UK freshman guard Rex Chapman wowed 'em from baseline to baseline and the 3-point line on out.

By halftime it was clear: The kid's a wizard. All he needs is a cape and puff of smoke to come out of.

Chapman and the Wildcats left a red sea of UL partisans with a collective groan and the Cardinals dizzy. UK's 85-51 victory was another blue letter day for Wildcat fans. It was a showcase of how good this Kentucky team can be.

Nevermind that four nights later, the (flat) Wildcats were

beaten by Georgia in a game that was, ironically, a demonstration of how UofL wanted to play Kentucky, but could not.

Coach Hugh Durham's Bulldogs posted up UK's guards down low and overmatched them, ran a succession of backdoor cuts to the hoop that were successful, and used a variety of zone defenses that disrupted UK's vaunted 3-Team (Chapman, Derrick Miller, James Blackmon and Ed Davender) to the extent that they were 18 of 51 from the field.

Having made his debut on national television, Chapman is starting to draw plaudits and comparisons.

- "A kid like this only comes along once in a great while," CBS television analyst Billy Packer said. "Somebody like Michael Jordan, David Thompson, Jerry West. It's hard to believe a guy like that can jump that well and shoot that softly."

- Brent Musburger compares Chapman to 'Pistol' Pete Maravich.

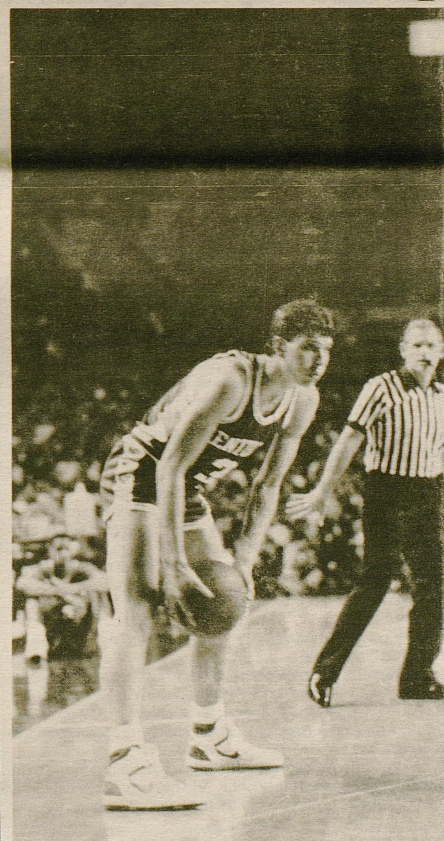
- University of Louisville basketball analyst Jack Tennant says Chapman reminds him of Jerry West.

- And Georgia coach Hugh Durham: "Chapman just doesn't play like a freshman, that's all."

Chapman's reaction?

"It's flattering. But I just go out and play. The individual things don't mean anything to me. If I score 26 points and we don't win then it doesn't matter. If I start listening to that flattery stuff, I won't continue to improve. Right now, I just want to get better. So I just go out and play the best I can."

Coach Eddie Sutton grins like a fox. "I want to tell you



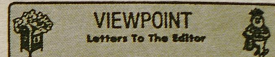
Rex Chapman — UK's Kid Wizard

something," he said. "This is my son. I have three sons, but this is my adopted son. I think he's the best freshman in the country."

Whatever.

Against Louisville anyway, the Kid Wizard and the Wildcats' style and verve were too much. Placards reading *Crum beats Sutton* and *Red Who? We Got Perv* came down early, leaving Kentucky fans to revel in one more glorious show of Eddie Ball.

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### Just Desserts

Dear Sir:

I had to write this letter in response to Mr. Robert Dishman's letter that appeared in the Dec. 27 *Viewpoint* section of your fine publication.

Although I am as Blue as the sky on a cloudless day (my nickname at work is simply "Big Blue"), I am not here to disagree with Mr. Dishman. Oh no, not by a long shot.

The bold print above your letter said "Put Up Or Shut Up." I'd say the 'Cats did that on Dec. 27, didn't they Robert? We also found out who the "Real" Kentucky team is that same day, didn't we Robert? I gotta admit, Bob old boy, I was wondering what in the Sam Hill Eddie was doing, saying all those things to get the Cards' dander up the week before the game.

I said, "Eddie, those Cards are champs, they can't be beat in Freedom Hall. Why get 'em fired up before we limp in with our depleted squad?"

Well, whattaya know Bob, Old Eddie put up, and shut up a lot of Cardinal followers in the process. I mean, if he says we could have won it all and beat the Cards along the way last year, who are we to argue? I mean, he put up (in a big way) Saturday, didn't he?

I can't hear you Little Brother!! Sorry, that just slipped out!

Oh, yeah. Denny showed Eddie who the better coach was, that was awful nice of him. Really, he didn't have to look like a second stringer up against Eddie. Everybody knows Eddie is the best. Just because Denny doesn't like the three-point rule doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

Denny, you gotta practice with it, and against it. If you don't, some sharp slickster (with some hot-handed little guys) who realizes the impact it has on the game is gonna come into Freedom Hall and... well, you know.

Finally, to the Louisville coach, program and fans: Yes, you have a great program, a fine coach and a wonderful following. But, you got carried away didn't you? You wanted it all. The grass is always greener, right? You couldn't rest on your laurels, you still wanted that something special UK has. So you tried every way in the world to get it.

Greed. That's what it boils down to. Well, you got it, but I think you got more than you bargained for. Just desserts, I think is the term. C'mon, Louisville, learn to leave well enough alone. Kentucky was, is and always will be "Big Brother." Enjoy what you have and don't make Eddie "put up" any more.

Admit it. I dare you. I don't think you have the guts.

Sincerely,

Mark Holmes  
Danville, Kentucky

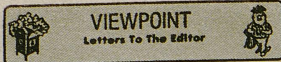
P.S.—Way to go Eddie & Co., you're the best!

### Just Wondering

Dear Sir:

In response to Mr. Dishman's "dare you and guts" idiotic request in last week's *TCP*, I just wonder if Mr. Dishman had the guts to venture out on the streets in Jeffersonville after approximately 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon?

W.T. Hull  
Calhoun, Kentucky



## New Kid In Town

Dear Sir:

I have been a University of Kentucky fan since the day I was born, and I am getting sick of hearing the University of Louisville's fans mouth off about their programs. I am commenting on Mr. Robert Dishman's letter to you that was printed in the Dec. 27, 1986 issue of *The Cats' Pause*.

As I said, I am a UK fan, but when U of L is playing other opponents, I cheer for them. However, it seems that U of L fans can't cheer for UK when they are playing other teams. It is U of L or nobody! During the UK-U of L game, CBS praised Pervis Ellison, let me rephrase that, NEVER NERVOUS Pervis Ellison. Well, it looks like he needs to find a new name because there is a new kid in town and his name is Rex Chapman and I'm sure everyone will not forget him in Freedom Hall.

Good luck to the Cardinals, maybe they can rebound after last Saturday's game. Good luck to coach Sutton and his staff and players. Keep up the good work Mr. Combs.

Sincerely,

Eddie Farris,  
Roundhill, Kentucky

## Pen Pal

Dear Sir:

I am an inmate at the U.S. Penitentiary here in Atlanta, Ga., and have been an avid Wildcat fan since the Fabulous Five era. I am also a Louisville Card fan and I am one Kentuckian that is proud of the seven national championships that these two fine schools have gotten us. But, apparently, a lot of Kentuckians aren't. I am ashamed of the jealousy, bitterness, backbiting and outright hostility that spews forth over the 50,000-watt, clear channel, WHAS call-in sports program every weekday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Should we add fuel to the thinking that we are indeed "ignorant hillbillies" and broadcast it to almost the entire continental U.S.? It seems ironic that the American inmates here at this institution can exist in almost total harmony with several hundred Cuban detainees who would be considered "backwards" to most Americans.

Has the state legislature made a mistake requiring the two schools to play each other? Will it come to the point where they will have to bar them from meeting in the regular season? I honestly believe that if a world championship game was to be played involving UK or UL and a team from a communist country, the communist team would have many Bluegrass supporters.

Thank You,

Kenneth Rowland  
U.S. Penitentiary—Atlanta, Georgia

*PS—If I had the access to the airwaves that Jock Sutherland has, I think I would try to improve relations between the two schools' fans instead of directly or indirectly driving them farther apart with his "if they don't let me play, I'll take all my marbles and go home" attitude.*

## We Put Up, So Shut Up

Dear Sir:

Kentucky put it up last Saturday in

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# Sutton 2-For-2 In Crucial Decisions

Coach Right On Target On U of L, Ziegler

Eddie Sutton hasn't made many mistakes since he became the head coach at Kentucky.

He's won 38 of his first 43 games, persuaded Rex Chapman to become a Wildcat and put together what could be one of UK's all-time great recruiting classes for next season.

But recently he may have made his two most important decisions since replacing Joe Hall as the UK boss. Sutton agreed to continue the annual series with in-state rival Louisville and also reinstated junior forward Todd Ziegler to the team.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Ending the Louisville series would have been a terrible mistake. The schools had resumed playing each other in the regular season in 1983 after a 24-year gap but the future of the series appeared in jeopardy because Sutton did not want to play at Louisville and Indiana in the same season.

The Cardinals offered several alternatives but also didn't want to put themselves in a position of playing at UK, Indiana, Western and Purdue in the same season.

That stalemate appeared to be enough to end the series. Then Sutton dropped a bomb.

"Kentucky is a bigger problem than Louisville," said the UK coach in an interview with the Lexington Herald-Leader. "Even though they won two national championships in the 1980s, Louisville is like the little brother fighting for recognition from the big brother."

"After being here a year and a half, I've discovered that Kentucky is bigger than the (New York) Yankees or the (Dallas) Cowboys. No other program is as loved and supported like Kentucky basketball. We could play the Sisters of the Poor and be close to a sellout."

No way Louisville Coach Denny Crum would consider any concessions in the schedule after that.

Sutton, however, suddenly had a change of heart. He decided playing at Louisville and Indiana was a necessary evil to continue a great college basketball series.

And Kentucky's 85-51 victory in Freedom Hall recently proved that playing at Louisville and Indiana the same season would not put two automatic losses on the record book.

"As long as it is a healthy series, it will be great," said Sutton. "If it ever gets unhealthy, I would break it off."

But how could it get unhealthy? This is a great series between two of the nation's best programs.

Kentucky-Louisville has lost some of its national hype since the first Dream Game. But anyone who thinks the game still isn't a major happening in Kentucky must live in an ivory tower.

That's why Sutton made the right choice by deciding to continue the series.

He was also right on target for taking Ziegler back. The junior was suspended Oct. 30 after being arrested for shoplifting. He pleaded guilty, completed a diversionary program for first-time offenders and had the charge dropped from his record.

"A great many people make mistakes in their youth," said Sutton in a prepared statement. "He has repaid his debt and his record has been cleared by the court. As far as we are concerned, the case is closed."

Ziegler had to be disciplined. No one can argue that. But many fans wondered if Sutton would take Ziegler back, especially since UK appears to have more players than scholarships for next season.

Ziegler is not UK's most talented player. He played sparingly in his first two seasons and may or may not help this year's team.

But that wasn't the point. Sutton's decision would set a precedent for any further disciplinary action on the UK basketball team.

Sutton insisted he would treat Ziegler the same as any other player. Not everyone believed that.

The UK coach, however, lived up to his word. The kid made a mistake and has paid for it. Just because UK needs a scholarship or because he isn't a star were not legitimate reasons to punish him any longer.

If Ziegler gets in trouble again, then give him the boot. But everybody deserves a second chance.

After all, Sutton got one with Louisville and made the most of it by agreeing to continue a great series. However, his decision to give Ziegler a second chance was just as important because it showed that he really will treat every player the same.

## CBS Doesn't Like 'Big Four' Idea

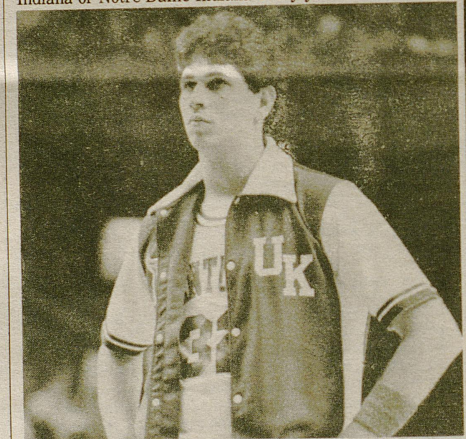
SUTTON WOULD like to open the college basketball season with a "Big Four" extravaganza in the Hoosier Dome featuring UK, Louisville, Indiana and Notre Dame.

However, at least one of the major TV networks would prefer for the teams to keep playing during the regular season.

"All four teams would be better off nationally to just play a round robin schedule during the regular season," said CBS-TV announcer Brent Musburger. "If they played a doubleheader to open the season there is no way both games could be on national TV."

"I just couldn't imagine us doing a doubleheader with all the football games we have at that time of year. We like the way things are now where the teams play during the year."

"It just doesn't make sense to me to have an affair like that. Not when you have an opportunity to have matchups like Kentucky-Louisville, Indiana-Kentucky, Louisville-Indiana or Notre Dame-Indiana every year."



Ziegler Gets Second Chance

CBS televised this year's Kentucky-Louisville battle. And the network wants a chance to continue showcasing the two in-state rivals.

"People all across the country understand the feelings between these two schools," said Musburger. "From our standpoint, we love this matchup. We could do it for a decade and not get tired of it. It's a terrific game and is the biggest game on network TV in December."

But even Musburger, who thinks Sutton has done a masterful job at Kentucky, had trouble understanding the war of words leading up to the game.

"Things are never as they seem but I do think (Louisville Coach) Denny (Crum) was hurt by things that were said," said the CBS announcer. "I think he resents it when somebody says he is number two. I don't blame him, either, because they have had a great run at Louisville."

"Eddie has handled everything perfectly since he came to Kentucky. This was the first time publicly he didn't do something right. But I'm just glad they are going to keep on playing. This is too good a series to let die."

## Jacobs To Make Official Visit To UK On Jan. 17

UK STILL thinks it has an excellent chance to sign All-American tight end Frank Jacobs of Newport Catholic.

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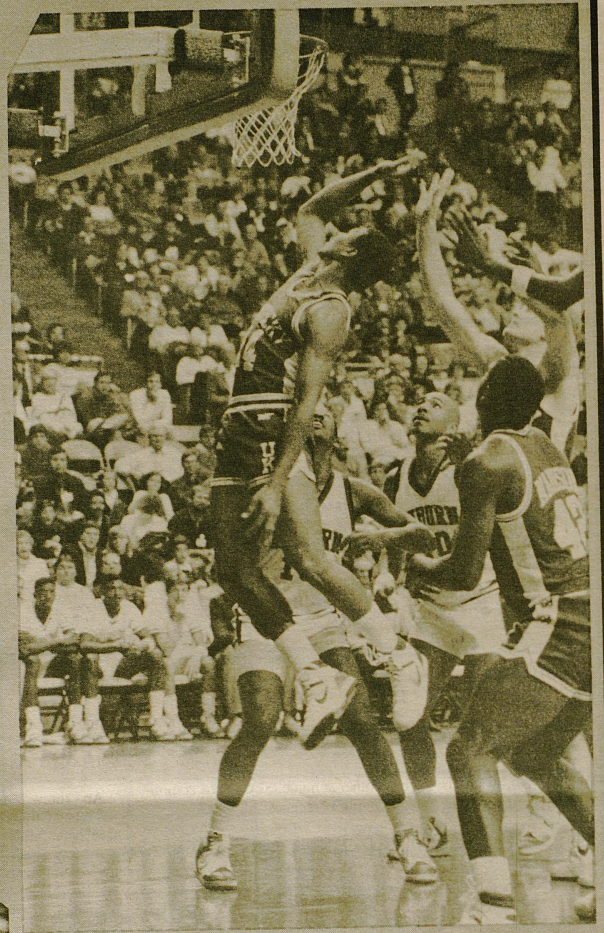
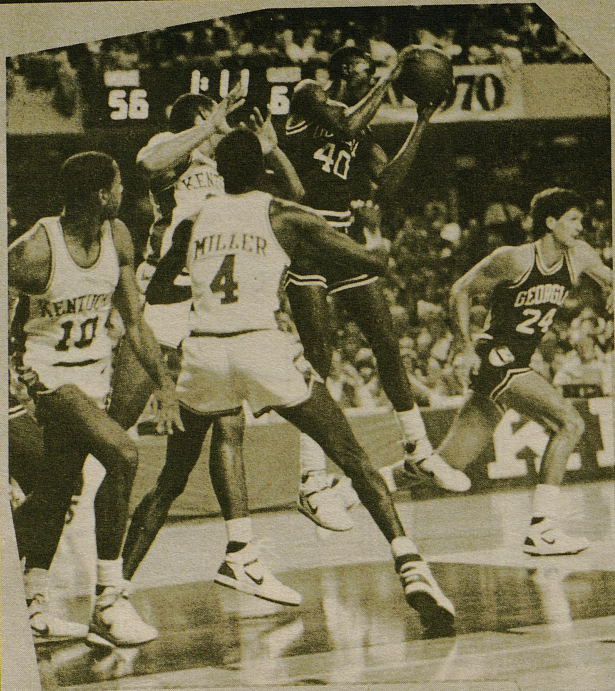


