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Rock climbing tests body and spirit

UK club members reach new heights

By **TONJA WILT**
Executive Editor

RED RIVER GORGE, Ky. — When standing 100 feet in the air, supported by a ledge less than a half-inch wide, the expression "mind over matter" rings true for members of the UK Rock Climbing Club.

For some climbers, the hardest part is the mental challenge of overcoming exhaustion and doubts, not just the challenge of scaling a cliff.

"It's just mind over body. The only thing that is stopping you is your mind," said Hugh Loeffler, the club's president. "It teaches you to overcome mental barriers."

Today, Nov. 17, the club is visiting a place rock climbers call Pebble Beach, located in eastern Kentucky's Red River Gorge.

"Red River Gorge is an awesome place to climb for the club," said Loeffler, a senior trying to get into UK's physical assistant program. "There are loads of rock that haven't been developed yet."

Before every climb Loeffler reads a poem he wrote about rock climbers. "A rock climber is at one with the Earth," he reads, and then explains.

"There are other sports where you come in touch with nature, but with rock climbing you see a different part of nature that you wouldn't see with any other sport," he said. "The physical nature of it is that as you tune your body, you tune into nature. The harder you climb, the better in shape you become."

For others to climb a route, an area of rock, there must first be a lead climber who hooks a dynamic rope, specially designed to absorb shock and to expand, into a bolt at the top of the climb.

Loeffler leads the ascension, but like any climber he must have a backup, provided by the belayer.

For extra protection the rope is first wrapped around a nearby tree, secured with a bowline knot and then attached to the belayer's seat harness.

At the other end, the climber ties a figure eight knot in the rope, passes the rope through the harness and reinforces the knot with another figure eight knot doubled over the first one. A clip-like device, called a carabiner, hooks the harness to the rope.

"With rock climbing, gravity is a constant and people die," the 23-year-old Lexington native said. "You always back things up."

The climber dips his hands in a black pouch on the back of his belt and covers his hands with magnesium carbonate — gymnast's chalk — for a better grip. Loeffler, who has been climbing rocks for nine years, begins this ascent with an automatic dialogue with the belayer. The climber asks: "On belay?" meaning "Are you ready to catch my life?"

The belayer responds: "Belay on."

The climber replies: "Climbing."

The belayer responds: "Climb on."

Communication is not as important at Red River Gorge as at some other climbing sites, Loeffler said.

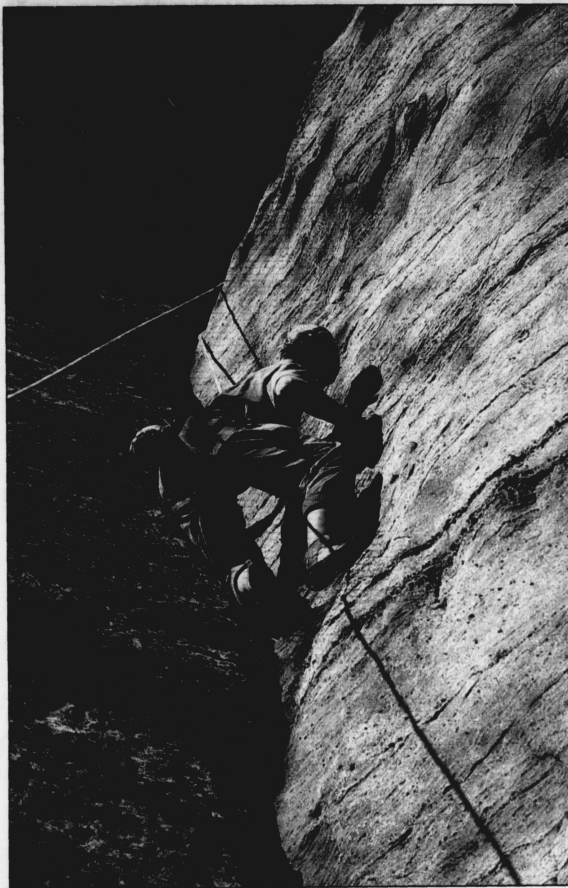
"When you climb many other places you can't see the person when he's at the top of the cliff and you're at the bottom," Loeffler said.

"I need to make sure you're ready to go. You have to have your commands very simple and very thought out ahead of time."

He then steps onto a half-inch protrusion on a route called the Central Scrutinizer. The size of the ledges varies with each step up, most decreasing in size. His arms outstretched above him, Loeffler scales the rock like Spiderman, maintaining his balance by gripping the tiniest ledges with his fingertips.

Finding the right ledge to place feet and hands on takes some planning.

"On really high climbs it's not



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MOVING UP IN THE WORLD: A climber scales a 55-foot route, a wall of rock, called Central Scrutinizer in Red River Gorge with the UK Rock Climbing Club.

Holiday was break for tired students

By **MARK BURDETTE**
Staff Writer

Like many UK students, Steve Calvert's menu last week included turkey and plenty of trimmings. But with finals and papers less than two weeks away, the food science junior plans to go on a diet.

The N & N diet, that is: No-Doz and Nintendo.

The Thanksgiving holiday gave students a chance to relax and brace themselves for the storm of papers and tests that come with the end of the semester. Classes officially end the second week of December.

Students interviewed on campus

Tips on surviving late semester blues.

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yesterday talked about their holiday and how they plan to attack the stressful weeks ahead.

Paul Thompson, a business major, said he took advantage of the time off to work and make some extra money. He said he plans to live at the library during the week before finals.

Erin Lake, an elementary education freshman, said her favorite part of the holiday was being with friends — and being away from the dorms for a while.

"It was great just being able to take a shower and not have to wear flip-flops," said Lake, adding that the only way to survive finals week is to become a hermit.

Three residence hall students said they would miss the home cooking they enjoyed during the holiday weekend, especially while discussing which fast-food restaurant they would order from tonight.

Chuck Saylor, an engineering major, said the best part of the holiday was home cooking.

"I could eat what I wanted, whenever I wanted, without having to show a plastic card to anybody," Saylor said. "I slept late and didn't touch a book."

Saylor said his plan for finals is to live on a minimum of sleep during the next few weeks.

Katie Dwyer, a business major, said her favorite part of the holiday was eating pumpkin pie and watching the Dallas Cowboys' victory over the Washington Redskins on Thanksgiving Day. Dwyer said she likes to prepare for finals well in

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Top divers to compete in championship trials

By **TIM WIESENHAHN**
Staff Writer

Thirty-nine of America's top divers will gather at UK's Lancaster Aquatic Center this week to compete in the World Championship Team Trials.

The week-long competition will contribute up to 12 divers to the U.S. team, which will compete in the World Aquatic Championships Jan. 3-13 in Perth, Australia. The championships rank second in importance only to the Olympics.

The sixth-annual trials will include competition in the men's and women's 1- and 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events. The top two divers in each event will earn spots on the World Championship Team.

Featured among the contenders for the World Team berths are six current U.S. champions from the 1990 Phillips 66 Championships held this summer in Dallas.

They are Krista Wilson of Laguna Hills, Calif., the 1990 NCAA 3-meter champion on the women's 1-meter; Wendy Lucero of Denver, a 1988 Olympian and the current U.S. 3-meter champion as well as a six-time U.S. springboard champion on the women's 3-meter; Wendy Lian Williams from Bridgeton, Mo., the 1988 Olympic platform bronze medalist and the current U.S. platform champion on the women's platform.

Also, Pat Evans of Cincinnati, the current U.S. 1-meter champion and a former NCAA 3-meter champion on the men's 1-meter; Kent Ferguson of Boca Raton, Fla., the current 3-meter champion and a silver medalist on the 3-meter at the 1990 Goodwill Games, on the men's 3-meter; and Matt Schoggin of Austin, Texas, the current U.S. platform champion and the 1990 Goodwill Games platform bronze medalist on the men's platform.

Williams said she has set the

World Championships as her primary goal.

"I put my education on hold to train for this," Williams said. "I have to get there."

Ferguson said UK's new diving facility is one of the best he's seen, and provides an excellent environment for world-class diving.

