



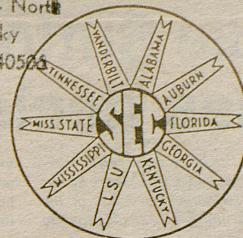
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Sutton resigns after four seasons at Kentucky

by TCP associate editor Mike Estep

Although he claimed his innocence until the end, Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton ended months of speculation by announcing his resignation Sunday afternoon during a nationally televised NCAA tournament broadcast.

Saying he was stepping down for the good of the program, Sutton made the announcement live on CBS Sports during the halftime of the Indiana-UTEP game, nearly one year after the NCAA launched a probe into wrongdoing in the Wildcat program.

"I'm doing so for one main reason, it's because I love the University of Kentucky and I love the basketball program," Sutton, who is not directly named in any of the NCAA's 18 allegations against UK, said at a press conference later Sunday evening from Wildcat Lodge. "I love all the great fans across the commonwealth. Kentucky basketball is very special to all the people. I think for the good of the program, for the fans, the players and my family, that it's probably best that I resign at this time."

The announcement came just more than 24 hours after Sutton vowed, on another CBS Sports broadcast, that he would not resign.

"I think the difference is that I went home and talked to my bride of 30 years and to my three wonderful sons and did a lot of praying," Sutton

said of his 180° turn. "I don't want anyone else to get hurt. I certainly don't want this program to get hurt anymore. It's got to go forward and upward."

UK president Dr. David Roselle, speaking to the press shortly after Sutton's announcement, called the resignation a necessary step toward rebuilding the Wildcat basketball program.

"Circumstances sometimes create a need for change that is in the best interest of the institution," Roselle said. "This is very much the case with coach Sutton's situation at UK. Eddie has decided to put the good of the program and the institution above his personal interests—and I applaud and I think him for that."

"Eddie Sutton has my best wishes in his future pursuits. All friends of UK should feel likewise and be appreciative of Eddie's willingness to recognize that his resignation is a necessary step in the process of rebuilding our basketball program."

Roselle stopped short of saying Sutton would have been fired had he chosen not to resign, but hinted that such a scenario was possible.

"We were going to meet with the athletics board on Tuesday (March 21) afternoon and present a review, not only the NCAA review but a total review of the basketball program, to discuss the future of that program with the athletics board. And I don't know if there would have been a recommendation of that sort to come forward,"

Roselle said.

"I had thought there could be such a vote by the athletics board," the UK president added.

Although he said the NCAA probe was the "principal problem in the basketball program," Roselle also said that there were other factors involved and that the resignation provides an opportunity for the basketball program to have a "fresh start."

"The NCAA problem looms large at the present time, and that remains a difficult situation for the University of Kentucky to deal with," Roselle said.

"But there are also other problems. Problems of competitiveness, as you saw this year. Problems of recruiting. And there are problems of academics in some of the students. Not the students who are here, they are excellent young people. But some of the people who were recruited have been unable to remain at the university."

"In summary," Roselle said, "we now have the opportunity to begin rebuilding our basketball program—a fresh start for University of Kentucky basketball."

Sutton, who posted a 90-40 record record during his four-year stint at Kentucky, and has a 432-165 won-loss mark over his 20 years on the major college level, said he would remain in Lexington barring the event that he landed another coaching job next season.

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Eddie Sutton steps down from Wildcat post; bases decision on program's best interest

Following is Eddie Sutton's press conference at Wildcat Lodge from where he announced his resignation as coach of the University of Kentucky basketball program last Sunday evening.

(Eddie Sutton's opening remarks)

Eddie Sutton: Well, as I said early this afternoon (halftime of the Texas El Paso-Indiana game) after much thought and consideration and consultation with my family and doing lots of praying, I have decided to resign at the University of Kentucky.

I'm doing so for one main reason, it's because I love the University of Kentucky and I love the basketball program. I love all the great fans across the commonwealth. Kentucky basketball is very special to all the people. I think for the good of the program, for the fans, the players and my family that it's probably best that I resign at this time.

This past season has taken its toll on a lot of people—our players, fans and my family. But I appreciate all the wonderful support that has been given to me during these trying times. The public's support has been wonderful. I guess that's what makes coaching Kentucky basketball special, is all the great fans that we have. I think I would be remiss if I didn't give a special thanks to a person who has stood behind me throughout all of this, and that's the Governor of the commonwealth, Wallace Wilkinson.

It was a tough decision, but in order for the program to go forward and for not anyone else to get hurt... I guess one thing that really happened that hurt me was the fact that this weekend an untruth was told.

Anyone that knows me knows how precious I believe in loyalty and that it's a two-way street—people who have always been loyal to me and I always try to be loyal to my staff. Certainly, in no way, would I ever dump my staff in order to save my position. I've always defended my staff. When that came out that was hurtful.

There have been a lot of rumors, vicious rumors that have surfaced and they might continue. I just don't want to see anyone hurt or this basketball program hurt anymore than what we've already seen.

Media: Coach, had Dr. (David) Roselle indicated to you that you would be fired if you didn't resign?

Eddie Sutton: No, and I was never asked to resign.

Media: Did he in any way, shape or form indicate to you that he would fire you if you did not resign during the meeting last Wednesday?

Eddie Sutton: No.

Media: What was said during that meeting? Did he encourage you to stay?

Eddie Sutton: No. We discussed the University of Kentucky basketball program. And as I've said so many times, Dr. Roselle and I want the very same thing, and that is to run the program with integrity, a program that all Kentuckians can be proud of. That's what I've tried to do.

Media: Did he want you to stay. Did he say, "Coach, do you want to stay?"

Eddie Sutton: We discussed the pros and cons of that.

Media: Coach, yesterday (Saturday) on national television you said you would fight for your job and today on national TV you said you were resigning. What was the difference in 24 hours?

Eddie Sutton: I think that the difference is that I went home and talked to my bride of 30 years and to my three wonderful sons and did a lot of praying. I don't want anyone else to get hurt. I certainly don't want this program

to get hurt anymore. It's got to go forward and upward. I'm going to be here to try to help whoever is named the new coach, to help them in anyway I can.

I tried to call all the players this afternoon; because of spring break they weren't on campus. I made contact with most of them. I will visit with them individually tomorrow. And I would hope that you'll honor my request, and that is until I have a chance to visit with them, do not try to contact them. I don't know if you could because they are scattered and are coming in from spring break.

I'm going to try to help whoever they name, and I tried to call C.M. this afternoon to let him know of my decision. I certainly will work with C.M. to help this program to make this transition.

Media: Have you notified Dr. Roselle that you have intended to resign?

Eddie Sutton: Yes I did. I talked to Dr. Roselle earlier this afternoon.

Media: What did he say when you told him you were going to resign?

Eddie Sutton: He accepted the resignation and he told me that he appreciated all that I had done for the program.

Media: Can you elaborate on the vicious rumors that you were fearing?

Eddie Sutton: I'm not fearing any rumors. That rumor this weekend, that was tragic. It hurt me a lot because in no way would I ever hurt any of my staff members.

Media: (About the story on UK assistants and some members of the basketball staff being forced out by Sutton). Did somebody want you to leave?

Eddie Sutton: I don't know that at all.

Media: What is Sean going to do?

Eddie Sutton: That will be Sean's decision. I will encourage all of the players to remain here at the University of Kentucky. The program is certainly going to need everyone of them.

When Sean made his decision to come to the University of Kentucky I tried to point out the pros and cons as a father and as a coach. He made the decision to become a Wildcat. I will probably sit down with him again and explain to him that I would encourage him to stay. But that will be his decision.

Media: What about your future?

Eddie Sutton: I would hope that some college president or some athletic director out there in our great country would see to it to give me an opportunity to coach again one time, sometime, whether it be this year or in the future.

Right now what I plan on doing is to get out and meet some of these great Kentucky people that I haven't had a chance to meet; I'm going to be doing some traveling around the state.

People have written me some great letters that have really touched my heart. I'm going to go out and visit with them.

Media: Would you want to get back into coaching next season? And if so, why?

Eddie Sutton: Well, if the right opportunity came along. I love coaching. I like working with young people. I think I do a decent job when it comes to coaching the game of basketball. It's been a part of me for so long, having coached 30 years.

Media: Is part of your reasoning to resign now have to do with further prospects rather than try to carry on?

Eddie Sutton: I could foresee this thing getting to a point where this program would be further damaged, then I don't want to do anything that's going to hurt Kentucky basket-



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—Eddie Sutton

ball.

Media: What about hurting your decision to get another coaching job?

Eddie Sutton: No, that (resignation) didn't enter into it at all.

Media: When is your resignation in effect as of officially?

Eddie Sutton: I guess as of today.

Media: Have you seen the report that the university has sent to the NCAA?

Eddie Sutton: No, I have not. I've seen parts of it.

Media: Coach, do you still maintain that you've done nothing wrong?

Eddie Sutton: I still maintain that I am innocent; I'm not named in any of those allegations. I'll stand by the fact that I have tried to run an honest basketball program at the University of Kentucky.

Media: You've maintained that you've done nothing wrong. Is that part of the problem, that you were not able to keep the program in balance...to make sure it was a clean program?

Eddie Sutton: Well, like I said, I've tried to do the very best I can. I've not done anything wrong and I stand by that.

Media: Who's ultimately responsible?

Eddie Sutton: I think the head coach is responsible to a certain degree. I would be the first to say that.

Media: Are you going to be paid for the last year in your contract?

Eddie Sutton: Yes, I am.

Media: Your base salary?

Eddie Sutton: They're going to honor the fact that I still had a year on my contract.

Media: Will you be compensated for any monies you would have made (shoes, TV shoe, etc)?

Eddie Sutton: No, you'll have to talk to the university about that.

Media: Have you talked to your staff yet? And if you have, what did you say?

Eddie Sutton: I talked to the staff and told them of my decision. They were (pause) you know they were sad I guess to see me step down. It's the right thing to do for the program and I think that's what you have to look

at at this point.

Media: What are their plans?

Eddie Sutton: I would hope that they can continue coaching. They're outstanding young people. I will do anything possible to help them along that line.

Media: If you wouldn't have resigned today, do you think you still would have been back coaching Kentucky next year?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that.

Media: You said you tried to run an honest program. In what you know now, do you think you've succeeded in doing that...the program as a whole?

Eddie Sutton: I think any coach will tell you, you try to run a program to where you have control over it. I can't see what goes on out in the community, anything like that.

Media: If you take a coaching job next season would you be inclined to take this staff with you?

Eddie Sutton: I would take members, some members of this staff if I had that opportunity.

Media: Would you stay at the college level if you were to take another position?

Eddie Sutton: What do you mean by that? What level? Go back to junior high coaching?

Media: The NBA?

Eddie Sutton: I've had offers to go to the NBA and have never accepted that opportunity. Sometime I might go to the NBA.

Media: Michigan?

Eddie Sutton: The University of Michigan is a great institution and I'm sure they'll hire a quality coach.

Media: Will you make a recommendation to the new Wildcat coach?

Eddie Sutton: No, not at all. That will be Dr. Roselle's call along with C.M. Newton. I'm sure they'll hire a very qualified coach who will carry on the great tradition of Kentucky basketball.

Media: What advice would you give the new coach?

Eddie Sutton: I think that would be between that coach and myself.

Media: How long do you plan on staying in Lexington?

Eddie Sutton: I plan on residing here. I love Kentucky and I love Lexington. I won't get to see you all (media) quite as much, I don't know if that's good or bad. I appreciate all that you guys have done. You've been very patient and always have very fair to me. But I'm going to live in Lexington until something comes along.

I want to take this opportunity to go sharpen up my golf game, do a little fishing and spend more time with my family, and get out in the state and meet some of these wonderful people that have written me and called me. I haven't had a chance to meet 'em.

Media: Is this a positive day in your life?

Eddie Sutton: Someone asked me that earlier. I have mixed emotions. Given the opportunity as I was given four years ago by Dr. (Otis) Singletary and Cliff Hagan to become only the third coach in a long, long time at the University of Kentucky, I would come back again. I think it's a great place, it's a great school and it's a great basketball program.

Media: When you got the job four years ago, what went through your mind as to the possibilities to what you could obtain here?

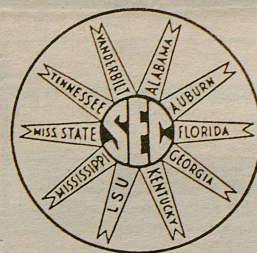
Eddie Sutton: You have goals. One goal that we'll not have accomplished and that is bringing a national championship to the great fans of our state. I felt like we could do that.

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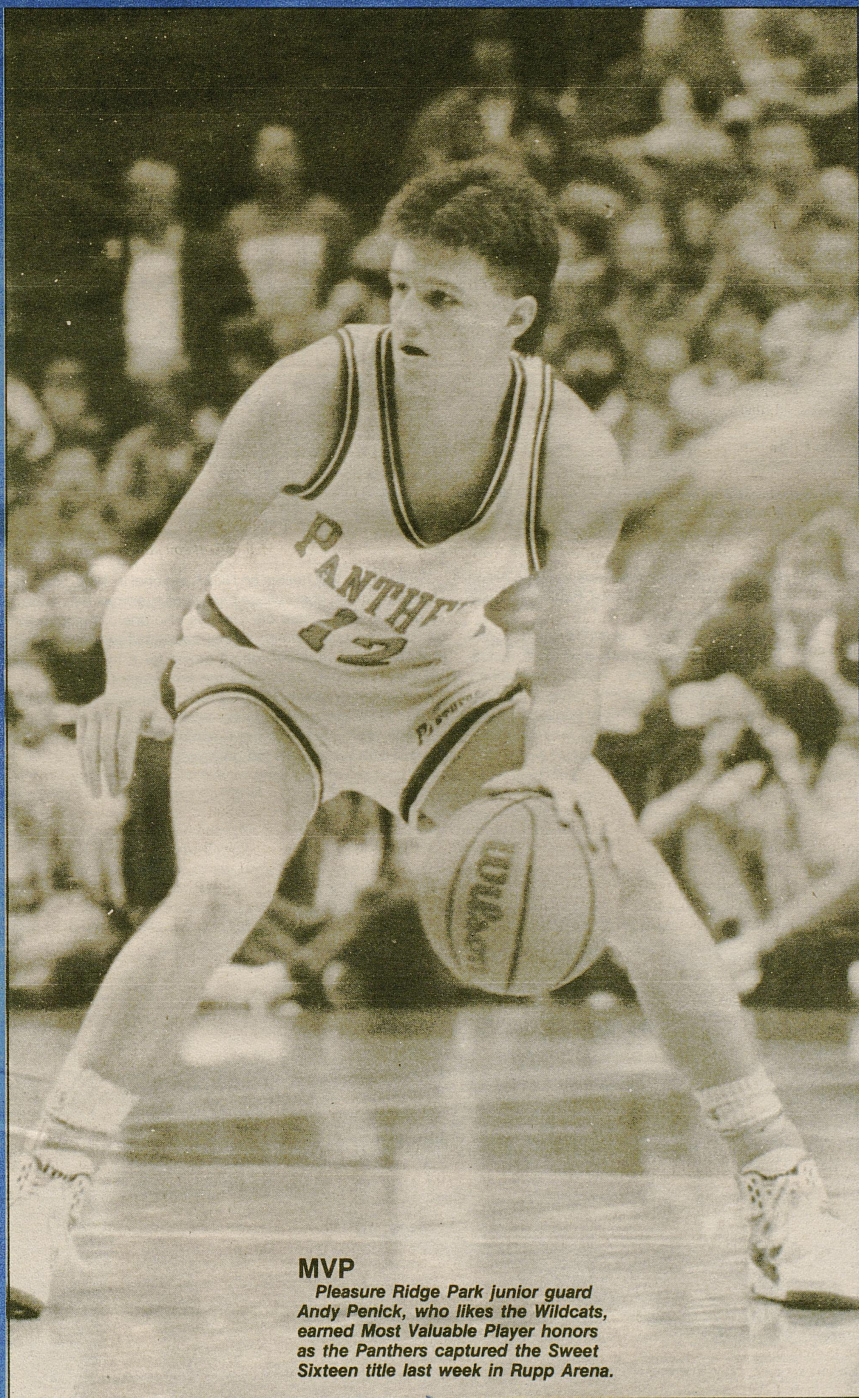
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Pleasure Ridge Park junior guard Andy Penick, who likes the Wildcats, earned Most Valuable Player honors as the Panthers captured the Sweet Sixteen title last week in Rupp Arena.

Dwane Casey becomes 2nd UK basketball coach to call it quits

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NCAA tourney's Southeast Regional comes to Lexington's Rupp Arena

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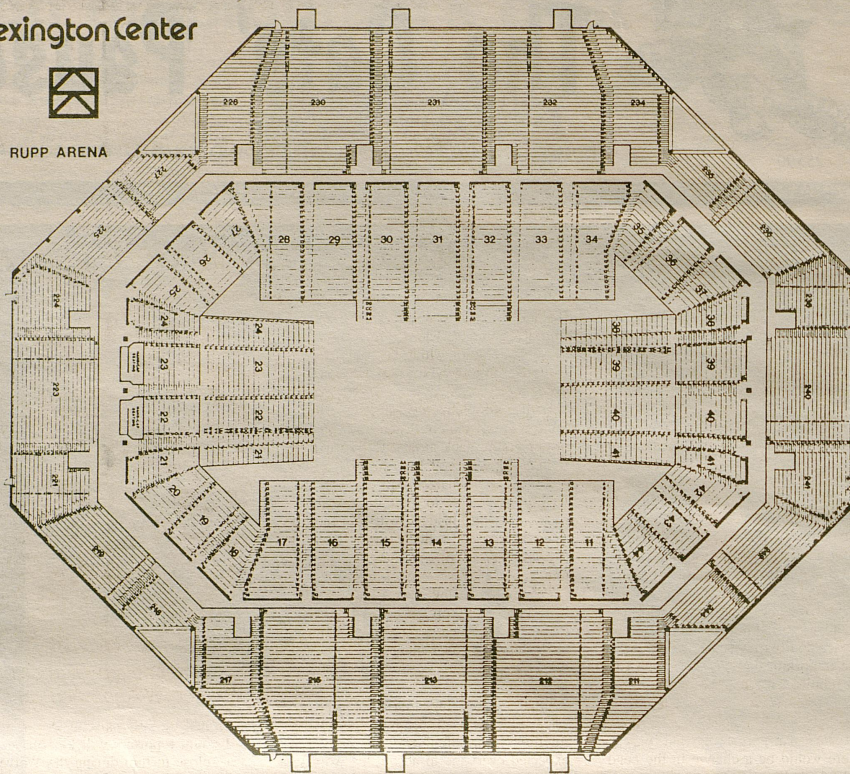
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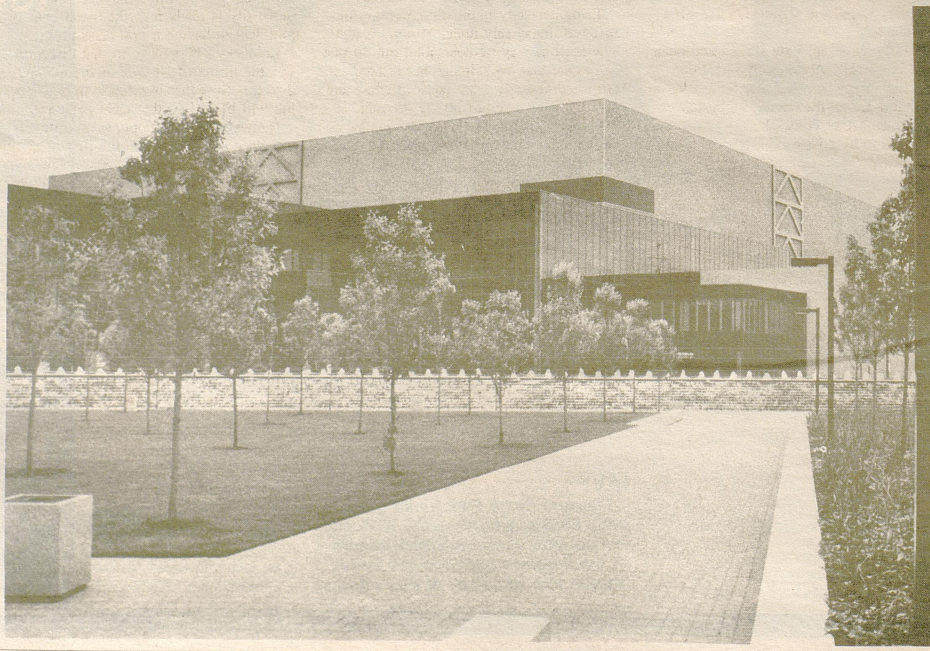


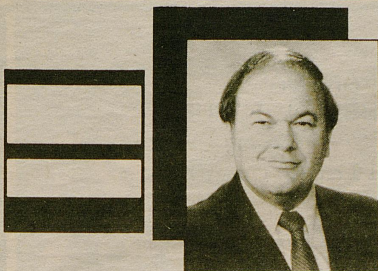
NCAA basketball returns to Lexington this week as Rupp Arena once again plays host to the NCAA Southeast Regional Thursday, March 23 and Saturday, March 25.