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KENTUCKY AT TENNESSEE		KENTUCKY 1	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 9	KENTUCKY 2	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 8
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GEORGIA AT LSU		LSU 7	LSU 1	LSU 2	LSU 3	LSU 10	LSU 2
FLORIDA AT OLE MISS		FLORIDA 3	OLE MISS 3	FLORIDA 1	OLE MISS 2	OLE MISS 1	FLORIDA 2
NORTH CAROLINA AT DUKE		CAROLINA 3	CAROLINA 7	CAROLINA 6	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 4	CAROLINA 4
VIRGINIA AT MARYLAND		VIRGINIA 1	VIRGINIA 3	VIRGINIA 3	VIRGINIA 4	VIRGINIA 1	VIRGINIA 3
CLEMSON AT WAKE FOREST		CLEMSON 1	CLEMSON 2	CLEMSON 4	CLEMSON 8	CLEMSON 3	WAKE 1
GEORGIA TECH AT N.C. STATE		N.C. STATE 1	N.C. STATE 9	N.C. STATE 5	N.C. STATE 5	N.C. STATE 7	N.C. STATE 3
LOUISVILLE AT WYOMING		WYOMING 1	WYOMING 1	LOUISVILLE 1	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 3	LOUISVILLE 3
GEORGETOWN AT PITT		PITT 3	PITT 3	G'TOWN 5	PITT 6	G'TOWN 2	PITT 1
ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM AT WESTERN		WESTERN 10	WESTERN 10	WESTERN 15	WESTERN 9	WESTERN 8	WESTERN 4
OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN STATE		OHIO ST. 3	OHIO ST. 5	OHIO ST. 2	MICH. ST. 2	OHIO ST. 4	OHIO ST. 2
IOWA AT MINNESOTA		IOWA 1	IOWA 3	IOWA 14	IOWA 10	IOWA 8	IOWA 4
OKLAHOMA AT MISSOURI		OKLAHOMA 4	OKLAHOMA 14	OKLAHOMA 1	OKLAHOMA 8	OKLAHOMA 10	OKLAHOMA 4
NOTRE DAME AT DEPAUL		DEPAUL 6	DEPAUL 9	DEPAUL 1	DEPAUL 5	DEPAUL 4	DEPAUL 6
BOSTON COLLEGE AT ST. JOHN'S		ST. JOHN'S 7	ST. JOHN'S 6	ST. JOHN'S 19	ST. JOHN'S 7	ST. JOHN'S 8	ST. JOHN'S 4
PROVIDENCE AT VILLANOVA		VILLANOVA 2	VILLANOVA 2	VILLANOVA 2	PROVIDENCE 2	VILLANOVA 2	VILLANOVA 4
UCLA AT ARIZONA		ARIZONA 6	ARIZONA 3	ARIZONA 9	ARIZONA 8	UCLA 3	UCLA 1
KENTUCKY AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		KENTUCKY 14	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 7	KENTUCKY 2
INDIANA AT MICHIGAN		INDIANA 2	INDIANA 8	INDIANA 6	INDIANA 10	INDIANA 3	INDIANA 4
FLORIDA AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 5	KENTUCKY 2	KENTUCKY 3	KENTUCKY 4	KENTUCKY 4
TENNESSEE AT AUBURN		AUBURN 14	AUBURN 11	AUBURN 15	AUBURN 12	AUBURN 8	AUBURN 12
OLE MISS AT MISSISSIPPI STATE		OLE MISS 4	OLE MISS 1	OLE MISS 1	MISS. ST. 5	OLE MISS 4	MISS. ST. 1
VANDERBILT AT GEORGIA		GEORGIA 7	GEORGIA 3	GEORGIA 4	GEORGIA 3	VANDY 1	GEORGIA 6



# Home Sweet Home? Not This Year

Visitors Win 6 Of First 8 SEC Games

Who woulda think it? A week and a half ago, almost no one would have been surprised if you told them that Kentucky would be 1-1 after playing its first two Southeastern Conference games.

Well, sure enough, the 'Cats split their first two league games. It's just the way in which they managed to do it that is the eye-opener.

Most of the expert forecasters (including all of the members of the *Cats' Pause Board of Experts and Armchair Quarterbacks*) figured UK would down Georgia at home and then drop a close game at Auburn.



Mike Estep

Cats' Pause Columnist

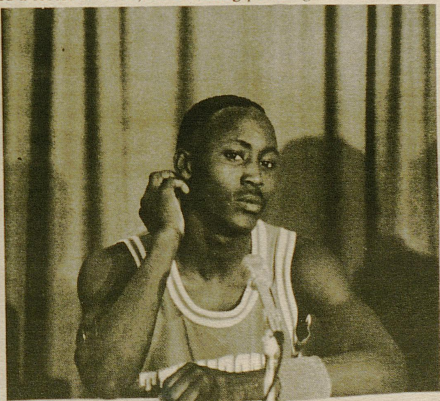
As we all found out, that's not the way it happened.

We're only two games into the 18-game SEC schedule, but already the race for the 55th league title has taken an unusual turn—home teams are falling at an almost unprecedented rate.

Time was when traveling on the road in the rugged SEC was about as much fun as being an American tourist in the Middle East—and almost as hospitable. You know, go to Baton Rouge and get drawn and (French) quartered. . . Go to the Auburn, to the Loveliest Little Village on the Plains, and get ambushed. . . Go to Athens and get Dawgged. . . Come to Lexington and, well, you get the picture.

That may be changing.

Last year, when playing each other at home, SEC teams compiled a record of 63-27, for a winning percentage of .700.



Tony White Keyed UT's Win At Vandy

This season to date, eight games have been played in the conference, and already six teams have won on the road.

### No Place Like Home?

I know it's early, but that's only a .250 winning percentage thus far. Last season visiting teams won three of every 10 games, this year they're winning three out of every four.

OK, mystery buffs. Who's knocking off the SEC's home teams?

You knew something was wrong when Vanderbilt went to LSU and dominated Dale Brown's team for most of the game, and then survived a last-second three-point attempt by Tigers to win by a bucket.

Then Wimp Sanderson took his Alabama team to Athens, Ga., where the Bulldogs lost only one time last season, and escaped with a come-from-behind 71-70 victory.

That's about the time that things got real interesting.

Georgia came to Kentucky and did the unheard of—they beat the 'Cats on their "home" turf, roughing up Eddie Sutton's crew 69-65 at Louisville's Freedom Hall, breaking UK's 26-game homecourt winning streak in the process.

"I tell you what, I've had opportunities to stand up here in front

of you guys when I haven't been nearly as happy as I am right now," Durham crowed in his postgame press conference. "Last time a team that I coached played Kentucky in this building we got beat by 40. Tonight was a different story. We played well."



Durham — Not So Happy After 1-2 Start

And threw a monkey wrench into the young SEC season.

"What I think this is gonna do is, it opens it (the race) up," Durham continued. "There are eight coaches that are very happy right now, nine counting me. But eight other guys. When Kentucky loses a home game, that is really important as far as the league goes.

"(Florida's) Norm Sloan and those guys are out in Hawaii, Sonny (Smith and his Auburn team) just got back from El Paso and Wimp (Sanderson and his Alabama club) is out there in Kansas City, and when they see that score, they're gonna be happy. I mean they're gonna like me a lot more tonight than they did this morning. So yeah, it impacted (the SEC race), no question about it."

It was still tough to convince all the SEC hardliners, though, that something was amiss in the league this year. Most observers reasoned that Georgia simply caught Kentucky on an off night, with their heads in the clouds after the beating they put on Louisville.

### Saturday Night (Upset) Special

Then it happened. Saturday night.

Durham might have been tickled to death Tuesday, but when the weekend rolled around, the tables were turned. Sloan brought his Gators into Athens and handed the Dawgs their second home loss in as many tries. UF put five players in double figures, raced out to a 45-32 halftime edge and never looked back, winning 87-80.

And that wasn't the only strange occurrence to take place Saturday night—Kentucky beat Auburn in Auburn and Tennessee beat Vanderbilt in Nashville. Only homestanding Alabama, which thumped defenseless Mississippi State 64-49, was able to win as the home team Saturday night.

Kentucky came limping down to the Plains as the underdog for the first time in who knows how long. Faced with the the proposition of going 0-2 in league play, Sutton's crew pulled the big upset. Rex Chapman Ed Davender and Richard Madison led the way and the 'Cats shaded the Tigers 63-60.

Just as shocking was Tennessee's victory over Vanderbilt. The Commodores had been riding high, sailing out to a 9-1 mark in their first 10 games, including a big win over Bobby Knight's highly-regarded Hoosiers (79-75), at the time rated as the second best team in the land. But behind guard Tony White's 25 points, Don DeVoe's Vols jumped out to a commanding 23-3 advantage in the early moments in Nashville and then weathered the storm to escape with a 81-72 decision.

Try this one on for size—of the seven teams that have played home games in the conference thus far, only two, Florida and Alabama (with identical 1-0 marks at home), have managed to keep from losing. Georgia is 0-2. Auburn, Kentucky, LSU and Vandy are all 0-1. That leaves Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Tennessee as the only teams who have yet to play host to another SEC school. It's just a matter of time before this trio gets in on the fun.

You figure it out.



## Kentucky Network Boys High School Poll

Released Dec. 31, 1986

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. Henry Clay (7)   | 77 |
| 2. Owensboro        | 52 |
| 3. Paintsville      | 50 |
| 4. Ballard          | 48 |
| 5. Paducah Tilghman | 45 |
| 6. Clay County      | 43 |
| 7. Lafayette        | 31 |
| 8. Mason County (1) | 25 |
| 9. Oldham County    | 24 |
| 10. Southern        | 17 |

Also receiving votes: Hopkinsville, Marshall County, University Heights, Russell, Pleasure Ridge Park, Calloway County.

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## Chapman Scores 21 In 2nd Half

# Kentucky Evens SEC Slate

A year ago Kentucky strutted into Memorial Coliseum with a 10-1 record before 12,000 howling fans, got in an up-tempo battle with Auburn's Tigers and went wobbling home with what would turn out to be the Wildcats' only regular season loss (60-56) in the SEC. Saturday night, Kentucky aimed to get revenge.

And that Eddie Sutton's 'Cats did as Kentucky patiently and quietly removed the vocal chords of most of the 12,347 fans then fashioned a 63-60 victory. Kentucky's record improved to 7-2 on the year while Auburn dropped its second straight contest after reeling off seven straight victories to open the season.

It was an exhibition fit for a king, as in King Rex Chapman who came alive in the second half to fire up his teammates, give them as much as a 13-point lead and then held on for dear life.

Chapman, the 'Cats' leading scorer, had managed but three points the first half while hitting only one-of-five from the field, but the UK rookie turned on the steam when the going got tough in the second half.

He ran wild in the second half, canning five-of-six three-point attempts and poured home 21 points to give him 24 for the night's work.

More importantly, it provided Kentucky with its badly needed upset win on the road to make up for the homecourt loss to Georgia earlier in the week.

"I told our team going into the game that in order to compete in the SEC you have to win some games on the road and win some you aren't suppose to win," said UK coach Eddie Sutton. "We felt we had to take the crowd out of the game, which you must do anywhere you go in the SEC. They only were a factor a couple of times."

That and the 'Cats' ability to stop the patented Auburn fast break and do something else no other Auburn opponent had done this year—whip the Tigers on the boards.

"We felt the keys for us to win the game would be defensive rebounds and offensive patience," added Sutton. "Rob Lock and Richard Madison did a good job on the boards and we were able to shorten the length of the game on them."

Auburn coach Sonny Smith agreed.

### Sonny Says His Tigers Were 'Outplayed'

"Kentucky outplayed us in every phase of the game tonight," said Smith. "I think there were two main factors in us losing the game, and both came in the first half. First of all, they shut down our fast break and we feel like we have to get something out of our fast break. Then, their success on the offensive backboards also hurt us."

"Their ability to run 35 seconds off the clock and us getting into foul trouble because of it was also a factor. We felt like we had to control their guard penetration and they were able to do it. Their three-point play did us in in the second half."

Auburn led only twice in the entire game, at the very beginning on a free throw by Jeff Moore and then a Moore bank shot at 19:07 gave Auburn its last lead at 3-2, although the Tigers did earn three ties later on, twice in the first half and once in the final period.

Junior Chris Morris kept Auburn alive in the first 20 minutes with some torrid shooting, hitting four of six from the field as the Tigers fought to stay alive.

After a tie score (11-11) at 11:22, Kentucky sprinted out to leads ranging from one to five points the rest of the way. Every time Auburn made a mini-run, Kentucky had an answer.

Usually it was Richard Madison who came to play. And play he did.

"I look forward to playing against teams that are supposed to beat us," said a smiling Madison after the upset win. "They (Auburn players) said a lot of things to us on the court and sometimes it gets to us, but not tonight. We just have to go out and play the way we know we can."

Madison pulled down six rebounds in leading the Wildcats to a decisive 16-11 margin in that vital category but more importantly Madison went to war offensively while hitting five of seven from the field for 10 points.

Kentucky's inside game enjoyed a 16-15 standoff against the highly talented trio of Moore, Morris and Mike Jones. That's exactly what Sutton prescribed for a victory, but UK had expected more than nine first-half points from its guards.

That all changed in the second half.

Auburn, which had 12,347 mildly-mannered fans throughout the first half, gave its Tiger rooters something to cheer about early in the final half when Auburn caught Kentucky 29-29 on Morris' jumper inside at 16:36.

It was the first time Auburn was even with Kentucky since the first nine minutes of the game and the crowd came alive.

### Chapman To The Rescue, Uh, Rescue

About the same time Chapman surfaced with his long-range artillery.

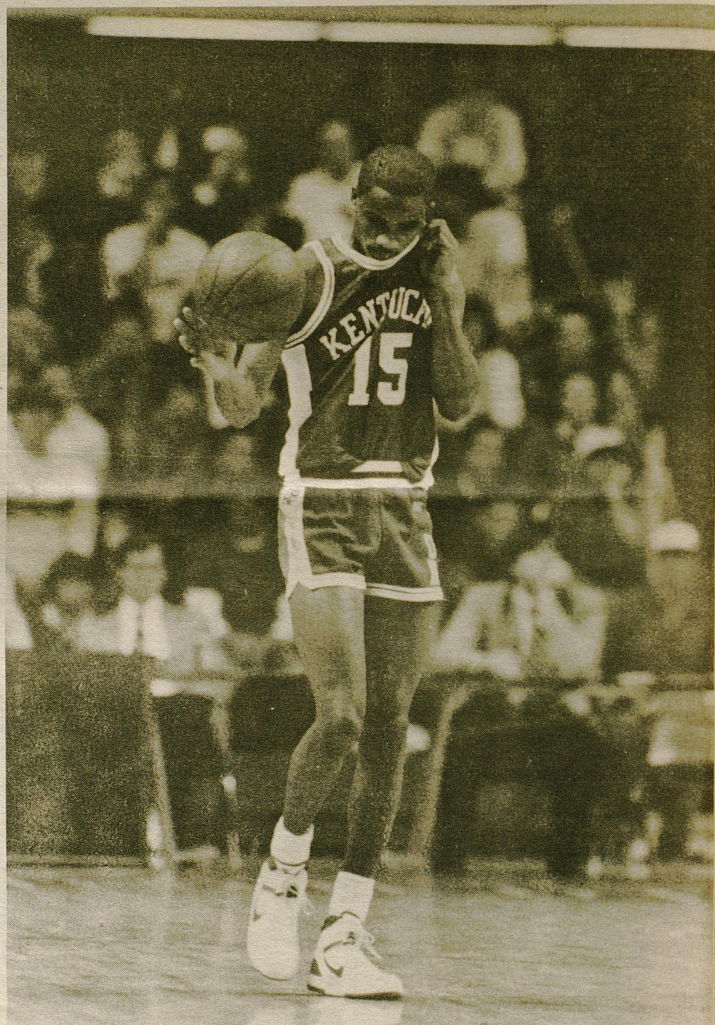
It went something like this:

Chapman from 22 feet right side. Got it!

After Morris came back with a slam dunk, Chapman answered it back with a 22-footer from the left baseline. Suddenly, Kentucky was back on top 35-31.