"I didn't even know they had a pool in Kentucky ... it's incredible," he said. "I've heard nothing but good stuff from other divers."

Despite competing against a talent-laden springboard field, which includes 1988 Olympic team members Mark Bradshaw and Patrick Jeffrey, Ferguson said the two World Championship berths are up for grabs.

"I feel pretty good. It's just a matter of staying consistent and landing on my head," said Ferguson, a six-time U.S. springboard champion and winner of 14 career international

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DIVING WORLD TEAM TRIALS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Nov. 26	Women's Platform Final #1	1 p.m.
	Men's 3-meter Final #1	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	Women's 1-meter Final #1	1 p.m.
	Men's Platform Final #1	4 p.m.
	Women's 1-meter Final #2	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	Men's 1-meter Final #1	1 p.m.
	Women's 3-meter Final #1	4 p.m.
	Men's 1-meter Final #2	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Women's 3-meter Final #2	1 p.m.
	Men's 3-meter Final #2	7 p.m.
Nov. 30	Women's Platform Final #2	1 p.m.
	Men's Platform Final #2	7 p.m.

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University Extension offers off-campus alternatives

By **TAMMY HERRING**
Contributing Writer

For people without the time or resources to become full-time college students, getting an education outside the classroom is becoming an increasingly popular alternative.

And some full-time students oc-

asionally like to get away from the rigid schedule of on-campus courses.

UK's University Extension Program offers an alternate course of study for those people. The program offers UK classes through telecourses that coordinate learning materials with television broadcasts, indepen-

dent study through correspondence courses, and various workshops.

But these programs, while currently enjoying a rise in popularity, are not new — independent study courses date back as far as the late 1800s.

Learning outside the classroom is becoming more available for those

who wish to continue their education yet have limited options, or want the flexibility that independent study and telecourses offer.

Some people may have jobs that do not allow them to attend class during the day or may not be able to afford full-time classes.

And some adults may feel out of

place in a classroom with mostly younger students. Also, some have no means of transportation to get to campus.

Sarah Vaughn, librarian at UK Extension, helps extension students to use the library resources. She

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UK TODAY

UK Faculty Brass Quintet performs at 8 p.m. in the Singletary Concert Hall.

Call the Singletary Box Office at 257-4929 for ticket information.

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Campus Calendar

Information on the calendar of events is collected from the Student Activities Office 203/204 Student Center, University of Kentucky. The information is published as supplied by the on-campus sponsor. For Student Organizations or University Department to make entries on the calendar, a Campus Calendar Form must be filed out of the Student Activities Office. Submission of Photographs & Graphics are encouraged. Deadline: No later than the Monday preceding the publication date.

ARTS & MOVIES

Monday 11/26
 • Concert: UK Faculty Brass Quintet; SCFA concert Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Concert: UK Graduate String Quartet; SCFA Recital Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929

TUESDAY 11/27
 • Exhibit: Mountain Images (thru 12/12); Free; SCFA Presidents Rm; 9AM-5PM; call 7-1706
 • Concert: University Artist Series-Bella Davidovich, piano; \$9 w/UKID; SCFA Concert Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929

WEDNESDAY 11/28
 • Movie: National Lampoons X-Mas Vacation; \$2; Worsham Theatre; 7:30&10PM; call 7-8867
 • Concert: UK Classical Guitar Series; Free; SCFA Recital Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Concert: Bailey-Hazin Singers; Free; Memorial Hall; 8PM; call 7-8183

THURSDAY 11/29
 • Theatre: '1940's Radio Hour'; \$8; Guignol Theatre; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Seniors Concert: McCracken Wind Quintet; Free; SCFA Recital Hall; 3PM; call 7-4929
 • Concert: UK Percussion Ensemble; Free; SCFA Recital Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Movie: National Lampoons X-Mas Vacation; \$2; Worsham Theatre; 7:30&10PM; call 7-8867

FRIDAY 11/30
 • Theatre: '1940's Radio Hour'; \$8; Guignol Theatre; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Concert: An Afternoon of Americal Music; Free; UK King Library North; Noon
 • Movie: National Lampoons X-Mas Vacation; \$2; Worsham Theatre; 7:30&10PM; call 7-8867
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SATURDAY 12/1
 • Spotlight Jazz Concert: The Jimmy Heath Quartet plus Christopher Holiday & His Quartet; \$15; Memorial Hall; 8PM; call 7-8867
 • concert: UK Dance Ensemble; \$2 w/UKID; SCFA Recital Hall; 8PM; call 7-4929
 • Movie: National Lampoons X-Mas Vacation; \$2; Worsham Theatre; 7:30&10PM; call 7-8867

SUNDAY 12/2
 • Center Sundays Series: Lexington Singers; \$6 w/UKID; SCFA Concert Hall; 3PM; call 7-4929
 • Movie: National Lampoons X-Mas Vacation; \$2; Worsham Theatre; 7PM; call 7-8867
 • Holiday Concert Event: Bach's Magnificat performed by UK Choral Groups; \$8 all proceeds benefit UK choral program; Memorial Hall; 8 p.m.; Call 7-5897

Bella Davidovich will be performing at the Singletary Center for the Arts on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p.m. This is part of the continuing University Art Series

Christopher Blum
B.F.A. EXHIBIT
Barnhart Gallery
 Reynolds Bldg. 672 Broadway
 December 3-7
 Closing Reception
 Dec. 7 6-8pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

- MONDAY**
 • Meeting: Table Tennis Practice; \$10/year; Seaton Squash Ct; 7:30-10PM; call 7-8698
 • Other UK Judo Club; Free; Alumni Gym; 5-6:30PM; call 255-2625
- TUESDAY**
 • Meeting: SAB Performing Arts Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 6PM; call 7-8867
 • Meeting: Cycling Club; Free; 9:30PM; call 233-7438
 • Meeting: Commuter Student Board; Free; St Cntr 106; 5:15PM; call 7-6598
 • Religious: Catholic Student Leadership Meeting; Free; Newman Cntr #8; Noon; call 255-8566
 • Other: Aerobics; Free; Newman Cntr 182; 5:50-7PM; call 255-8566
 • Meeting: Commuter Student Board; Free; St Cntr 106; 5:15PM; call 7-6598
- WEDNESDAY**
 • Meeting: SAB Contemporary Affairs Committee; Free; St Cntr 226; 5:30PM; call 270-3556 or 7-8867
- Meeting: SAB Concert Committee; Free; St Cntr 228; 5PM; call 7-8867
 • Meeting: SAB Public Relations Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 5PM; call 7-8867
 • Meeting: SAB Parents Weekend Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 4PM; call 7-8867
 • Meeting: SAB Performing Arts Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 6PM; call 7-8867
 • Religious: Holy Eucharist; Free; St. Augustine's Chapel; 5:30PM; call 254-3726
 • Religious: 'Encounter'; Free; St. Cntr 205; 7PM; call 278-9533
- THURSDAY**
 • Meeting: SAB Indoor Recreation Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 7PM; call 7-8867
 • Meeting: SAB Cinema Committee; Free; St Cntr 228; 5PM; call 7-8867
 • Religious: Catholic Newman Cntr Night (CNC2); Free; Newman Cntr 384; 7:30PM; call 255-8566
 • Meeting: SAB Special Activities Committee; Free; St Cntr 203; 4PM; call 7-8867
 • Religious: Relationship of Christian Athletes; Free; 502 Woodland Ave; 9PM; call 8-6556
- Other: Aerobics; Free; Newman Cntr 182; 5:50-7PM; call 255-8566
 • Meeting: UK Amnesty International; Free; St Cntr 115; 7PM; call 254-0952
 • Religious: Thursday Night Live at CSF; Free; 502 Columbia Activities Rm; 7:30PM; call 233-0213
 • Meeting: Amnesty International; Free; St Cntr 115; 7PM; call 254-0952

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11/28
 • Academic: EARLY ADD/DROP (THRU 11/30)

THURSDAY 11/29
 • Academic: EARLY ADD/DROP
 • Other: Hospital Pharmacy Practice; Pharmacy Bldg 201; 7PM; call 269-5054

FRIDAY 11/30
 • Academic: EARLY ADD/DROP

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR UK STUDENTS:
 • Driver needed to transport 2 children to group therapy. Wednesdays 4-5PM thru 11/22
 • Volunteers needed to assist recreational therapist at day care setting for disabled elderly
 • Desperate need for volunteer tutors for children and/or adults
 • Groups needed for landscaping and grounds maintenance at agencies serving the public.