Rupp Arena is part of the \$53 million Lexington Center Complex that includes a convention-exhibition hall, a 50-store enclosed shopping mall and the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The nation's second-largest non-domed basketball facility, named for Kentucky's legendary former coach Adolph Rupp, contains 23,000 seats—10,000 cushioned theater seats in the lower level and 13,000 bleacher-type seats in the upper level.

Rupp Arena last hosted an NCAA regional in 1984, when it was in preparing to host college basketball's premier event, the 1985 Final Four. The 12-year-old arena is also one of the sites for the Kentucky boys' state high school basketball tournament, where in 1987, 24,041, a world record crowd for a high school game, witnessed a single session of the tournament.

For a preview look at this year's regional, please turn to pages 16 (for the Oklahoma-Virginia matchup) and 18 (for the North Carolina-Michigan matchup). A complete, up-to-date NCAA tournament bracket is provided on pages 12-13.





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NCAA tourney's back, UK's coach shopping again

□ The last time the NCAA tournament played at Rupp Arena, the University of Kentucky was searching for a new basketball coach. That was four years ago. Four years later, Kentucky is again searching for a new coach.

The job became vacant Sunday when Eddie Sutton resigned the position in the wake of an ultimatum of quitting or being fired by the UK Athletics Association board of directors two days later.

To Sutton's credit he handed in the resignation with a touch of class, praising the university, its program and the fans.

But the resignation did not come without some serious prodding. Reports over the weekend indicated there was some bitter mud-slinging behind closed doors and over telephones before Sutton finally decided his own fate.

More important though, it was the first step to rebuild the Kentucky program.

Most everyone with any knowledge of the detailed NCAA allegations and the current state of affairs concluded long ago that there would be a change in the head of the basketball program unless the university decided to deny all of the NCAA charges.

Sutton was the last key player to accept the theory.

There were three options for Sutton to take:

No. 1, he could resign, take the high road and take no shots at anyone around him, saying he was doing it for the betterment of the program and his family.

Secondly, he could have resigned and took the low road, blasting everyone from president Roselle to some fans and even the media.

Thirdly, he could have waited and been fired by the UK Athletics Association board of directors which was scheduled to meet and act on the situation Tuesday.

Fortunately, he chose the high road and Sutton is to be commended for the way he handled the last 24 hours.

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□ **THE EDDIE SUTTON ERA** is now history. And the history being written now on the former UK coach in some quarters is that he was grossly mistreated.

I've got a few personal things to say right here once and for all and, hopefully, you won't have to read anything else in the future about this nasty situation.

I would love to say Sutton's farewell was as sincere as it appeared on television throughout Sunday's live coverage, but I'm afraid the public doesn't know the entire story.

The final 72 hours leading up to his resignation was one full of threats and counter-threats by the university administration and Sutton and/or his associates.

Fortunately, when all the dust settled, a compromise was hammered out to the satisfaction of all. We'll leave it at just that. Laundering all the dirty linen will help the situation in no way.

For coach Sutton, we wish him well. It's a shame things didn't work out for him at Kentucky. There were many reasons, some of which he couldn't control and some of which were his own doing.

Eddie's problems always seemed to be ignited by off-the-court and personal issues dating back almost to the first month of his arrival four years ago.

Being the eternal optimist, it appeared he was never able to quite cope with them, choosing instead to ignore them as though they really didn't exist. Those people close to him say he's always had a tough time making a quick decision.

Personally, I think Eddie could have been one of the top three coaches, if not the best, in the nation and been here until he reached the retirement age of 65 had he dealt with some of those problems early on.

Since then, it appeared as though every crisis was played in the land of fantasy for him. Eddie often acted as though he expected everyone to accept his word was gospel, even if people knew otherwise.

The most damaging statement (and there were more than one) attributed to him was the infamous "I'm clean, I hope the rest of the program is" speech made months after the NCAA investigation started.

Those who question Sutton's loyalty to his staff start with that phrase. To implicate there was no dissent among staff members, particularly those who had past relationships with UK before Sutton's arrival, would be a gross misstatement.

To be perfectly blunt, this program has suffered immensely under Sutton's watch. The reasons may be debatable, but no one can argue that UK's image hasn't been tarnished severely from coast to coast and he must accept responsibility for that.

It will be tough for Sutton to bounce back on the big-time college basketball scene. It will be tough because many schools will shy away from hiring a coach whose program is being investigated by the NCAA.

But Eddie is the eternal optimist. When I say I believe Eddie has been treated fairly, I really mean that, but I'm just as sincere in hoping coach Sutton can learn from the Kentucky situation and bounce back to enjoy a new-found success, whatever it may be.

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□ **THE BIG SHOW** comes to town.

The NCAA Southeast Regional pays a visit to Rupp Arena Thursday and Saturday with a star-studded lineup of Oklahoma, Virginia, North Carolina and Michigan.

Local media types most likely will want to ask Michigan's Sean Higgins a question or two. He's the youngster who has been linked to the NCAA investigation of the UK program.

One of the allegations centered around a report that Higgins was illegally



There could be a possible rift in the works between Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkson (left) and UK president Dr. David Roselle.

recruited by UK assistant Dwane Casey.

I doubt reporters will be able to get very close to him during the Wolverines' stay in Lexington.

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□ **ON TO THE future.**

Rebuilding the Kentucky program will be a monumental job, to say the least.

C.M. Newton's arrival in Lexington will signal the beginning of a search for a new coach and it could be one which will be long and hard.

Before a top-notch candidate will consider the job, he will make sure the university is ready to make a full commitment to having a first-class program.

Kentucky's best move in that direction was the hiring of Newton as the athletics director. Now that Newton is in place, his job will be to find that right person.

Names have been popping up all over the place. You start with the first one mentioned several weeks ago in New Jersey Nets assistant Lee Rose, although president Roselle said there was no truth to the rumor that Rose has been guaranteed the job.

Other names mentioned include Gary Williams of Ohio State, Paul Evans of Pittsburgh, Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, Rick Pitino of the New York Knicks, Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers, Dan Issel and Jeff Mullins of UNC Charlotte, among others.

Just how long the process will take is unknown. It could happen very quickly or it could be a long, drawn-out situation.

Dr. Roselle admitted that some of the candidates might want to wait and see the results of the NCAA hearing, which isn't likely to come down until the first of May.

But president Roselle also indicated that Newton could be involved in the interviewing and hiring process even if he hasn't officially become employed by UK as per the April 1 date.

UK officials have denied from day one that any consideration has been given to

the thought of a new coach, insisting they did not speculate on the future.

Quite frankly, I find that a little difficult to believe, not that I'm saying that couldn't have happened. For the sake of honesty and UK's already tarnished credibility, I hope UK officials are honest about this one.

If there's been one terribly missing staple over the past year, it has been a noticeable lack of total honesty. I can't count the number of times various sides have tinkered with the truth to fit a certain viewpoint. Now is the time for everyone to bury the past and start with a fresh, clean slate, one which has honesty at the very top.

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□ **HITS AND MISSES** ... A flurry of activity preceded Eddie Sutton's resignation last week. Sophomore Reggie Hanson held an impromptu press conference to say the team supported coach Sutton, but at least four players said they were not aware of such a vote. One prominent UK player left town so he wouldn't be caught in the "web" of controversy ... Former Wildcat ace Rex Chapman said in a North Carolina newspaper that the university would be wise to address the NCAA allegations because they are something you can't ignore. He said if the university didn't clean up the situation, someone else would. It was the first time a former Sutton player at UK had come forth and addressed the issue ... Sutton said he plans to make his home in Lexington until something else comes along. However, sources close to the situation said part of the compensation package offered Sutton included the remaining year's pay on his contract plus an allowance expense for "relocation." In most cases, the new employer picks up the tab on a coach's moving expenses ... Despite his leaving, Sutton still calls the UK job the best college coaching job in America ... Although the program can now begin its

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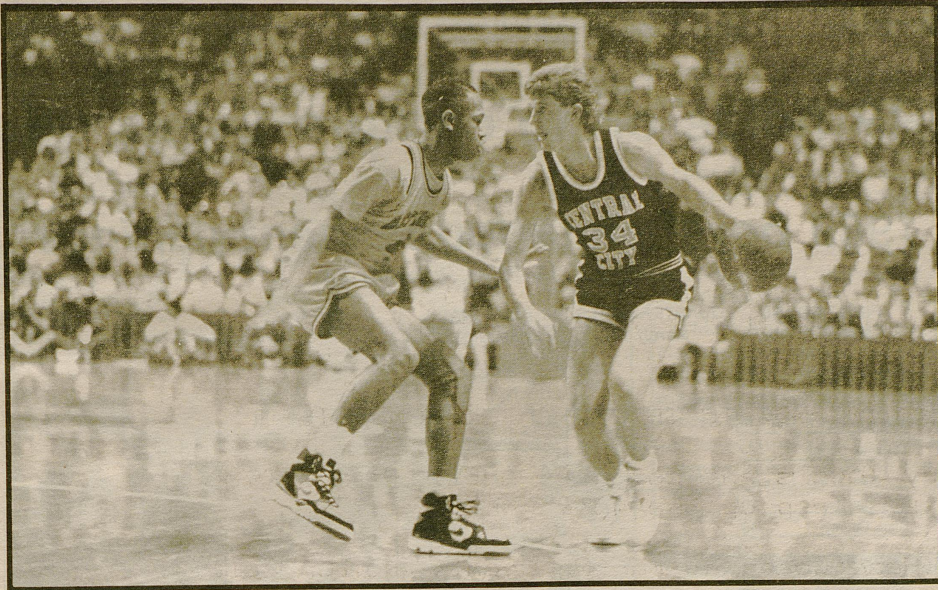
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□ Future U of L player Allan Houston of Ballard was in attendance.

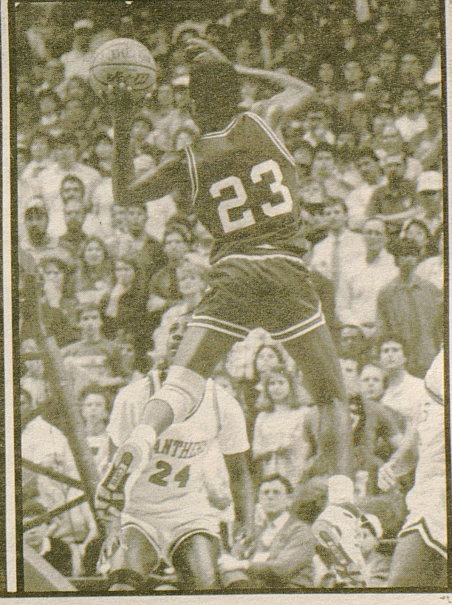
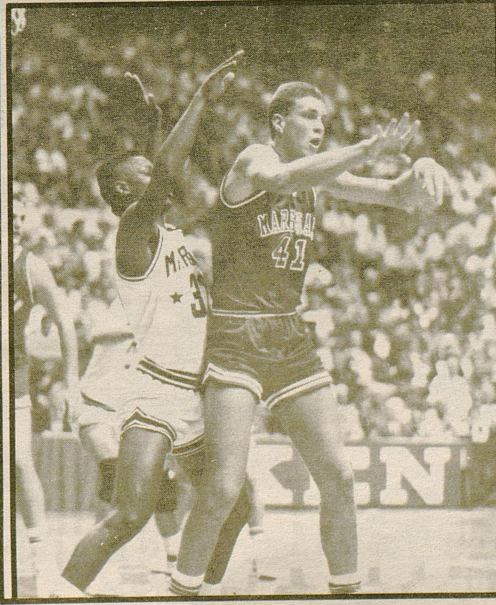
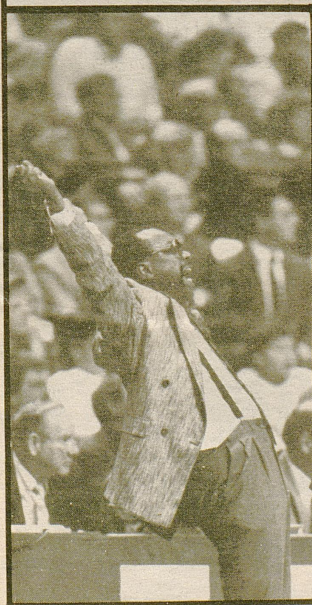
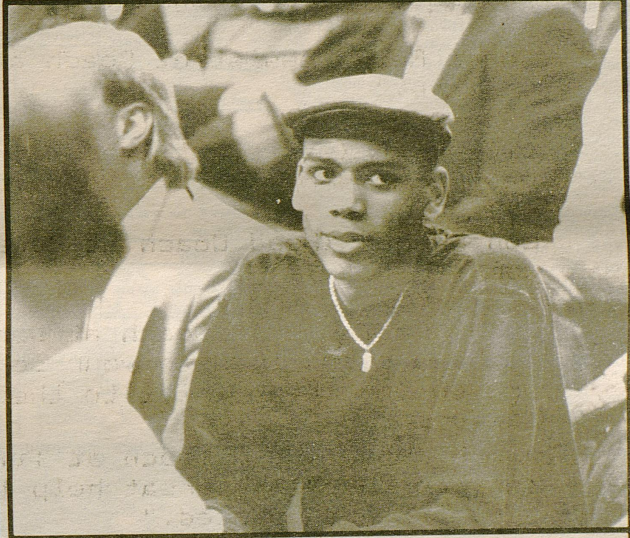
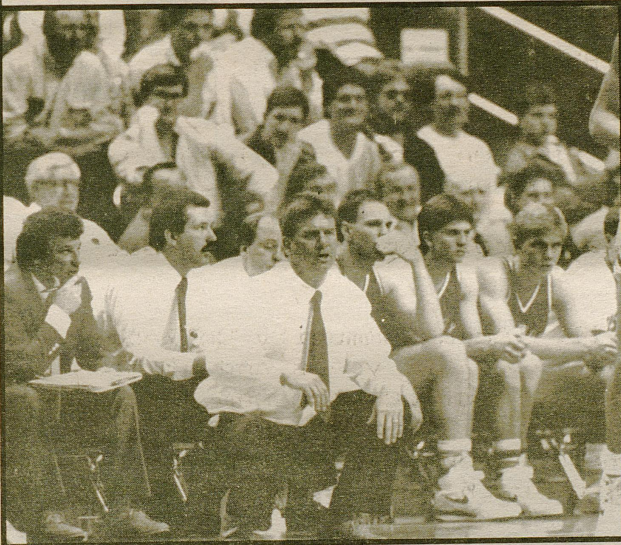
□ Julius Green hits this three-pointer at the buzzer to end the third quarter of the championship contest.

□ Dan Hall, who's headed to Vandy, posts up against Madisonville.

□ Bryan Station head coach Bobby Washington reacts to play on the Rupp Arena hardwood.

□ Marshall's Allan Hatcher guided his team to wins over No. 1 Clay County and No. 2 Madisonville.

photos by Gary Cromwell



STATE TOURNAMENT

Louisville's PRP holds on to capture Sweet 16

Wayne County falls by two to favorites

Compiled by Cats' Pause staff

LEXINGTON—Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park, which had suffered tough defeats in recent state tournament play, held on to defeat 12th Region champ Wayne County 75-73 in the finals of the 72nd Boys' Sweet 16 Tournament.

The win by PRP meant that for the second year in a row a school from Louisville had captured the state championship. It was three years ago when Dale Mabrey's club dropped a close decision to 12th Region champ Pulaski County. This time around, the 12th Region couldn't do in the Panthers.

"When Wayne County kept getting closer and closer, all the memories of '86 came back to me," said Mabrey, whose voice was crackling in his postgame interviews. "It was terrible. I'm just thankful we held on this time."

Trailing by two with 23 seconds left, Wayne County had a chance to tie the game or win it with a three-pointer. Julius Green, who hit six of nine three-pointers, looked for the golden opportunity. However, he was heavily guarded. As the clock ticked inside 10 seconds, the Cardinals' David Clark got possession. On the left wing, Clark took the open 17-footer, drew iron but it didn't fall as PRP claimed the victory and the championship trophy.

PRP had led by 12 points in the second half and held on to a four-point advantage with a little more than one minute remaining.

Despite the final rush by Wayne County, a school with an enrollment of 580, PRP finally landed in the championship chair.

"Clay County beat us by two points last year," said Mabrey, remembering back to last season's loss in the semifinals. "Our juniors and sophomores got together and said that our goal is not only to return to the state tournament, but our goal is to win the state tournament."

Green was the game's leading scorer with a 28-point and 12-rebound performance. Jimmy John Owens, Wayne County's battling inside threat, scored 10 points.

Sean Hammonds powered the Panthers with 20 points and a game-high 15 rebounds. Tournament MVP, junior Andy Penick, tallied 13 points along with Wayne Ricketts. Also 6-foot-5 senior Charles Webster added 12 points.

The Rupp Arena crowd pulled for Wayne County more and more with each three-pointer by Green. It was in the second half he produced 26 of his 28 points.

"He's played like that most of the year," said Cardinal coach Rodney Woods of Green's play. "He hit a couple, got his confidence going. He'd just been frustrated until then."

"They (PRP) underestimated us, just like everyone in the tournament," said Owens, who was selected to the all-tournament team. "But give PRP credit, when crunch time came, they did what they had to do."