Some seven and half minutes later, Chapman had scored 17 second-half points and Kentucky owned a 50-37 score.

You might say Chapman saves his best for when its time for the tough to get going.



### UK's Davender Takes Time Out From Heated Battle

Throughout his young career, Rex appears to shift his many weapons into high speed when the game nears the critical stages.

"Once the game goes on and takes its character I'm concentrating more on my shot and that may be it," offered Chapman after his brilliant second half performance, "I just go out and try to play."

Do shooters get in a groove after hitting a couple of those long-range bombs?

"I think every player who has played, once he hits a few, then other players tend to look for him and you tend to look for yourself a little more instead of the pass and that's what I did tonight."

But the game was a long way from being over with the 'Cats leading 50-37.

Auburn responded with a flurry of points. Moore cut the deficit to five at 58-53 with 2:41 left. The Tigers got the ball back when James Blackmon missed the front end of a one-and-one.

But Morris, Terrance Howard and Aundrae Davis missed three-point shots and Rob Lock claimed the rebound. The misses exemplified Auburn's unorganized effort at the end when Tigers were jacking up shots all over the court in an answer to what appeared to be a night of frustration for the nation's fifth-ranked team.

Kentucky-Auburn

Photos By

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# Slate By Upsetting Tigers

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Date: Jan 3/87 Site: Auburn, Ala.

VISITORS (Last Name, First)		PTS	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN							
No.	KENTUCKY																		
12	Richard Madison	1	5/9	0/0	1	2	6	3	9	1	1	40							
10	James Blackmon	1	2/4	0/1	2	3	0	2	2	2	6	27							
44	Rob Lock	0	3/7	0/0	0	0	7	4	11	3	6	36							
3	Rex Chapman	0	9/15	6/9	0	0	1	2	3	0	24	35							
15	Ed Davender	0	4/9	0/1	5	6	0	1	1	2	13	14							
4	Derrick Miller	0	2/0	2/2	4	0	3	1	1	2	1	6							
14	Paul Andrews	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12							
30	Irv Thomas	0	0/0	0/0	1	4	0	2	2	2	1	1							
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1							
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												0	4	4					
TOTALS												12	16	1	200				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-25, 48.0%												2nd Half 11-21, 52.4%	Game 23-46, 50.0%	3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-2, 50.0%	2nd Half 1-1, 100%	Game 2-3, 66.7%	FT %: 1st Half 6-9, 66.7%	2nd Half 6-7, 85.7%	Game 12-19, 63.2%

HOME (Last Name, First)		PTS	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN							
No.	AUBURN																		
13	Mike Jones	1	1/1	4/0	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	38							
34	Chris Morris	1	11/15	0/1	0	0	4	3	7	5	22	31							
40	Jeff Moore	0	6/11	0/0	3	5	4	3	12	3	15	26							
12	Gerald White	0	1/3	1/3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	34							
15	Frank Ford	0	12/14	4/2	3	3	3	6	4	11	11	26							
10	Terrance Howard	0	6/0	3/0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	9							
14	Johnny Lynn	0	4/0	2/0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1							
20	Aundrea Davis	3	8/0	2/1	2	2	2	0	2	3	7	11							
22	John Caylor	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1							
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												1	1	2					
TOTALS												26	63	2	150				
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 2-20, 10.0%												2nd Half 17-43, 39.5%	Game 19-63, 30.2%	3-PT FG %: 1st Half 1-4, 25.0%	2nd Half 1-11, 9.1%	Game 2-15, 13.3%	FT %: 1st Half 2-5, 40.0%	2nd Half 4-5, 80.0%	Game 6-10, 60.0%

OFFICIALS: Don Rutledge, Sonny Holmes, Larry Ware

Technical Fouls: None

Attendance: 12,347

UK's poor free throw shooting once again hampered the 'Cats, but Davender came on to hit five straight free shots in the second half to keep the Cats' mark respectable at 57.9 percent on 11 of 19.

For the game, Kentucky hit a clean 50 percent from the field on 23 of 46 and 46.2 percent from the three-point area.

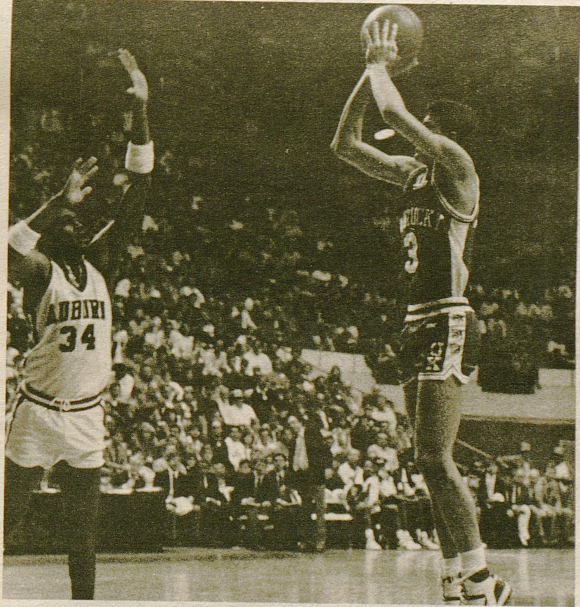
Auburn shot a poor 45 percent in the first half and then got worse as UK's sticky defense limited the Tigers to 39.5 percent in the last half for a combined 41.3 percent.

Morris, who was brilliant from the field on 11 of 15, finished with 22 points for Auburn before fouling out with 0:56 left in the contest. Moore added 15 and dominated the boards with 12 rebounds. Ford added 11 points but he was only four of 12 from the field.

Auburn's talented guards went a combined five of 25 from the field. Their long-range bomber, Lynn, went 0-4.

### Wildcat-Tiger Tidbits

Kentucky's 63-60 win over Auburn marked the first time since **Sonny Smith's** first year that the Tigers had lost their home opener in the SEC race . . . SEC assistant commissioner **John Guthrie** represented the commissioner's office at Auburn. With all the close games recently, you can bet John's phone is going to be ringing like midnight on New Year's Eve. John is in charge of SEC basketball officials . . . Wildcat junior **Irv Thomas**, who went one for four at the free throw line, had his free throw percentage drop to less than 50 percent—13 of 27. **Derrick Miller's** two for four now has the freshman from Georgia hitting six for 13, also below 50 percent. And **James Blackmon** is now hitting 11 for 23, also a shade below 50 percent. Even **Rex Chapman** hasn't escaped the free throw diet. He's hitting only 57.1 percent although he's hitting a cool 50 percent (28 of 56) from the three-point area. **Ed Davender** is the only Kentucky regular who is hitting over 65 percent. **Easy Ed** is canning his free throws at a 75 percent clip . . . For the first time this season, UK failed to have a single player with more than one assist. Kentucky also had a season-low four assists for the game as compared to 11 for Auburn. Kentucky's four assists came from Rob Lock, Chap-



In Your Face, Chris Morris

man, Blackmon and Miller. In fact, Kentucky did not have a single assist after halftime . . . Although UK came on strong in the second half to post the win, the 'Cats committed 11 second period turnovers . . . Slowing the game down kept Kentucky out of serious foul trouble and the Wildcats were hit with only 11 personal fouls. The season low for UK was 10 against **Lamar**. Only **Rob Lock** had more than two personals against Auburn. Lock ended the game with three fouls . . . Chapman and Davender continue to be UK's big assists leaders this season. Rex leads the team with 31 followed by Davender's 29. Blackmon is third with 20 . . . In the turnover department, the leader is **Richard Madison** with 21 followed by Chapman (20), Thomas (19), Davender (17), Miller (14), Lock (13) and Blackmon (12).

### Three-Pointer Helps 'Cats Shoot Down Auburn

The Tigers were only 2-of-15 from the long-range shot and finally called a time-out to regain their composure. Thanks to baskets by Morris and Davis, Auburn still had life at 1:14 with UK leading 60-57.

Freshman Derrick Miller made half of his four free throw attempts over the next 30 seconds to give UK a 62-57 lead, but Frank Ford got Auburn within a pair (62-60) with a bucket and free throw at 0:46.

That set the stage for a wild finish. Kentucky turned the ball over seconds later but Howard missed a jumper and Lock pulled off a rebound before getting tied up by Davis. The ball went to Auburn on the possession rule.

With 0:24 left, Auburn called a timeout and set up a final play, but even that decision left something to be desired when Johnny Lynn fired up an air ball just behind the free throw line. Ed Davender hit a free throw with 0:01 left to wrap up the scoring.

Backing up Chapman in scoring for Kentucky were Davender with 13 and Madison with 11.

Kentucky won the battle of the boards with a 35-32 worksheet as Lock hauled down a team-high 11 and Madison added 9.

Kentucky-Auburn  
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# Flat Cats

## Anderson, Mack Spark Georgia To 69-65 Upset Over UK; Loss Snaps Kentucky's 26-Game Homecourt Winning Streak

By Mike Estep

What a difference a few days can make. On Saturday, Kentucky came out and played like world-beaters, totally demolishing favored Louisville, handing the defending national champion Cards their worst defeat in the 30-year history of Freedom Hall.

But on Tuesday, the same 'Cats came out on the same Freedom Hall court and played flat, losing 69-65 to the unheralded Georgia Bulldogs.

Because of the big win over in-state rival Louisville, Freedom Hall took on an almost circus-like atmosphere for the Georgia game. Vendors were selling "Big Brother-Little Brother" shirts, "I Love Rex" (as in Chapman) shirts, hats, pins, bumper stickers, and nearly anything else they could stick a UK logo on to. But the one thing the entrepreneurs weren't selling was the one thing Eddie Sutton's club couldn't buy—a bucket.

On Saturday against Louisville, Kentucky put on a shooting clinic, hitting on 32 of 59 shots from the field for 54.2 percent. And more importantly, the 'Cats connected on 11 of 17 shots from three-point range, good enough for 64 percent.

That wasn't the case Tuesday. Against Georgia Kentucky was ice cold, managing to convert on just 25 of 62 attempts from the field for only 40.3 percent. They were forced to go almost exclusively with a diet of three-pointers in the second half, and they made just nine of 28 from the bonus area for the game, just a 32.1 percent clip.

On Saturday, freshmen Derrick Miller and Chapman were a combined 13 of 24 from the floor and seven of 11 from beyond 19-9. Tuesday the rookie duo made just nine of 29 shots, and only five of 18 three-pointers.

Live by the sword, die by the sword.

"I thought overall, we didn't play that poorly but we couldn't get the ball in the hole," Sutton said. "When you shoot 25 out of 62, your asking for problems. . . and six out of 11 at the line.

"But we didn't turn the ball over that many times and overall, and we (only) got out-rebounded by two. And that's not gonna beat you. But we just couldn't get the ball in the hole.

"The other day it was a situation where we played over our heads, and I don't think Louisville played nearly as well. And tonight I thought Georgia played extremely well, and maybe we didn't play quite up to par. I think our overall game was pretty good. We just didn't get the ball in the basket."

Despite Kentucky's frigid shooting performance, and the outstanding offensive showing by Georgia, which shot 57.8 percent, the 'Cats were still in the game until the final seconds. After falling behind by double figures on several occasions, and by as many as 10 on five different occasions, Kentucky rallied back in the second half and made it close. And it wasn't until Bulldog guard Willie Anderson hit both ends of a one-and-one with .05 remaining that the outcome was decided.

With Georgia holding a slim 67-65 lead, Chapman had to foul the Bulldog point guard in the backcourt in a desperate attempt to stop the clock. Anderson, who came into the game hitting on 84 percent of his free throws, stepped to the line and calmly sank both ends of the bonus to give Georgia a four-point lead at 69-65 and close out the scoring.

Kentucky's Miller did get off one final three-point attempt, but it was off the mark and Georgia had secured its first SEC win of the year, snapping a 26-game "homecourt" winning streak by the Wildcats. Ironically, it was Georgia who last defeated Kentucky at home, edging the 'Cats 79-77 at Rupp Arena during the 1984-85 season.

After the game, even Georgia's Durham cited the UK's big win over Louisville as playing a major role in anything his team to pull the upset.

"I don't wanna take anything away from our players, because they go out there and bust it and win the game," Durham said. "But see, they (Kentucky) win that game and Sunday that's all anybody wants to talk about. Georgia is insignificant. They go out, they go to church, people are patting 'em on the back. It's Big Brother this, they're selling the t-shirts, people are walking around talking to them. All day Sunday all anybody wants to talk about is Louisville.

"Now all the sudden it gets to be Monday, that's all people wanna talk about. Call-in shows that's all that's happening, they talk about Louisville. Not about Georgia.

"I'll be open and honest and realize that their team had difficulty coming down."

### Georgia Took Command Early

"Coming in we felt like that if we were able to get off to a good start that we had a chance to win the game," Durham said.

That's exactly what happened. Georgia set the tone early, working the ball inside for easy baskets. The Dawgs' first 16 points resulted from layups, and before Kentucky knew what had happened, Georgia held a 10-point lead (16-6) just five minutes and 11 seconds into the contest.

During that stretch, forwards Chad Kessler and Toney Mack did most of the damage. Mack got behind the Kentucky defense for a pair of layups and an alley-oop dunk; Kessler hit the offensive boards for a layup and was fouled after another, and converted a pair of free throws.

"We wanted to (take it inside a lot early), because we know they've got seven players and if we can get 'em into foul trouble then that helps us," Durham said. "When we ran our offense we scored. We turned the ball over some times and we took some questionable shots. Those are some things we have to improve.

"And if we improve those things, in those areas, we've got a chance to be a halfway decent club."

With Durham pulling the levers Tuesday night, Georgia played better than a halfway decent club, especially when they needed the clutch basket. They played much better down the stretch than they had in losses to Georgia Tech and Alabama, both close games that the Dawgs let slip away from them late.

"You might think that I don't know what I'm talking about right now," Durham said in his postgame press conference, "but that's because I'm pretty excited. I might not look it, so I'll stammer around and try to say the right things."

He might have had trouble convincing the press that he knew what he was talking about after the game, but there was no doubt that he had all the answers when it counted most—after the officials threw up the first jump ball.

On offense, Georgia continuously worked the ball around for the high percentage shot, and used Mack at 6-5 and Anderson at 6-7 to post up Kentucky's smaller guards. It worked. Anderson was four for eight from the field, and finished with 10 points. And Mack, who is now coming into his own at forward after playing guard for much of last year, hit 10 of 14 attempts from the field, most of them coming when he was able to take UK's Ed Davender down into the lane. If Davender played behind him, Mack wheeled and shot. If Davender fronted him, Anderson lobbed the pass to Mack for an easy two.

"I saw Toney Mack score a bunch of points one night in a high school game, and he's a marvelous athlete," Sutton said. "He'll be a great player in our league. And he had an outstanding game. I thought he played a marvelous game.

"They did take advantage of Ed Davender and our other people that were covering

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date Dec. 30/86 Site Louisville, Ky

VISITORS (Last Name, First)												A	TO	BLK	S	MIN											
No.	Georgia	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OREB	DREB	PF	TP																		
21	Toney Mack	1	10	14	10	2	4	5	0	3	3	4	24	2	4	0	1	37									
24	Chad Kessler	1	1	5	0	0	7	10	2	5	7	3	9	0	3	0	0	38									
44	David Dunn	C	4	7	0	0	2	4	4	7	11	3	10	0	0	0	0	39									
42	Dennis Williams	G	7	10	0	1	1	3	2	1	3	15	2	1	0	0	0	35									
10	Willie Anderson	G	4	8	0	0	2	4	1	6	7	2	10	8	5	1	3	36									
4	Eric Burdette	G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	4									
10	Mike Blakely	G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3									
14	Patrick Hamilton	G	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	8									
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												1	0	1													
TOTALS												26	45	0	4	17	28	110	23	33	18	69	12	16	1	4	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 16-27, 59.3%												2nd Half 10-18, 55.6%												Game: 26-45, 57.8%			
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 0-3, 0.0%												2nd Half 0-14, 0.0%												Game: 0-28, 0.0%			
FT %: 1st Half 4-7, 57.1%												2nd Half 13-21, 61.9%												Game: 17-28, 60.7%			

HOME (Last Name, First) \*\*\*\*\* A player is awarded no time if he plays less than 30 sec.