LECTURES

WEDNESDAY 11/28
 • Seminar: Aiding the Press Through Computer-Assisted Reporting; Free; McVey Hall 327; 3:30PM; call 7-8737
 • Seminar: The Genetic & Biochemical Studies of Proteing Section in E coli; Free; Med Cntr MN563; 4PM
 • Meeting: Black Student Union; Free; St Cntr 245; 3:15PM; call 269-4869

FRIDAY 11/30
 • Lecture: In Pursuit of Perfection: J.A.D. Ingres, Peintre d'histoire; Free; Pence Hall 209; 1PM; call 7-7617

SUNDAY 12/02
 • Lecture: A Brief History of Our Universe' Suketu Bhavsar; Free; SCFA Presidents Rm; 3PM; call 7-4929

SPORTS

MONDAY 11/26
 • Sports: LadyKats Basketball vs. Northern KY University; Memorial Coliseum
 • Sports: UK to host World Games USA Diving Team Trials; Lancaster Aquatic Cntr; 1-7PM daily (thru 11/30)
 • Intramurals: 3 on 3 Basketball; \$5 per team; Seaton Cntr; call 7- 6584; Mobile, AL; 6&8PM; 3&5PM; 7:30PMs: UK to host

WEDNESDAY 11/28
 • Sports: Wildcat Basketball at Cincinnati
 • Sports: Lady Kats Basketball vs. Ohio State; Memorial Coliseum; 6PM

The UK School of Music's Percussion Ensemble will be performing Thursday, November 29 at 8 p.m. in the SAFC Recital Hall



WEEK AT A GLANCE

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SPORTS MONDAY

Curry era takes hold



Bob NORMAN

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Way, way up on a Tennessee mountain stands Neyland Stadium — a gargantuan structure with a straight, tall face.

Way, way down on the south side of the Stadium's football pit is a dark, dank tunnel leading to what was UK's dressing room Saturday afternoon. Like a cave, its opening shows a dome of daylight, but no sun-rays stream through.

Outside the tunnel the brilliant sun shines in the empty stands, paling the ever-present tinge of grotesque Volunteer orange. The Tennessee marching band's charging music plays on to a few stragglers savoring the feel of the place. Kids play Nerf on the field's tough but fast artificial turf.

The game was over. UK's football season was over.

Back to the tunnel: "I'm kind of sad," senior Phil Logan said. "It's a depressing moment" — then he looked up — "but it's a new beginning, too. We've got new challenges ahead of us."

Logan — and other departing UK seniors — has dreams of big-time football in the NFL and hopes of a degree to keep him moving. UK's football program, on the other hand, still has the old challenge — the one it has had since coach Bill Curry took over last spring: to build a championship team.

And 'build' is the proper term. Curry is a bottom-up coach. He has a deeply philosophical approach to football. And to be successful, he must instill that philosophy in the guts of his players.

His mission is to slowly overtake all previous ideas about UK football and to set a tone and structure for the future.

It's beginning to work. The players start sounding like him. The media start sounding like him. He is becoming entrenched in the minds of the football community.

Two quintessential phrases Curry has introduced to Kentucky and their definitions follow:

"Perfectly disciplined will" — Curry says he is trying to develop this with his players. It is a mindset that leaves doubt and fear by the wayside. It is focus (another much-used term of Curry's) on the specific goal of winning. You must, in Curry's words, "fight through the fatigue and the rain and the mud and the grit and the mosquitoes and smashes." Blinders required here.

"The Fellowship of the Miserable" — This is the clique of people that get in the way of developing the perfectly disciplined will. This bunch is full of doubt and cynicism. They cry about the lack of tradition, about the impossibility of building a first-rate football program at UK. Most of these blundering people have beer bellies and grease stains on their hole-ridden T-shirts. No one ever aspires to become one with the "Fellowship" — members simply grow into it, unaware.

So Curry's task is a difficult one. He needs to annihilate the "Fellowship of the Miserable," while simultaneously building the "perfectly disciplined will."

And it's working. Listen.

"The guys have got to believe in him," Logan said. "You got to believe in him to win."

"Nobody can ever quit," quarterback Ryan Hockman said. "You believe in yourself and you believe in his principles and you will be successful."

The players are out of the tunnel now. Remaining unseen is where and how far Curry will take them into the light.

Sports Editor Bob Norman is an English senior and a Kernel sports columnist.

UT's Carter blows Cats away

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The UK football team responded to vicious hits with hard-hitting blows of their own and in the process sent the smell of upset through Neyland Stadium Saturday.

"If they're bold enough to inflict punishment on me, then I'm going to inflict punishment on them ... I'm going to go after the one that hit me the hardest," UK fullback Terry Samuels said.

Unfortunately for the Cats, the blows inflicted by the Tennessee Volunteers were a bit harder and greater in number. UT's power and the legs of free safety/return man Dale Carter led the Vols to a 42-28 victory.

But not before the Cats put some fear in Neyland Stadium's heart.

The Cats, in that first half, looked like a top ten college football team. They delivered the early blows on offense as well as defense, running the score to 21-14 before the first gun.

Senior tailback Al Baker scored on a one-yard touchdown run to cap off the Cats' impressive opening 62-yard drive.

Senior strike Jeff Brady stifled

the Vols' first drive by sacking Vols quarterback Andy Kelly for an eight-yard loss on third down, forcing UT to punt.

At this point, a strange odor began to fill the air at Neyland Stadium — it was the smell of an upset.

Junior defensive end Derrick Thomas then blocked a Kelly pass and ran under it for the interception. This interception gave the Cats extremely good field position, and they took advantage of it.

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Hockman took over the Cats' offense after junior Freddie Maggard reinjured his right shoulder on a throw in the preceding series. He proved himself worthy — throwing for 143 yards and two touchdowns.

The first was a result of the Thomas interception. The Cats took a 14-0 lead when Hockman hit senior Phil Logan for a one-yard touchdown pass.

Late in the second quarter, after a UT touchdown, Doug Pelfrey lined up for a 39-yard field goal — he had just had his previous attempt blocked by the Vols. Holder Steve Phillips faked the field goal and threw the ball to a wide open Rodney Jackson in the endzone, making the score 21-7.

"The plan was to get an early

lead and build on it. The fake field goal works were there," Curry said.

Then, after the Vols scored to take the score to 21-14, the winds came and swirled on the field — clearing the smell of upset.

The first of the mountain breezes came when UT's Carter ran the opening kickoff back for 69 yards to set up the tying touchdown. The Carter winds continued to blow when he intercepted a Hockman pass and returned it 41 yards for another touchdown. The Cats would never regain the lead.

"Kentucky put some fear in my heart in the first half, but when we needed the big play we came up with it," Carter said.

The winds died down late in the fourth quarter with the Cats down 35-21. The Cats then came back behind the arm of Hockman and the wheels of Baker and Samuels.

The Cats completed a 55-yard drive late in the fourth quarter when Hockman hit Logan on a fourth down play, bringing the Cats to within one touchdown.

Tennessee tied the game — and UK's season — with an additional touchdown.

Just as UK's last game has been played, 17 seniors on the UK team played out their collegiate careers

Saturday. Among them are tailback Al Baker — who finished his career with a bang resounding to the song of 880 yards and 10 touchdowns, and linebacker Randy Holleran, the Southeastern Conference's leader in tackles.

"Al is a great player. He made up his mind he was going to be a great player, it was a wonderful thing to have Al on the team," Curry said.

With the departure of those two stars, new talent will have the chance to rise. Among them will be Samuels.

"I bruised my side in the first half but I was going to do whatever it took for us to win ... I got some inspiration from Al (Baker) that got me stronger," Samuels said.