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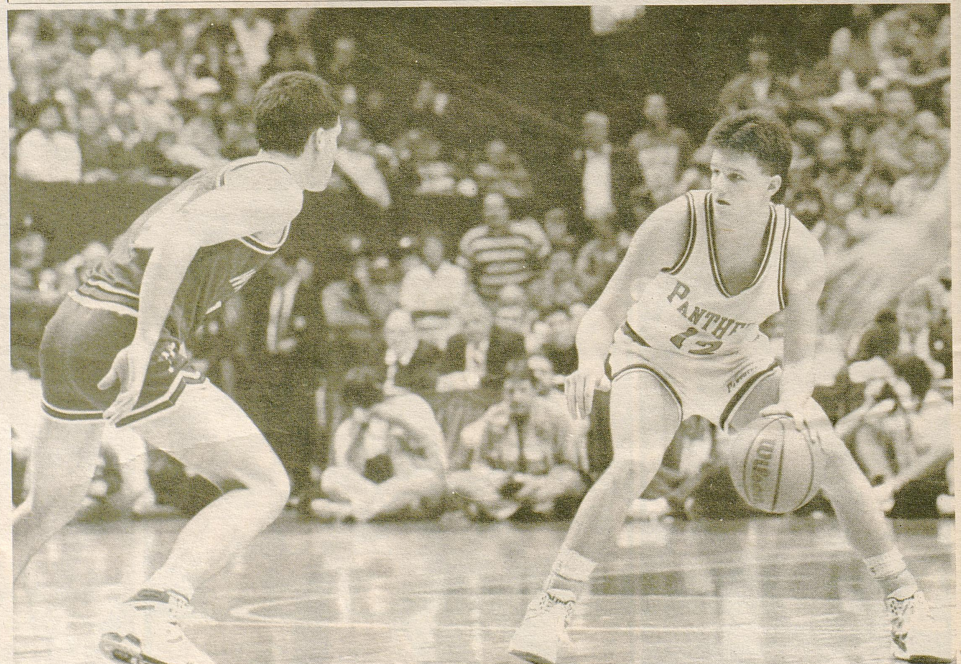
Here's the all-tournament team, as selected by the media and coaches: MVP: Andy Penick, PRP (68 points, 19 assists in four games); Jimmy John Owens, Wayne County; Michael Allen, Bryan Station; Herb Arnason, Madisonville; Michael Burd, Hart County; David Clark, Wayne County; Travis Ford, Madisonville; Dan Hall, Marshall County; Sean Hammonds, PRP; Robert Hammons, Bryan Station; Dax Myhand, Marshall County; and Wayne Ricketts, PRP.

1989 boys' state tournament pairings

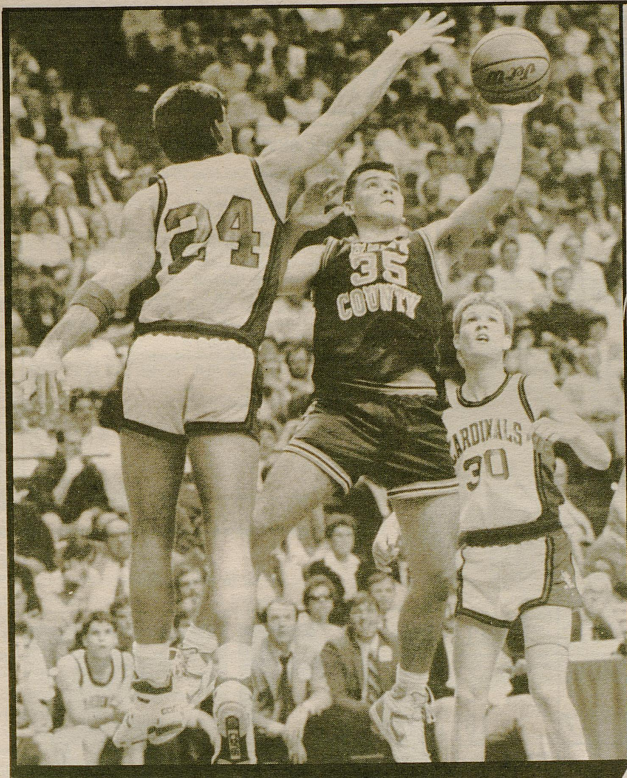
March 15-18 at Rupp Arena

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Game 1: Wed., 1 p.m. Madisonville 76	Game 9: Fri., 1 p.m. Marshall County 69	Game 13: Sat., 10 a.m. Pleasure Ridge Park 67	Game 15: Sat. 8 p.m. PLEASURE RIDGE PARK
Marshall County 64	Marshall County 69		
Game 2: Wed., 2:30 p.m. Clay County 60			
Clark County 45			
Game 3: Wed., 7:30 p.m. Rowan County 43	Clark County 49		
Jeffersontown 74	Game 10: Fri., 2:30 p.m. Pleasure Ridge Park 64		
Game 4: Wed., 9 p.m. Pleasure Ridge Park 78			
Bryan Station 71	Bryan Station 57		
Game 5: Thur., 1 p.m. Central City 68	Game 11: Fri., 7:30 p.m. Bryan Station 60		
Oldham County 56	Warren East 56		
Game 6: Thur., 2:30 p.m. Warren East 66			
Wayne County 66	Game 14: Sat. 12 p.m. Wayne County 73		
Game 7: Thur., 7:30 p.m. Covington Scott 61	Wayne County 78		
Buckhorn 83	Game 12: Fri., 9 p.m. Wayne County 62		
Game 8: Thur., 9 p.m. Hart County 91	Hart County 68		

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Tournament MVP, Panthers' junior guard Andy Penick



BOYS' SWEET 16 ACTION
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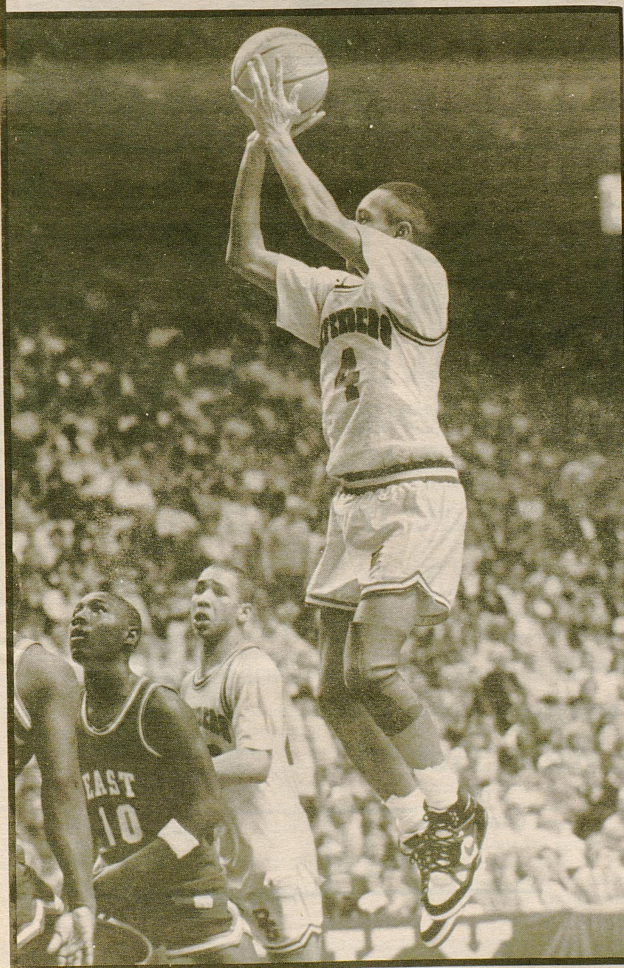
□ Hart County's Jeremy Logsdon goes to the basket against Wayne County's Jimmy Owens. Wayne County won the Friday night matchup with a 78-68 win over the Fifth Region champion Raiders. One night and two games later, Owens and his Cardinals fell three points shy of a Sweet 16 championship when they lost to Louisville PRP 75-73. Owens was named to the all-tournament team along with teammate David Clark.

□ Celebration followed Guy Strong's Clark County bunch after defeating Rowan County in first round action. Clark County, however, was eliminated by PRP in the quarterfinals.

□ Madisonville coach Don Parson gives instructions to Travis Ford, Herb Arnarson and the rest of the Maroons. Madisonville lost a close call to neighbor Marshall County in the quarterfinals. The win by the Marshals revenged an early defeat to Madisonville, where the Maroons blasted the First Region champs by more than 20 points.

□ Local favorite Michael Allen thrilled the Rupp Arena fans with a dramatic three-point shot to beat Warren East in the quarterfinals. Allen, who played despite an injured ankle, thrilled the crowd with three excellent showings. The Bryan Station senior has signed with Georgia next season.

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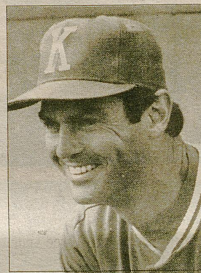
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PREVIOUS GAMES

- Mar. 1: Basketball—UK def. Ole Miss 70-69
- Mar. 1: Baseball—UK def. Arkansas 6-2
- Mar. 1: Women's Basketball—Florida def. UK 67-64
- Mar. 3: Baseball—Florida def. UK 10-9
- Mar. 4: Basketball—Mississippi State def. UK 68-67
- Mar. 4: Baseball—Florida def. UK 12-6; UK def. Florida 7-4
- Mar. 10: Basketball—Vanderbilt def. UK 77-63
- Mar. 11: Baseball—Iowa def. UK 17-6
- Mar. 12: Baseball—UK def. Maine 8-7; Texas A&M def. UK 3-2
- Mar. 13: Baseball—Texas A&M def. UK 11-4
- Mar. 14: Baseball—UK def. Maine 6-4; UK def. Iowa 12-4
- Mar. 16: Baseball—Western def. UK 7-4
- Mar. 18: Baseball—LSU def. UK 11-7 (11 innings)
- Mar. 19: Baseball—LSU def. UK 15-0; UK def. LSU 12-9



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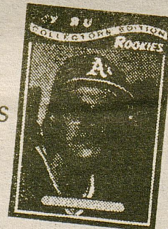
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Sutton's resignation sets yet another negative mark

First UK basketball coach to be forced out

Eddie Sutton put another "wrong kind" of entry in the University of Kentucky record book Sunday, when he became the first coach in the 86-year history of Wildcat basketball to leave for reasons other than of his own



Russell Rice
Cats' Pause Columnist

accord.

Prior to Sutton's announcement of his resignation at halftime of the nationally-televised Indiana-UTEP NCAA West Regional game, no UK coach ever had been fired or forced to resign. Chet Wynne, athletic director and head football coach, tried and failed to get Adolph Rupp fired as head basketball coach in the mid '30s, learning in the meantime that Rupp was right when he said Wynne was the one who should start packing his bags.

A product of Notre Dame, where he had teamed with George Gipp, Frank Thomas and Johnny Marhardt to form one of the best backfields ever produced by Knute Rockne, Wynne had coached two football champions at Missouri College and two at Creighton. In 1932, he coached Auburn to an undefeated season and a conference co-championship.

After Wynne signed a three-year contract as UK athletic director and head football coach at an annual salary of \$7,500 in 1934, Brownie Leach, sports editor of *The Lexington Leader*, said the Wildcats "not only are entering a new coaching regime, but are about to become potent factors in Southern football."

However, Danforth warned of an "unsavory situation at UK, where even on campus they are talking basketball during the football season. Into this unsettled realm, Chet Wynne is going."

At the time, the university had earned the title Graveyard of Football Coaches after firing Harry Gamage (32-25-5), who had arrived on campus in 1927 as the 22nd head coach in the 35 years since the sport was started at old Kentucky State College, forerunner of UK. Gamage survived seven years, then a longevity record since no UK football coach had served more than three years up to that time.

While football was having its problems, Rupp, a brash young coach out of Freeport High in Illinois, was hired as head basketball coach for the 1930-1931 season, succeeding a highly-successful but discontented Johnny Mauer, who had spent three years on the job.

During the four years before Wynne became A.D. and head football coach, Rupp had coached the Wildcat basketball teams to a 66-9 record and a conference co-championship, and fast was becoming the most popular person on campus.

Under such a strained atmosphere, Wynne lasted four years at UK, winning 20 of 39 games, before being fired and leaving with bitter memories of run-ins with Rupp, who added 64 victories in 82 games during that period for an eight-year career record of 130-27 and three league crowns.

The custom at the beginning of UK basketball in 1903 was for the program to be run by student managers under the umbrella of the director of physical education. That was discontinued after head football coach E.R. Sweetland took on the additional duties of athletic director and head basketball coach in 1909. Then it became the custom for assistant football coaches to take turns coaching the basketball team.

George C. Buchheit, who came to UK in 1919 as an assistant in the second and final year of Andy Gill's tenure as Wildcat head football coach, took over the



Sutton, whose team set a number of dubious records on the court this season by losing 19 games and posting the first losing season since the 1926-27 club went 3-13, added to the list when he became the first UK basketball coach ever to be forced off the job.

basketball team and lasted five years in that position, compiling a 44-27 record that included a victory over Georgia in the championship game of the first SIAA tournament, which was held in Atlanta in 1921.

After Gill was fired, Buchheit continued as an assistant football coach under J.J. Winn (4-3-2 in 1923) and Fred J. Murphy (12-14-1 from 1924-26). When Murphy was axed after the football team finished 2-6-1 in 1926, giving him a four-year record of 12-14-1, Buchheit could have stayed as head basketball coach, but opted for Trinity College, now Duke University.

The first non-football person to coach the Wildcat basketball team was Basil Hayden, an All-American on the 1921 championship team. A former high school coach who had been in the insurance business two years, Hayden reluctantly accepted the UK job on a one-year basis and was glad to depart after his disorganized group of players, mostly football types, finished 3-13, the most losses in UK history (tied by 13-13 records in 1967 and 1974) until the most recent Wildcat team lost 19 of 32 games.

Hayden was succeeded by Mauer, who had played halfback in the same backfield as Red Grange and was an all-conference basketball player at Illinois. Mauer came to UK as backfield coach with Gamage, and freshman baseball and men's basketball coach during the "off-season."

After Mauer guided the Wildcats to a 40-14 record and good showings in the annual conference tournaments, the school newspaper proclaimed him the "Moses" of Southern basketball, "a roundball prophet who has led the game out of its hit-and-miss style of former years and developed it along the lines of the machine-like precision of football."

He had changed the Wildcats from doormat to drawing card, the newspaper said, and his influence had become felt throughout the South, where coaches had begun to adopt his style of play. He seemed destined to go down in Southern basketball annals as the pioneer of a new system, the newspaper continued, "the father, so to speak, of Dixie basketball."

The words of praise apparently had little effect on the Athletics Council, which practically ignored Mauer, while at the same time rewarding Gamage for a 6-1-1 season, when it came time to pass out annual salary increases. Mauer left in a huff, accepting the head coaching job at Miami of Ohio and eventually ending up at Tennessee, where his basketball teams were a thorn in the side of Rupp and the Wildcats.

Meanwhile, Rupp became a legend at UK, where he survived eight different head football coaches and one major job crisis before the mandatory retirement age of 70 caught up with him in 1972. That crisis occurred in the early 1950s, when backlash from the gambling scandals exposed violations of recruiting and subsidization rules of basketball players at UK. Then-UK president Dr. Herman Lee Donovan refused to fire Rupp, as suggested by the Southeastern Conference and as a result the Wildcats were handed a one-year suspension.

Rupp again was the center of attention when a mild and futile campaign to keep him beyond the mandatory age of 70 failed for lack of momentum; besides, Dr. Otis A. Singletary, then UK president, had told Rupp some years earlier that he would have to retire at that time.

Meanwhile, here's how UK football coaches fared during those Rupp years:

- **Harry Gamage:** 1927-33, 32-25-5, fired.
- **C.A. Wynne:** 1934-37, 20-19-0, fired.
- **A.D. Kirwan:** 1938-42, 1944 (no team in 1943), 24-28-4, moved to academic side of campus, eventually became UK president.
- **Bernie Shively:** 1945, 2-8-0, stepped aside and concentrated on duties as athletic director as move launched to upgrade program and hire "name" coach.
- **Paul "Bear" Bryant:** 1946-53, 60-23-5 (four bowl games), left for Texas A&M, later finished at Alabama, with overall record of most career victories of any coach...wrote later that the UK campus wasn't big enough for he and Rupp.
- **Blanton Collier:** 1954-61, 41-36-3, fired.
- **Charlie Bradshaw:** 25-41-4, fired.
- **John Ray:** 1969-72, 47-51-2, fired.

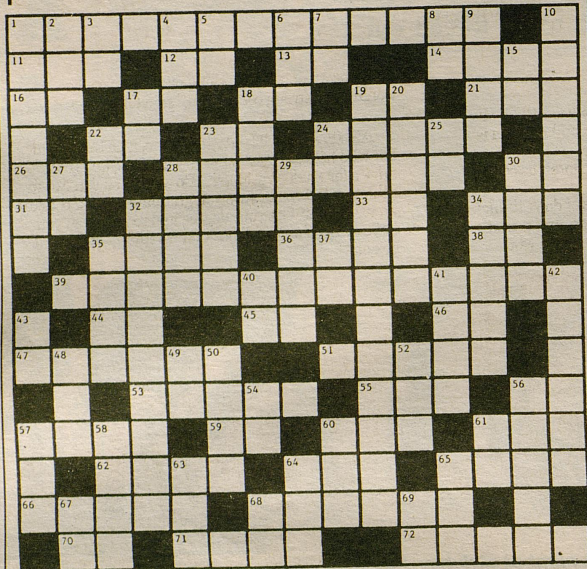
After Rupp retired, the football string continued as Fran Curci, 47-51-2, was fired after the 1981 season. His successor, Jerry Claiborne, 30-25-3, broke tradition by receiving a renewal of his contract after last season.

Meanwhile, Joe B. Hall succeeded Rupp and compiled a 297-100 record, including NCAA and NIT championships, before announcing his retirement after his surprising 1985 team advanced to the West Regional before losing to St. John's 86-70 in Denver.

While football seems to have stabilized—at least temporarily—Sutton (90-40), who finished the current season under siege because of a lengthy NCAA investigation of his program and faced the possibility of being the first UK basketball coach ever fired, submitted his resignation.

