# Peach Bowl Special

The Kentucky Kernel

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A quick look at North Carolina's statistics for this season show that their greatest weakness is pass defense. Even so, chances are UK will rely on the strategy that helped them win seven games this year. Sports Editor Joe Kemp provides an in-depth look....page 2.

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The Peach Bowl isn't very prestigious by most standards. It's only nine years old and has never been a sell-out. But this year Kentucky is to make an appearance and now it's a whole new ball game....page 3.

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Most of the activities take place at UK Peach Bowl headquarters—the Marriott Hotel....page 4.

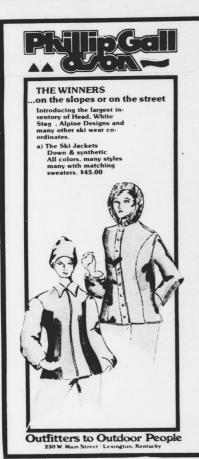
#### Highstepping band

The recent histories of the UK football team and the UK "Wildcat" Marching Band read much the same way. It is fitting that both groups' turnarounds culminate with a Peach Bowl appearance...page 6.





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# Tar Heels can't handle the pass but Kentucky will probably run

By JOE KEMP Sports Editor

"If God isn't a Tar Heel, ther why is the sky Carolina blue? bumper sticker.

"It doesn't look like North Carolina has any weaknesses. They have a good kicking game and a great offense. On top of that, their defense is a lot like Georgia's. They scramble all over the place and they're bigger physically."
Perry Moss, UK assistant football coach.

Perhaps Moss was a little hasty

Perhaps Moss was a little hastly in his assessment of the Tar Heels, because they do have at least one weakness.
Pass defense. North Carolina doesn't play it. The secondary gave up 155 yards a game through the air, worst in the Atlantic Coast Conference this seamon.

But it's doubtful that UK will throw the ball up more often when the two teams meet in the Peach Bowl, Dec. 31 at Atlanta. The Wildcats will use what has gotten them this far—run, run,

And that's exactly what North Carolina will do, too. Coach Bill Dooley wouldn't have it any other

way.

"As a team, you're nothing if you can't run the football on an opponent," he said. "You've got to be able to knock people down and run over them. It's a game for men. You've got to out-tough people to beat them."

Fullback Mike Voight has been knocking people down for four years, setting an ACC career rushing record of 3,971 yards in the process. He also tied a league record with 42 career touchdowns.

1,407 yards and scored 110 points, third highest in league history. "I knew (Voight) would get the

yardage for us this year," said quarterback Matt Kupec. "You



Runningback Greg Woods (No.2) and Quarterback Derrick Ramsey congratulate each other after scoring against Oregon State. No doubt they hope for several repeat performances against North Carolina in Atlanta.

know, he's such a great runner that he doesn't get credit for the other things he does."

Volght said he doesn't pattern himself after anyone else.

"No, everybody has a different pattern to running." he said. "You just have to find what's natural for you. For example, Ken Willard (ex-runningback with the San Francisco 49'ers of the National Football League),

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#### UK-North Carolina series

1910—Lexington—North Carolina 11, Kentucky 0. 1934—Chapel Hill—Kentucky 6, North Carolina 0. 1964—Lexington—Kentucky 10, North Carolina 0. 1970—Chapel Hill—North Carolina 20, Kentucky 10. 1972—Chapel Hill—North Carolina 11, Kentucky 20.

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# Peach Bowl is plenty for Kentucky followers



Kentucky defensive players outnumber the Vols offensive on this play. UK received its

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Because it's only nine-years-old, the Peach Bowl has neither the prestige nor the tradition of the other major post season classics—a la Rose, Orange, Cotton and Sugar.

Cotton and Sugar.

If one really wanted to be cynical, he could say that the Peach Bowl is not really big time because it's not covered by any of the three major networks. Something called Mizlou, an independent company with a 150 station hook-up, handles the television coverage. television coverage

television coverage.

And finally, the Peach Bowl has never been able to attract fans en masse. There have been no sell-outs in the nine games at 60,000 seat Atlanta Stadium,

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but these facts mean little to the UK football geam and its fans. For the Wildcats, the Peach Bowl offers national television ex-posure and lots of money (about \$220,000).

\$220,000).
Followers of the Wildcats seemed pleased with the club being invited to the Peach Bowl. They gobbled up about 10,000 tickets in less than two hours (sorry, Rolling Stones). Another 5,000 tickets went to VIPs.

Several Atlanta hotels were flooded with reservations from Kentuckians within a few days. "You people are incredible." said one hotel manager, who had been answering telephone requests all night. "We've never seen anything like it." And there are other reasons why Kentucky is happy to be going to Atlanta this New Year's Eve.

For one thing, UK last went bowling New Year's Day 1952. With quarterback Babe Parilli

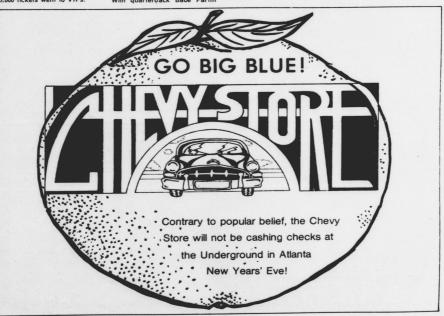
completing passes at will, UK beat Texas Christian University 20-7 (yeah, those Horned Frogs again) in the Cotton Bowl. To give you an idea of how long ago that was, consider the events that appeared on the front page of

the Louisville Courier-Journal that day.