The big fullback, with his combination of speed and size, has Cat fans really excited about the future.

"Terry Samuels is a redshirt freshman, who gets better and better each week," Curry said.

And Holleran sees not only Samuels moving forward, but also the entire slew of young Cat talent.

"We learned what it takes, and we were very close to winning and the guys who will be here next year will remember that, they also know something special is going to happen with the Cats," Holleran said.

UK shows many faces



Jeff DRUMMOND

No more Blue-White scrimmages.

No more recruiting gossip stories.

No more pondering the opening-night starting lineup.

After months of anticipation, basketball season has arrived in the Bluegrass State.

With Saturday night's 85-62 pummeling of Pennsylvania, the sacrificial lamb for the 1990-91 campaign, the Cats are off and running toward what they hope will be another fun and exciting season of basketball action.

In front of a jam-packed Rupp Arena crowd of 23,996, the Cats showed many different faces in their season debut. In fact, UK's performance could have been titled "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," after the classic Western.

The Good

"Team play. Coach Rick Pitino put all 13 available players into the game at one point or another, and 10 Cats received more than 12 minutes of action. Six Cats — Jamal Mashburn, John Pelfrey, Reggie Hanson, Jeff Brassow, Richie Farmer, and Gimel Martinez — scored in double figures. Hanson led UK with 15 points.

"You won't see us play 15 people a lot," Pitino said. "We'll platoon nine or 10 people. Our depth was out of respect to Pennsylvania — nothing else. Their kids worked very, very hard and I did not want to embarrass them in any way."

"The play of Mashburn and Martinez. The heralded freshmen combined to hit nine of 13 shots for 12 and 10 points, respectively, in their Rupp debut. The 17-year-old Mashburn seemed unusually loose in the spotlight of expectation, hitting five of seven shots and dishing out three assists.

"I wasn't nervous at all," Mashburn said. "I was just ready to go out and get the season underway."

"The full-court press. Picking up where it left off last year, the pressure forced the Quakers to commit 21 turnovers and helped the Cats break away from an early 8-7 deadlock.

The Bad

"Rebounding. In particular, offensive rebounding. The Cats won the battle of the boards 38-37, but keep in mind that Penn's tallest player was only 6-7. The Cats definitely will face more active and athletic teams than the Quakers down the line.

"The rebounding was the most disappointing part of the evening," Pitino said. "We're a better rebounding team than we showed tonight. Martinez will get stronger and Mashburn is better than he showed."

"Defense. Ditto. The Cats held Penn to 20 points in the first half, but the Quakers, who shot 38 percent in the game, put up 42 points in the second half. UK's defense must improve for Wednesday's game at Cincinnati, or the Cats will be in trouble.

The Ugly

"The first 10 and final minutes of the game. The Cats came out ice cold, hitting only two of their first 11 shots and took 3:15 to score their first basket. After 10 minutes, UK had managed only 11 points.

"Jody Thompson's behind-the-back pass attempt on a second-half fast break. Said Pitino with a laugh, "I don't comment on things that have no explanation."

"The pace. The game, at times, was a downright yawner. After calling off the dogs in respect to Penn, Pitino's squad lacked excitement. But look for that to change in the future, as the Cats embark on a killer schedule.

Staff Writer Jeff Drummond is a journalism sophomore and a Kernel sports columnist.

UK breaks out of 'hibernation'

By BOBBY KING
Assistant Sports Editor

After eight months in hibernation, both UK and Pennsylvania looked as if scoring — and shooting, for that matter — was a forgotten art. This, the season opener for both schools, was no Saturday night special.

In fact, when the first bucket of the game — and the season — finally came from UK center Reggie Hanson's turnaround jumper in the lane, 4:13 had expired from the Rupp Arena clock.

Pennsylvania's agony, much to the delight of UK fans, lasted even longer, however. Psyched out by the crowd and a slick defense, the Quakers fell to Kentucky 85-62 even though the Cats' win wasn't pretty, memorable or exciting.

The Quakers, who haven't beaten the Wildcats in three tries, lit up the scoreboard for the first time some two minutes later when Paul McMahon hit a breakaway layup with 14:56 remaining in the first half.

There were several apparent reasons why the time warp occurred.

First, Pennsylvania made it obvious early on that its game plan was to hold the ball as long as possible before looking to score.

Second, UK's full-court press choked whatever opportunity the Quakers may have had to score. The Quakers, who admitted after the game that the pressure bothered them, were forced into committing 15 turnovers during the first half.

The final reason, and most apparent to the 23,996 fans who were waiting for three-point bombs so plentiful last season, was that the Cats came out cold. UK was 13 of 28 from the field in the half for a cool 46 percent.

UK coach Rick Pitino said he was pleased with the patience his team showed when, with a 38-20 halftime lead, the offense had yet to explode.

"I told them at halftime don't get frustrated because you have only 38 points," Pitino said. "Look at it the other way because the other team only has 20 ... It was a good experience for us to play against a team that milk the clock and take some time off of it before each shot."

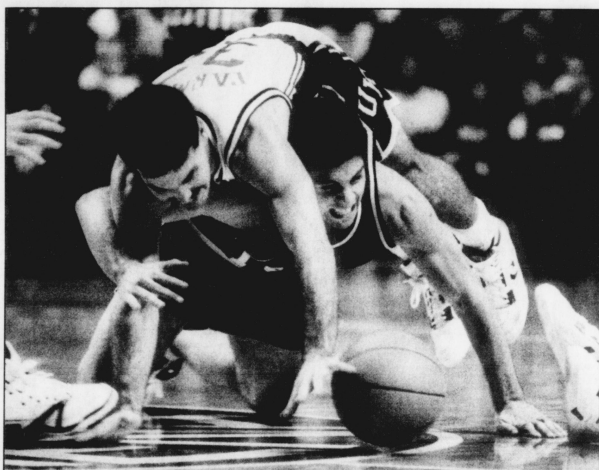
The closest the Quakers came to UK during the second half was 50-35 when freshman Dan Purdy broke the press and hit a layup with 14 minutes remaining.

Then the wheels fell off.

UK's bombardier Richie Farmer, who finished with 12 points, popped two quick three-point goals to give the Wildcats a 21-point lead. Then Pitino turned up the press a notch, and Pennsylvania turned the ball over to the Cats four consecutive times.

Quaker forward Ray Marshall made an errant pass under the heat of the press that resulted in a three-pointer by junior swingman John Pelfrey.

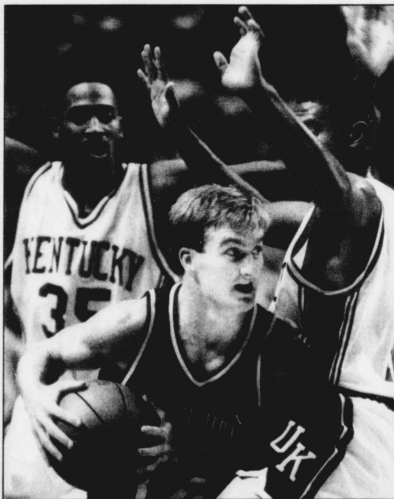
After the defense produced a five-second call, Jamal Mashburn, UK's designated dunker, took the in-bound pass from Reggie Hanson in for a powerful slam that set off the



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HAVING A BALL

Richie Farmer and a Pennsylvania player muscle on the floor for a loose ball (above). Farmer, who dazzled the crowd with two straight three-pointers, finished the game with 12 points. The scrappy Cats got off to a rough start in their season opener but routed the hapless Quakers. Reggie Hanson and Sean Woods helped out (left).



sellout crowd.

When Pelfrey added another try and Farmer made one of two free throws, Pennsylvania coach Fran Dunphy looked up at the scoreboard to find his team trailing by 30 points, at 65-35.

From that point on, the Quakers were silent.

Dunphy said he hoped his team could learn from the pressure of playing a more talented team in a hostile environment.

"It was a hell of an experience and I'm glad we came," Dunphy

said. "I think (our players) understood that this was 24,000 people who are into basketball. It's a tremendous program."