TCP CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Dan Krueckeberg



Kentucky-Bred 'Cats

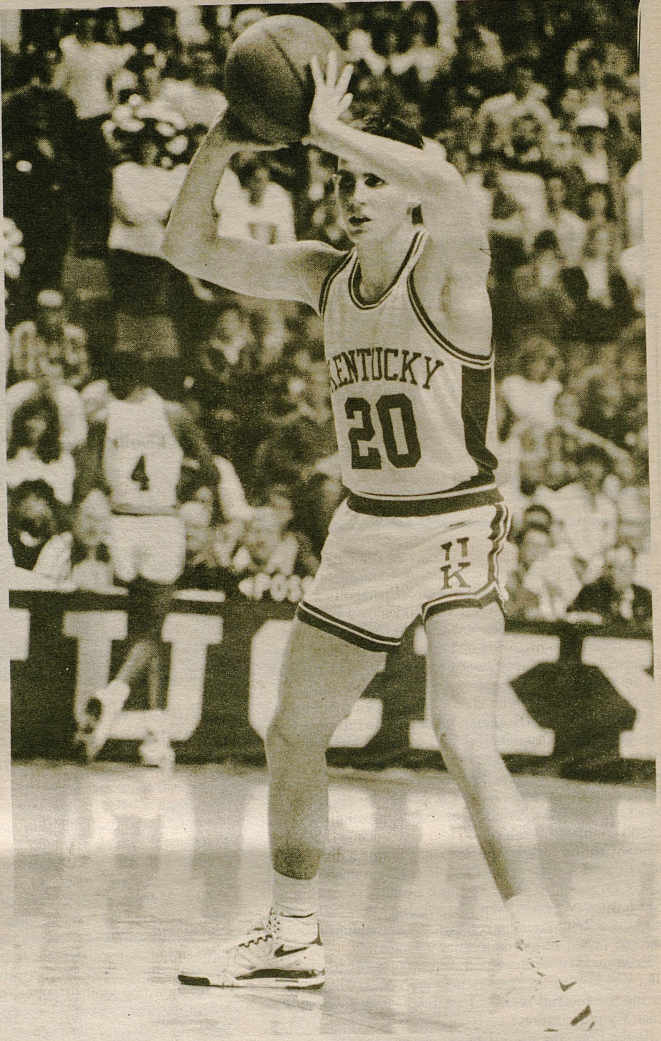
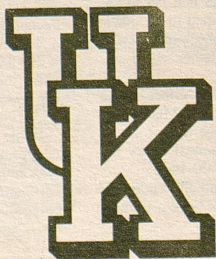
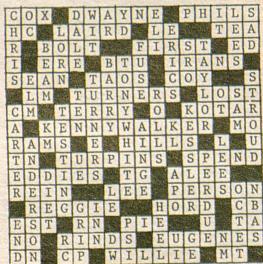
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- 11 Suffix for novel or harp
- 12 Initials of 19 Down
- 13 Initials of Ashland's '30s Cat Ellis
- 14 Mexican money
- 16 Initials of star Cat from Owensboro
- 17 Initials of 28 Down
- 18 Abbr. for "post exchange"
- 19 Initials of Campbellsville's Merion
- 21 Very long time
- 22 Initials of Troy of Independence
- 23 Paul Andrews came ___ Cats from Laurel Co.
- 24 Channel changers
- 26 Cincy Red Hall of Famer Roush
- 28 Bob ___ KY school was Maytona
- 30 Pronoun
- 31 Initials of '40s 3-time Cat All-Amer. from Louisville
- 32 First name of 27 Down
- 33 Abbr. for a Bible part
- 34 Article of clothing
- 35 Feminine name
- 36 Hodgepodge
- 38 Initials of New Orleans high schooler turned Cat
- 39 Former Kentucky's Mr. Basketball turned Cat
- 44 Initials of Cat from Roberta, GA
- 45 See 17 Across
- 46 Abbr. for "overdraft"
- 47 Beer mugs
- 51 KY-bred late-'60s/early-'70s Cat Terry
- 53 Morganfield Cat Casey
- 55 Slippery fish
- 56 Initials of Shawnee's Tom turned Cat
- 57 Jefferson's Ziegler
- 59 Initials of KY-bred '70s Cat Johnson
- 60 Pub drink
- 61 Weekday abbr.
- 62 ___ cat terrier
- 64 Make free
- 65 KY-bred Key
- 66 '20s KY-bred Cat Burgess
- 68 Madisonville's finest Cat
- 70 Initials of 65 Across
- 71 ___ and every one
- 72 J. Civena was major ___ to both Bryan Station and the Cats

DOWN

- 1 '57 Mr. Basketball in Kentucky became a Cat
- 2 Bat wood
- 3 Abbr. for "right"
- 4 Football abbr.
- 5 Initials of Lawrenceburg's McBrayer of the '20s
- 6 Bluegrass-bred Cat who wears #3
- 7 Abbr. for "Society of Jesus"
- 8 "They moved ___ in the polls"
- 9 ___ school was Henry Clay
- 10 A Mr. Basketball who became a Cat
- 15 Thus
- 17 Initials of Harrodsburg's Nobley
- 18 U.S. President
- 19 ___ school was Lafayette
- 20 Lexington high schooler/star '50s Cat
- 22 Initials of Flaget star Deeken
- 23 Expressed without words
- 24 Abbr. for state of Sen. Joe Biden
- 25 Initials of Larry of Lee Co.
- 27 Initials of Covington's '80s Cat
- 28 Namesakes of KY-bred Cat Stephens
- 29 Bluegrass-bred Romie
- 30 Shelby County's Cat of the '80s
- 32 KY-bred Cat Jim was born in Louisville
- 34 Namesakes of '78-'81 Cat from Sturgis
- 35 Shelby County's Casey
- 37 Initials of Lexington's 5-5 high schooler and Wildcat
- 40 After regulation
- 41 NFL coach Chuck
- 42 Bryan Station hoopster
- 43 Initials of KY-bred All-American Carey
- 48 Cat of 20 Down wore # fifty-___
- 49 Compass abbr.
- 50 All-American Aggie of Lawrenceburg
- 52 Cat All-American Huber of Louisville
- 54 East coast state abbr.
- 56 Snag
- 57 Muscle twitching
- 58 Not bright
- 60 Goal
- 61 Abbr. for a length measurement
- 63 Ham on ___
- 64 Cheer ___
- 65 Abbr. for "eyates"
- 67 Initials of 50 Down
- 68 Initials of 6 Down
- 69 Abbr. for "each"

Last Week's Answers



HERE TO STAY? UK point guard Sean Sutton announced Monday that he would like to remain a Wildcat even though his father Eddie resigned as basketball coach Sunday night. Joining the younger Sutton in saying they would like to remain in the Blue and White were guard Derrick Miller and forward Reggie Hanson.

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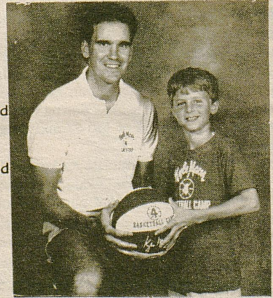
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Jerry Claiborne would call it that ol' iff'n' game

What if Lute Olsen hadn't turned down UK job?

Each time I see the photogenic face of Lute Olson on the cover of a national magazine, I have to wonder what might have been – "what might have been" if Olson had not changed his mind and stayed in Lex-



Earl Cox

Cats' Pause Columnist

ington as the head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky.

Would Olson's picture now be on Sports Illustrated as the coach of the Kentucky Wildcats – preparing the powerful Wildcats for yet another strong run at the national championship? Probably so. Instead, it's still Arizona that has this impressive man who may be the coach of America's next Olympic team.

Let's go back in time to 1985 when the Final Four was in Lexington's Rupp Arena. Olson, to no one's surprise, was chosen as the successor to Joe B. Hall as the coach of the Wildcats. He was guided through the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge and introduced to the players as their new coach.

But something happened that Sunday night. Olson changed his mind and told UK officials that he was returning to Arizona. Some say it was a disagreement between Olson and Cliff Hagan, then the director of athletics at UK, that led to Olson turning down the job.

Enter Gene Bartow, the man who had been chosen to replace a legend, John Wooden, when he retired as UCLA's coach. That wasn't for Bartow and he moved to Birmingham to start a basketball program at Alabama-Birmingham. He was so successful – and his reputation so spotless – then UK president Otis Singletary offered the job to Bartow on Monday morning (the day of the national championship game). Bartow wanted the job, but he told Singletary that he had promised his president that he would eyeball him and tell him of his decision to leave the Alabama school. Singletary was having none of that. Impatient, Singletary told Bartow that he either had to accept the UK job then and there, or else it was no deal.

Bartow stood by his word to his president. Singletary ordered Hagan to call Eddie Sutton because he (Singletary) wanted a coach that day. In a hurry-up move, Singletary offered Sutton the job and the Arkansas coach accepted. This was done without any checking on Sutton in Arkansas.

You know the rest of the story. But it didn't have to be this way. Just think where the Cats could be if Olson had stayed in Lexington.

Recruiting is Olson's strong suit. In fact, he told Basketball News that his success at Arizona has helped restore the entire Pacific 10 Conference. "I think also the success that we experienced here at Arizona last year has a positive effect on the kids in the West. They could see that they don't have to go across the country to get the television exposure and have a chance to be successful. I think all of us in the league have tried to build on that. Television is going to follow the great players. It's not a case of having to go somewhere to get involved with television."

The TV factor and a stronger Pac 10 could have an effect on the future of Chris Mills and LeRon Ellis, but I think the biggest factor will be which man occupies the UK coaching job.

The year before Olson switched from Iowa to Ari-

zona, the Pac 10 school was 4-24 and 1-17 in the league.

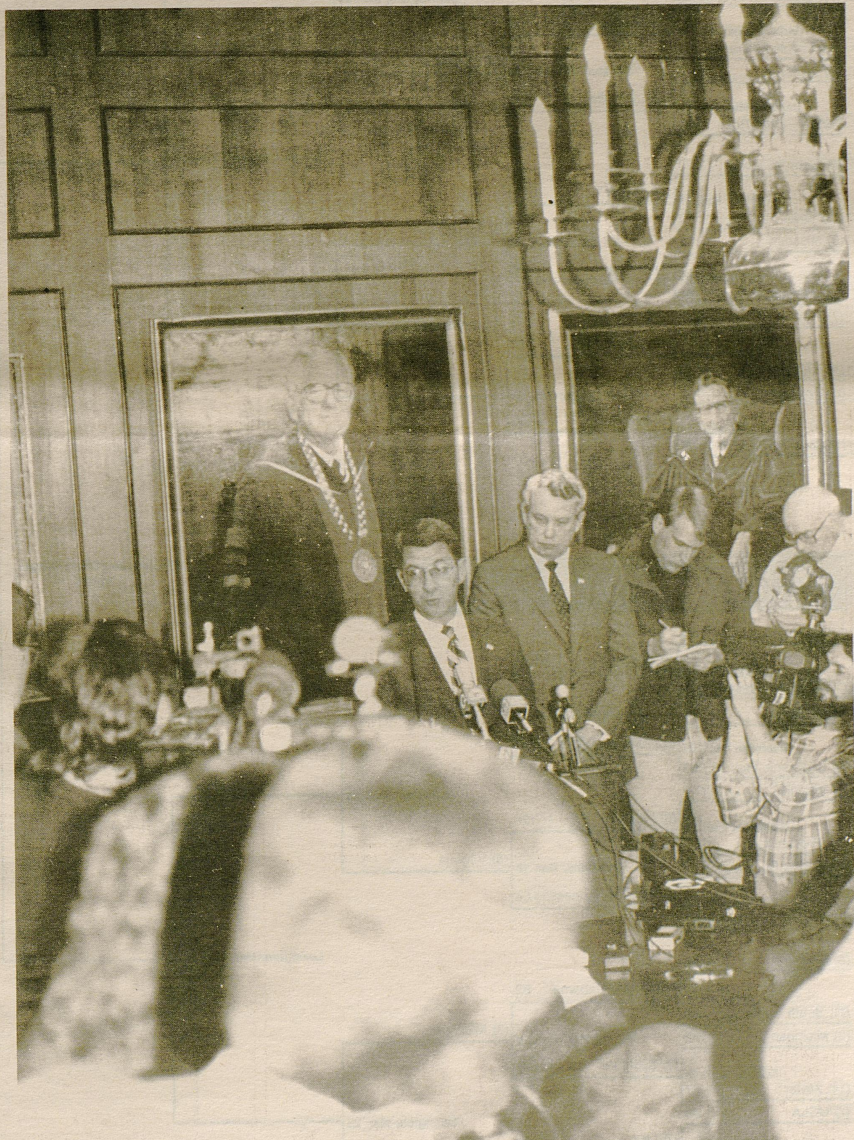
Olson's five-year record at Arizona is 112-51. His 15-year record at Long Beach, Iowa and Arizona is 304-144.

What are Olson's chances to be chosen as coach of America's next Olympic team?

"If the pros are not eligible, which I don't think is a very strong possibility, then I would expect that I would be among maybe three or four guys who

would be among maybe three or four guys who would be in strong contention," said Olson.

ASHE ADVICE – Arthur Ashe, a UCLA graduate who holds several honorary degrees, has good advice for student athletes: "Do as well as you can in athletics, but make sure you graduate, even if it takes an extra year. Get your degree and move on, so you have something to fall back on whether you make it or not."



Current UK president Dr. David Roselle addresses the media at his news conference Sunday night following Eddie Sutton's resignation. A portrait of Dr. Otis Singletary, Roselle's predecessor who hired Sutton after Lute Olsen accepted and then turned down the job four years ago, looms over the proceedings.

FIRST ROUND
March 16-17

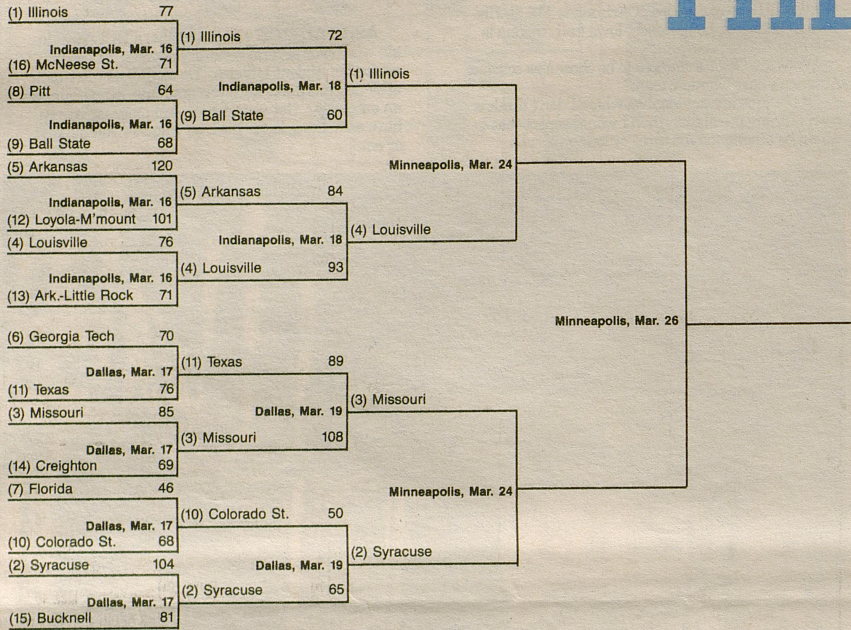
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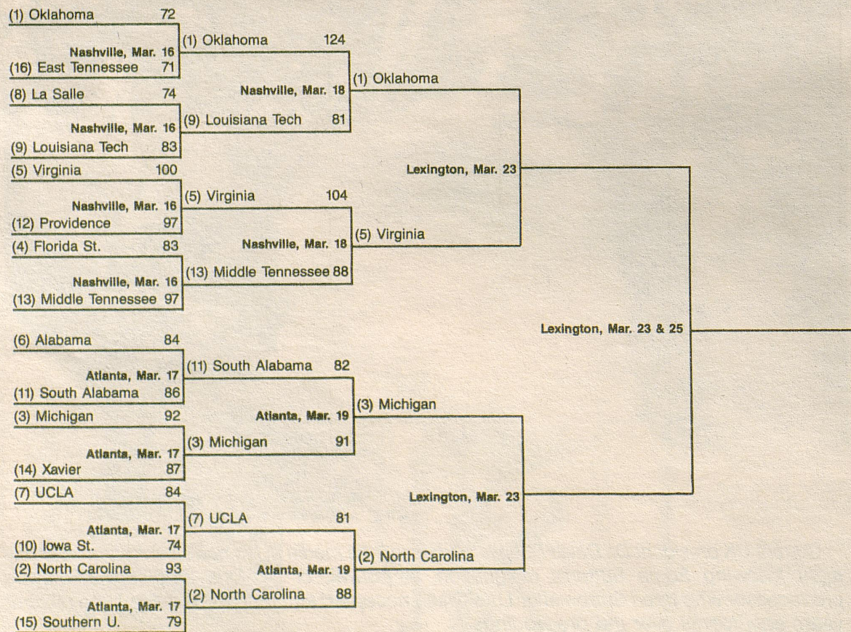
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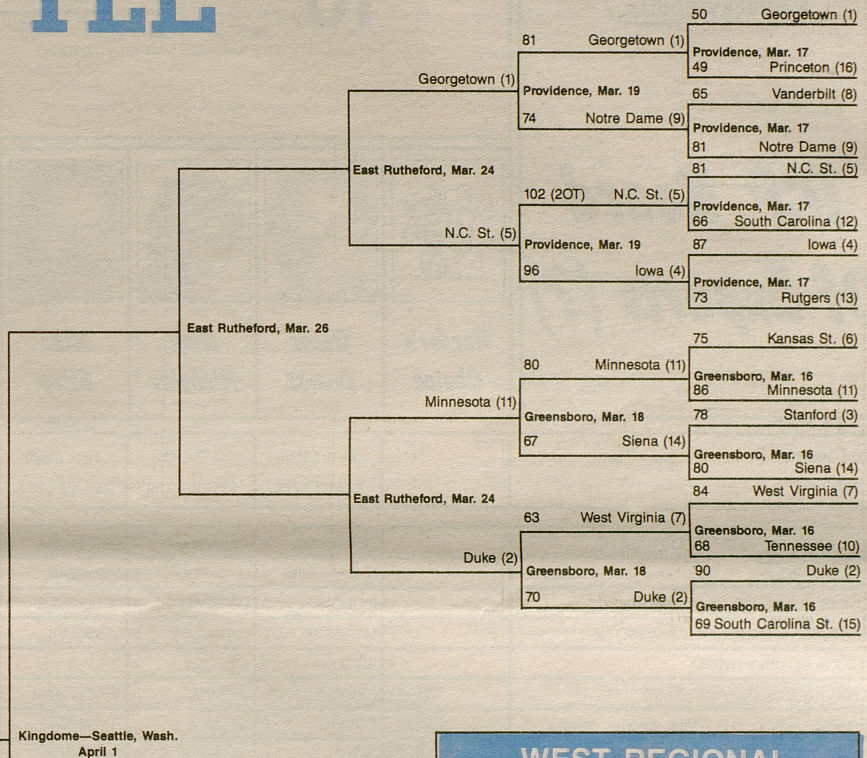
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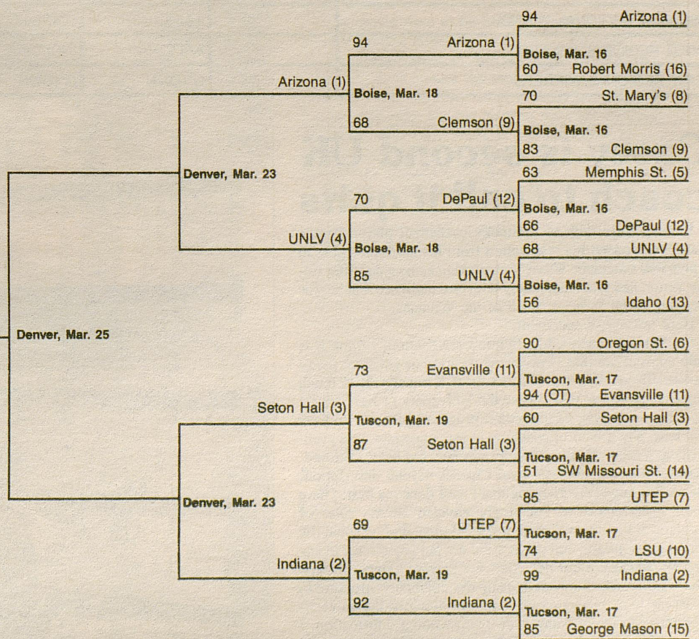
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Last week	21-11 (.656)	20-12 (.625)	21-11 (.656)	21-11 (.656)	21-11 (.656)	20-12 (.625)
Total	290-117 (.713)	291-116 (.715)	285-122 (.700)	293-114 (.720)	276-131 (.678)	269-138 (.661)

OKLAHOMA vs. VIRGINIA (SOUTHEAST)	OKLAHOMA 6	OKLAHOMA 9	OKLAHOMA 3	OKLAHOMA 12	OKLAHOMA 8	OKLAHOMA 5
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ILLINOIS vs. LOUISVILLE (MIDWEST)	ILLINOIS 3	LOUISVILLE 4	LOUISVILLE 3	ILLINOIS 3	ILLINOIS 4	ILLINOIS 4
SYRACUSE vs. MISSOURI (MIDWEST)	MISSOURI 2	SYRACUSE 2	MISSOURI 4	MISSOURI 4	MISSOURI 2	MISSOURI 4
ARIZONA vs. UNLV (WEST)	ARIZONA 7	ARIZONA 4	UNLV 1	ARIZONA 5	ARIZONA 5	ARIZONA 8
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GEORGETOWN vs. N.C. STATE (EAST)	G'TOWN 3	G'TOWN 7	G'TOWN 5	G'TOWN 3	G'TOWN 3	G'TOWN 6
MINNESOTA vs. DUKE (EAST)	DUKE 6	DUKE 9	DUKE 9	DUKE 12	DUKE 7	DUKE 10
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL WINNER	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	OKLAHOMA	N. CAROLINA
MIDWEST REGIONAL WINNER	ILLINOIS	LOUISVILLE	LOUISVILLE	MISSOURI	MISSOURI	ILLINOIS
WEST REGIONAL WINNER	ARIZONA	INDIANA	UNLV	ARIZONA	INDIANA	ARIZONA
EAST REGIONAL WINNER	G'TOWN	G'TOWN	DUKE	G'TOWN	G'TOWN	G'TOWN

Casey is second UK coach to call it quits

Former University of Kentucky basketball player Dwane Casey announced his resignation from his assistant's post in a prepared statement. Casey's resignation came a day after Eddie Sutton had told a nationally-televised audience that he was stepping down as head coach of the Wildcats.