No.	Kentucky	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OREB	DREB	PF	TP																		
42	Richard Madison	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	5	3	2	1	4	1	0	30										
10	James Blackmon	1	3	7	1	5	1	1	2	1	3	3	8	0	1	0	25										
44	Rob Lock	C	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	11										
31	Rex Chapman	G	4	14	3	8	1	3	2	1	3	5	12	6	3	0	37										
15	Ed Davender	G	6	15	0	5	4	5	0	2	2	1	16	4	0	0	36										
4	Derrick Miller	G	5	15	5	10	0	0	3	2	5	2	15	0	2	0	28										
14	Paul Andrews	G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0										
30	Irv Thomas	G	4	8	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	4	8	1	1	0	27										
TEAM REBOUNDS (included in Totals)												0	1	1													
TOTALS												35	62	9	28	6	11	16	15	31	22	65	12	12	1	8	200
TOTAL FG %: 1st Half 12-28, 42.9%												2nd Half 13-34, 38.2%												Game: 25-62, 40.3%			
3-PT FG %: 1st Half 2-10, 20.0%												2nd Half 7-18, 38.9%												Game: 9-28, 32.1%			
FT %: 1st Half 3-5, 60.0%												2nd Half 3-6, 50.0%												Game: 6-11, 54.5%			

OFFICIALS: Don Bulledge, Sonny Holmes, Lynn Shortstaffy

SCORE BY PERIODS: 1st 16-28, 2nd 10-18, OT 0-0, FINAL 26-45

TECHNICAL FOULS: None

ATTENDANCE: 20,053

### UK Shooting Percentage Tells The Story

Mack, and they posted him up down low. And Mack is a great player on the block."

### Dawg Defense Confused Kentucky's Guards

Durham and his staff also mapped out a brilliant defensive strategy. The game plan all along was to, (gulp) zone Kentucky.

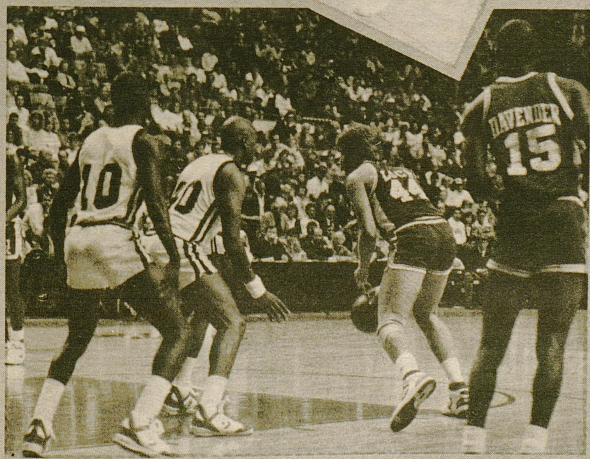
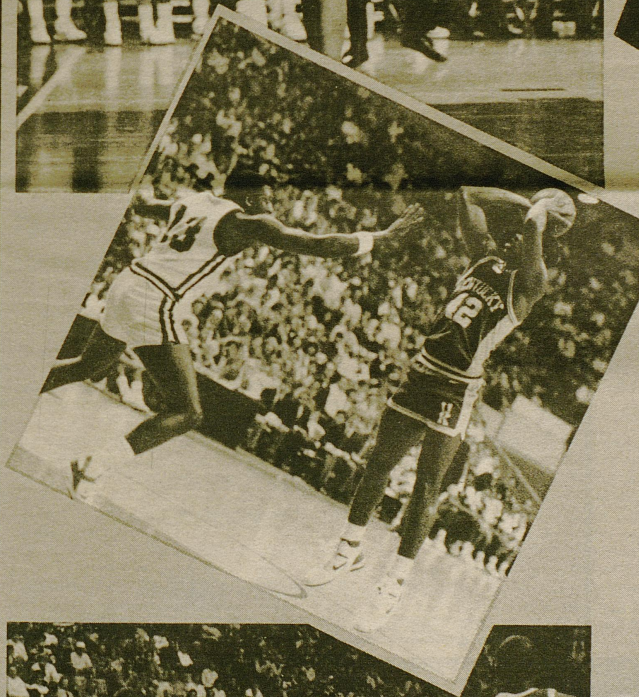
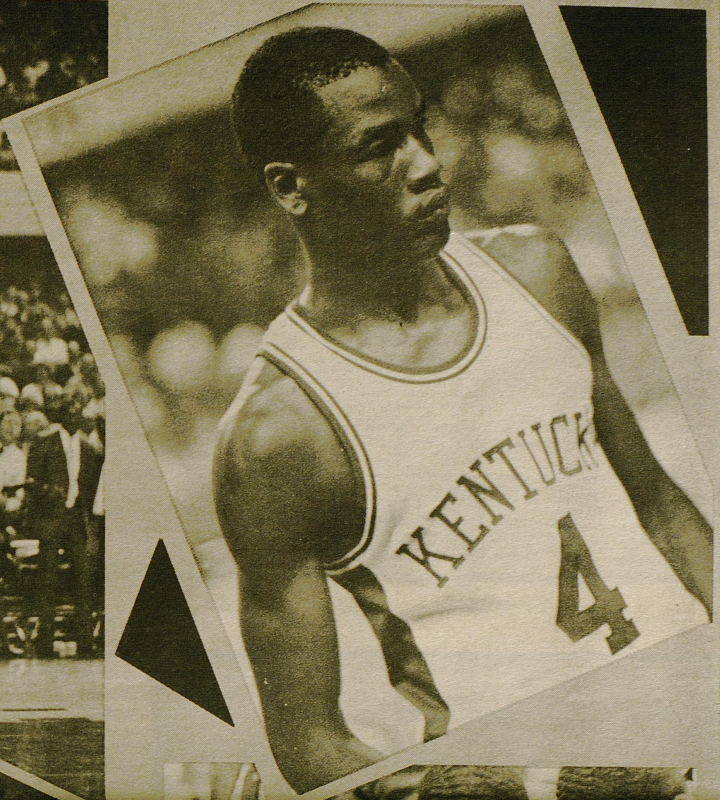
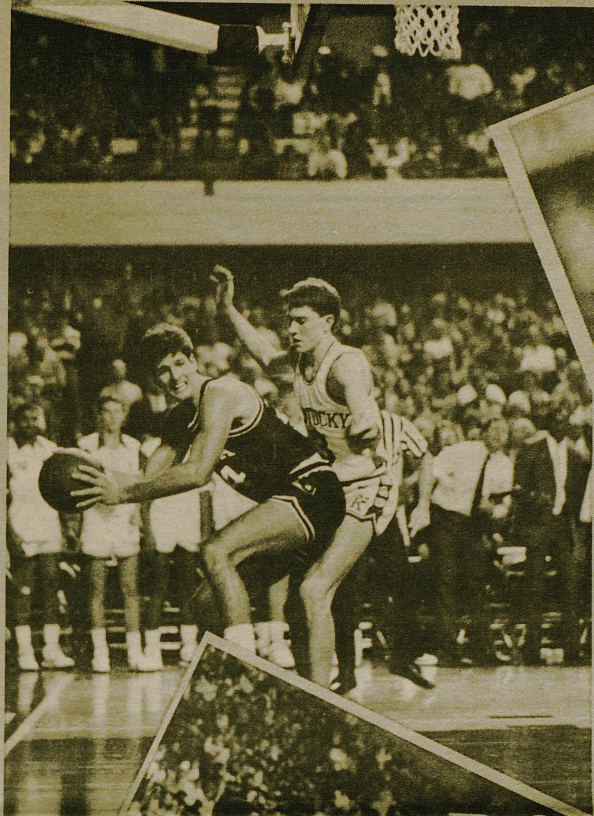
"We made some decisions as a staff. We felt like we had to zone Kentucky some," Durham said. "Somebody had said, 'You're gonna zone Kentucky? All you're gonna do is dig yourself a grave.' Well, it's a calculated risk because they do shoot the ball on the perimeter so well.

"But see, with their quickness, they also run their man offense well. Their gonna get the three-pointer whether you play man or whether you play zone. If you stay in man, their gonna penetrate, and you saw how Davender operated on us in that one stretch—we went man and he took our man to the hole four straight times. So we had to make a decision and we zoned, and we zoned quite a bit."

Georgia threw several different zone configurations at Kentucky, along with the man-to-man. At times, Georgia went with the full-court zone trap. At other times they fell

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## Pregame Information For Alabama, Tennessee Games



**UK CHEERLEADERS  
IN FINALS:**

The University of Kentucky cheerleaders have once again advanced to the Ford College Cheerleading Championships, scheduled for Jan. 8-12 in San Diego, Calif. The Wildcat squad is one of six chosen to compete for the national championship, as chosen by the Universal Cheerleaders Association.

**BALDWIN FUND  
GETS BOOST:**

After raising more than \$17,000 in Louisville last week, totals for the Dale Baldwin Fund now stand around the \$50,000 mark. Volunteers collected the \$17,000 during Kentucky's open practice session at noon Tuesday, Dec. 30, and at the UK-Georgia game chat night. The Winn-Dixie Corporation has contributed \$5,000 to the fund to put the total just above the \$50,000 mark. Baldwin is a UK cheerleader who was severely injured in a pre-game accident at Louisville's Freedom Hall Nov. 4, 1986, and will likely remain quadriplegic. Fans wishing to contribute to the fund can do so by sending a check payable to the UK Athletics Association to: Dale Baldwin Fund, UKAA, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, KY 40506.

**OPEN PRACTICE  
DRAWS 19,000:**

Kentucky's open practice session at Louisville's Freedom Hall has been a tradition for a number of years but never before have fans turned out the way they did last Tuesday (Dec. 30). Still celebrating the Cats' 34-point victory over Louisville the previous Saturday, more than 19,000 people jammed Freedom Hall Tuesday at noon to watch the Cats go through a 30-minute shooting practice. That night, a Freedom Hall record crowd of 20,053 packed the arena for Kentucky's game against Georgia.

**TRAVEL PLANS:**

The Wildcats are scheduled to fly to Knoxville by chartered plane Friday afternoon, Jan. 9, leaving Lexington's Bluegrass Airport at 2 p.m. and arriving in Knoxville at 3 p.m. Team headquarters will be Holiday Inn-World's Fair, 525 Henley St., 615/522-2800. The team will leave Knoxville on Sunday, Jan. 11, and fly to Starkville, Miss., for a Monday night game against Mississippi State. Team headquarters in Starkville will be Holiday Inn, Highway 12 at Montgomery St., 601/323-6161. The Cats will return to Lexington immediately after Monday night's game.

**EDDIE SUTTON  
NEWS CONFERENCE:**

UK coach Eddie Sutton will conduct his weekly news conference/lunches on Tuesday, Jan. 6 and on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Lunch will be served at Wildcat Lodge at 11:30 a.m. and Coach Sutton will join the media at 12:10 p.m. Writers and broadcasters wishing to join the conference-call telephone hookup can do so by calling (202)872-4800 at 12:10 p.m. EST.

**RARDIN STRING  
NOW AT \$4&1:**

Kentucky's "Super Fan," Steve Rardin, continues to be perhaps the greatest fan in all of college sports. The Kentucky-Auburn game last Saturday night was the 56th consecutive UK game Rardin has seen in person. The last time he missed a game (home or away) was on New Year's Eve, 1968, when his wife would not let him miss a planned New Year's Eve party.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KENTUCKY BASKETBALL, CALL BRAD DAVIS (606)257-3838 (O) 277-4005 (H)

**GAME 10:**

Kentucky vs. Alabama

**DATE:**

Wednesday, January 7, 1987

**SITE:**

Rupp Arena - Lexington, Kentucky - capacity: 23,000

**TIPOFF:**

8:05 p.m. EST

**ON THE AIR:**

UK RADIO NETWORK (Cavood Ledford and Ralph Hacker) - 90+ stations throughout Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee and Arkansas. Anchoring the coverage is the powerful 50,000-watt clear channel WUK in Cincinnati. Located at 700 on the AM dial, WUK beams the Wildcat to at least 40 states.

SEC/JEFFERSON-PILOT TV NETWORK (Tom Hammond and Joe Dean) - Seen regionally on the Southeastern Conference Television Network.

**GAME 11:**

Kentucky vs. Tennessee

**DATE:**

Saturday, Jan. 10, 1987

**SITE:**

Stokely Athletics Center - Knoxville, Tennessee - capacity: 12,700

**TIPOFF:**

7:30 p.m. EST

**ON THE AIR:**

UK RADIO NETWORK  
NO TELEVISION COVERAGE

**THE COACHES:**

**EDDIE SUTTON** is now in his second season at Kentucky after completing the most successful first-year in NCAA history. Last season, Sutton guided the Wildcats to a 32-4 record and a spot in the NCAA Final Eight. He also led UK to its 36th Southeastern Conference championship with a 17-1 league mark and guided the Cats to the SEC Tournament title. For his efforts, Sutton was named National "Coach of the Year" by Associated Press and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Sutton is now in his 18th year as a college coach and has compiled a record of 398-130, including his two-year UK mark of 39-6. His overall winning percentage of .754 places him among the winningest coaches in the country. Sutton's record against Alabama is 4-0. His record against Tennessee is 2-0.

**WIMP SANDERSON** is now in his seventh season at Alabama and has compiled a 135-63 record with the Crimson Tide. He has spent his entire career at Alabama, first as an assistant coach, then as the head man when C.M. Newton left. Sanderson's record against Kentucky is 6-11.

**DON DEVOE** is in his ninth season at Tennessee, where he has compiled a 162-101 record. His 16th-year career coaching record is 279-121. Devoe's record against Kentucky is 7-9.



**(more wildcats)**

Chapman's 24 points led the way for the game, while junior guard Ed Davender and junior forward Richard Madison joined Chapman in double figures with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Junior center Rob Lock pulled down 11 rebounds while Madison crashed the board for 9. The Wildcats shot 50.0 percent from the floor while limiting Auburn to just 41.3 percent. The win improved Kentucky's overall record to a surprising 7-2. The Cats evened their Southeastern Conference mark at 1-1.

**CAT SCANS:**

Junior forward **Richard Madison** continues his prowess on the boards. The Memphis, Tenn., product has pulled down 15, 17, 9 and 9 rebounds, respectively, in UK's last four games. He is currently the leading rebounder on the team with an 8.3 average. . . . Freshman sensation **Rex Chapman** continues to play the role of "Mr. Cool" for Kentucky when the Cats are on the road. Last year's "Mr. Basketball" in Kentucky has scored 26, 26 and 24 points, respectively, in UK's three road games. Plus, those road games were at Indiana, Louisville and Auburn - not exactly easy places to play. Chapman continues to pace the Cats in scoring with a 17.8 average. . . . Junior guard **Ed Davender**, the Cats' second-leading scorer with a 16.2 average, has scored in double figures in every game but one this season. . . . Junior center **Rob Lock** matched his career-high with 11 rebounds against Auburn Saturday night. The Readley, Calif., native also had 11 rebounds against Iowa in the UKIT. . . . The Tigers, in fact, were among the nation's leaders in scoring prior to that game with a 92.6 points-per-game average. . . . The Cats continue to be plagued by poor free-throw shooting. After connecting on only 11-of-19 against Auburn, Kentucky's average from the line has slipped to a lowly 58.8 percent.

**THE CATS IN  
JANUARY:**

During the past decade (1977-78 through 1986-87), January has been a relatively tough one for the Wildcats. Kentucky has compiled a 73-25 record in January during that time for a winning percentage of .745. That compares to 84.8 percent in December and 81.3 percent in February during the same period.

**KENTUCKY AT  
RUPP ARENA:**

Kentucky is now in its 11th season in the largest built-for-basketball arena in the country and has compiled a remarkable 145-14 record in the facility named for the late, legendary coach Adolph F. Rupp. That's a winning percentage of 91.2. The Wildcats are 5-0 at Rupp this season and currently sport a 24-game winning streak on their homecourt. UK's last loss at Rupp was on Feb. 24, 1985, when Georgia downed the Cats, 79-77.

**KENTUCKY IN  
THE SEC:**

Off to a 1-1 start in Southeastern Conference play, the Wildcats are defending their 26th SEC title. Kentucky has won three of the last four league crowns and has won two of the last three SEC tournament titles to continue its dominance of the league. UK's overall SEC record is 387-139, an amazing winning percentage of .809.



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# Holiday Tournaments — Bah, Humbug!

Right Up There With Caviar, Letterman

Along with caviar and the David Letterman Show, the most over-rated thing we know is a holiday basketball tournament.

To paraphrase the old Navy slogan about joining the Navy and seeing the world, "Play In a Holiday Tournament AND See the Gym and Your Mote."

We've broadcast 17 of them from the Cougar Classic in Provo, Utah, to the Sugar Bowl Tournament in New Orleans to the IPTAY Classic at Clemson, S.C.

Out of all that we've got a bunch of wrist watches and two sets of drinking glasses that are so garishly decorated with host school



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

logos and lists of previous champions, you wouldn't use them for beer at a poker party.

Watches are the standard reward for participation. The faces are always decorated with the tournament name and the quality of the timepiece ranges from "it looks like it came out of a Cracker Jack Box" to something reasonably nice and serviceable.

The reward of participation is not the problem. Watches are quite adequate.