Mercifully, when the game was decided, Pitino lifted the pressing defense to allow the visitors to keep their dignity — something UK wasn't fortunate enough to get from an overpowering Kansas team that routed the Cats last season 150-95.

"I think that the toughest thing to do is to come into Rupp Arena and you're Pennsylvania. We just did not want to in any way get them to

feel that we are just trying to go after a score."

Dunphy respected Pitino's gesture.

"The pressure was pretty tough ... It was difficult, and I appreciated him calling it off in the second half," he said.

UK's balanced scoring attack was led by Hanson's 15 points. Five other Cats reached double figures. Mashburn, Pelfrey, Farmer, and starter Jeff Brassow had 12 points each. All of Brassow's points came on his four three-point goals.

Freshman Gimel Martinez earned 10 points in his debut.

"When asked to reflect on his team's less than inspiring season opener, Pitino reminded everyone that this season's team isn't a continuation of last year's surprising 14-14 squad, but an overhaul.

"I think what people sometimes forget is that we had to practice five hours a day, seven days a week — double sessions sometimes — to get every ounce of perspiration out of our bodies last year to be 14-14," he said.

"I think sometimes we forget and it's going to be 'Poof!' and we're there. We are nowhere near where we need to be, but it's going to be fun trying."

Rock-solid effort



Left: A climber maintains balance on a ledge less than an inch wide. Ledge sizes increase and decrease in size according to the climb.



Hugh Loeffler, UK Rock Climbing Club president, scales a 55-foot route as the lead climber. Loeffler, 23, and other club members travel to Red River Gorge most weekends to climb.

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so much as climbing as dancing," he said. "You have to work it out and get it sequenced and choreographed."

As Loeffler climbs, he places a protection device in the rock and secures it to the rope about every 20 feet. The distance between the devices varies according to the difficulty of the climb.

The belayer releases and takes up slack in the rope with each step the climber takes. If he slips, the belayer automatically stops releasing rope, and Loeffler will fall to the nearest protection device in the rock.

"I've only had a few problems with life and death situations, and that's only with myself," he said. "We don't do anything dangerous with the Rock Climbing Club... That's what the Climbing Club is all about, to teach people to do things safely."

The climb, rated 5.8 by the Yosemite Decimal System, is for beginning rock climbers. Loeffler, the lead climber, makes it look easy. When he reaches the top of the 55-foot route, Loeffler attaches the rope to two three-inch bolts, which can hold about 5,000 pounds pulling straight down.

With the climb complete, he rappels down the rock. "Once you get to the top and look back down, you look at the world at a different angle," said Dan Dehner, a club member and UK music theory junior. "It's the whole idea of doing something you've never done before. Here you can always go a little bit higher if you have the mind to do it."

For club member Sarah Hill, physical preparation came easier than mental preparation.

She did not climb on the first of her two rock climbing trips, instead choosing to observe how other members overcame obstacles.

"The first time I really wanted to do it, but I was just scared," said Hill, who climbed a 65-foot route called Environmental Impact on her second trip.

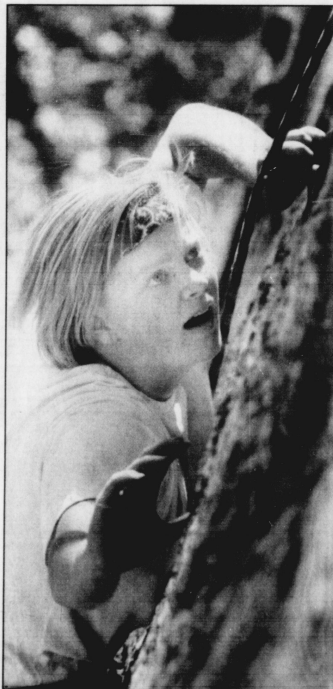
"When you're up there it just looks totally different. It feels different," she said. "It's intimidating, yes, but not as scary."

The day ends and the climbers are chilly and tired, their hands cut and chapped from the rock. But some describe an emotional high and a feeling of accomplishment — especially after a difficult climb.

"I feel like I've really overcome something that I wasn't sure that I could do," Loeffler said.

"After I've done it, I realize that I was just kidding myself."

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Above: Dee Dee Whelin stretches for a ledge on a route rock climbers call Central Scrutinizer. Right: Gear needed for rock climbing.



Above: A belayer releases rope as needed by the climber. Left: Whelin instructs Sarah Hill and Dan Dehner on belaying procedures.

DIVERSIONS

AC/DC gives fans good show, but Johnson lets many down

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

AC/DC fans got their money's worth Wednesday night from lead guitarist Angus Young, but left Rupp Arena cheated by lead singer Brian Johnson.



The band has been rocking for years behind Young's catchy guitar chords and great showmanship. After the loss of lead singer Bon Scott prior to the "Back In Black" album, the band hired Brian Johnson. Johnson had the voice it took to keep AC/DC among the top bands in the '80s, but like most lead singers who have been rocking since the '70s — with a few exceptions such as Aerosmith's Steven Tyler — his voice is shot.

But this band has the right guy to pick up the slack — Young. The crowd was not let down when the band played its blockbuster classic "You Shook Me All Night Long."

Young, dressed in his customary school-boy outfit, entertained the

crowd with his traditional striptease routine and clean melodic guitar playing.

Three-quarters of the way into the show, the band played their newest single, "Money Talks." The song is made up of what made them so popular, Young's great insight on what fans like to hear — good rock 'n' roll. During this song, the band released thousands of heavy metal dollar bills from the ceiling. Then came the legendary bell that symbolizes the beginning of the song "Hell's Bells."

The band kept the energy flowing with such classics as "Whole Lotta Rosie," and "Let There Be Rock." It was on the classic "Highway To Hell" where Johnson made

Heavy metal dollar bills, like the one above, were showered through Rupp Arena.

his biggest mistake, missing his cue at the start of the song. But the song's great guitar licks, along with the crowd's knowledge of the lyrics, made up for Johnson's tiring voice. For an encore the band played its rock 'n' roll anthem "For Those About to Rock." The lights went on, displaying two cannons firing on cue at each end of the stage. Young also fired out his classic guitar chords.

Young hit all the right notes, the ones we've been enjoying for years, and made this show one to remember.

'The Krays' gives insight into psychology of organized crime

By D. R. WILLIAMS
Staff Critic

Vicious organized crime and Great Britain never seem to have a happy or successful marriage. Raging bloodshed just doesn't comfortably fit in with tea and crumpets.

But in London's East End of the mid-1960s, identical twins redefined the criminal scene with flashy fashion sense, amoral motives and grisly violence. Peter Medak's "The Krays" tells that tale with an interest in psychology, not gangster clichés.

The lives of Reginald and Ronald Kray are seen mainly through the eyes of their strong-willed and devoted mother, Violet. A woman of limited knowledge but unlimited sincerity and common sense, she has taught her sons the importance of self-image and pride.

The twins took those lessons, but added a dash of sadism to create a crime network that resides in posh night clubs, expensive living quarters and even their mother's modest home. Medak shows with every scene how the Krays effortlessly lived as good little boys by day and sword-wielding crime bosses by night.

Gary and Martin Kemp, members of the British pop band Spandau Ballet, portray the Krays as two brothers who complete each

other's sentences, commiserate and both believe themselves to be the other's only worthy partner or combatant. The highlight of their performance is when Ronnie, the more violent of the two, talks, screams and pleads with a grieving Reg to return to a life of crime. With little or no camera movement or editing, the two brothers convey

The story of twins who redefined the British crime scene in the mid-1960s.

so much passion and pain that it hits the heart more than any scene of bloodshed.

Not that the violence isn't effective, since it's not done up with slow-motion elegance or hyperactive crosscutting. Particularly, the scenes involving swords or fists are more scary or shocking than the gun scenes, because of the extremely physical nature of every violent action.

Billie Whitelaw's performance as Violet is perfect, without over-indulgence or extreme subtlety. Sleazy evil is portrayed with style by Steven Berkoff as an opposing hit man and Tom Bell as a drunken con man. A final compliment should go to the cinematography, taking the overcast skies, realistic

light and blood-like colors and mixing them to create a background that never appears to be a movie set or period piece.