Here is Casey's statement:
 "In light of coach Eddie Sutton's resignation, I think it is only appropriate that I resign my position as assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Kentucky. It is much sadness and regret that I leave the University of Kentucky. I love this university, its basketball program, players, students and fans. My dream of coaching at this university and eventually as a head coach at a major university has been destroyed. I am terribly hurt and the pain I feel is beyond description. I leave this university knowing that I have done my best. I have never intentionally or knowingly violated NCAA rules or regulation. I have conducted my professional and personal life with dignity, honor, and pride. I did not put any money in any Emory package. I did not offer any players money or cars. I have never asked anyone outside the university structure to assist me in recruiting. And I have not provided the university or the NCAA with any false or misleading information. I am confident that the NCAA hearing will vindicate me.
 "I appreciate the support I have received from the many fans, friends and supporters of UK basketball."



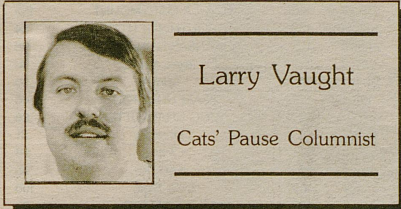
Dwane Casey was an assistant for three seasons at his alma mater

Sutton's resignation was best remedy for both sides

Decision headed off public mud-slinging

Four years ago Eddie Sutton said being named basketball coach at the University of Kentucky was the job he had always wanted.

Sunday he cited his deep concern for the same pro-



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

gram as the main reason for his resignation.

"It's a tough decision but in order for the program to go forward and to make sure no one else is hurt, I'm resigning," said Sutton. "I don't want to see the program hurt any more."

The UK program has been in turmoil for 11 months. The NCAA has levied 18 allegations of wrongdoing against UK, the "Cats had their first losing season in 62 years and rumors have circulated for weeks that Sutton and his staff would be fired.

Sutton denied Sunday he had been asked to resign. UK president Dr. David Roselle, though, implied he had told Sutton his resignation would be in the best interest of UK.

"His resignation was a necessary step in rebuilding the UK program," said Roselle. "I appreciated his willingness to put the concern of the UK program over others. He put the good of the program ahead of his own best interests."

Maybe. Maybe not.

Sutton's resignation was the best way for him and UK to remedy a potentially damaging situation for both.

This way Sutton will collect his 1989-90 salary, leave with no public mudslinging and still be admired by most UK fans.

Roselle was not forced to make an unpopular decision to fire Sutton and risk a war of words with an unhappy employee.

Don't doubt for a minute, though, whether Sutton and his staff would have been dismissed. That decision had been made weeks ago even though both Sutton and Roselle denied it Sunday.

Roselle was prepared to present a review of the UK basketball program and discuss the coaching situation at a meeting of the UK Athletics Board Tuesday. After that Sutton would probably have been dismissed.

Roselle cited the NCAA probe, recruiting problems, the losing season and academic difficulties as major concerns about Sutton's program at UK.

The coach, though, maintained until the end that he had done nothing wrong.

"I'll stand by the fact I tried to run an honest program," said Sutton, who indicated he'll continue to live in Lexington until he finds a new job. "I tried to do the very best job I could.

"The head coach is responsible to a certain degree for everything but I tried to run an honest program."

Sutton, 432-165 in 20 years as a collegiate coach, hopes he'll get a chance to head another college program. He even indicated he would consider offers from the NBA.

As he has during the entire 11-month controversy, Sutton kept his smile and composure Sunday. Never once did he sound bitter, frustrated or angry.

He cited his Christian faith, good health and family as reasons not to be upset over being forced out of one of the most prestigious coaching jobs in the country.

The only hint of animosity came when he again denied rumors that he offered to fire his entire staff to save his job.

"There was no way I was going to dump my staff to

save my position," said Sutton. "If I had stayed a lot of vicious rumors might have continued and I did not want to see the program hurt any more. If I had stayed the program might have been hurt even more and I didn't want that."

Neither did Roselle. That's why he knew immediate action had to be taken and he made that clear to Sutton last week.

The UK president has three expectations for the next coach: He wants a coach that will be fair to the student-athlete, run a compliant program within the NCAA rules and be competitive.

C.M. Newton, who officially becomes UK's athletic director April 1, will be the man most responsible for hiring the next coach.

Sutton's resignation gives Newton a chance to hire a coach he's comfortable with and one who agrees with his philosophy. The two will set the direction for the UK basketball program.

Of course, the direction is on hold until the NCAA decides what penalties it will levy against UK. Kentucky's preliminary hearing with the NCAA was Monday and Roselle said Sunday he expects several of the 18 allegations to be dismissed.

Don't think Sutton's resignation won't help UK's position. Roselle denied UK would have made a change simply to enhance its image with the NCAA and no one at the NCAA would admit dismissing Sutton would lessen UK's penalty.

But Sutton's resignation gives UK an ace to play at the NCAA hearing and it is a card that will be a big help.

Assistant coaches Dwane Casey, James Dickey and Jimmy Dykes were visibly absent from Sunday's press conferences and none could be reached for comment.

However, all three will also resign or not be rehired. They have no choice because everyone must go for UK to have the fresh start Roselle desires.



Sutton's resignation was best for everybody

When the new coach and his staff arrive, the rebuilding of the UK program will start. Sutton's resignation removes some uncertainty at Kentucky but putting the program back together won't happen overnight.

Sutton said he would encourage all the players to remain at UK. That, though, probably will not happen depending on who the new coach is and what penalties the NCAA hands out.

Chris Mills, LeRon Ellis, Sean Sutton, Reggie Hanson and Sean Woods are the 'Cats most likely to leave because of the coaching changes.

If that happens, this year's 13-19 mark will seem like a banner year because the new coach will not have any hopes of signing blue-chip recruits this season.

Sutton's resignation doesn't write the final chapter to a season many UK fans would love to forget. Three major questions remain:

- Which players will leave?
- Who will the new coach be?
- What will the NCAA rule on the 18 allegations?

When those questions are answered, the rebuilding can start and the Sutton era will be over.

Until then some will be happy Sutton is gone. Others will mourn the loss of a coach many consider among the top 10 mentors in the country.

No one should be too surprised the way things turned out. Too much happened this year Roselle did not like and there was little doubt a change would be made.

Still, Sutton said Sunday he'd take the UK job again if he had it to do over and would assist the new coach in any way possible.

It was the best way to walk away and in the long run both the coach and UK will be better off because he had the courage to make that difficult choice before it was made for him.

LEE ROSE WASTED no time Sunday saying he would jump at a chance to coach Kentucky. Rose, currently an assistant with the New Jersey Nets, is a native of Kentucky, went to UK and is a close friend of Newton.

His contract with the Nets permits him to be released at any time.

"You would have to be born in Kentucky to know how I feel about the Kentucky program," said Rose. "The most important thing at this point, for anyone who comes in, is to restore the image of the university."

No one could do that better than Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, who has his team in the East Regional semifinals this week. Duke is a great school but it is overshadowed by North Carolina and can't boast of the tradition or resources UK has.

UK will contact the Duke coach and don't be shocked if he listens.

Other names already mentioned include Lute Olsen, Rick Pitino and Gary Williams as well as several former UK aides. Another possible contender could be Bobby Cremins of Georgia Tech.

Roselle and Newton want a coach with integrity. Everyone does. I just hope they find a coach who enjoys a faster tempo than what Sutton played.

Put the fast break back in Kentucky basketball. Let the Wildcats learn a full-court press has not been outlawed by the NCAA. Find someone who can recruit quality players and then play nine or 10 regularly.

THIS WEEK'S SOUTHEAST Region semifinals present two interesting games at Rupp Arena.

Michigan, which lost its coach last week, plays North Carolina, a team that had its best player (J.R. Reid) suspended in its last win over UCLA.

The other game pairs Oklahoma, the only school which has generated more negative publicity than UK the last three months, against Virginia, which had its coach collapse during the season.

My picks are Oklahoma and Carolina with the Sooners going back to the Final Four.

NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Oklahoma vs. Virginia

Tubbs' bad boys almost went home Sooner than expected

Oklahoma, top seed in the Southeast, lucky to survive 72-71 scare from upstart East Tennessee

Billy Tubbs and his big bad Sooners, top-ranked in the nation's wire service polls three times this season and No. 1-seeded in the Southeast Region, must have strutted into Nashville's Memorial Gymnasium last Thursday thinking all they had to do to blow East Tennessee's Buccaneers out of the water was show up.

Think again. The Bucs quickly reduced the Tubbs' big guns to cap pistols, claiming a double-digit lead early in the first half and maintaining that margin deep into the final period. Thanks to a smothering defense that kept East Tennessee off the scoreboard for the final seven minutes of the game, however, the Sooners dodged the bullet with a 72-71 first-round win.

"You get out there sometimes and play to keep from losing instead of playing to win," Tubbs, whose team usually plays to kill, said.

The close call just might have brought Oklahoma back down to earth. In their second-round matchup with Louisiana Tech, the Sooners looked more like the club that averaged 103.2 points per game and topped the century mark 17 times this season. With Mookie Blaylock and Stacey King combining for 55 points, OU set an NCAA tournament scoring record by dismembering Tech 124-81.

"We've been playing conservative," Blaylock said. "We haven't been going out and destroying people like we usually do."

If the Tech game is any indication, that trend may be changing.

1988-89 OKLAHOMA ROSTER, REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

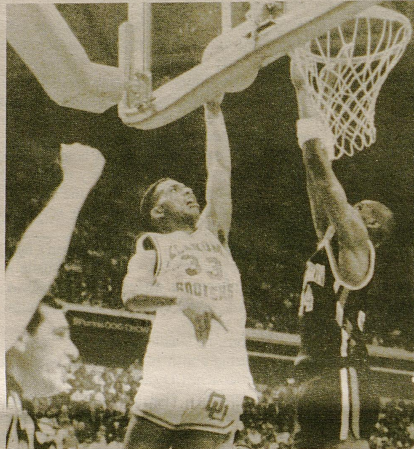
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1988-89 OKLAHOMA RESULTS

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Billy Tubbs



Stacey King



Mookie Blaylock

Winners of 14 of last 18, Virginia is peaking at right time

After suffering through some mid-season pains, Holland and his Cavs have clean bill of health

As 1988 turned to 1989, Virginia coach Terry Holland was not a well man. He had undergone surgery Jan. 2 to correct an acute bowel obstruction, and would miss the next six games. His team wasn't much better. The Cavaliers had just lost a pair of games to Seton Hall and Mississippi State in the Sugar Bowl tournament, and the losing streak would shortly stretch to five thanks to Louisville, Duke and Clemson.

The Wahos would recover, though. After losing his first three games in place of Holland, assistant-turned-interim coach Dave Odom reversed the five-game skid. Virginia won its next six games, three after Holland returned Jan. 28, and entered NCAA play having won 12 of its last 14 games.

With all-ACC guard Richard Morgan (19.6 ppg.), his running mate John Crotty (12.0 ppg., 5.8 apg.) and freshman forward Bryant Stith (14.9 ppg., 6.7 rpg.) leading the way, the Cavaliers handed ACC champion N.C. State two regular-season losses and finished in a three-way tie for second place in the league with Duke and North Carolina, all three clubs posting 9-5 conference marks.

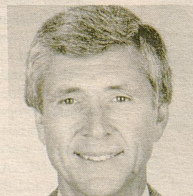
The late-season charge earned Virginia the No. 5 seed in the Southeast, and the roll has continued in the NAAs. The Cavaliers topped the 100-point mark for only the second and third times of the season in Nashville—outpointing Providence 100-97 and giant-killer Middle Tennessee 104-88—putting them in position to take on high-scoring Oklahoma.

1988-89 VIRGINIA ROSTER, REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

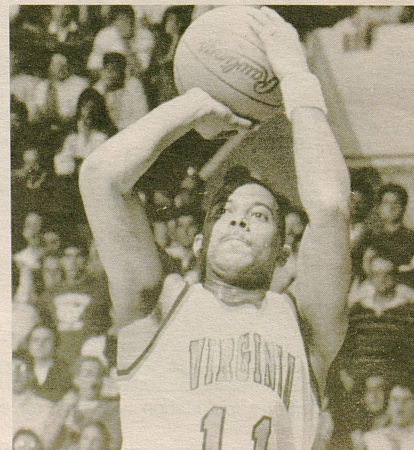
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1988-89 VIRGINIA RESULTS

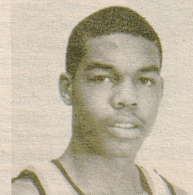
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Terry Holland



Richard Morgan



Bryant Stith

a-Investors Classic b-Sugar Bowl Classic: New Orleans, La. c-Richmond, Va. d-Greensboro, N.C. e-ACC Tournament: Atlanta, Ga. f-NCAA Tournament rounds 1 & 2: Nashville, Tenn. Home games in CAPITALS Losses in bold type



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NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
North Carolina vs. Michigan

As usual, Dean Smith has North Carolina in NCAAs

It wouldn't be 'March Madness' if UNC coach didn't have Tar Heels in tourney

Well, Carolina made the NCAA tournament again. Ho-hum.

One of these years (don't hold your breath) Dean Smith and his Tar Heels will slip up and miss an invite to the NCAAs. And when they do, the folks in Shawnee Mission might not know how to act. See, Smith and the boys from Tobacco Road have been to the Big Show a record 15 times, two better than even John Wooden could manage during the UCLA dynasty years. Even more amazing is the fact that Smith has put his club in the Sweet Sixteen nine times in a row, considering Duke is currently second with a streak of four consecutive trips to the Round of 16.

UNC played 21 of its 34 games this season against clubs invited to the '89 NCAA tournament, with pretty fair success. The Tar Heels were 14-7 against those clubs and went 6-3 against teams which were among the tourney's top 16 seeds.

You'll have to forgive North Carolina fans if they have trouble adjusting to Rupp Arena, because UNC all but took up residence in The Omni in Atlanta the past few weeks. Carolina finished the year with strongly, defeating Georgia Tech, Maryland and Duke in that building for the ACC tourney title, then won their first two NCAA tourney games there. The Heels downed stubborn Southern University 93-79. Then, with All-American J.R. Reid back in Chapel Hill for breaking curfew the night before, UNC defeated UCLA 88-81 Sunday for the record-setting trip to Rupp Arena.

1988-89 NORTH CAROLINA ROSTER, REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

no.	name	yr.	ht.	pos.	fg-a	pct.	ft-a	pct.	a	to	reb.	avg.	pts.	avg.
50	Bill Akins	Jr.	6-5	G	2-6	33.3	2-4	50.0	1	0	3-0.3	6-0.7		
20	Steve Bucknall	Sr.	6-6	G-F	143-310	46.1	100-130	76.9	168	91	135-4.0	441-13.0		
32	Pete Chilcutt	So.	6-9	F	108-200	54.0	32-51	62.7	50	53	188-5.5	251-7.4		
40	Hubert Davis	Fr.	6-4	G	44-84	52.4	24-31	77.4	9	12	27-0.8	116-3.4		
3	Jeff Denny	Jr.	6-4	G	16-38	42.1	22-27	81.5	25	18	18-0.5	66-2.0		
44	Rick Fox	So.	6-7	F	149-252	59.1	78-99	78.8	71	85	130-3.8	388-11.4		
54	John Greene	Jr.	6-10	C	2-6	66.7	4-5	80.0	0	1	4-0.3	8-0.5		
45	Marty Hensley	Jr.	5-8	G	4-15	26.7	4-7	57.1	1	5	9-0.5	12-0.6		
14	Jeff Lebo	Sr.	6-4	G	106-248	42.7	86-98	87.8	124	70	75-2.6	356-12.3		
22	Kevin Madden	Jr.	6-4	G	200-343	58.3	80-128	62.5	66	64	161-4.7	488-14.3		
31	David May	Sr.	6-7	F	2-4	50.0	0-2	0.0	7	3	6-0.3	4-0.2		
34	J.R. Reid	Jr.	6-9	C	144-237	60.8	97-142	68.7	34	63	154-6.2	385-15.4		
21	King Rice	So.	6-1	G	54-121	44.6	56-69	81.2	136	66	44-1.3	180-5.3		
42	Scott Williams	Jr.	6-10	F-C	149-271	55.0	64-98	65.3	25	62	230-7.2	362-11.3		

1988-89 NORTH CAROLINA RESULTS

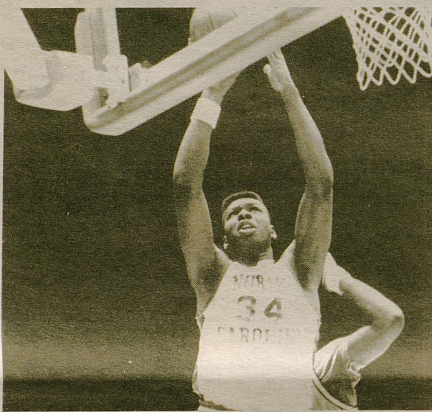
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111	UT-CHATTANOOGA-a	84
99	GEORGIA-a	91
81	Missouri-b	91
106	Indiana-b	92
87	STANFORD	76
79	Arizona-c	72
76	Missouri-c	60
89	VANDERBILT	77
76	Richmond-d	68
104	UCLA	78
102	Towson State-e	74
103	San Diego State	92
102	Pepperdine	80
87	DePaul	67
97	IOWA	98
88	MARYLAND	72
83	Virginia	106
91	Duke	71
84	N.C. STATE	81
88	Wake Forest	74
92	GEORGIA TECH	85
82	Clemson	85
88	N.C. State	98
85	VIRGINIA	67
87	Old Dominion	77
99	WAKE FOREST	76
86	Maryland	75
109	NEVADA-RENO	86
100	CLEMSON	86
74	Georgia Tech	76
86	DUKE	88
77	Georgia Tech-f	62
88	Maryland-f	58
77	Duke-f	74
93	Southern University-g	79
88	UCLA-g	81



Dean Smith



Kevin Madden



J.R. Reid

a-Big Apple NIT: Chapel Hill
b-Big Apple NIT: New York, N.Y.
c-Tournament of Champions: Charlotte, N.C.
d-Greensboro, N.C.
e-Hershey, Pa.
f-ACC tournament: Atlanta, Ga.
g-NCAA tournament rounds 1 & 2: Atlanta, Ga.
Home games in CAPITALS
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Frieder-less Michigan club squeaking out NCAA wins

Talent-laden Wolverines are still alive and kicking in this year's NCAA tournament, but...