The problem is the sheer boredom of being stuck in a strange city for three days with nothing to do and no place to go.

Part of it is the coach's fault. The other part is laid at the doorstep of the sponsoring organization.

Here's the usual scenario. You arrive at the tournament city on Thursday afternoon. The team goes to the gym about 5 or 6 p.m. and works out.

### Practice, Eat, And Go To Bed—What Fun!

After practice it's back to the motel for the evening meal. Then, depending on what the players elect to do, you go to a movie en masse or you lay around in your room and watch TV.

In the morning you go back to the gym, shoot free throws and have a light workout.

At noon all the teams gather at a designated restaurant where they listen to each coach speak and hear some propaganda from sponsor spokesmen about what a great tournament this is going to be.

Then it's back to the motel for more laying around until time to go back to the gym and in the morning and back to your motel bed in the afternoon. Your sightseeing consists of the ride from the motel to the gym.

My suggestions to any tournament committee reading this would include the following:

Have a dinner for the teams Thursday night rather than a luncheon on Friday.

Choose a restaurant with an unusual atmosphere that's not in the motel where the teams are staying.

Do not let the teams sit together as a group. Put a couple of players from the different teams at the same table so that the men get to meet each other and develop some friendships.

Figure out what it is about your community that most people consider your most interesting tourist attraction. Then appoint a member or two of your group as hosts to each individual team. Set up a trip or a tour to these places—subject to permission from the coach.

To the coaches, remember winning or losing this non-conference tournament is not the most important thing on earth. Let the kids have a good time, even if they do some walking that day on the same legs they'll play on that night.

The worst thing tournament committees do is invite teams to be a guest at their holiday tournament and then virtually ignore them when the team arrives.

The best tournaments in which we have participated are the Sugar Bowl Tournament, the Cougar Classic at Brigham Young, the Vanderbilt Invitational and the Dayton Ohio Invitational at the University of Dayton.

Of those the Sugar Bowl is tops because those people take a genuine interest in seeing their guests have a good time. They do the same in football, by the way.

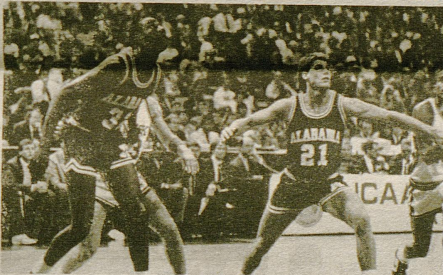
Watches shouldn't be the only thing a basketball player gets for giving up part of his holidays.

A good time is just as important and watching TV in a motel room ranks with the caviar and the Letterman Show as something

less than sensational

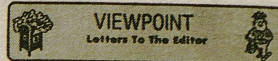
### Not For Broadcast

Prediction. Florida will set a new all-time record for basketball victories. The winningest season in Gator history was 1966-67 when they chalked up 21 wins against only four defeats. This year's team is talented enough to rack up 24 or 25 victories as their fine 8-1 start would indicate. . . The **Minnesota-Tennessee** Liberty Bowl game reminded us that one of the most successful coaches ever to lead the Gophers, **Murray Warmath** (1954-1971) played his football for the Vols (1932-34). . . Until 1979 Tennessee had never met a Big Ten team. Then they played Purdue in the 1979 Bluebonnet Bowl and lost, Wisconsin in the 1981 Garden State Bowl and won, and Iowa in the 1982 Peach Bowl and lost. . . Let's add minor bowl games to the list of overrated events. Three days before Christmas our morning paper reported that **Alabama** had sold only 201 tickets to its game with Washington at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas. As Mr. Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, etc." . . . Apparently neither the sponsors of the game nor the Alabama Athletic Department could fool Tide fans into thinking that El Paso is the ideal spot to spend Christmas. . . **Kentucky** proved their ability to recruit nationally with their list of early signees. The Wildcats' six recruits came from five different states—Kentucky, Georgia, Florida, Texas and California. . . None of the six were averaging less than 18 points per game. . . Through games of December 16, Alabama led the league in three-point shot percentage hitting 56.5 percent from long range, 26 out of 46. Surprisingly enough, that was far better than its overall shooting percentage which was 50.4. **Bama** also was better than anyone in the league was shooting overall. **Auburn** was tops in the SEC with 55.1 percent shooting, almost a point and a half below Alabama's three-



Bama's Derrick McKey (left), Jim Farmer

point mark. **Ole Miss** was on the bottom in three-point shots. The Rebels had taken only 14, hit but four, and posted a percentage of 28.6. . . **Derrick McKey** of Alabama, who led the conference in shooting last year, hitting 63.6 percent of his shots, is not even listed in the top 15 this season. . . Boston College, **Georgia's** opponent in the Hall of Fame Bowl, is no stranger to SEC teams. In the last seven years B.C. has played Tennessee, Alabama and Auburn. . . Twenty-seven members of the Auburn team which played Villanova, 50 years ago in the only New Year's Day bowl game ever held outside the United States, still survive. The game was played Jan. 1, 1937 in Havana, Cuba, and was called the **Bacardi Bowl**. It was a feature of the Cuban National Sports Festival held that year. The game ended in a 7-7 tie. . . Congratulations to Coach **Billy Brewer** and the Ole Miss Rebels for their performance in the Independence Bowl. Their 20-17 win over Texas Tech gave the Rebels their eighth win of the year, the most for an Ole Miss team since 1971 when the Red and Blue won nine. . . Auburn's 46 wins since 1982 average 9 per season. The best ever five-year period in the history of Auburn football. . . Alabama's kicker, **Van Tiffin**, missed his first extra point try in high school as a junior. He hasn't missed one since. He hit 23 in a row in high school and 142 straight at Alabama for a record of 165 consecutive extra points without a miss. . . **Will Perdue**, Vanderbilt's giant center, wears size 21-AAAAAAA shoes—the largest in college basketball. As my mother used to say when she looked at my 12s, "You'd be a lot taller if so much wasn't turned over to feet." . . The LSU football team held the opposition inside the 10-yard line 12 times this season without giving up a touchdown. Four times Tiger opponents settled for field goals, four times LSU got a turnover, once the opponent missed a field goal, and the other three tries LSU took over on downs. . . Kentucky boasts the longest string of non-losing seasons in NCAA basketball. The Wildcats have gone 58 years since they have finished on the losing side of the ledger. . . **The Last Word:** Mike Tomczak, one of the Chicago Bears' quarterbacks when discussing teammate, 5-foot-9 quarterback Doug Flutie he noted, "We put in a special formation for him—the sawed-off shotgun."



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Freedom Hall. So it's time for UL to shut up. I am referring to a letter in Dec. 27 issue telling UK to put up or shut up. In that same letter it said that Denny Crum was "America's Coach". If that's true, then we are all in trouble. Eddie Sutton has shown superiority in coaching. Once again he outcoached Crum.

You see, the two have met six times, Sutton winning five and Crum one. Since coming to UK, Sutton is 2-0 against Crum. It's obvious that Sutton is a better coach.

And to that statement that UK's win last year was luck and homecourt advantage, BULL!! Where was UL's homecourt advantage in *Cheatum* Hall? UK only has better days to come. Just think what Sutton can do next year with all his new recruits. Look what he has done this year with an injury-plagued team (Don't count us out this year either)! Just think. Three more years of Rex Chapman! Is he awesome or what?

Thanks, *Cats' Pause* and keep the issues coming.

Sincerely,

Jeff Morrow  
Louisville, Kentucky

P.S.—UK is the one and only university in Kentucky. Go Big Blue.

### Now You Know

Dear Sir:

This is regarding Robert Dishman's letter in the Dec. 27 edition of *The Cats' Pause*. Evidently Mr. Dishman of Indiana has very little knowledge of basketball. As you know now, Mr. Dishman, we are bigger than Datas and bigger than the Yankees. We are "America's team" and we have "America's coach" and the final score was 85 to 51!!!

Since I'm only 14-years-old and I live in the great (blue) state of Kentucky I feel I have more knowledge of the game of basketball than you sir.

Sincerely,

Christa A. Ballard  
Fern Creek, Kentucky

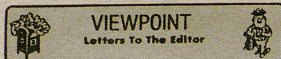
### Fan Sounds Off

Dear Sir:

I don't know what fans Mr. Combs talked to who are "once again turning up the volume on television sets instead of switching to radio." (Pg. 3, Dec. 20 issue of *TCP*) but there surely aren't any that I have talked to in Louisville. I mean not ONE. I repeat NOT ONE, even thinks Mr. Hamilton is a fair announcer. On a scale of 1 to 10, he is rated "0". The adjectives mostly used to describe him are: terrible, horrible, lousy and awful. As much as I like Joe Dean on color, he was just horrendous on play-by-play. In my opinion, Mr. Hamilton is a combination of Joe and Motor Mouth of ESPN (Dick Vitale), and that is about as bad as you can get. To mention Mr. Hamilton in the same print with Claude Sullivan is sacrilegious.

Please, Mr. Combs, you are beginning to sound like someone I quit reading seven years ago, Billy Reed. It is alright to voice your OPINION, but please don't make statements like "Hamilton is the best thing (is he really a thing?) to hit the airways, etc.," sound like facts. I thought listening to (Ralph) Hacker repeat "particular" a thousand times a broadcast was punishment, but Hamilton...YUCK.

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## C'mon Bob!

Dear Sir:

While suffering through another season of reading Mr. Watkins derogatory remarks about the UK basketball team and his praise for U of L, I have to comment on his Dec. 27 article. Mr. Watkins made a "point" about Harvey Grant and Todd May, both of whom had shown an interest in, being forwards averaging a combined 58 points per game.

I would like to make three points of my own:

First, we all know the problems coach Sutton has had to endure from the other shuffling incident. You can imagine what would have happened if Kentucky would have signed Grant with a shoplifting charge already against him.

Secondly, Todd May proved when he was a freshman at UK that he couldn't play with the big boys so he ended up back home. Anybody in his right mind, with all due respect to Mr. Watkins, would realize that May is averaging 43 points per game against third- and fourth-rate players.

Finally, unless my math is wrong, Todd May would have completed his eligibility with (Kenny) Walker and (Roger) Harden last year if he would have stayed. Therefore, if Mr. Watkins wants to ponder statistics of players whose eligibility has expired at UK, I wish he would write about (Dan) Issel, (Jack) Givens, Walker (and others). I think they would make a little better frontline than Grant and May. But that's not to say I have any complaints with (Rob) Lock, (Irv) Thomas and (Richard) Madison.

Sincerely,

Woody Gearheart  
Russell, Kentucky

## Baked Or Fried?

Dear Sir:

Regarding Mr. Robert Dishman's letter in your Dec. 27 issue: Well, we put up, now it's time for you to shut up. I doubt that you'll want to eat crow so try some Cardinal instead.

Steve Fahringer  
Louisville, Kentucky

## Fowl Trouble

Dear Sir:

I have subscribed to *The Cats' Pause* since its inception and this is only the second time I have written to *Viewpoint*.

Mr. Oscar Combs is a very good writer and I enjoy his articles, you have a great sports paper. I am, however, cooking up a sauce for Mr. Combs to put on all the crow he is about to eat after saying Kentucky had no business on the same floor with Louisville, talent wise.

*Viewpoint* did indeed have the guts to publish the letter written by Mr. Robert Dishman of Jeffersonville, Ind., in the Dec. 27 issue, letting us all know about *America's Coach*, Denny Crum, and the lesson he was going to give Eddie Sutton. I would like to know how bad Mr. Dishman thinks Kentucky would have beaten Louisville if they had had a homecourt advantage?

Kentucky 85, Louisville 51. It looks like they are the ones that put up, and a certain fellow from Jeffersonville, Ind., should shut up.

A Big Blue fan for years,

Grover Gish  
Humboldt, Tennessee

# Durham Leads Dawgs Up SEC Ladder

Deserves Recognition After Win Over UK

It goes without saying, but Georgia's Hugh Durham should receive more recognition as a coach. Because of the enormous achievements of the Bulldog football teams over the years, Durham's coaching abilities have been hidden, as they like to say in Athens, between the Hedges.

Since arriving on the scene at Georgia in 1978, Durham has been fighting an uphill battle to attract fans to Memorial Coliseum on a consistent basis, instead of playing before sell out crowds like UK does in Rupp Arena. However, the program has still flourished during his tenure.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

Durham's coaching ability was never more evident than during the Dawgs' 69-65 victory over Kentucky in Louisville last week, which broke a 26-game in-state win streak for the Wildcats. It was ironic that Kentucky last home loss was when Durham's '84-85 club defeated the 'Cats 79-77 in Rupp Arena.

In the four-point upset at Freedom Hall, Durham's squad was well prepared, mixing from zone defenses (usually a 1-3-1) to man-to-man. Georgia harrassed Kentucky's guards and caused the 'Cats to shoot just 40 percent from the field.

Moreover, the Bulldog coach used his bigger guards—Toney Mack, Dennis Williams and Willie Anderson—to post up Kentucky's backcourt players for some easy baskets.

"We wanted to take advantage of their guards size," said Anderson. Georgia's 6-7 point guard. "Any team defending us will have that problem."

Durham also wanted to take advantage of Kentucky, which was still on cloud nine after destroying Louisville 85-51 just three days earlier on the same Freedom Hall court.

"I knew if Kentucky beat Louisville, that's what everybody would



## Anderson Tries To Outposition Chapman

be talking about. Georgia became insignificant," said the Louisville native who racked up his 157th win at Georgia.

"They (UK players) went to church on Sunday and people were patting them on the back. They were selling UK t-shirts all day. And Monday, all the call-in shows were still talking about Louisville, instead of Georgia.

"The fans had an impact on our game. I'll be honest in realizing their team had difficulty coming down."

The victory was extra sweet for Durham and his team after having watched Kentucky cut down the nets last year after clinching the SEC championship on Georgia's home court.

"I have had opportunities to stand here before you guys (media) when I was not nearly as happy as I am tonight," Durham said in his postgame press conference.

## Win Helped Lessen Impact Of Bama Loss

With the victory, Georgia has renewed momentum heading into the rest of the SEC round-robin schedule. Especially after losing

its first conference game at home to Alabama. Durham's club this season has an excellent blend of talent and chemistry with all five starters averaging in double figures. This is also one of his more experienced teams, starting three seniors: Williams, David Dunn and Chad Kessler.

Georgia has one of the biggest backcourts in the league. Anderson gives opposing defenses all kinds of matchup trouble. Anderson was the Dawgs' spark coming off the bench last season and has a nice shooting touch. Backcourt mate Williams, with the exception of Mack, is Georgia's best athlete and can score from the outside, as his seven for 10 shooting from the field against UK will attest to. Williams also gives the Dawgs a prominent rebounder.



## Toney Mack Goes For Two

being one of the league's best guards on the boards.

Along the baseline, Mack is one of the premier players in the SEC. He is currently averaging over 17 ppg and lit Kentucky up for 24 points. Mack, because he was an inside player at Brandon (Fla.) High School, is just starting to get adjusted to playing on the perimeter in college. As a high school All-American he averaged 45 ppg and is now quickly becoming one of the league's most explosive scorers.

In the pivot the 6-8 Dunn provides senior leadership and works hard on the boards. Dunn is Durham's most consistent player and the transfer from John Thompson's Georgetown club gives the Dawgs stability in the middle.

The obvious weakness facing Durham this season is his bench, especially in the middle because freshmen centers Brad Vickers and Craig Uhle are being redshirted this season.

Patrick Hamilton and Milt Blakely are two guard Durham is hoping can provide adequate play in the backcourt. Hamilton has outstanding quickness and is a solid defensive performer. Blakely, a 5-8 junior college transfer, is still learning the offense but can make a contribution to the team with his playmaking skills.

Another player who must give the Dawgs a shot in the arm off the bench is 6-8 sophomore Eric Burdette. Burdette may be a little rusty though because he was redshirted last season and missed his last year of high school ball.