With gangster movies being this year's "It" genre, "The Krays" stands out as a film that doesn't concern itself with epic visions or tired stereotypes. It simply paints a picture of two types of families and how the criminal one dirtied and annihilated the loving one.

"The Krays" is now showing at the Lexington Green Cinemark Theaters.

Windham Hill artists exhibit their strengths

By MELISSA KINSEY
Contributing Critic

Although Lexington temperatures reached the upper 60s, a group of artists from Windham Hill Records brought a taste of winter to the Bluegrass last weekend.

Pianists Liz Story and Philip Aaberg and the Irish-American quartet Nightnoise brought their unique and crowd-pleasing sounds to the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts.

The memorable and entertaining evening showcased the incredible talents of the individual artists.

Story's solo performance opened the show, and the 20-minute set featured selections from her most recent Windham Hill release, *Escape of the Circus Ponies*.

Her showmanship adds to her musical style, as she relates humorous stories about her compositions.

Nightnoise is a fusion of cultural sounds, combining Celtic and Amer-

ican techniques to give an energetic performance.

Philip Aaberg demonstrated his talent and versatility in an animated solo performance that evoked applause and laughter from his audience. He isn't one to sit quietly and play the piano — his boogie-woogie style gets him off his seat and dancing around while his hands fly across the keyboard.

Aaberg's jazzy version of the "Nutcracker" overture was a show-stopper that will not soon be forgotten.

In a break from the normal concert routine, Story, Aaberg and Nightnoise performed several tunes together at the start and conclusion of the concert.

The seasonal music combined with original material provided the elements for an outstanding show. As the evening ended and the crowd dispersed, the mood had been set for the upcoming holiday.

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As one season ends, another begins for UK

Saturday was a busy day for sports announcer Cawood Ledford. He spent the afternoon in Knoxville, Tenn., calling the UK-Tennessee football game, UK's final game of the season. Later that evening, he returned to Lexington to call the UK-Pennsylvania men's basketball game, UK's season-opener. Although the Wildcats showed a good effort, UK was beaten again by the big orange, 42-28, and the Beer Barrel will remain in Knoxville for another year.

The outcome in Rupp Arena was much brighter for Wildcat fans, as UK downed Penn 85-62 to usher in the second year of the Rick Pitino era. Although the games' outcomes were dramatically different, one thing Ledford, and the rest of the Wildcat fans who watched both games, must have noticed was that UK football and basketball are on solid footing. Less than two years ago, then-UK President David Roselle hired C.M. Newton to run the University's Athletics Department. Newton was faced with the unenviable task of rebuilding a program that had been sorely neglected for years.

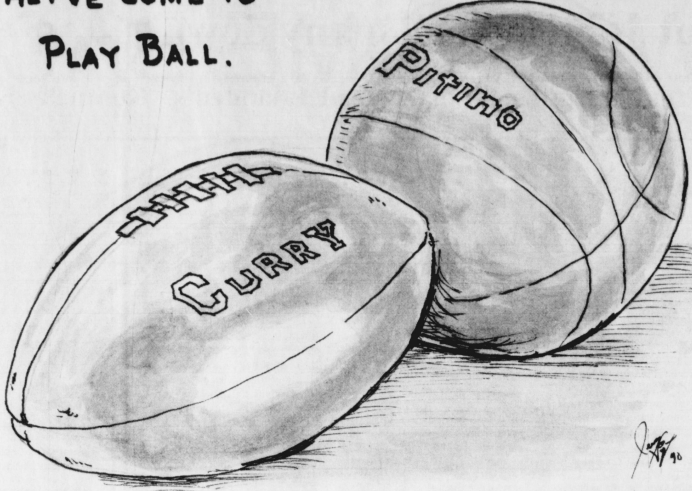
Newton's first two big decisions were to hire a basketball and football coach. Last year was proof that he chose the right person to coach basketball, and this fall confirmed that he chose the right man to coach football.

As with all of UK's sports teams, Curry has shown that athletics do have a place at a university. While this season was not as successful as many fans had hoped in terms of wins and losses, UK fans have a lot to look forward to during the rest of Curry's tenure.

But for now it's time for Pitino-style basketball. The nation will get its first glimpse of the Cats on live television next weekend when the Wildcats play in the Big 4 Classic in Indianapolis.

Athletic events make the college experience richer and well-rounded, and with coaches like Pitino and Curry, the UK community can be assured that athletics will continue to be a positive element in the community.

THEY'VE COME TO PLAY BALL.



Attending UK should be a real education

Talk to Lexington Community College students about why they enjoy attending LCC, and many will tell you because it feels like a "community." If the academic snobs on the Lexington Campus listened to what those at UK's academic step-brother had to say, its quality of campus life would be much higher.



C.A. Duane BONIFER

A lot of people around the Lexington Campus have been talking about how the University might do a better job building "community." Few mean the same thing when they say the word, but the most common understanding of the term is a place where people from different disciplines and interests talk to one another. Building a community would seem like a fairly simple goal to attain at a place like UK, but in reality, a goal to which few people pay attention, the goal has been rather difficult to accomplish. The main obstacle is that the Lexington Campus is divided and fractionalized into too many colleges, schools and departments. It may be easier to get Israel to speak with the Palestine Liberation Organization than getting the College of Business & Economics to speak with someone in Arts & Sciences. To those who see UK as another diploma factory where they can secure a job in the corporate world, conduct research or write journal articles, the University's current setting suits them fine. But for those who believe a university should prepare its students to become responsible citizens, there is

reason for concern.

Therefore, if we are to take seriously this talk about creating a bona fide "UK community," someone needs to put forward some ideas that he or she thinks would move toward creating that nebulous community. Changes should have a lasting impact on students. UK alumni should have something in common with one another — aside from sitting in the student section at Rupp Arena. That can occur, however, only if the powers that be begin to seriously consider changes that will truly affect the University and not simply shift their emphasis from one department to another.

If the campus is willing to make the bold changes needed to transform the University to an institution of higher learning, the following proposals should be considered:

- **Ban the greek system.** The greek system is one of the few places where students can get a real feeling of belonging at UK. Unfortunately, only 20 percent of the student body is greek, which has created a wedge between greeks and non-greeks.
- **I am a little uncomfortable with doing away with the greek system,** because it smacks of egalitarianism and other liberal concoctions, but a greekless campus would make for a stronger community.

• **Make the campus wet and establish a campus pub.** The campus may not be ready to go through another round of alcohol debates, but it should realize that the only way to keep students on campus on the weekend is to offer them a place they can go to have a fun time. If alcohol were allowed on campus, fewer students would have to drive. Declaring the campus wet might ruffle a few feathers, but other colleges have shown that alcohol is not the demon rum as some portray it to be.

• **Close off Central Campus and landscape it.** Walking to class often is a game of dodging cars. UK has more than 15,000 parking spaces, and taking a few away from Central Campus won't hurt anyone. When students are not in class, the current parking lot, known as Central Campus, provides few attractive places for people to congregate. Besides, we are becoming a more health-conscious culture, and a brisk walk or bus ride from Commonwealth Stadium would do people some good.

• **Change the tenure process.** Professors cannot be expected to spend time with students when tenure committees are breathing down their necks to publish. Professors who are good teachers should be rewarded just as the good researchers are. Working with students is vital in building a strong professor-student relationship.

• **Establish a true core curriculum.** The revised University Studies program is much better than what used to pass for an education, but it

does not give students the kind of education they need. Students should not be allowed to declare a major until after earning 60 credit hours, all of which must come from a prescribed core curriculum, heavily grounded in the great classics. • **Create a big brother/big sister program.** Many people who come to UK can become lost rather quickly in the red tape. Consequently, they can become timid and unwilling to get involved with campus life. Fall Orientation is a good way to introduce students to UK, but if it introduces do not join a greek house, there is no sure way to keep them a part of UK.