—The United Nations was trying to negotiate a truce for the end of the Korean War.

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# Parties, dances headline activities planned at UK bowl headquarters

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students, alumni and rriends during the long weekend. Getting there—A UK alumni charter flight is sold out. Com-mercial reservations out of Lexington and Louisville are

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booked solid. The only possibility to get an airline seat is to get on a waiting list and hope someone backs out.

A slim possibility exists that the airlines might add an extra flight or two. The UK Student Center Board has a package bus trip, including tickets and hotel accommodations, with some

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Following the listening party, the Peach Bowl President's Ball, which is co-sponsored by the hotel and the Peach Bowl committee, will begin in the Marrioth's Hall of Nations and grand belircom. Tickets are \$10 a



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Friday...Peach Bowl Day and New Year's Eve—A "Wake-up" party at the Marriott will begin at 10:30 a.m. A pre-game brunch, sponsored by the UK Alumni Association, will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Marriott ballrooms. Tickets are \$5.25 a MARTA (city) buses will rovide transportation to and continued on page 10



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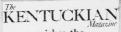
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# UK, North Carolina both say they plan to run, run

nsive line in front of him. And

Probably the most important member of that line is center Mark Cantrell, considered THE best at his position in the country.

Two weeks ago, it was reported that Cantrell wanted UNC to reject its Peach Bowl invitation. Not true, he insists.
"We're really excited that we got the bid, especially to the

gor the bid, especially to the Peach Bowl," said the 6-3 senior. "The newspapers quoted me as saying that I wanted to go to another bowl, but that wasn't true. I wanted to go to the Peach Bowl and so did the vast majority of the head.

of the team.

"We know Kentucky is an excellent team and I really don't know exactly what kind of game to expect from them. Our team

has been up and down this year.
Sometimes our offensive unit is up and our defense is down and sometimes it's the other way: around, so I'm never sure whether it's going to be a high-scoring game or a low-scoring one. But we're really looking forward to paking in Allanta-

one. But we're really looking forward to playing in Atlanta—that's for sure."

Other players on the UNC offense to watch are Kupec, who completed 52.5 per cent of his passes (52-95) and wingback Mel Collins, the leading receiver with 14 catches. Those stats may not look that impressive, but look that impressive, but remember the Tar Heels rely on their ground game.

North Carolina has appeare the Peach Bowl before (1970)

#### UK bowl data

1947—Great Lakes Bowl, Cleveland—beat Villanova 24-14. 1949—Orange Bowl—lost to Santa Clara 24-14. 1950—Sugar Bowl—beat Oklahoma 13-7. 1952-Cotton Bowl-beat TCU 20-7.

#### North Carolina bowldata

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1946—Sugar—lost to Georgia 20-10.

1948—Sugar—lost to Oklahoma 14-6.

1949—Cotton—lost to Rice 27-13.

1943—Gabro—defeated Air Force 35-0.

1970—Peach—lost to Arizona State 48-26.

1971—Gator—lost to Georgia 7-3.

1972—Sun—defeated Texas Tech 32-28.

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#### 1976 UNC record (9-2)

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North Carolina 12, East Carolina 10.

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—The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ordered the HiDee-Ho Club, a "notorious" Secondly, Kentucky wasn't supposed to have a winning

Campbell County night spot to be padlocked for six months.

record this season, let alone go to a bowl.

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Coming off a 2-8-1 record, beset by nationally publicized off-field activities, playing a tough schedule and being investigated by the NCAA seemed to kill any chances for a successful year.

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things for UK were considered a little demented.

Even head coach Fran Curci

and the Wildcat defense became one of the best in the South.
UK defeated nationally rated Penn State, Louisiana State, Florida and arch rival Tennessee. This was enough to convince Peach Bowl official A.L. Kirkpatrick to invite the Cats.

He received no complaints.

#### Peach bowl history

1968— LSU 31, Florida State 27
1969— West Virginia 14, South Carolina 3
1970— Arizona State 48, North Carolina 26
1971— Mississippi 41, Georgia Tech 13
1972— North Carolina State 49, West Virginia 13
1973— Georgia 17, Maryland 16
1974— Vanderbilf 6, Texas Tech 6
1975— West Virginia 13, North Carolina State 10

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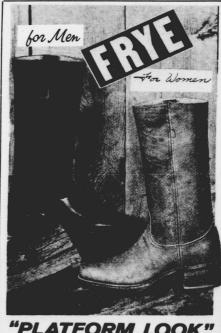
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continued from page 4 disco party, especially aimed at from any Atlanta downtown hotel . UK students, will be held. Ad-

mission is \$3.
The UK Alumni Association is The UK Alumni Association is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dinner dance at 9:30 p.m. in the Marriott's Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 a person for dinner, dancing, noise makers, hats and other party amner, dancing, noise makers, hats and other party paraphernalia, including champage at midnight. A maximum of 500 tickets for the dinner-dance will be available.

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