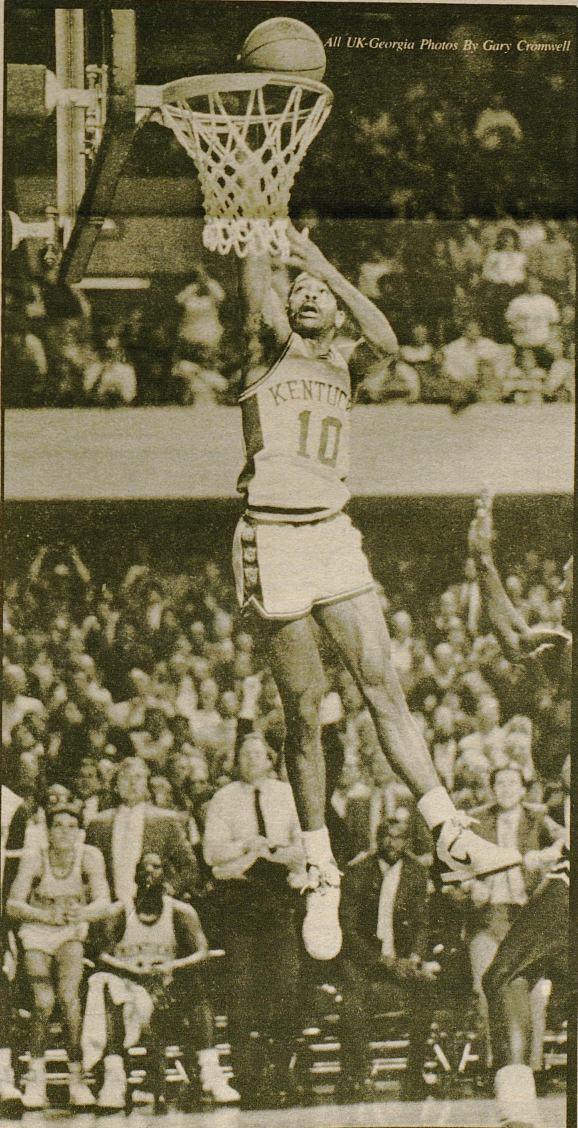
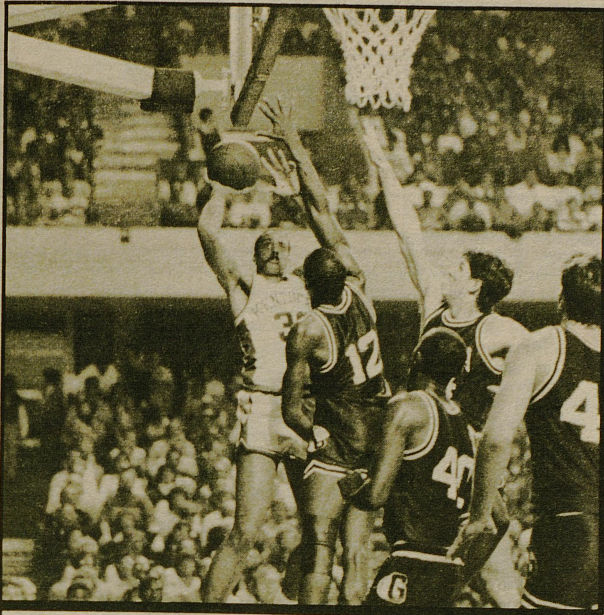
## With Durham On Bench, Dawgs Will Be In Race

How well the bench plays will determine just how far Georgia can go in an up for grabs SEC race this season. Durham is looking for a few players who can give his starters a breather without having a glaring weakness on the floor.

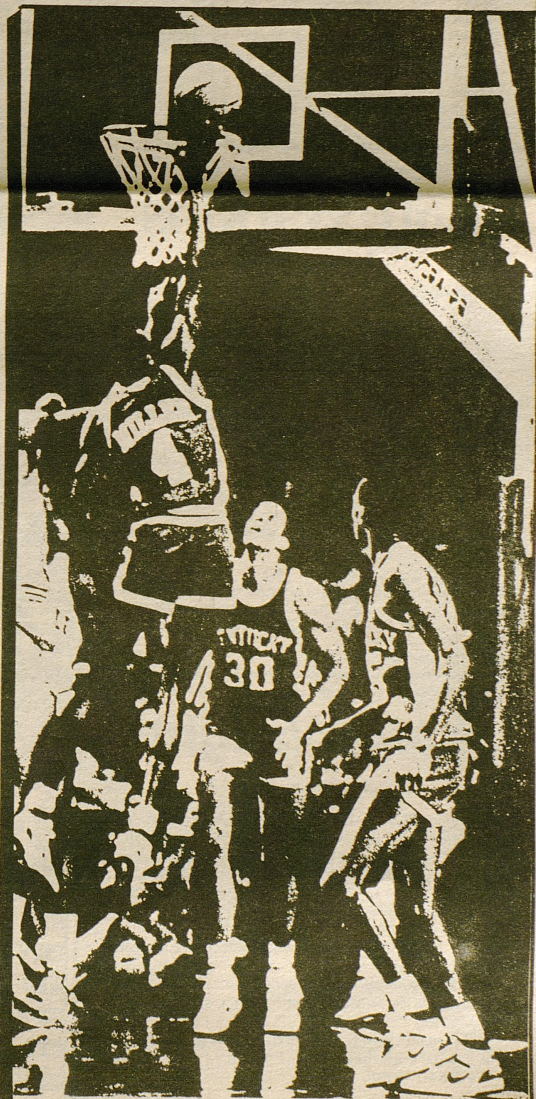
However, one thing is obvious—Georgia is a team that is a force to be reckoned with this season. Keep in mind that the Dawgs suffered two of their losses late in the game, one to Georgia Tech and the other to Alabama (in a game in which the Tide held only one lead, the final margin of 71-70).

With one of the nation's better coaches on the sideline, it's a good bet that he can make the proper adjustments without profitable bench play. Durham has won at every program he has been at, coaching both Georgia and Florida State into the Final Four.

Quietly, Durham has established a highly respectable program at Georgia. And this year's club, which will probably run Georgia's string of consecutive postseason invites to seven, gives further credence to the fact that his accomplishments have at times gone unnoticed.



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# Dawgs Send 'Cats To First SEC Loss

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back into man. But the most productive defense the Dawgs used was a 1-2-2 with the 6-7 Anderson at the point.

Anderson was able to use his height, speed and quickness to rattle Kentucky's guards. Anderson shut off the passing lanes, forced turnovers and made it hard for Chapman, Miller or Davender to get their shots off. Kentucky looked confused and bewildered on offense all night long.

"This is what I said to our team," Durham said: "Defenses don't win games, defense wins games and defense is played by people. Don't go out there and think because we're gonna change defenses (that) that's gonna beat Kentucky, because they're too good." Just changing defenses is not gonna do it. That's what we talked about and I thought we did a pretty good job in playing different defenses."

## 'Cats Wouldn't Quit, Hung In Tough All The Way

Each time Georgia jumped out to a 10-point advantage and looked like they were on the verge of salting the game away, Kentucky would somehow put a run together and

get back into the contest.

Down 28-18 with 8:04 to play before halftime, Kentucky chipped away at the lead, trimming it to three just before intermission when Chapman came up with a loose ball and fed Davender for a layup that cut the Georgia lead to 32-29. But Mack came back with a pair of jumpers and Georgia went into the lockerroom ahead 36-29 at the break.

Two more back-to-back buckets by Mack gave the Dawgs another 10-point bulge with 17:38 to play in the game. But Miller added a pair of three-point bombs and James Blackmon got a dunk in transition.

Then Davender went to work. He split two defenders and made a twisting double-pump layup over Bulldog reserve Eric Burdette, who was charged with a foul on the play. Davender added the free throw to cut draw Kentucky to within 45-43 with 11:25 to play. After Mack answered by beating Richard Madison for a baseline layin, Davender came down, changed his shot in mid-air and canned a 14-foot jumper to make it 47-45. The junior from Brooklyn had an opportunity to tie the game on Kentucky's next possession. He made the front end of a one-and-one with 9:55 showing on the clock to make it 47-46, but he missed the second shot.

Kentucky, which never led in the game, couldn't get any closer the rest of the way.

"They shot the ball well, every time we'd make a run, they'd hit the big-time shots on us," Sutton said. "We had a chance at 45-44 (actually 47-46), when we had the crowd into the game. Ed missed the back end of the one-and-one and we went down and had a defensive breakdown—they scored. We came down and didn't take a very good shot, and then all of the sudden they scored again and we were five down and trying to climb the mountaintop. We just never could get over the hump."

Kentucky did make one last-gasp attempt late in the game. Down by seven at 63-56 with less than two minutes to play, the 'Cats outscored Georgia 9-4 to make it a two-point game. Chapman hit a twisting, one-handed scoop shot from behind the three-point line with :18 to go, and then hit a bomb from the right hashmark to pull UK to within two at 67-65. But then Chapman was forced to foul Anderson, who stepped to the line and put the game away.

"I want to congratulate the University of Georgia, I thought they played a heckuva ballgame," Sutton said. "They're a fine basketball team and that's what we told our squad the last two days. Maybe we didn't coach the game as well as we should have. But I thought they (Georgia) played very well."

"Our players did compete. I think Georgia's a good basketball team. I really believe that Georgia and Vanderbilt are the two big surprises in the SEC. When I say we didn't prepare as well, maybe our staff didn't get the guys out of the clouds after the great game over Louisville."

"We missed some shots when we could've gotten ahead. And you always want to get ahead of people, especially people that probably shouldn't win. And we should have won this ballgame, in my opinion. We're playing at home. If we'd been playing at Athens, well, that'd be a different story."

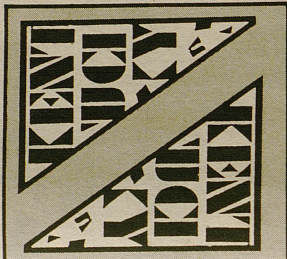
## Bulldog-Wildcat Tidbits

Despite shooting a horrid nine of 28 from the three-point line, including just two of 10 in the first half, **Eddie Sutton** said he doesn't plan to change his strategy—not yet, anyway. When asked if he had thought about, or would think about changing the gameplan in the future and taking more two-point shots, Sutton said, "Not until we get a better established inside game. You guys (media) aren't with them everyday for two and a half hours like our coaching staff is. We have to make a determination on how we're gonna play offensively. And sometimes it's like in football, if you're gonna pass all the time, some days you're gonna hit some touchdowns and some days you're gonna throw some interceptions. I don't like to play basketball that way, but the three-point shot has forced us into a situation where we have to do that, especially if you don't have a great inside game, and right now we don't have. When we get all of our players back, maybe we will have and then maybe we'll change our philosophy. That's why we take so many three-point shots." . . . Kentucky's inside trio of **Rob Lock**, **Richard Madison** and **Irv Thomas** took just 11 shots the entire game. Lock (two of two) and Madison (one of one) were perfect from the field, Thomas was four for eight. . . Guard **Ed Davender** led Kentucky in scoring with 16 points on six of 15 shooting. Davender missed all five of his three-point attempts. . . Freshman guard **Derrick Miller** was named the MVP of the game. Georgia's **Toney Mack** was mentioned on more ballots than Miller, only problem was the voting was for UK players only. Miller was finished with 15 points, hitting five of 15 shots from the floor, all of them coming from the three-point area (five of 10). . . **Rex Chapman** did have an off-night from a shooting standpoint, but the freshman (who made the cover of *Sports Illustrated* this week did have six assists and three steals, both team highs. . . Madison, who is on a rebounding binge of late, once again led the 'Cats with nine boards. Thomas had seven rebounds. . . Georgia improved to 8-3 overall and evened its SEC record at 1-1. Kentucky dropped to 6-2 and 0-1.

## Oscar Combs

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Reports from those in high-up places say the rule is here to stay and most likely at the current distance. Those in favor of the current rule say that nationwide statistics of the shot at the end of the year will prove that the shot is not too close. The shot is having about the same effect as the 45-second clock which many people complained about a couple years ago. Fans love the "home-run" shot.



## Bob Watkins

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### About Kentucky

"They have an outstanding basketball team," Crum said. "When they play as well as they did against us, they can beat anybody in the country. They play great defense."

### UK's Doug Barnes

Crum's last remark was not lost on UK assistant coach Doug Barnes, who, during a visit to Elizabethtown a few months ago predicted, "Louisville will always have trouble with Kentucky as long as Eddie Sutton is at UK, because of the kind of defense he uses gives teams like Louisville a lot of trouble."

What kind of defense is that? Man-to-man by players who are quick, intelligent and have an uncanny feel for each other and an enormous understanding for the game of basketball.

It was no accident that UL's Herbert Crook got five shots and Pervis Ellison eight. Kentucky's defense denied them the basketball.

### Parting shot

Louisville Coach Denny Crum after his team's 34-point loss to Kentucky: "It's only one game. I've gone out and shot 90 one one day and shot 70 the next. That's how it goes in sports sometimes."

And so it goes. ■

## Larry Vaught

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Jacobs, scheduled to make his official visit to UK Jan. 17, has narrowed his list of possible schools to six and the Wildcats are still included.

"He is one guy that we nearly have to have," said one UK source. "He is one of the few freshmen that could come in and help us immediately."

"We feel good about him but a lot of big-time folks are recruiting him. But we think our chances are as good as anybody's."

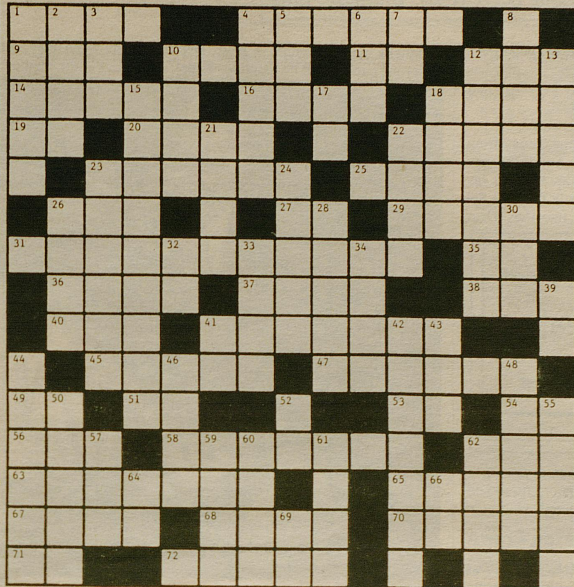
Kentucky also feels it has a solid chance to sign talented wide receivers Eddie Thomas of Ft. Knox and Phil Logan of Louisville Holy Cross.

"We feel good about both of them but you never know what might happen until they sign in February," said the source close to the UK team.

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TCP Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg



THE FABULOUS FIVE

ACROSS

- 1 "Fabulous Five" mastermind
- 4 6-2 Cliff
- 9 Monkey
- 10 A Tar
- 11 Roman numeral for uniform # of "Fab Five" who earned All-SEC honors in '48
- 12 "He was able to \_\_\_ down the rebound"
- 14 Jargon
- 16 1st name of the center of the "Fab Five"
- 18 Shade or tint
- 19 Letter abbr.
- 20 The tent maker
- 22 Namesakes of 6-3 Cat Barnstable
- 23 Mixes
- 25 Louisville \_\_\_ to the "Fabulous Five"
- 26 Unhappy
- 27 "Happy" Chandler
- 29 Assumed name
- 31 The "Fab Five" were crowned world champs by taking \_\_\_ in '48
- 35 Abbr. for 1/3 of the major leagues
- 36 1st name of Martins Ferry, Ohio star of the "Fab Five"
- 37 Relating to aircraft
- 38 The "Fab Five" were able to \_\_\_ up the Olympic title by creaming France 65-21
- 40 In fashion
- 41 Ralph Beard specialties
- 45 1st name of the 5-10 1/2 member of the "Fab Five"
- 47 The "Fab Five" put together a \_\_\_ of 9 Olympic Game victories
- 49 Initials of Cats' 3-year scoring leader during the "Fab Five" era
- 51 Abbr. for an NY island
- 53 X - 1 -
- 54 Initials of a 4-time All-SEC pick in the "Fab Five" era
- 56 Beard \_\_\_ the offense
- 58 Could top the "Fabulous Five"
- 62 6-4 forward Holland
- 63 1st name of the 6-0 guard
- 65 Tallest of the "Fab Five"
- 67 Abbr. for "electrical"
- 68 No one could \_\_\_ the Wildcats' "Fab Five"
- 70 Masculine name
- 71 Initials of present-day DePaul guard Strickland
- 72 "Mah Wah"

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- 1 1st name of the consensus All-American of the "Fabulous Five"
- 2 The \_\_\_ poll had the Cats #1
- 3 Baseball's bull
- 4 Male H.S. star of the "Fab Five"
- 5 3 members of the "Fab Five" earned \_\_\_-American honors
- 6 Cereal brand name
- 7 Cat Billy \_\_\_ans won an Olympic Gold Medal 8 years after the "Fab Five"
- 8 6-2 forward James
- 10 The "Fab Five" never lost at \_\_\_
- 12 Captain of the "Fabulous Five"
- 13 Insects
- 15 Won by W.J., C.B., R.B., A.G., and K.R. in '48
- 17 Initials of pre-"Fab Five" Cat star Allen
- 18 By today's standards the "Fab Five" were not \_\_\_
- 21 \_\_\_-poverty programs
- 22 Football's \_\_\_ball foul
- 23 "Fab Five" beat them by 16 for the '48 National Championship
- 24 Wise ones
- 26 \_\_\_ dunk
- 28 Russian name
- 30 Pub liquid
- 32 Abbr. for "post exchange"
- 33 Credit card substitute
- 34 The '47-'48 "Fab Five" \_\_\_ 3 games
- 39 Initials of Jones of the "Fab Five"
- 41 One of the polls
- 42 Gun part
- 43 The "Fab Five" won thirty-\_\_\_ in '47-'48
- 44 Starter on '48-'49 National Champs
- 46 "He's on the \_\_\_ for two"
- 48 Top scorer of the "Fab Five"
- 50 They play at Iona
- 52 Initials of 62 Across
- 55 Star guard of the "Fab Five"
- 57 Compass abbr.
- 59 Masculine name
- 60 No team dominated collegiate ranks more the "Fab Five"
- 61 The \_\_\_ of March
- 62 Tots
- 64 Abbr. for state of 10 Across
- 66 Initials of post-"Fab Five" Cat letterman Drevitz
- 69 Relating to "I"

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Nation's Fifth Best Team Fairdale's Underwood Holds Off UK Lady Kats Picks Crimson Tide

No. 5 Louisiana Tech turned back a stubborn Kentucky Lady Kat team, winning 64-63 last Saturday before 3,500 fans at UK's Memorial Coliseum.