Pairing new students with upper-class students would not only establish a bond between classes, but it would show upper-classes the responsibility they have toward younger students.

• **Establish a campuswide community service program.** Living at UK makes us easily forget our responsibility to the rest of the city. Several organizations sponsor philanthropy projects, but if a voluntary campuswide program that offers academic credit is established, students would learn that an education involves more than what we learn in a classroom.

Listen to any administrator or student leader speak, and the term "flagship institution" will creep into their language. It is time that we do something to deserve that title.

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Kernel Checklist

A weekly service of the Viewpoint Page to keep its readers abreast of the hot items of the universe.

✓ **The Iron Lady.** Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher's 11 1/2-year reign over England will come to an end tomorrow, as the Conservative Party will elect a new leader to be prime minister. Along with Ronald Reagan, Thatcher's policies were one of the causes of the Revolution of '89. At home, Maggie inherited an economy ruined by bankrupt socialist policies, and she put it back on its feet with a strong shot of the free market. She was one of the best friends the free world ever had.

✓ **Power Hungry.** The Hubbarbs. Rep. Carroll Hubbard must drink out of the same well as the Wilkinsons, for he is as intoxicated with power as the state's first family. Over the weekend, Hubbard said that his wife, Carol Hubbard, may try to unseat Rep. Chris Perkins in 1992. Carol has no experience in government, but she was 1959 Miss Kentucky and she knows how to raise a lot of money. This story would be funny — if it weren't for the fact that the Hubbarbs are playing around with democracy.

✓ **The Other Butcher Of The Middle East.** Syrian President Hafez Assad. We applaud President Bush's efforts to unite the world against Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, but Syrian President Hafez Assad is one person he does not need on his side. Friday, Bush met with the Syrian leader, who rivals Hussein in despot of the year. Hasn't Iraq taught the White House anything?

✓ **Shaken Up.** The Earthquake. From Harlan, Ky., to New Madrid, Mo., people are expecting the worst Dec. 3 when one of the most fierce earthquakes of the 20th century is expected to shake the Midwest. Classes have been canceled, businesses plan to shut down and people are hoarding food and water like the Armageddon is approaching. The souvenir should be very thankful to the news industry.

✓ **Life Returns To The Bluegrass.** Pitino Era — Chapter II. Winter officially got underway Saturday night as tall men in short pants thundered onto the floor of Rupp Arena to usher in the second year under the Rick Pitino regime. The Wildcats also returned to the airwaves, which should make Pitino one of the media's darlings by the end of December.

Learning how to combat the 'late semester blues'

It seems that summer just ended, yet here we just celebrated Thanksgiving. Finals are looming, then Christmas will descend. Many schedules are crumbling under their weight, and many of us may be wondering how we're ever going to accomplish everything we've committed ourselves to. You may have just realized that you have a semester's worth of reading to do in a few days. Maybe you're convinced you'll do a lousy job on your exams and can't imagine when you'll get any real sleep in the next few weeks. Perhaps you feel exhausted, depressed, panic-stricken and overwhelmed, or are living on candy, chips, coffee and/or soda, popping "uppers," imbibing more alcohol than usual, or have recently considered killing for a parking place! If you think this sounds suspiciously like a case of the "late semester blues" or finals stress, you're right. Some reasons you, or someone you know, may be suffering from this malady may include poor time-management skills, procrastination, lack of confidence in one's ability to get things done, test-taking anxiety, general concerns about success and poor reading/study skills. Do not despair. Here are some tips on managing finals stress. Break big jobs into smaller tasks. Establish a regular time and place for studying. Rather than worrying constantly, set aside a daily 20-minute "worry time" in the morning. Save all worries for this time and avoid worrying at any other time. Take a walk or run up and

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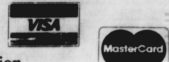
down the stairs periodically. Even light exercise can help relieve tension and make your mind sharper. Curtail alcohol intake when you have a lot of studying to do. Even moderate amounts of alcohol will greatly limit your ability to remember what you read 15 minutes before. If you study after drinking beer, you will work much harder to retain much less, adding more stress to an already stressful situation. If you are far behind in a class, start now where the class is, then concentrate on the larger picture of the part you've missed, rather than details. Someone suffering from stress in general may frequently be in a rush, seem preoccupied or disoriented, often procrastinate or compulsively apologize. If you're a freshman, you may still be struggling with meeting people, establishing friendships, getting to know instructors or wondering if you'll "make your grades." What is stress and what causes it? Simply put, stress is the way your mind and body automatically react to any situation that is new, threatening or exciting — like leaving home, entering college, changing majors, getting a new boyfriend or girlfriend, etc. Stress, like change, can be positive or negative. Positive stress is known as "eustress." If we utilize the energy that stress produces, we can effectively meet challenges,

solve problems and reach goals. It is very important, however, to be able to relax and enjoy what we have accomplished, once the challenge has been met. This allows us to build up the physical and emotional reserves to meet the next challenge, which is a key element in successfully managing stress. Negative stress, or distress, is constant stress that causes us to continually adjust to a change or event, with no relief or relaxation after meeting a challenge. The word "stress" is derived from a Latin word meaning "to draw tight." If there is no outlet from the "tightening up" that frequently accompanies an increased level of stimulation, stress can be harmful and reach a point where it can no longer be coped with. For many young adults, just the anxiety, adjustments and changes that necessarily accompany growing up provide plenty of their own stress. Add to this the myriad of challenges one faces as a college student, and life may seem overwhelming at times. Take a minute to examine your lifestyle for possible signs of stress: • Are you frequently in conflict with other people? • Have you experienced a major personal loss or physical illness in the last year? • Do you take on more responsibility academically or professionally than you can reasonably handle? • Do you feel devastated if you don't make all A's and B's? • Are you preoccupied with family or relationship problems to the ex-

tent that it affects your concentration? • Do you experience stress-related symptoms such as headaches, nausea, diarrhea, skin rashes, sweaty palms, too much or not enough sleep? • Is your self-esteem low to the point where you expect most things to turn out badly for you? • Do you eat, drink, use drugs, smoke excessively as a way to relieve stress? It is not possible to eliminate stress from your life — indeed, you need a certain amount of it to get through the day. But you can learn to more effectively manage it when it becomes distress. Learn to recognize situations that may cause stress and, where possible, remove yourself from those situations. Be sure you schedule time for recreation and relaxation — including physical exercise. Manage your time wisely, avoid procrastinating whenever possible and take one task at a time. Get plenty of rest and sleep — you will be better able to manage stress when you need to. For more information on how to handle stress effectively or to make an appointment with a professional who can help, call the Student Mental Health Service at 233-5511 or the Counseling and Testing Center at 257-8701. Mary Brinkman and Liz Corio are with the Student Health Service. "For the Health of It" is a service of the UK Health Education Program.

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Exposure

Wildcats' TV blackout lifted

By **TIM WIESENHAHN**
Staff Writer

"Oh baby, this is not tape delay, this is live prime time baby, and Kentucky coach Rickie Pitino is say'n, 'one more year, oh baby, one more year!'" Could it be Dick Vitale?

If you were to tell coach Rick Pitino that the future of his revamped UK basketball program lay in the hands of a short, bald, color commentator who preaches endlessly on the marvels of Dr. Naismith's game, he might have you immediately escorted off campus and chartered on the first flight bound for parts unknown.

Yet attracting ESPN's Dick Vitale — and the national television audience he commands — is as vital to the future of a successful Kentucky basketball program as are the players themselves.

After a one-year absence from live TV because of probation imposed by the NCAA, the Cats will return to the tube this season live on ESPN Wednesday when they play the University of Cincinnati Bearcats at Cincinnati.

"I think everybody in the state is excited about Kentucky basketball because (last year) they witnessed it on delayed TV and at Rupp Arena," Pitino said. "But nationally, people don't know this excitement. They didn't know that Rupp was rockin' last year and that you couldn't get a seat. They don't understand

that because it wasn't on television."

Pitino stressed that despite the ban, UK still managed to draw five of the 10 largest basketball crowds since Rupp Arena opened in 1976.