Michigan's trip to Rupp Arena this week is one of those good news-bad news type of deals. In light of the way that former Michigan coach Bill Frieder jumped ship for the vacant Arizona State job in the interim between the end of the Big Ten race and the tourney's first round (and was subsequently told in no uncertain terms by Wolvering athletic director Bo Schembechler that he was no longer welcome on the bench), then it truly is good news that UM—which has had sketchy past in the NCAAs since finishing second to Indiana in the 1976 Final Four, anyway—is still among the 16 participants.

The bad news, though, is that the Maize and Gold will be facing somewhat of a tournament nemesis, Dean Smith's North Carolina club, when they get to Rupp Arena. Smith has done a number on UM lately, eliminating the Wolverines from the last two NCAAs—109-97 in the second round in 1987, 78-69 in the first round last year.

UM, third seed in the Southeast, has been a puzzle this season. Armed with what most observers feel is the best talent in the Big Ten (UM leads the nation in FG% at 57.3, Glen Rice led the league in scoring), the Wolves finished just 12-6 for third place in the conference. UM won the rugged Maui Classic to open the year, then lost to Division II Alaska-Anchorage prior to Big Ten play. Michigan has also struggled in both NCAA games, trailing both Xavier and South Alabama before rallying to win late in the second half.

1988-89 MICHIGAN ROSTER, REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

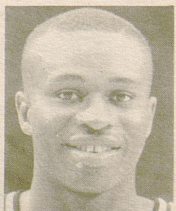
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20	Mike Griffin	Sr.	6-7	G-F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.6	3.1
24	Sean Higgins	So.	6-9	G	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0	12.1
55	Mark Hughes	Sr.	6-8	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.7	7.2
52	Terry Mills	Jr.	6-10	F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8	11.2
54	J.P. Oosterbaan	Sr.	6-10	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.1	2.4
25	Rob Pelinka	Fr.	6-5	G	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.6	1.2
41	Glen Rice	Sr.	6-7	F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.2	24.7
21	Rumeal Robinson	Jr.	6-2	G	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5	14.5
35	Loy Vaught	Sr.	6-9	C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.0	13.9

1988-89 MICHIGAN RESULTS

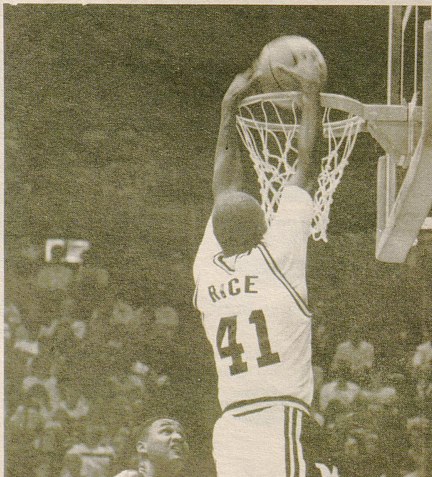
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79	Memphis State-a	75
91	Oklahoma-a	80
102	GRAMBLING STATE	62
104	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	66
98	TAMPA	65
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Glen Rice

a-Hawaiian Airlines Maui Classic: Maui, Hawaii
b-Utah Classic: Salt Lake City, Utah
c-NCAA tournament rounds 1 & 2: Atlanta, Ga.
Home games in CAPITALS
Losses in bold type

Chris Jackson, Dale Brown, LSU clean up awards

Picked best player, coach in SEC this year

Five Southeastern Conference basketball teams made the NCAA basketball tournament this season and this becomes a tribute to the strides the league has made as far as national recognition is concerned. Yes, this past



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year the SEC was somewhat on a down cycle in producing highly-ranked teams and not many teams were seen in the Top Twenty polls. However, it is a testament to the overall growth of the league that the SEC was able to place five members in the tourney this year. Maybe past successful history of LSU, Alabama, Auburn, and of course, Kentucky, has made some basketball experts take notice that the SEC usually puts together some quality basketball teams. It's true that the league was on a downtick compared to previous years, but another reason the conference was able to get five teams in the NCAAAs was because of the tremendous balance from top to bottom.

So that leaves us with a review of this past SEC basketball season. The league had its share of highs and lows. On the negative side you had the NCAA investigation at Kentucky. On the positive side, you had the arrival of the remarkable Chris Jackson.

With that in mind, let's review some of the highlights and/or lowlights of the 1988-89 SEC season:

Coach of the Year

A definite tough call but the nod goes to Dale Brown at LSU over Wimp Sanderson at Alabama. For my money, Brown took a team with hardly any depth to speak of and molded a successful team around a tremendous point guard, in Chris Jackson, and the leadership of Ricky Blanton. That's not to in any way belittle the job Sanderson did at Bama, taking his club to the SEC tournament title. However, LSU played a much tougher non-conference schedule and Brown, I thought, did just a little bit more with less talent. Thus, my vote goes to Brown.

Player of the Year

This is easy. Chris Jackson, hands down. Jackson is a marvelous athlete, and person. He never gets rattled and his exceptional free throw ability makes LSU very difficult to beat in close games.

Best comeback team

LSU. The Tigers had two outstanding late second-half rallies to defeat both UK and Georgia on the road. Again, a credit to the coaching of Dale Brown.

Biggest disappointment

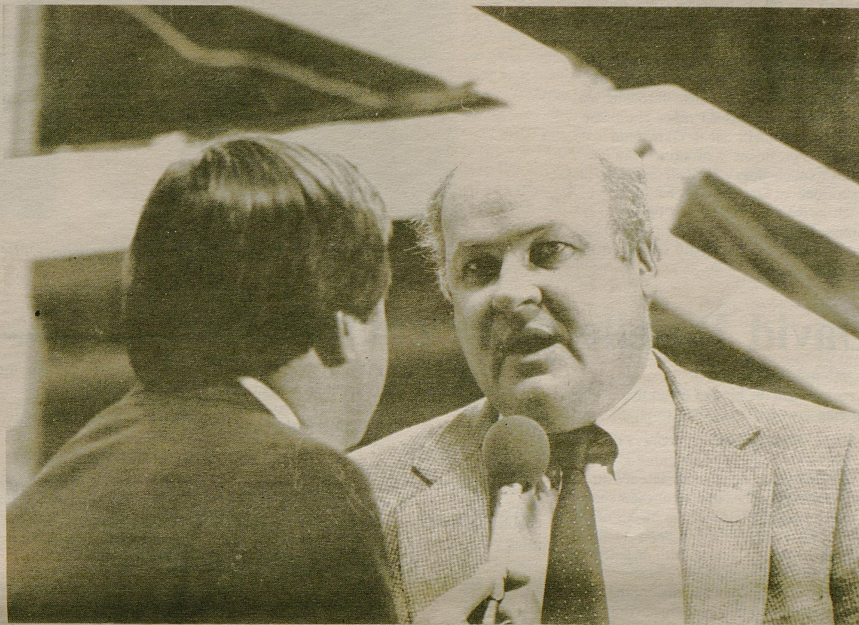
Georgia. You know, Hugh Durham's teams usually get much better as the season goes along. But I think because Georgia had somewhat of a young team the Bulldogs were unable to develop personality. Which in turn meant no consistency. Another factor was that center Elmore Spencer has taken more time than expected in developing his game.

Biggest surprise

It's a tie between LSU and Alabama. Both teams were not expected to vie for the conference crown but both finished in the upper half of the league standings.

Best clutch player

Barry Goheen. Opposing teams just dread when Vandy



Ole Miss coach Ed Murphy qualifies as the SEC's best interview

has the ball in the late stages of the close game. Goheen is a very smart player and doesn't mind having the game hinge on his last-second heroics.

Best tennis player

Dwayne Schintzius. Dwayne's off-the-court problems helped the Gators win the SEC regular-season championship. With Vandy fans throwing tennis balls at Schintzius with a two-point lead and only one second left in the game, Florida was able to send the game into overtime at the charity stripe. Schintzius wins in the best of five sets—7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (12-10)—by the tiebreaker system.

Best interview

Ed Murphy. Murphy tells what he thinks and never gives the media any baloney after a basketball game. The way he handled the postgame interview following the heartbreaking loss to Kentucky was a tribute to his character. Murphy says what's on his mind and usually give the media solid, straight answers.

Perserverance award

Sean Sutton. No teen-ager had to endure more adversity and pressure than Eddie Sutton's son. Although Sutton didn't hit much from the outside, his shooting did improve during the second half of the season. Sutton is a great competitor and any team could use his mental toughness.

Worst technical foul call

Charlie Watkins. Watkins slapping Sutton with a T late in LSU's comeback victory over UK in Rupp Arena was totally uncalled for. No call like a technical should ever determine the outcome of a ball game. Watkins broke an unwritten rule in officiating by not letting the players decide the game and not the officials. I find it ironic that UK never did see Watkins the rest of the season until the last game of the year at Mississippi State.

Best official

John Clougherty gets the nod over Don Rutledge. Both are very competent officials but Rutledge makes too

many nit-picking calls for my blood.

Worst official

I might defer this one to all the SEC coaches who made complaints to the SEC office on several occasions this season. But for some reason David Jones is one that comes to mind.

Earthquake award

Goes to Auburn. The War Eagles had a very tough year this season and underwent numerous internal problems. It seemed like when something bad happened to Sonny Smith's squad another problem ensued to compound it.

Most likely to succeed in the NBA

Gerald Glass, Ole Miss
Chris Jackson, LSU
Dwayne Schintzius, Florida
Chris Mills, Kentucky

Best microbiologist

Alec Kessler, Georgia. Kessler carries a lofty grade-point average in microbiology at Georgia.

All-name team

Gerald Glass, Litterial Green, Livingston Chatman, David Benoit, Morgan Wheat, Zane Arnold, Neville Austin, Lyle Mouton, Chancellor Nichols and Cameron "Smoke" Burns.

The "You know the game is over" team

Chris Jones, Kentucky; Ire Peterson, Mississippi State; Jay Price, Tennessee; Scott Guldseth, LSU.

All-wide body team

Livingston Chatman, Gerald Glass, Dwayne Davis, Michael Ansley and Mike Scott.

Assistant most likely to get a coaching job

Monte Towe, Florida.
Runners-up: Ned Fowler, Auburn and James Dickey, Kentucky.

Oscar Combs

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rebuilding process, it may be just the beginning of an even larger war involving UK president David Roselle. Few times has a college president taken on a governor and won. That was the situation when Roselle continued his gameplan of reorganizing his basketball staff despite two different instances of Gov. Wallace Wilkinson asking that Sutton be retained. At least two other instances come to mind where school authorities have been overruled by sports enthusiasts: First there was the situation at Indiana where the IU president failed to crack down on Bobby Knight for his famous chair-throwing incident and comments on rape. The other is the current mess out in Oklahoma where the president is afraid to take on football coach Barry Switzer and his supporters. . . . The real UK battles to watch in the near future will be the next appointments to the UK Board of Trustees and how well the university fairs with the next state budget.



Eddie Sutton: Stepping down after guiding UK to a 90-40 mark for the last four seasons

David Roselle press conference

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to recruit with the kind of cloud that is now hanging over our basketball program.

Media: What about the naming of the new coach? What steps are you going to take?

David Roselle: We have an athletics director identified and the athletics director should be the principal player in the hiring of the coach. As I said in my statement, C.M. Newton will move, I think with dispatch, to attempt to identify the right person.

In a way it comes at a bad time of the year, in the tradition, as you've learned from watching the Michigan situation is that you talk to the athletics director prior to talking to the coach. And you did learn that just recently that (Michigan situation) isn't the normal way of doing business and you don't usually do that while the season is still ongoing.

Media: What qualities are you looking for in a new coach? What qualities would you hope that he could bring to the program?

David Roselle: I have three expectations in coaches. I look first of all at the people who are fair to the student-athletes. By fair I mean that they recruit young people who can succeed academically and athletically and then help them to succeed athletically and academically. So, that's item one.

Item No. 2 is that I look for people who run a competitive program. Actually, that's probably item No. 3 in my mind.

Item No. 2 that I look for is that I look for people who run a compliant program, a program that is keeping with the rules that the University of Kentucky has agreed to.

Media: Was there another meeting scheduled with coach Sutton, or did someone initiate another meeting with coach Sutton?

David Roselle: No. I talked to Eddie on the telephone after that (last Wednesday's meeting) and I thought that satisfied the second meeting. There was no real agreement to have another meeting. We just said we would talk further.

Media: When did you talk with him again and when did he actually give his resignation to you?

David Roselle: I talked to him, uh, when did we meet? Wednesday. I probably either talked to him on Thursday or Friday. I've forgotten.

Media: What was the nature of that meeting?

David Roselle: Just a follow-up on the meeting.

Media: Had coach Sutton not resigned, were you prepared at the athletics board meeting to present the evidence as to why that

there (needed to be a change)?

David Roselle: I was prepared to lead a discussion of the overall basketball program at the meeting of the athletics board. Absolutely. Once again, my concerns were the following: my concerns were recruitment and the small number of recruits and the relatively large number of recruits that we've been unable to retain. Competitiveness of the program was a concern. The NCAA matter was a concern, too. I thought it was an appropriate time for the athletics board to review that entire matter.

Media: Did you ask coach Sutton to wait on his decision until after that meeting?

David Roselle: No.

Media: Did you try to discourage him at all from resigning?

David Roselle: No.

Media: Would you talk about the financial arrangement of coach Sutton for the remainder of his contract?

David Roselle: Sure. We will honor the contract that we had with coach Sutton, and that has a salary provision in it. And beyond the explicit issues of the contract there are a couple of much smaller fairness issues that need to be addressed. And we will address those.

Media: Have you addressed the rest of the staff to what the future holds for them?

David Roselle: I don't know what the future holds for the rest of the staff. Again, I think there are some fairness issues there that the university will wish to address.

Media: Should we interpret that if you take away the NCAA investigation you still would have welcomed coach Sutton's resignation?

David Roselle: No no no. No, no, no. I shouldn't think that's true at all. The principal problem in the basketball program at the present time is the NCAA allegations and the fact that we have problems with the NCAA.

One wants to forget all about that; I would like to forget all about that we have NCAA problems, too. But, in fact, we do have problems with the NCAA. And that's the principal problems we're having right now.

We would not be meeting here tonight if competitiveness alone, say, were the issue.

Media: Have you talked with C.M. Newton since coach Sutton announced his resignation?

David Roselle: I talked to him this afternoon, yes I did.

Media: Can C.M. Newton start prior to April 1 now?

David Roselle: Not to the best of my knowledge.

Media: Did you inform him of coach Sutton's resignation?

David Roselle: Yes I did.

Media: Does that mean Newton will have no input to the selection of the successor to coach Sutton?

David Roselle: No. I thought I answered that question.

Media: But you indicated he won't be here (until April 1).

David Roselle: I'm sure he's going to be thinking about who the next coach will be. I thought you meant will he be starting here and sitting in his desk.

Media: How can he act as a representative of the University of Kentucky if he doesn't start his employment until April 1?

David Roselle: I don't think there would be any problem.

Media: Were any names mentioned when you talked to C.M. as possibilities (coaches)?

David Roselle: No. No, there never have been. In particular, I have said to a group of you people before in Corbin, Kentucky, when that article came out in the *Herald-Leader* the other day about the Lee Rose appointment, and I meant to tease you all about it. It said there would be a certain time period it would be announced, in eight to 10 days or so. Well, the eight to 10 days have come and they've gone, folks, and he's not been hired. So that story must have been wrong.

Media: Not been announced or not been hired?

David Roselle: Not been announced and not been hired.

Media: Has Rose been contacted?

David Roselle: Not to the best of my knowledge.

Media: Is there a timetable set to when you would like to have a new coach hired?

David Roselle: No. No, I think probably it will continue for the next several weeks through the NCAA tournament.

Media: Given the fact that you won't know the potential sanctions until at least the first of May, will you not be able to hire a coach until before then because a coach will want to know what restraints he'll be under?

David Roselle: I'm not sure to which extent to which that will be a limiting factor. It might be for some people.

Media: Did the governor, Wallace Wilkinson, call you this weekend to try and state

his case in favor of coach Sutton?

David Roselle: No, he did not.

Media: How much did the potential allegations in your report reflect your concern over the management of the program?

David Roselle: Well, the total NCAA matter is about the management of the program.

Media: Yes, but did those potential allegations turned up in your own investigations raise more red flags to you about the management of the program?

David Roselle: No, I don't believe so.

Media: Do you have any indications that those will become allegations?

David Roselle: I don't know.

Media: Are they still being investigated? David Roselle: They're not still being investigated, in answering your question. But there is a meeting with NCAA in which they will finalize the allegations.

Media: By various means we've discovered that the university feels that some of the allegation are well founded. We are yet to hear if the university feels that any of the allegations are not well founded. Can you give us any idea if there are any (that are not well-founded)?

David Roselle: Those are always hard to characterize because many of the allegations are not either "yes" or "no" kinds of questions. But I anticipate, that on the basis of the investigation, that some of the allegations originally made against the University of Kentucky will be removed. I'll be surprised if that's not the case.

Media: In any of your conversations with coach Sutton, did you ever ask him to resign?

David Roselle: The implication was clear about what was good for the program.

Media: In a roundabout way, is that a "yes"?

David Roselle: Yeah, we talked about continuation of the program, what was good for the program.

Media: Did you indicate to him, or maybe he didn't pick up the hint, that you would initiate some action?

David Roselle: He knew that there was to be a meeting of the athletics board on Tuesday. He knew that we would be talking about management of the program.

Media: Did he know one of the options would be to change managers?

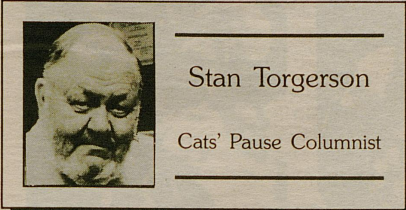
David Roselle: Well, that's always an option.

Give SEC tourney 'A' for effort, 'C' for hoop quality

Impressions and memories of stay in K-town

Notes and thoughts from the recent Southeastern Conference basketball tournament.

If you were giving letter grades you'd rate the SEC's conduct of the tournament as an A plus. You'd give the



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quality of the basketball a "C." Maybe a "C-minus."

There's no way SEC and Tennessee officials could have done their jobs better. The organization was marvelous.

The building is superb. I'm aware of Tennessee's problems during construction—delays, cost over runs, troubles of all kinds. But when Thompson-Boling Arena was finished, UT owned the finest basketball palace I have ever seen.

This was, however, not one of the great ones for the caliber of play. Cinderella stayed home. There were no rags to riches stories played out in Knoxville. The teams that were supposed to win did win. There wasn't a single upset.

There also was not a classic game, the type you sit around and rehash five years later. Except for the Georgia-Florida affair, none of the others were really close.

Frankly, the basketball was pretty dull.

Nevertheless, here are a few observations, impressions and memories from four days in Knoxville.

Attendance the first night was small. They announced 12,000, but 12,000 in a building which seats twice that doesn't look like many...

About 18,000 books of tickets were sold in advanced. That meant the conference had 6,000 tickets to sell for Saturday and Sunday. With Tennessee and Vanderbilt in Saturday's semifinals, tickets were in demand. Without either team in Sunday's championship game tickets were available everywhere.