Down by 16 in the second half, the Lady Kats cut the deficit to only two with eight seconds remaining. With the count at 63-61, Tech's Teresa Weatherspoon sank the front end of the bonus before missing her second opportunity. UK's Sandy Harding then soared in for a layup. However, her shot came just before the buzzer, making the game close but not close enough.

For Weatherspoon, the free throw was her only point during the contest. Terry Hall's troops trailed by 10 at intermission, 34-24.

Kentucky, 7-4, was led by Bebe Croley with 20. Debbie Miller added 17 for the Lady Kats, followed by Jodie Whitaker and Harding with 12 points each.

The Lady Techsters, 9-1, were paced in the scoring department by Tori Harrison's 21 points and Angela Lawson's 20.

Walter Underwood, a 6-foot-4, 275-pound offensive lineman from Fairdale, has announced that he will play for the Alabama Crimson Tide. Before Ray Perkins' departure to the NFL's Tampa Bay franchise, Underwood had already decided on the Crimson Tide. Despite the coaching change, Underwood is still 'Bama-bound.

"I'm not going to Alabama because of the head coach," Underwood told the Birmingham News. "I'm going because of the football tradition, the facilities and the people."

Underwood will officially become a member of the Crimson Tide when he signs on the national signing day—Feb. 11. According to the Birmingham paper he is considered one of Kentucky's top three prospects.

Underwood picked Alabama over another SEC school, the University of Tennessee.

UK's Ziegler To Be In Uniform Against Bama

The Cats' Pause has learned that Todd Ziegler will dress out for Kentucky's encounter against Alabama (Jan. 7). Ziegler, who was suspended from the squad because of shoplifting charges prior to the start of the season, will be making his first appearance of the 1986-87 campaign.

While pleading guilty, Ziegler served 60 community service hours allowing him to have the charges dropped (Dec. 19).

According to Kentucky coach Eddie Sutton, Ziegler for the past week or so had been suffering from flu symptoms. Because of his recent bout with the flu he did not dress out or sit on the bench during UK's games against Louisville, Georgia or Auburn.

Ziegler, a 6-foot-7 junior, reinstated to the team on Dec. 23 by Sutton.

Louisville AD Bill Olsen Receives UK-UL Contract

University of Louisville athletics director Bill Olsen recently reported that he has indeed received a contract from Kentucky AD Cliff Hagan to continue the basketball series between the two schools.

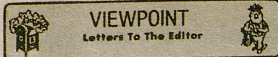
The contract, a four-year extension dated Dec. 24, according to Olsen was part of last Friday's (Jan. 2) three-foot-high stack of holiday mail.

Detailed in the contract was a Dec. 12 matchup next season at Rupp Arena with successive UK-UL battles on corresponding Saturdays during the Christmas month.

Kentucky currently leads in the series, 15-5.



Todd Ziegler



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For my money give me Rob Bromley on play-by-play and Jack Givens on color.

Now, please answer a question for me. Except for the basketball games that are televised, where does the revenue come from that pays coaches' salaries, supplies players with an all expense paid college education and most all other expenses incurred by colleges and universities? If the answer is "from paying fans," then why would they not be included in those "associated with basketball"—Mr. Nicholas?

EVERYONE associated with basketball DOES NOT believe the new three-point line (did you mean three-point PLAY?) has disarranged the sport. Whomever 'some' is who say the rule is turning college hoops into pro ball has not observed what goes on under the basket with all the pushing, shoving, laying all over each other—THIS is what's ruining college basketball. What is so pretty about someone gifted with nothing more than a seven-foot frame being able to stand on their tip-toes trying to tear the rim from the backboard, or four or five grizzlies all going up at the same time and you have to guess which one scores the basket, and at the same time an eye is gouged or a mouth receives an elbow?

The critics who say the three-point play puts ALL FIVE players into the game, a rule that lets 5-10 guys share the limelight and scoring honors with the giants, a rule that puts finesse, civilized excitement, skill and grace into the game—this is turning college hoops into pro ball??? I repeat, the permitted wholesale roughness is turning college ball into pro-like ball. Besides, the season just started, so how can those nitwits judge anything? I think the "Everyone associated with basketball," that you, Mr. Nicholas, refer to are the coaches and the media. Start getting the opinions of the ones who PAY to see the games and you will find out what the ones who really count (the fans) like. Do the media, the coaches, or the NCAA EVER ask what we, the fans, like or don't like? Personally, I don't care what (Denny) Crum, (Bob) Knight, (Dean) Smith, or even (Eddie) Sutton like. Nor do I care what the media like. None of the above pays a dime to see a sporting event. We...the fans...do all the paying, so let us have some say as to what WE want to see. Even if Kentucky had no one who could buy a three-pointer I would still want it, and even if Kentucky did have every guy on the basketball team be able to hit 95 percent of their free throws I would like to see the old rule reinstated that would permit a team being fouled the choice of taking a foul shot or taking the ball out of bounds. I believe this would reduce much intentional fouling which results in sometimes an injury or a fight.

One last thing (for now). If Martha Layne Collins becomes president of the University of Kentucky, then UK loses one fan. Me.

Sincerely,

Gene Morris  
Louisville, Kentucky



## Bama Team To Beat In Regular Season

But Look Out For UK By Tourney Time

It's the time of year when coaches and players learn what their team is made of. A time where it seems like everyone you play has something to prove. You run an offensive play only to realize that the person guarding you follows every step you take.

The SEC season is here, and that means excitement.

Who will be the team to beat? You can have your choice from among Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky and Florida. And there may be a team in Nashville, Tenn., that might have something to say about the SEC title race, too. Vanderbilt has already beaten LSU at Baton Rouge. Believe me, it's not easy going into the "Deaf



Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

Dome" and coming away with your life, er, I mean a victory.

As usual in the SEC, most teams count on winning the home games. On the road is where things usually get tough.

### Bama Team To Beat For Regular-Season Crown

I really like the Crimson Tide. I think Derrick McKey is the best player in the conference at his position. He's 6-9, has long arms and a good shooting touch. Not to mention that he is an excellent shot blocker. Bama will have experience with Terry Coner, who by the way, I consider the best guard in the league. Why? He is very deceptive. He will lull you to sleep with his high dribbling. When you try to steal the ball, he is in the paint area looking to



Georgia's Hugh Durham

score or get an assist. He runs the fastbreak to perfection. He's just an all-around good athlete.

But the main reason I like him is because he's the only player that can shake off Ed Davender. Believe me, if you can lose Davender, you have accomplished a minor miracle.

And in Jim Farmer and Mike Godfried, the Tide has the outside bombers to go with a solid inside attack. Until Kentucky gets Cedric Jenkins and Mike Scott in the lineup I feel that Alabama will be the team to beat.

Teams are licking their chops in the conference this year. After Winston Bennett went down for the year with an injury and Jenkins was out of action, UK was picked fifth in the conference. No one is feeling sorry that the 'Cats only have eight scholarship players. After Kentucky's fast start, I'm sure some of the conference teams weren't as excited as they were before the year began. But then Georgia came into Freedom Hall and upset the 'Cats 69-65 last week.

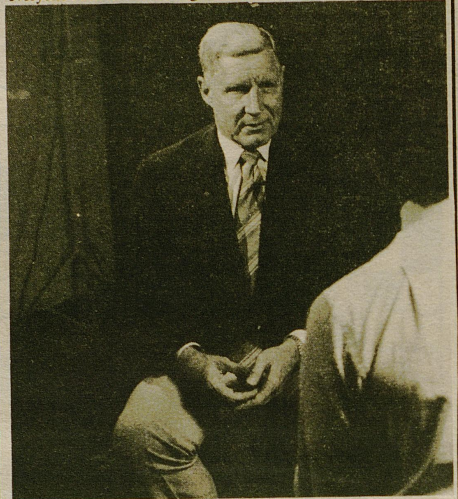
I was going to say that Rex Chapman and Derrick Miller will find that playing on the road in the SEC will be an uphill battle. The way these two individuals play, though, I honestly think they have been here before. I really think they enjoy going to the opposition's home court and shooting the crowd right out of the game. Any time you go into Indiana or Louisville and play extremely well, you have accomplished something. The worst part for the opposition is that Chapman and Miller will get better and better.

Aren't you glad you're a 'Cat fan?

### ...But Look For 'Cats By Tourney Time

Despite the "homecourt" loss to Hugh Durham's Bulldogs, I think

Kentucky will be tough to beat. Depending on when they get everyone back it will be tough for Sutton's club to win the regular-



Florida's Norm Sloan

season conference race, but by SEC Tourney time there won't be a better team in the league.

But you still have to look out for the Florida Gators. They feel like they have the best backcourt in the country in Andrew Moten and Vernon Maxwell. I think that they are an excellent pair, but they haven't faced Kentucky's guards. So I'll wait to see if they're as good as everyone says they are. But Norm Sloan finally has his big man—6-11 freshman Dwayne Schintzius. That's all the boys from Gainesville needed to compliment their guards. Sloan feels like the Gators are the team to beat. It's hard to argue with him. He has an excellent group of players, probably the most talent since he has been at UF. The Gators have to be looked at and taken very seriously.

The Auburn Tigers are powered by their tough, physical rebounding play as usual. They don't have players that are all that tall, but they have good athletes who pound the boards. The only problem with Sonny Smith's crew is that the Tigers don't play with a whole lot of discipline. They run and gun with any team in the country. Auburn will be a top contender for the SEC title.

### SEC Coaches—Tops In The Country

The coaches in the SEC have to be the most colorful bunch around. We all know what coach Sutton has done without the type of talent that Kentucky has had in the past. Just imagine how good his teams will be with the incoming freshmen. He is no doubt the best coach in the SEC as well as one of the five best in the country.

And I think Dale Brown is a good coach. I know most UK fans think the man from LSU is crazy—and he is. But the job he does with his players is what makes him so good. He motivates his team and makes his players believe they can beat anyone. As a player, you like to know that your coach is giving you support.

Smith is probably one of the most underrated coaches in the conference, and for that matter, in America. I think he does a super job of getting his team prepared. His players play a little out of control, but after thinking about it, maybe that is the way coach Smith likes it.

Another solid coach is Wimp Sanderson at Alabama. He brings out the best in his players. He doesn't have enough talent in great numbers, but he definitely gets the most out of what he has. He's a very good floor coach who uses his enthusiasm to motivate.

And how can you ignore Vandy's C.M. Newton? After coaching for years in Tuscaloosa the UK grad is finally making some waves down in Music City, which was proven when the Commodores upset then second-ranked Indiana and LSU in December. Newton is handicapped in recruiting to a certain extent because of the rigid academic standards at Vandy, but you can bet a Newton-coached team will be fundamentally sound and will rarely beat itself.

So as we head into the SEC race, you've taken a look at some of the top teams in the league. With a few breaks here and there, and with the leadership of the outstanding coaches in the conference, the team that best takes advantage of its opportunities will likely be crowned league champion in March.

Which one will it be? Take your pick.



# So Who's Doing The Crying Now?

With Dickie V., It's Surely Not ESPN

On Jan. 5, ESPN passed a significant milestone—it televised the 1,000th college basketball game since coming into our lives in 1979. I think it only proper that we pause to give thanks to this remarkable medium.

In the long history of college basketball, I doubt anything has been or will be as impactful as ESPN. For those of us who've spent so many years attempting to keep tabs on the game nationally it isn't difficult to remember the days when only field reports and word of mouth were usable in learning about far away basketball teams.



Larry Donald  
Cats' Pause Columnist

What a difference ESPN has made.

I recall **Lee Rose's** press conference during the 1977 NCAA tournament when his North Carolina-Charlotte team was marching toward the Final Four. He openly criticized the media for not knowing anything about his star player, **Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell** and, of course, he was right. But later when I asked how we were supposed to have any knowledge about this outstanding player, he could only shake his head in agreement.

There was no medium.

Today a player the caliber of **Cornbread Maxwell** couldn't escape anyone's attention. Nor could a quality team like that UNCC bunch. But, then again, how well would the 49ers have fared if the opposition had any idea they were so good?

Indeed, times change.

In addition to reducing the size of college basketball's world and



Former UNCC Coach Lee Rose

tremendously enhancing its popularity, ESPN has also given us **Dick Vitale**. Now, many are put off by his non-stop talking, his badly distorted analogies (Dow Joneses? Give me a break) and his ability to be overly enthusiastic for even the most lethargic game.

But let me tell you something about this man:

When ESPN was coming into existence in 1979, it was the lowest time in Vitale's life. He'd been fired as coach of the Detroit Pistons in a ceremony team owner **Bill Davidson** called the most difficult he'd ever been involved with because, "Dick wouldn't stop crying."

From the day Vitale arrived at the University of Detroit to take a job not many really wanted, I've come to like him because of his incredible work ethic and an ability to rebound from the tough setbacks and move to an even higher position.

But in 1979 it looked like Vitale had come to the end of the basketball road. The opportunity to work with ESPN was something to fill in until he decided what he wanted to do with his life. We had lunch together on a regular basis in those days and most of the con-

versation was about the upcoming games on his schedule. Frankly, he didn't know much about college basketball. But he wasn't afraid to work at it.

Today I don't think there are many writers or broadcasters with a better working knowledge of the college game. Dickie V. never enters the arena without being thoroughly prepared.

Do I agree with everything he says?

No.

Do I get worn out by his constant verbal patter?



ESPN's Dick Vitale

Like others, of course.

But beyond that Vitale hasn't forgotten where he started or how he got where he is today, which is at the top of a profession he entered by accident. You've got to admire that fact.

And I do. . .

Along the television theme, one thing which the advent of cable networks like ESPN, USA and others involved with televising of college basketball hasn't brought along is the golden egg everyone anticipated. The cable stations, along with all three networks, have virtually wiped out the various conference syndicators and those schools which have appeared nationally have discovered the exposure is far more significant than the revenues. It is a buyer's market.

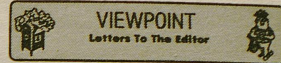
Clearly, the biggest concern as we move toward the end of the decade is a trend in which the rich apparently will get richer. The **Big East, ACC, Big Ten** and **SEC** dominate the cable networks. Smaller conferences are having trouble finding a slot and even if they do put together a network making any money from advertising, it is difficult. One example of this is a middle range conference with a good tradition, but located in small television markets which enter late December without one second of advertising having been sold for its television package. Schools could actually end up footing the bill for the television package, not exactly what the experts predicted at the beginning of this decade. . .

**Louisville** is the biggest name among the early-season disappointments (and this Cardinal edition is the most painful-to-watch **Denny Crum** team I've ever seen), but there are some others who should be playing better. **Tulsa, Michigan** and **Miami (Fla.)** come to mind. . .

On the occasion of its 50th anniversary, the **NAIA** has selected an all-star team and also honored its top coaches. You'll recognize some of these names: **Dick Barnett, Zelmo Beatty, Lloyd (now World B) Free, M.L. Carr, Earl Monroe, Willis Reed, Jack Sikma** and **Elmore Smith**. All of these players enjoyed their careers in the NBA after arriving from their small, small world. And if team members **Joe Fulks, Vern Mikkelson** and **Jim Spivey** are familiar then you are, indeed, a long-time basketball fan. . .

North Carolina-Wilmington has an outstanding player in 6-9 **Barry Rowsom**. How good is he? Ask Indiana coach **Bobby Knight** after Rowsom lit up the Hoosiers for 35 and almost led his team to a win. . .Mentioning IU, when **Vanderbilt** pulled the upset in December, coach **C.M. Newton** admitted afterward that he is very disappointed that his program hasn't been better. "When you are hired to build a program you hope to get it done before four or five years. And we had not done it." . . .