Jerry Clower was in attendance again. The noted country and western comedian always sets tournament week aside and he and his preacher, Rev. James Yates, and their wives come to watch basketball. He must have signed a zillion autographs and posed for almost as many pictures...

The league gave a cocktail party Thursday night after the games, but only coaches whose teams played in the first round attended...

LSU coach Dale Brown and Florida's Norm Sloan sat together on press row watching several early games...

The first game of the tournament, Mississippi State versus Georgia, began 12 minutes late. Georgia's Marshall Wilson, a sophomore forward, started his tournament play by committing three personal fouls in the first 2:03 of the game. And give Hugh Durham and his Georgia coaches the best dressed award—grey coats, black slacks and red ties. Sharp!...

Thompson-Boling Arena is absolutely marvelous. Virtually all seats are chairbacks, they are wide enough to be comfortable and there's plenty of leg room...

There's no feeling like standing in the tunnel with a team and then hearing the band strike up and the crowd roar as they run out on the floor. That's what it must have been like for the gladiators in days of old. If I were a basketball player, that moment is what I believe I'd remember best...

Gerald Glass is a great player but I didn't understand why, in the Auburn game, with four fouls on him, he kept slapping at the ball when guarding his man. Make contact and it's an automatic foul and you're out of

there. And if he's out, Ole Miss is out...

Tennessee fans lined up outside the coliseum Friday trying to buy single tickets to the session from fans with extras. A tournament book was \$80 but if they were lucky enough to find a single, it went for \$16...

The Tennessee-LSU game was high intensity basketball. The Vols, in particular, were really up...

I don't know how they do it. When LSU's Dennis Tracey missed a simple layup, his coach, Dale Brown, never moved. The Tigers desperately needed the points but Dale still maintained his self control...

Give Tennessee's Ian Lockhart the basket of the year. His jump shot against LSU hit the rim, bounced high, came down on the top of the backboard, bounced twice more and fell back through the basket. Unbelievable!

How did Vanderbilt catch up so fast against Kentucky? At one point the Commodores trailed 8-21. Seven and one-half minutes later the Commodores led 26-25...

There was always entertainment at halftime of each game and without exception it was excellent. Everything from tumblers to dancers to a magician...

Kentucky played eight players in the first half against Vanderbilt. Five of the eight, Derrick Miller, Sean Sutton, Mike Scott, John Pelphey and Richie Farmer, had a composite record of only two baskets in 15 shots. That's 13 percent shooting and helps explain some of Kentucky's troubles...

Dale Brown is always a gentleman, win or lose...

This was the quietest Kentucky crowd we have seen at an SEC basketball tournament...

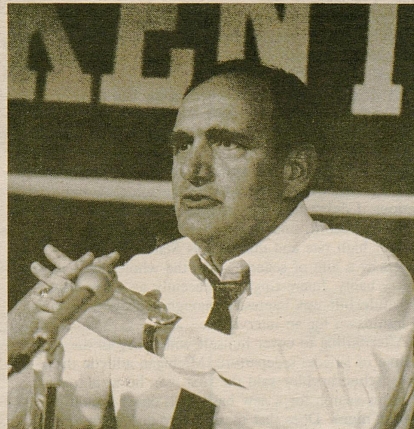
When a Vanderbilt player missed a key free throw coach C.M. Newton shook his tie at him a la Oliver Hardy in the old Laurel and Hardy movies...

One of the 45-second clocks had to be replaced before the Ole Miss-Alabama game. No problem, Tennessee had a spare. The whole job didn't take five minutes, including climbing up the ladder to get at the faulty apparatus...

This was not a tournament for those who like to get to bed early. The second half of the Ole Miss-Alabama game started at 11 p.m.

Our compliments go to those who planned the menu for tournament officials and the press. The good was good. Too good and too much of it. Dietsville, here we come...

I felt very sympathetic for my friend Hugh Durham, the Georgia coach. After losing a one-point game to Florida, he was in no mood for repeated questions challenging what he did or did not do in the closing moments of the game. The press wouldn't let up and Hugh lost his temper. Couldn't blame him a bid...



Dwayne Schintzius is, to me, one of basketball's foremost enigmas. Here you have a 7-foot-2, 300-pound man who doesn't go to the boards, doesn't really block out, and doesn't drive to the basket. He plays the post as if he is a point guard, passing off rather than getting his shots. He earns creditable statistics even as he is today, but he'd be awesome if he were aggressive. Someone said Schintzius has the body of a lion and the heart of a lamb, but that's too unkind. As for me, I sit there and hear this young giant booed at every turn, from the time he is introduced until the game ends, and I wonder if I could take that kind of abuse. If Schintzius were to say that basketball isn't any fun for him I could understand. If the youngster were a pro you could rationalize that he was getting paid and paid well to be the object of scorn. But this is a college kid playing for the love of the game and I don't believe it's fair or right for the fans to treat him as they do, whether or not he's getting the most out of his talents...

Who had the tournament's best looking cheerleaders? Heck, they were all cute as could be. The customers are also more attractive than ever. I vote for a 10-way tie...

The play of the tournament: Clifford Lett steals the ball from Tennessee and heads for the other end of the floor. Clarence Swarengen starts pursuit a full four steps behind Lett, catches up to him at the free throw line, knocks the ball away without fouling and his momentum carries him past the photographers, cheerleaders and up into the fourth row of the bleachers. A great piece of work...

Three of five Florida players, Dwayne Davis, Dwayne Schintzius and Livingston Chatman wear knee supports and all of them are on the left knee...

When Vanderbilt played Alabama you really couldn't tell the players without a scorecard. Neither team puts the players' names on their jerseys...

Both Michael Ansley and David Benoit are skinheads. They both shave their heads until there's not a hair left...

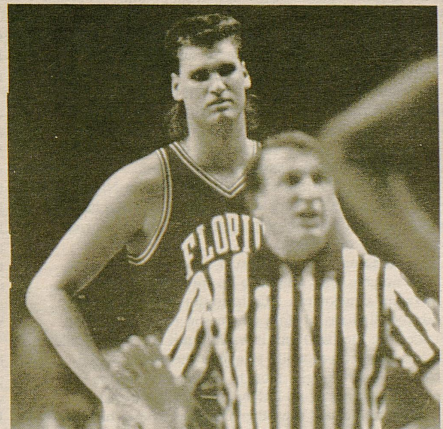
Referee Don Ferguson is a former soap opera actor on WTBS, Atlanta. Meanwhile, referee Don Shea has a school for aspiring basketball referees which he conducts every summer.

How do they decide which is the home team and which is the visitor? The highest seeded team is always the home team...

It wouldn't be a tournament without the pep bands. They're great...

THE LAST WORD: Tennessee's Mark Griffin before the Vols received their NCAA tournament bid:

"They can send us to Alaska. I don't care as long as it's the NCAA we're willing to go anywhere."



Durham (left) can be pushed so far...it's Florida's Schintzius who should be pushed

Final Four college basketball's most exciting day?

Nope, tourney's opening day is even better

A day at the arena as the NCAA tournament gets underway...

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Some believe college basket-



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ball's greatest day comes on the Saturday afternoon during Final Four week but, for me, the opening round of the tourney is an even more exciting time because 64 dreams are still alive.

So, away we go...

□For this city and arena serving as host to an opening NCAA round is something of a bittersweet occasion. The Greensboro Coliseum has been the site of numerous significant moments in college basketball, none bigger than the 1974 Final Four when the UCLA dynasty finally tumbled. Now, with this event, we may be talking about the last major basketball game to be played here for a very long time.

New buildings in Chapel Hill, Charlotte and soon in Winston Salem have squeezed this facility out of the basketball business. No one, for instance, expects the ACC tournament, long a fixture here, to return again. Charlotte offers about 8,000 more seats and, obviously, multiple dollars.

Memories, it seems, are about all that will be left in the relationship between college basketball and the Greensboro Coliseum after this weekend.

Too bad...

□Small in number, but overjoyed at being a part of Siena's first ever NCAA appearance, many of the faithful were wearing T-shirts which said: "Siena 98.6, Measles 0." That, of course, referred to the late season measles quarantine which forced the team to play several games, including its postseason conference tournament, without benefit to spectators.

Incidentally that league, the ECAC North Atlantic Conference, figures it lost about \$50,000 in potential gate receipts and that's nothing short of disastrous...

□Stanford will glance back on the Todd Lichti era as the greatest in modern basketball history for the Cardinal. But the end was extremely disappointing as coach Mike Montgomery's club was upset by Siena. "I don't think we played as well during the last month as we did early in the season," Montgomery said, adding he really couldn't put a finger on the problem. Stanford was vulnerable coming in here because it had trouble defending quick perimeter players (which is a Siena strength) and because Western teams playing in the East always seem to have difficulty adjusting to the time change, moreso than when the situation is reversed.

Incidentally, Stanford's loss was the first in NCAA history. When the school won the 1942 NCAA championship it marked the only appearance in the tournament, before or since...

□In addition to other unusual news items this year, Siena was the only school to go through the year without a nickname. Administrators there did away with the "Indians" before the season (as was done at Stanford in the past) and it wasn't until the NAC finale that a decision was made to anoint the teams as the "Saints." Interestingly, though, the team uniforms still bear the insignia of an Indian chief on the trunks...

□Minnesota was the other first-day winner here and that's certainly a milestone for coach Clem Haskins as he seeks to rebuild the Gopher program. It's been a tough climb, but this team, which doesn't have a senior



No one will argue that Bill Frieder's departure from Ann Arbor was a public relations gem but, in the long run, both Arizona State and Michigan will probably be better off.

starter, bears watching. To become a legit Big Ten contender next year, Haskins must find more inside help for 6-7 Willie Burton, but the Gophers are on the right track...

□Away from the playing floor, the news this week was largely about the coming and going of coaches. The Bill Frieder-to-Arizona State move, advertised here about a month ago, was obviously not the most smoothly handled transition in coaching history, but in the long pull, it was a move which made sense for everyone. Frieder had grown disenchanted with the lack of respect he was getting both internally and externally at Michigan. But as Johnny Orr or Dave Strack might have told him, for all the success basketball has enjoyed in Ann Arbor it'll never escape second-class citizenship in the eyes of the media, the fans and the athletic department.

Looking at things from the ASU angle, athletic director Charles Harris desperately needed to lure a name coach and one who can recruit. Frieder, moreso than Purdue's Gene Keady, was the right guy to bring into Tempe, I believe...

□Keady apparently was more interested in the prospect of eventually succeeding George King as the Boilermakers' athletic director than he was in Arizona's sunshine...

□Of all the firings I've watched in the last two decades of covering college basketball, none seems less defensible than the sacking of Bob Donewald at Illinois State. I'll buy the argument that Donewald wasn't the most outgoing guy in the world, and when it was alleged he wasn't especially cooperative in attending alumni functions, I didn't find that surprising. But when you look at his record, understand that his players graduated at a very high rate and that Illinois State was never touched by a hint of scandal, then the whole thing comes off very badly. Interestingly, as recently as a few weeks ago Vanderbilt was interested enough in Donewald to invite him down for an interview...

□After failing to cover himself with glory in the handling of Frieder's departure, Michigan athletic director Bo Schembechler said the first man he would consult in his search for a new basketball coach would be Bobby Knight. Does that mean a former Knight aid like Jim (Evansville) Crews or even Dave (New Mexico) Bliss could end up directing the Wolverines? Perhaps, but I'd be surprised if Schembechler didn't tap Mike

Boyd, an assistant to Frieder. Boyd would come inexpensively and, at least for now, wouldn't steal any thunder from Schembechler's beloved football program...

□One reason college basketball games drag so badly at the end of a game is because the officials call the game so much closer. I think they've collectively fallen into the trap of anticipating the team which is trying to play catch-up will be deliberately fouling. Thus contact which wouldn't be whistled early, suddenly becomes a violation. Look at the tapes, guys...

□The rules changes we need are to allow free throws or possession on fouls committed in the last two or three minutes, stop the clock with every made basket in the last three minutes of each half and we need to get rid of the closely guarded five-second rule because it is meaningless. Three free throws for a foul committed during an attempted three point shot? Nope...

□Tennessee's return to the NCAA's was a short-lived journey. One game and exit left. "West Virginia's just a much better basketball team than Tennessee," surmised Vols' coach Don DeVoe, who reclaimed his struggling career this year by getting Tennessee into post season play. But he now must look at the prospect of entering next season with no returning starters and a group of untested, relatively unknown underclassmen. I'd say the spectre of the 25,000-seat arena will ultimately prove too much of an albatross for one of coaching's good guys...

□Forget those critics who write off West Virginia's three-month unbeaten run as simply an indication of the Atlantic 10's weakness. What the Mountaineers did during that stretch, especially winning all but one road game, ranks as this season's most impressive team achievement. Remember even the Harlem Globetrotters lose an occasional road game.

Key to the Mountaineers' improvement is the play of guards Herbie Brooks and Steve Berger. Neither played confidently or shot well from the perimeter last year. This year they've been a very solid guard combination for coach Gale Catlett...

And finally...

□Yep, Duke won the game over South Carolina State. Impressively. As expected. But nobody had more fun than the Bulldogs' cheerleaders, pep band and fans. Nooooooobody.

Which is exactly why teams from this slice of the Division I world have every right to be in the NCAA's...

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Nine Years Ago

✓ Kentucky football coach Fran Curci sent his squad through its second full week of spring drills last week, after the team took a 10-day layoff for spring break. Observers are keeping a keen eye on the progress at the quarterback spot, where Kentucky has four quarterbacks fighting for the No. 1 spot.

Those four signal callers are: Randy Jenkins, Terry Henry, Larry McCrimmon and Rick Buehner.

✓ The Kentucky baseball team suffered three heartbreaking defeats in Eastern Division play to the Florida Gators in Gainesville. In a Saturday twinbill, Florida scored four runs in the initial inning on three walks and a grand slam home run.

Although the hosts never scored again, the Gators held on for a 4-2 win.

In the second game, UK jumped on top 3-1 before the Gators came back in the final inning to win 5-4.

In the series finale on Sunday, the Bat Cats jumped on top 6-0, only to fall behind 9-7 before losing for the third time in two days to the Gators, 10-7.

Also during the past week, the 'Cats beat Austin Peay, lost to Stetson and split with Jacksonville.

✓ DePaul sophomore star Mark Aguirre is the 1980 winner of the prestigious Rupp Award. Members of the *Associated Press* voted on the honor. Kentucky guard Kyle Macy finished second in voting. Ray Meyer of DePaul was named Coach of the Year by the *Associated Press*.

Kentucky's Joe B. Hall finished fourth in the balloting for the nation's top coach in 1980.

Thirteen Years Ago

✓ Wildcat guard Larry Johnson went coast to coast for a last-second layup to give Kentucky an exciting 79-78 National Invitational win over Providence in the tourney's semifinals.

Providence, coached by Dave Gavitt, had taken only its second lead of the night with seven seconds left. The scrappy Kentucky team was led by Jack "Goose" Givens, who scored 28 points. Mike Phillips had 19 points and 14 rebounds while James Lee scored 10 points and grabbed 12 boards.

Johnson finished with 12 points, hitting five of seven shots. The game was close much of the way as Kentucky led 39-37 at the intermission break. The win puts the Wildcats in the National Invitational finals against Lee Rose's North Carolina-Charlotte ballclub.

That squad is paced by forward Lew Massey, Kevin King and Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell. UNCC made it to the finals by defeating North Carolina State 80-79.

The Kentucky basketball team captured its first NIT championship since 1946, defeating North Carolina-Charlotte 71-67 in the finals at Madison Square Garden.

The win was Kentucky's 10th in a row, completing a successful 20-10 campaign.

Charlotte led 54-47 with 10:11 left in the game when coach Lee Rose ordered his team in a slowdown despite Kentucky's entire frontline being on the bench with four fouls each.

Kentucky slowly chipped away at the Miners' advantage, and eventually mounted a rally when the 'Cats big man checked back into the lineup. Neither team led by more than seven points in the second half. Kentucky finally took the lead for good when guard Reggie Warford, who scored 10 second-half points, fired in a long-distance jumper with 1:07 left to give UK a 64-61 lead.

Mike Phillips and Larry Johnson led the 'Cats with 16 points apiece, while Warford added 14 points.

Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell paced Charlotte with 24 points.

Looking back at the tournament, the Wildcats defeated Niagara (67-61), Kansas State (81-78), Providence (79-78) and UNCC to capture the NIT title.

✓ More than 1,000 cheering fans crammed into the terminal at Lexington's Bluegrass Field airport to greet the University of Kentucky basketball team after Joe B. Hall's Wildcats captured the National Invitational Tournament in New York.

UK was 10-10 at one point in the season but finished strong by winning its last 10 games, despite injuries which sidelined talented forward Rick Robey for much of the year and injuries which hampered guard Truman Claytor throughout the season.

✓ University of Kentucky forward Jack Givens and center Mike Phillips were named to the NIT's first-team all-tournament squad.

Guard Larry Johnson and forward James Lee were named to the second-team honor roll of the postseason tournament.

Fourteen Years Ago

✓ Kentucky handed Central Michigan a 90-73 setback in the Mideast Regional semifinals in Dayton, Ohio.

Central Michigan had trailed 55-44 but came back to take a 70-66 advantage. The UK man-to-man defense then forced three straight turnovers. Kevin Grevey had 12 points and Mike Flynn and Rick Robey II apiece. Flynn also had 11 rebounds.

✓ In one of the most intense college basketball games ever played, before 13,450 fans in Dayton, Ohio, the Kentucky Wildcats upset previously undefeated an No. 1 ranked Indiana, 92-90.

The win enables Kentucky to advance to the NCAA Final four next week in San Diego.

Kentucky's aggressive defense forced 20 Indiana turnovers. UK also outscored the Hoosiers 14-7 in a three-minute span to take an 97-75 lead with 4:02 left.

Indiana, coached by Bobby Knight, battled back but couldn't catch Joe B. Hall's Wildcats.

Kentucky was led by Hoosier native Mike Flynn, who hit nine of 13 shots for 22 points and guard Jimmy Dan Conner poured in 17 points to give the guard combo 39 points for the night. Kevin Grevey also scored 17 and Rick Robey and Mike Phillips added 10 apiece.

With the victory, the 'Cats successfully avenged an earlier 98-74 loss at Bloomington's Assembly Center in December.

Eighteen Years Ago

✓ Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp has announced that his No. 1 recruiting prospect is Anderson County's all-stater Jimmy Dan Conner.

✓ Kentucky's Mike Casey, Larry Steele, Terry Mills and Clint Wheeler were named to the Southeastern Conference All-Star team. The team will play in the National AAU championships. The AAU will pick seven players to go to the Pan American trials from this tournament.

✓ Carey Eaves has quit the University of Kentucky football team to concentrate on studies.

✓ California, Missouri and Princeton were announced as participants in the 1970 UKIT field.

✓ Junior forward Tom Parker, with a 17.6 scoring average, was the top scorer for the Wildcat basketball team this past season.

Seven-foot center Tom Payne paced the squad in the rebounding category, pulling down 10.1 per contest. Kent Hollenbeck led the team with a 53.3 field goal percentage and 88.2 free throw percentage.

Larry Steele led the team in assists, handing out a total of 93.

Nineteen Years Ago

✓ The Kentucky Colonels have signed University of Kentucky basketball star Dan Issel for approximately \$1.4 million in salary, bonuses and deferred payments.

The American Basketball Association team also signed Issel's teammate at Kentucky, Mike Pratt, for an estimated \$400,000. The deal rivals the \$1,400,000 paid Lew Alcindor by the Milwaukee Bucks as the largest amount ever paid an athlete.

✓ Five Kentucky players were named to the all-time SEC team, selected by 14 veteran observers and conducted by the *Lexington Herald*. Dan Issel, Cliff Hagan, Ralph Beard, Frank Ramsey and Alex Groza were all named from UK. Adolph Rupp of UK was named the coach.

Other players selected to the team were: Bob Pettit, Pete Maravich, Bailey Howell, Clyde Lee, Bernie Nehen and Jerry Hasrper.

✓ Michael Fanuzzi, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound quarterback from New Jersey, signed a football letter-of-intent with UK. Fanuzzi was honored as the outstanding athlete in New Jersey.

WILDCAT QUIZ

Eddie Sutton

1. Eddie Sutton's first victory as a Wildcat coach came against which of the following schools?

- a) Northwestern State
- b) Northwestern
- c) Cincinnati
- d) Wisconsin

2. His first loss as a Wildcat coach came against which of the following schools?

- a) Kansas
- b) Auburn
- c) North Carolina State
- d) Indiana

3. Which of the following players was his first Wildcat recruit?

- a) Reggie Hanson
- b) Rex Chapman
- c) Irv Thomas
- d) Paul Andrews

4. His youngest son, Scott, played for which of the following high school teams?

- a) Tates Creek
- b) Lexington Catholic
- c) Henry Clay
- d) Bryan Station

5. True or False? Eddie Sutton's first coaching assignment began when he was 23 years old.

6. True or False? Arkansas had not won a SWC championship in 20 years before the arrival of Eddie Sutton.

7. When Eddie Sutton was named the UK coach, *TCP* talked to several VIPs about the coach who had guided the Razorbacks to success. Who said the following about Sutton: "He knows his business. I think the University of Kentucky got a good coach. He didn't get a lot of flack at Arkansas (from the media and fans). At Kentucky you get a lot of flack. He needs to go see some John Wayne films and toughen up."

- a) Dick Vitale
- b) Abe Lemons
- c) Al McGurie
- d) Guy Lewis

8. Which of the following teams did he get his final victory as a Wildcat coach?

- a) Mississippi State
- b) Mississippi
- c) Tennessee
- d) Auburn

9. Sutton is a native of which of the following towns?

- a) Little Rock, Ark.
- b) Evansville, Ind.
- c) Bucklin, Kan.
- d) Fayetteville, Ark.

10. He graduated from which of the following colleges?

- a) Oklahoma
- b) Oklahoma State
- c) Kansas
- d) Kansas State

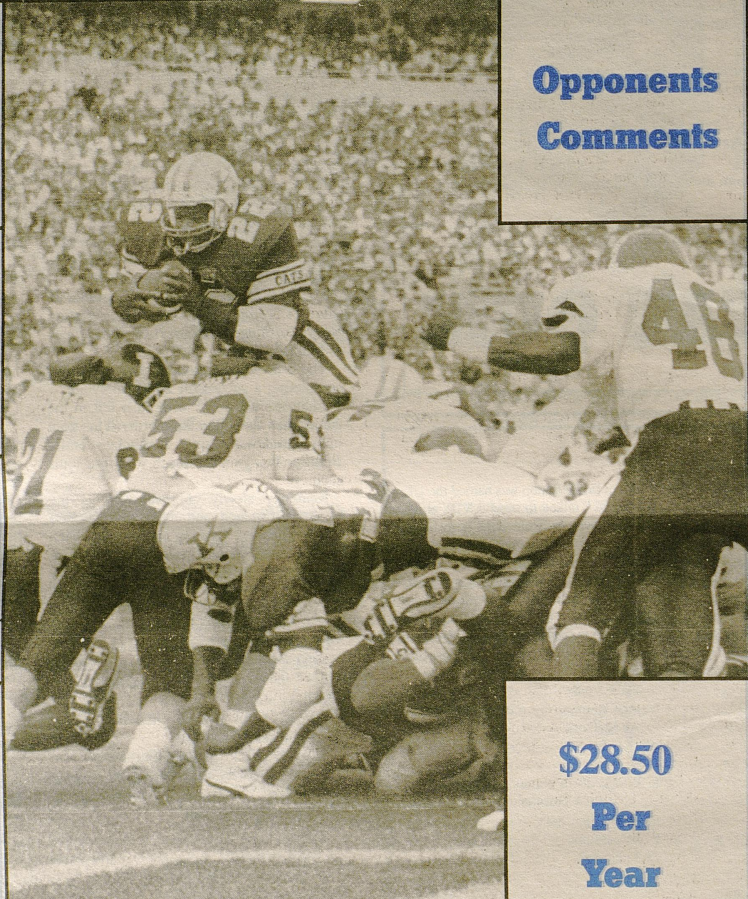
Answers

- 5) True (at Tulsa Central High School-Okla.)
- 6) False. (17 years)
- 7) Abe Lemons
- 8) Mississippi
- 9) Bucklin, Kan.
- 10) Oklahoma State

- 1) Northwestern State (of Louisiana, 77-58)
- 2) Kansas (in Lawrence, 83-66)
- 3) Reggie Hanson
- 4) Henry Clay

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The Bottom Line On UK Athletics

Kentucky's Eddie Sutton resigns

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With the parity in college basketball today, I think it's in some ways more difficult than it was many years ago. But at the same time Kentucky should always be a contender; they should be one of the 20-25 best teams in the country, year in and year out.

Media: With your reference to the rumors, is it safe to say that you felt someone was trying to run you out of this job?

Eddie Sutton: I would think that everything we've been through this year, with all the leaks that we've seen and which have been so difficult to handle because of the players, it made it tough to coach this year. I don't think anyone can fully understand how tough it was.

It disappointed me to whoever did it. I don't know who did it, but they're little people.

Media: Do you feel you've been treated fairly by the administration?

Eddie Sutton: I've been treated very fairly by the University of Kentucky.

Media: Do you think this will help alleviate any kind of NCAA punishment against the University of Kentucky?

Eddie Sutton: I would hope that the NCAA would take that in consideration. I don't know what the infractions committee thinks. Again, there's no guarantee that we're going to be punished. That's another thing that's been disappointing to me throughout this year is the fact that everybody has prejudged us of being guilty without ever giving us our day in court.

Media: After your meeting last Wednesday

with Dr. Roselle, there was said to be another meeting forthcoming. Did that meeting ever occur?

Eddie Sutton: No, I have not met with anyone since then.

Media: Did you try to initiate one?

Eddie Sutton: No I did not.

Media: Did the administration try to initiate one?

Eddie Sutton: No we haven't.

Media: Why is it that you haven't gotten together again?

Eddie Sutton: I can't answer that.

Media: What made you to decide finally to resign?

Eddie Sutton: Like I said, I went home yesterday evening; I didn't sleep very many hours last night. I talked to my family and did a lot of praying. I thought through this entire thing and felt like if this continued that a lot of people would get hurt, and the program would get hurt most of all. I don't want that to happen.

Media: Basically, this 180 degree turn was your decision?

Eddie Sutton: Yes, my decision...I've got a great bride; she's strong. Patsy's been with me and has been my best assistant ever. And I've have three great sons. They all had a part in it.

Media: What was the involvement of Governor Wilkinson?

Eddie Sutton: He has been a good friend. He loves Kentucky basketball and this university probably as much as anyone in the commonwealth.

Media: Was he trying to intervene at all?

Eddie Sutton: No, not at all. He was just a friend.

Media: What about your youngest son, Scott?

Eddie Sutton: That will be his decision; he'll have the opportunity to play at different places. Scott will have to make that choice.

Media: Have you had any feelers about any other job opportunity?

Eddie Sutton: No, not at all.

Media: What would you do differently, knowing what you know now?

Eddie Sutton: There would be some things that you might do differently, but I'm not going to elaborate.

Media: Eddie, you said you had been treated fairly by the University of Kentucky. Do you feel you've been treated fairly by David Roselle?

Eddie Sutton: Dr. Roselle, you know, he runs the University of Kentucky and he has to make tough decisions.

Media: You didn't answer the question, coach.

Eddie Sutton: (Sutton did not answer)

Media: You said earlier that you would probably take some of your assistants along with you. Would that be James Dickey and leaving Dwane Casey? Is that what would happen?

Eddie Sutton: I didn't answer it that way. James Dickey has been with me a long time. He's an outstanding young coach. I hate the fact that this happened because with the different coaching positions that are open across

the country James Dickey would have landed one of them. Now, I think it would be tough for him to get one of those jobs.

Media: Was Dwane Casey in your staff meeting yesterday?

Eddie Sutton: Who said we had a staff meeting yesterday?

Media: You said you had met with your staff.

Eddie Sutton: I have met with my staff.

Media: When did you meet with them?

Eddie Sutton: I don't think it has anything to do with this.

Media: Did you tell them about the possibilities you would be resigning before telling the public?

Eddie Sutton: They knew, everyone, including my good friend Bill Keightley (team manager).

Media: What was their reaction?

Eddie Sutton: It was a tough decision. They were saddened by it.

Media: You elaborated earlier on James Dickey. Would you elaborate about Dwane Casey?

Eddie Sutton: Dwane Casey has been a very good assistant coach. He's a very talented young man. When I hire assistant coaches I always do a lot of checking into their background. Everywhere I turned, when it came to Dwane Casey, he got nothing but good marks. He's done a good job. Jimmy Dykes has done a great job for us as well.

David Roselle says Eddie Sutton's resignation is a necessary step to rebuilding hoop program

Following is a portion of the text from UK president David Roselle's press conference a few hours after UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton announced his resignation effective immediately. Roselle spoke with the media in the board room in the UK Administration Building. First, is a prepared statement read by Roselle, later followed by questions from reporters:

Roselle's statement:

David Roselle: I appreciate coach Sutton's willingness to put concern for the University of Kentucky basketball program above other considerations. Moreover, I regret the turmoil that has led to the announcement of his resignation today. Circumstances sometimes create a need for change that is in the best interest of the institution. This is very much the case with coach Sutton's situation at UK. Eddie has decided to put the good of the program and the intuition above his personal interests—and I applaud and I thank him for that.

Eddie Sutton has my best wishes in his future pursuits. All friends of UK should feel likewise and be appreciative of Eddie's willingness to recognize that his resignation is a necessary step in the process of rebuilding our basketball program.

Despite problems in the UK basketball program, I have been enormously proud of our players. They have represented UK well throughout a most difficult season. I will meet with our basketball team as soon as possible after they return from spring break and assure them of my continued support and the support of the entire university community.

It is now time to turn from events of the past and look to the future. The UK athletics

program has strong leadership in the person of our new athletics director, C.M. Newton. C.M. will move with dispatch to employ a coach who can restore the tradition of Kentucky basketball. I am confident that we will be announcing a new coach of whom all Kentucky fans will be proud.

In summary, we now have the opportunity to begin rebuilding our basketball program—a fresh start for University of Kentucky basketball.

Media: President Roselle, there seems to be little surprise or objection as far as to the statement is concerned as far as to the resignation. Would you comment on that?

David Roselle: I accepted Eddie's resignation, yes.

Media: Would you have fired him if he had not resigned?

David Roselle: We were going to meet with the athletics board on Tuesday (March 21) afternoon and present a review, not only the NCAA review but a total review of the basketball program—to discuss the future of that program with the athletics board. And I don't know if there would have been a recommendation of that sort to come forward.

Media: Was coach Sutton aware of that meeting?

David Roselle: Yes.

Media: Had you thought about firing coach Sutton? In your own mind, what was your thought process?

David Roselle: Well, I had thought there could be such a vote by the athletics board.

Media: Had you contacted members of the athletics board and warned them that you were going to recommend that coach Sutton

be fired?

David Roselle: I knew that our basketball program was in considerable difficulty and I discussed that with several people. See, the basketball program has difficulties, as you know. The NCAA problem looms large at the present time, and that remains a difficult situation for the University of Kentucky to deal with. And we will be dealing with that, as you know, in a meeting in April to discuss the allegations with the infractions committee and will hear about that come May.

But there are also other problems. Problems of competitiveness, as you saw this year. Problems of recruiting. And there are problems of academics in some of the students. Not the students who are here, they are excellent young people. But some of the people who were recruited have been unable to retain at the university.

Media: One more time, did you include in your mind that prior to the resignation today that one way to mitigate these problems or solve them would be to fire coach Sutton had he not resigned?

David Roselle: Well, I don't think you do management issues with the idea of mitigating NCAA violations. I think management issues are precisely that; in management issues one does not attempt to mitigate NCAA situations by properly managing the program. You might ask the question, has the program been properly managed?

Media: Dr. Roselle, why would you anticipate the board meeting and taking on such a review before, as coach Sutton has said, "before his day in court?"

David Roselle: Well, there were many issues in the program that go beyond the

NCAA problems.

Media: Can you elaborate on those issues?

David Roselle: I thought I did. We recruited students who were unable to be retained at the university, mostly academic reasons. There was a question of competitiveness in the program. And there was a weakness that had shown up in the NCAA investigation itself in the management of the program.

Media: Dr. Roselle, there was a report the other night indicating that coach Sutton that in exchange for his firing, three assistant coaches and three other staff members (would be let go), in essence he would be able to keep his job. Was such an offer made to the administration?

David Roselle: No, that question was asked of Joe Burch (interim athletics director) and he replied to that question: No, that question was not true. Coach Sutton did not offer to sacrifice all of those people in order to retain his job. That (question) was not true.

Media: Did he offer to sacrifice anybody?

David Roselle: We discussed various personnel at various times in the course of this investigation. But it was not the kind of discussion that was reported.

Media: Do you believe coach Sutton made the right decision?

David Roselle: You mean, because of UK basketball? Yes. I accepted his resignation. I do, in fact, believe that it is the right thing because there are questions of the overall running of the program—of handling it—that appeared in our replies to the NCAA allegation. And there are questions in our ability

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Kentucky looking for Sutton's successor

The search for a new basketball coach at the University of Kentucky didn't officially get underway until approximately 5:45 Sunday afternoon, when Eddie Sutton informed a national television audience that he intended to resign his post.

But speculation around the Bluegrass, which started as early as last April, when the *Los Angeles Daily News* reported the first of the Emery/Dwane Casey/Chris Mills stories, and kicked into high gear in late November when ESPN and ABC television announcer Dick Vitale first called for Sutton to consider giving up the ship.

Since then, there have been any number of candidates mentioned in connection with the job, some serious contenders, others long shots.

Here is a list of some of those candidates, in alphabetical order, and their current employers:

P.J. Carlesimo, head coach, Seton Hall: A few years ago, the folks at The Hall were ready to get rid of Carlesimo any way they could. But P.J. has turned the Pirates into one of the upper-division teams in the Big East, and he is definitely one of the professions up-and-comers.

Gale Catlett, head coach, West Virginia: One-time UK assistant, now seeing the benefits of bringing the one-proud Moun-

taineers back to national prominence.

Bobby Cremins, head coach, Georgia Tech: One of the top candidates the last time the UK job came open, Cremins has struggled of late (although he made the NCAAs this season) at Tech after tearing up the ACC for a couple of years.

Paul Evans, head coach, Pitt: After working miracles at Navy, Evans went to Pitt where he had a national contender for a few years, and may have the Panthers on their way back up.

Leonard Hamilton, head coach, Oklahoma State: The former UK assistant under Joe Hall and Eddie Sutton, known mostly for his recruiting skills, has turned the Cowboy program around in a hurry, making the NIT this season. Still, Hamilton's name has been mentioned for a number of possible jobs.

Dan Issel, Denver Nuggets organization: Although the former UK All-American has no coaching experience, his name always seems to pop up.

Gene Keady, head coach, Purdue: Coming off a rare losing season in West Lafayette, this former Sutton assistant and head coach at Western recently turned down the Arizona

State job that eventually went to Bill Frieder, reportedly because he would like a crack at eventually becoming the Boilers' A.D.

Mike Krzyzewski, head coach, Duke: Along with Rick Pitino and Lee Rose, Coach K's name comes up most often these days in connection with the UK job. The former Bobby Knight assistant has had his club in the Sweet Sixteen in each of the last four years, and he does things the way UK president Dr. David Roselle likes them done.

Jeff Mullins, head coach, North Carolina Charlotte: When the news first surfaced that Sutton's job was in jeopardy, Mullins, a Lexington native who played his basketball at Duke, was the early frontrunner. His stock has faded since then, but his name still pops up from time to time.

C.M. Newton, soon-to-be UK athletics director, effective April 1: Although Newton insists his coaching days ended when Vandy lost in the NCAAs, some reports have Newton taking over the program for a few years to get it back on its feet. More likely, though, Newton will oversee the hiring of a new coach.

Rick Pitino, head coach, NBA New York Knicks: It's no secret that the former Providence head coach wants to get back into the

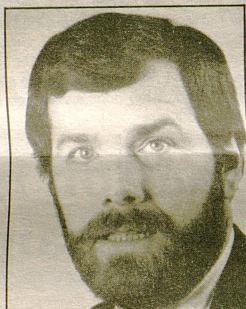
college game. When is another story. He keeps insisting he will honor the last season on his contract next season, but you never know.

Pat Riley, head coach, NBA L.A. Lakers: The former UK All-American has proven to be the best coach in the NBA during his time in the league, and it would seem hard to believe he would give it up to come down to the college ranks.

Lee Rose, assistant coach, NBA New Jersey Nets: One of the few college coaches to take to different schools to the Final Four, Rose, a one-time Transy coach, has made the rounds. One newspaper story reported the job was already his, although Roselle denies it. A close friend of Newton, Rose has already made it clear he would give almost anything for the UK job.

Wimp Sanderson, head coach, Alabama: Can you imagine Wimp wearing one of his checkered coats in Rupp Arena...on a regular basis? A long-time assistant under Newton.

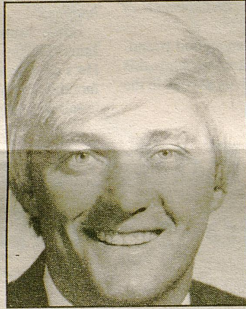
Gary Williams, head coach, Ohio State: Almost every time one of the top jobs opens up, Williams name is tossed around. And the guy can coach. He has Ohio State challenging for the lead in the Big Ten on a yearly basis.



P.J. Carlesimo



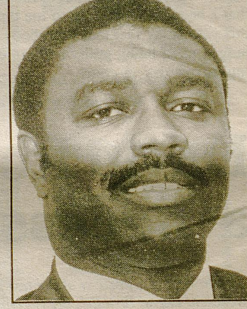
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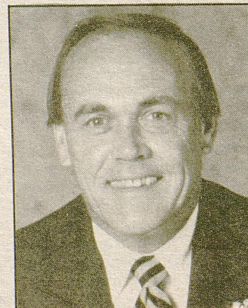
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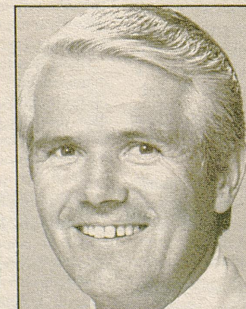
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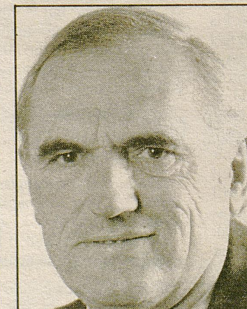
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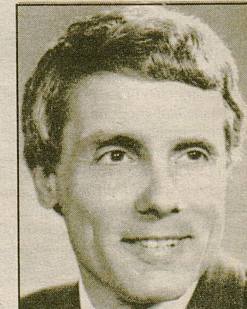
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