DePaul's **Dallas Comegys** has pro scouts reaching for their erasers after a strong December showing. Considered a marginal NBA prospect after three disappointing years in Chicago, Comegys has suddenly come alive. Not only is he scoring, but is passing the ball well and even making free throws. He's moved from the second round to the middle of the first round and at this rate could be a lottery player by June. . .



## 'Real' Kentucky Team

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the "Put Up Or Shut Up" letter from Mr. Robert Dishman of Jeffersonville, Ind., in your Dec. 27 issue.

Mr. Dishman set the rules, and here's how they are interpreted.

1. **Homecourt Advantage?** Yes, Kentucky did win in Rupp Arena last year. Did Louisville win in Freedom Hall this year? No. Next, Mr. Dishman will claim that this is no longer neutral territory. There's probably some truth here as it seems that most of the Cardinal faithful turned blue midway through the second half.

2. **Denny Crum, A Superior Coach?** No argument here. Only a superior coach would take a favored team, the homecourt advantage, probably superior talent and emotion and manage to lose by only 34 points! It was obvious to UK fans, U of L fans, CBS and everyone involved that the Louisville team gave up in the second half. Superior coaching does not let this happen.

3. **Denny Crum, America's Coach?** Only when the borders of the U.S. end at the Jefferson County line will such an absurd title be bestowed.

Mr. Dishman said that after this ballgame, we would know who the real Kentucky team was. Over 60 percent of Kentuckians knew already. I guess the rest of the state does now, as well as those in Indiana.

The question is, now that Eddie Sutton has "put up", will Mr. Dishman "shut up"?

Congratulations to coach Sutton and all the team. It was a great victory for UK fans everywhere.

Sincerely,

E.L. Owen  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

## Wait Until Next Time

Dear Sir:

I am and have been a UK basketball fan of the Wildcats. I go way back to the time of John Mauer. I remember reading about Paul McBrayer, "Pisgale Combs" and others. I remember when Adolph Rupp became coach and really added some impetus to the Kentucky tradition. I remember the "Fabulous Five" and many fond memories of the "Runts" and they would have beaten that team from Texas Western if (Larry) Conley, (Tommy) Kron and (Pat) Riley had not been ailing.

Now in reference to the letter from Robert Dishman in the Dec. 27 TCP. He should know a little more than to call Denny Crum "America's Coach." The 'Cats manhandled the Cardinals. Once we got (James) Blackmon, (Rex) Chapman and (Derrick) Miller bombing from the three-point region it was all over but the shouting. So wait until next time Bob and you can write another letter about your "super" coach and "super" team. Maybe in the near future you can write and make your excuses.

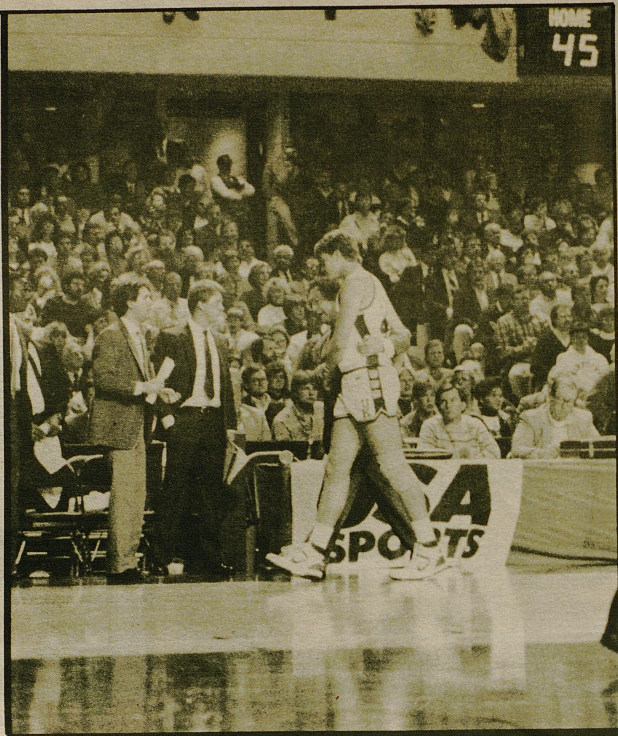
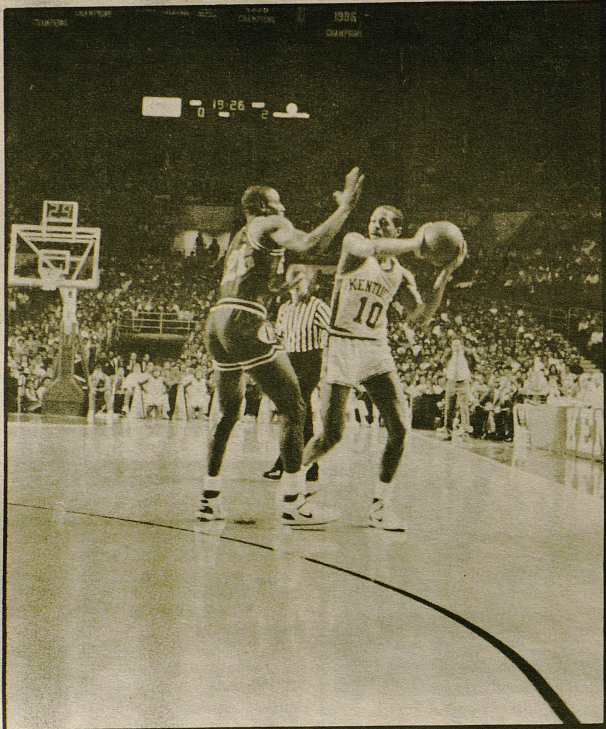
I have just renewed for another year and I want to thank all of you at TCP for the "newsy" articles that you print.

Go 'Cats.

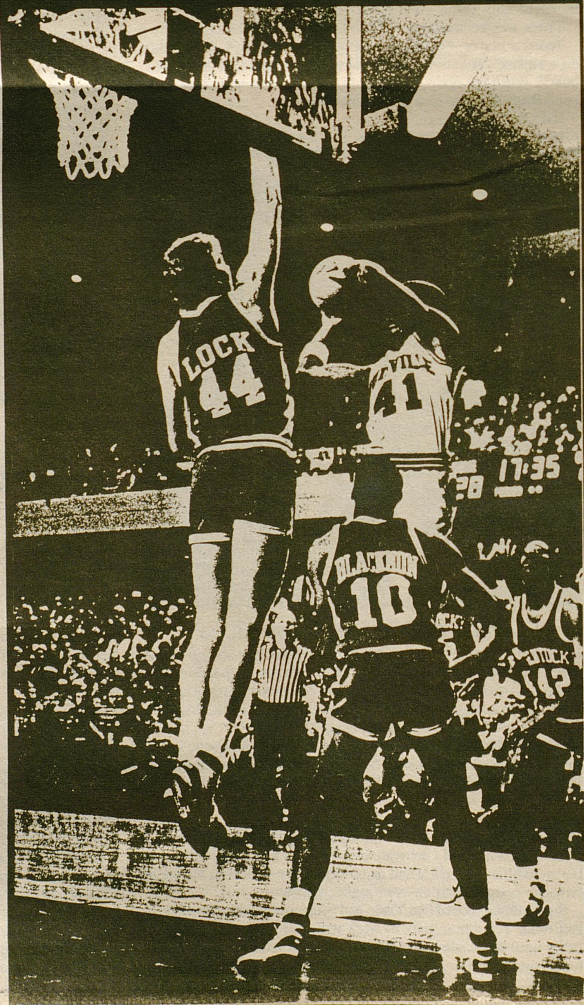
Sincerely,

R.B. Weigott  
Kissimmee, Florida

P.S.—Keep on winning and make this old fan happy.



All UK-Georgia Photos By Gary Cromwell



# Back Thru The Wildcat Years

## Two Years Ago

\*Kentucky, led by junior forward Kenny Walker, knocked off No. 17 North Carolina 78-62 at Rupp Arena. Walker scored 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the way for UK. Said Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano afterwards, "Being perfectly honest, I don't think they (UK) should get overconfident because of this tilt. I'm not taking anything away from them, but we played very poorly." The win improved UK's record to 6-4. Kentucky shot only 39 percent (22-56) from the field compared to State's 52 percent (26-50). The telling factor was free throws—Kentucky, 34-of-37; N.C. State 10-of-17. State was led by Lorenzo Charles and Russell Pierre with 19 and 17 points respectively. Little man Spud Webb hit on only 3-of-11 shots while compiling eight points.

\*One Wildcat signee and two junior high school prospects were spotted at the N.C.

State-Kentucky matchup. Future 'Cat Irving Thomas witnessed the victory over the ACC school. Also in attendance were junior sensations Felton Spencer of Louisville and Terry Mills of Romulus, Michigan.

\*UK traveled to Oxford, Miss., and came away with a 57-45 win over the Ole Miss Rebels. Junior Kenny Walker hit nine-of-16 from the floor, on his way to a 28-point performance. With the score knotted at 18-all at the intermission break, Walker exploded for 24 points in the final 20 minutes of play. Said Walker, who earlier was named *Sport Illustrated's* Player Of The Week, "I come to play, that's the bottom line. I just go out and play as hard as I can as long as I can. In the second half my teammates did a great job of getting the ball to me."

## Seven Years Ago

\*Howard Wood hit a baseline jump shot with two seconds left in the game to give the

Tennessee Vols, playing without star center Reggie Johnson and reserve Chuck Threeths, a 49-47 win over Kentucky, snapping the 'Cats' 12-game winning streak. The 47 points was the lowest scored by a UK team in the past 374 games. Kentucky set another record, attempting only two foul shots and making only one. Tennessee hit 15-of-17 charity attempts. Tennessee jumped out early to take a 27-21 lead. UK finally tied the score with 4:11 left in the game but Wood pulled the Vols out. Fred Cowan and Sam Bowie scored 14 points each for UK while Kyle Macy hit for 10. Wood had 14 for Tennessee while Kevin Nash scored 12.

\*Kyle Macy did it again, hitting a 22-foot jump shot with one second left in the game to give UK a thrilling 67-65 win over Auburn in Rupp Arena. UK had called timeout with 12 seconds left. Macy took the inbounds pass but then passed to Jay Shidler, who returned the ball to Macy for his game-winning shot. Kentucky did not play well in the game, getting outshot and outrebounded. UK led by more than two points only once and Auburn led for most of the game, including 35-30 at the half. Macy led UK with 21 points while Sam Bowie added 13 and Fred Cowan 12. Rich Valavicius and Darrell Lockhart scored 14 each for Auburn.

## Ten Years Ago

\*A hotly contested battle which almost broke out in a fight at the end resulted in Kentucky upending the Tennessee Volunteers 88-82 in Lexington. Freshman Jack Givens ended a season-long shooting slump by hitting six-of-eight from the field for 18 points. Freshman center Danny Hall came in and contributed four crucial points and four rebounds. Kevin Grevey led UK scorers with 24 points while Ernie Grunfeld scored 25 for the Vols. UT had overcome a 14-point deficit to tie the game at 67-all with eight minutes left.

\*Another post-season honor has been presented to Wildcat football player Rick Nuzum, a senior center. Nuzum was awarded a position on the Churchmen's Hall of Fame All-American team.

\*The Auburn freshmen hoop team came through as the Tigers handed UK its second loss, beating the seventh-ranked Wildcats 90-85 at Auburn. Frosh Mike Mitchell scored 31 points and added 15 rebounds and freshman Stan Piekiewicz added 18 points. Kevin Grevey led UK with 29 points and Jimmy Dan Connor had 27 as Kentucky's seven-game win streak was snapped.

## Seventeen Years Ago

\*Starting guard Bob McCowan and substitute forward Randy Poole were suspended from the UK team indefinitely for breaking curfew violations.

\*UK's Dan Issel is the third leading scorer in the nation, averaging 32.6 points a game. Pete Maravich of LSU is first at 47.3 ppg.

\*UK started a two-game road trip with an 88-69 win over Florida on the strength of 64 percent shooting in the initial stanza. Dan Issel wound up with 37 points. Mike Pratt added 18 and Terry Mills 14.

\*Kent Hollenback came off the UK bench to hit six of eight shots and spark UK to a 72-71 win over Georgia, giving the 'Cats sole possession of first place in the Southeastern Conference. Dan Issel outscored Georgia's 6-11 center Bob Lienhard 32-17.

## Thirty Two Years Ago

\*It finally ended. Georgia Tech, rated probably the worst team on UK's schedule, ended the Wildcats' 12-year home winning streak by scoring an astounding 59-58 upset before a stunned crowd of 8,500 in Memorial Coliseum. A jump shot about 12 feet out by little Joe Helms with 12 seconds left was the winning bucket. Kentucky had two tries to pull it out but fell short. The loss was the first for the 'Cats on their home floor since Jan. 2, 1943, and also ended a Kentucky 32-game win streak. Phil Grawemeyer led UK with 19 points.

\*Kentucky bounced back from its only defeat with a sound 92-59 win over DePaul before a packed house at Memorial Coliseum. It was a contest in which the Wildcats never trailed. Billy Evans scored 21 points and Bob Burrow added 20.

## Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Kentucky finally defeated Tennessee in Knoxville's Stokely Athletic Center last year.

2. When was the first time UK played Tennessee in basketball?

- a) 1901
- b) 1910
- c) 1915
- d) 1920

3. True or False? If Tennessee completes its new 25,000 seat arena, the building will be the largest made-for-basketball facility in the country.

4. Who won the SEC scoring title last season?

- a) Kenny Walker
- b) Tony White
- c) John Williams
- d) Chuck Person

5. What former UT star scored 43 points against Kentucky on Jan. 10, 1976?

- a) Bernard King
- b) Reggie Johnson
- c) Ernie Grunfeld
- d) Dale Ellis

6. What Volunteer player is the only member of the team from the state of Kentucky?

- a) Doug Roth
- b) Tony White
- c) Ron Hausley
- d) Sam Arterburn

7. How many losing seasons has UK coach Eddie Sutton had since accepting its first major college head coaching position in 1970?

- a) none
- b) one
- c) two
- d) four

8. What former Wildcat started all 31 games for Joe B. Hall during the 1978-79 season?

- a) Sam Bowie
- b) Kyle Macy
- c) LaVon Williams
- d) Truman Clayton

9. How many of UK's five national championship squads had all five starters averaging in double figures?

- a) one
- b) two
- c) three
- d) four

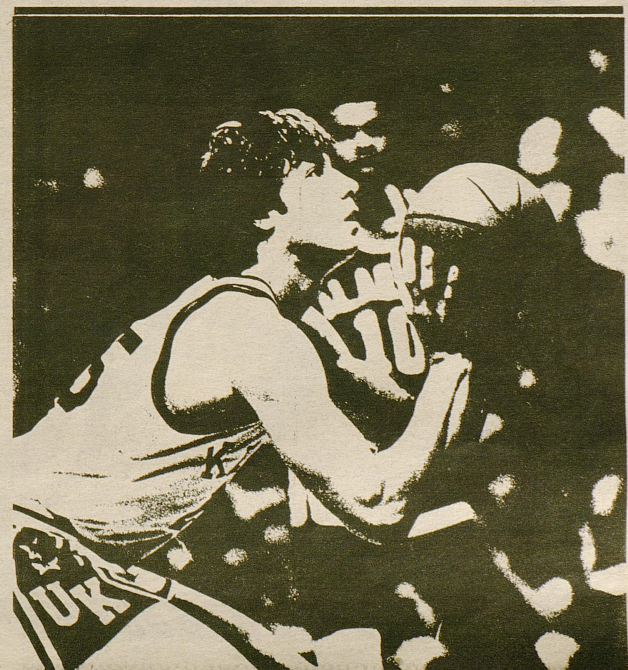
10. When Georgia defeated UK 69-65 in Louisville it broke the Wildcats' five-game winning streak in home games played in the Derby City. Who was the team that last beat Kentucky before the streak started?

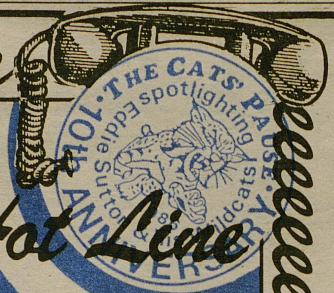
- a) North Carolina
- b) Indiana
- c) Kansas
- d) Notre Dame



## Answers

- 1. True. (UK snapped a seven-game losing streak, beating UT 67-60)
- 2. 1910. (UK 20-5 in the first game of the series)
- 3. True. (22.2 ppg)
- 4. Tony White. (67-61 on Dec. 27, 1980)
- 5. Ernie Grunfeld
- 6. Purdue native Sam Arterburn
- 7. none
- 8. LaVon Williams
- 9. one. (The '78 championship club)
- 10. Notre Dame.





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