Twenty-six of UK's 28 basketball games this season will be televised — either on a live or delayed basis. The schedule includes 10 live appearances on national television.

"This is clearly an outstanding television schedule," said UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton. "After a one-year absence (from live telecasts), our team will return in fine fashion."

UK will appear on ESPN six additional times this season. The Cats also will appear on ABC Dec. 1 in a matchup with Notre Dame at Indianapolis and on Feb. 3 against Georgia at home. CBS will broadcast the Cats' matchup against Louisville at Freedom Hall Dec. 29.

UK returns to the SEC-TV network seven times, beginning Jan. 2 with the Cats' Southeastern Conference opener at Georgia.

Mark Womack, executive associate commissioner for the SEC, said the conference is excited about UK's return.

"Kentucky enhances our television product," Womack said. "They are a very strong network draw. Last year, we lost a network game or two because of Kentucky's absence. We're very excited to have them back."

The UK Television Network will air four

games live and five times on a delayed basis. Among the live broadcasts was the Cats' season opener last Saturday against Pennsylvania in Rupp Arena.

The UK Network will show a delayed telecast of the Cats' season finale at home against Auburn on March 2.

Pitino said the key to stamping out the negative publicity generated by the NCAA sanctions is to capitalize on the tremendous exposure of a national, live TV audience.

"We need the type of exposure this TV schedule will bring to help re-establish all the positives of Kentucky basketball," Pitino said.

UK has long treasured its ability to woo enormous television audiences. The Cats first appeared on TV March 22, 1951, against St. John's in the NCAA Tournament. UK emerged victorious (59-43), capturing its third NCAA title a week later against Kansas State (68-58).

During the last four decades, the Cats have appeared on live TV almost 250 times. That rich television tradition was halted on March 10, 1989, when UK fell to Vanderbilt (63-77) in the SEC Tournament.

Nevertheless, Pitino said this season could be the start of another long string of appearances — and perhaps, in the future, Kentucky's sixth NCAA title.

"Next season, we'll have even more games at Rupp — that's what will be really impressive to recruits."

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Editor's note: After the NCAA's penalties fell upon the then-corrupt UK basketball program like a two-story farmhouse, the young Wildcat players were left lost and alone. Then with a fairy-like glow, a new coach came to offer them hope. Join us now, if you will, in the ongoing journey to the Land of the Final Four.

By **AL HILL**
Staff Writer

The big bad NCAA tornado has finally left UK and is now moving West — to the hapless University of Illinois.

And although it may take a few years to make it to the Emerald City somewhere in the Land of the Final Four, the Cats, with a successful year behind them, seem to be headed in the right direction.

The Cats already skipped safely through the cornfield when they hired Rick Pitino as head coach. Pitino, no scarecrow to be sure, has lit a fire in Lexington with his fast, innovative style of basketball.

In his quest to take the Cats back home to the Land of the Final Four, Pitino has found someone to wear those only slightly tarnished ruby slippers. The slippers — which may be the largest ever produced by munchkin cobblers — are magically sealed to the feet of freshman Jamal Mashburn.

And the job of leading them down the yellow hardwood floor will fall once again on junior Sean Woods. Woods started all but one game last season, averaging 9.1 points a game and leading the Southeastern Conference in assists with a 5.9 average.

"My job is to run the court, to coach Pitino out on the floor ... to make everyone better," Woods said. Junior Richie Farmer also may enjoy holding the reins of one of the Southeastern Conference's most explosive teams.

But the Cats will have to wait another year for Travis Ford to gain eligibility, a year in which this season's backcourt will gain the courage needed to survive in the SEC forest — inhabited by angry Gators and upright Tigers who lurk behind every tree.

Sophomore Jeff Brassow will lead an abundance of players at the

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
13	Todd Bearup**	G/F	6-5	210	So.	London, Ky.
23	Nehemiah Braddy*	G	6-3	190	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.
14	Jeff Brassow	G	6-5	193	So.	Houston, Texas
33	Johnathon Davis	F	6-8	200	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.
32	Richie Farmer	G	6-0	173	Jr.	Manchester, Ky.
12	Deron Feldhaus	F	6-7	211	Jr.	Maysville, Ky.
5	Travis Ford***	G	5-10	163	So.	Madisonville, Ky.
35	Reggie Hanson	F/C	6-8	195	Sr.	Somerset, Ky.
44	Gimel Martinez	C	6-8	206	Fr.	Miami, Fla.
24	Jamal Mashburn	F	6-9	244	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y.
34	John Pelphrey	G/F	6-7	197	Jr.	Paintsville, Ky.
21	Henry Thomas	G	6-5	170	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
42	Carlos Toomer	G	6-4	197	Fr.	Corinth, Miss.
11	Sean Woods	G	6-3	183	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.

*Walk-ons
**Walk-on and eligible to play in January
***Eligible to play in 1991-92 season

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two-guard spot. Brassow, a sophomore, has shown in the Blue-White scrimmages that he can hit the three with consistency.

Backing up Brassow is fearless junior John Pelphrey. At 6-7, Pelphrey, with his court finesse and his smarts, will be the player to keep the team moving.

Among the remaining ensemble of guards competing for time on the yellow hardwood floor are Junior Braddy, Todd Bearup, Jody Thompson, Henry Thomas and Carlos Toomer.

One man who will save the cast of Cats from the brutal Bulldogs will be well-oiled junior Deron Feldhaus. Feldhaus, who proved he has a heart as big as Kansas when he offered to surrender his scholarship so Pitino could sign another recruit, will be a force to be reckoned with on the court.

One big man who will be there to melt the powerhouses of the SEC is freshman center Gimel Martinez. Martinez will create some big plays this year, but it won't be until next year that Martinez will develop the upper-body strength to enable him to battle the big men from Baton Rouge.

The man who wore the ruby slippers the last three years was senior forward/center Reggie Hanson. This season, Hanson will be the hero called upon to throw water on UK's opponents — in the form of clutch shots.

Pitino will need Hanson to ensure that his youthful cast stays on course to the Land of the Final Four.

Mashburn, with the advice and wisdom of Pitino, will click his high tops together — by way of power dunks, solid ball control and a soft shooting touch — to bewitch the opposition.

This year, however, the Cats may be put to sleep during their tough December schedule. The Cats should benefit from the wizardry — deplete of sound machines and deceptive special effects — of Pitino. Pitino, in his quest for supreme fitness, should lead them through the poppy fields of the round-robin schedule without too much drowsiness.

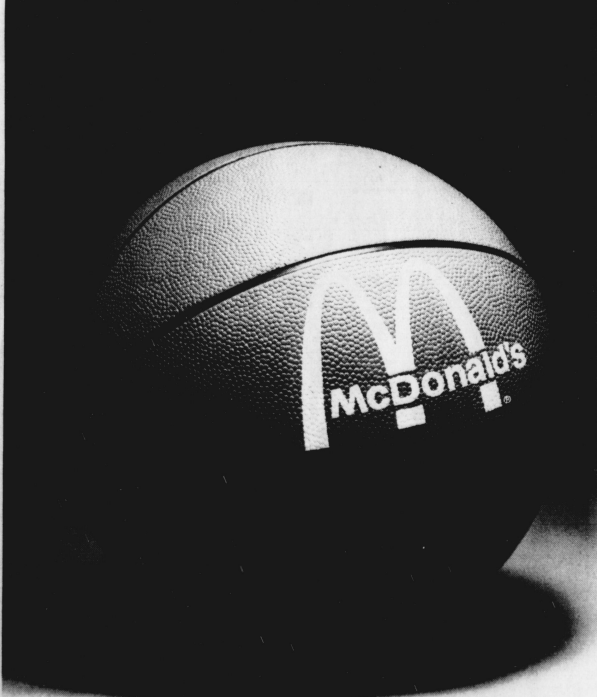
And of course there will be the supportive, cheering munchkins dressed in their animated attire to fill Rupp Arena and keep the Cats on their toes when they need reassurance.

Perhaps the odyssey through probation will allow us to realize what we've really had all along — that there's no place like home in Rupp Arena. And of course, the Cats always have a mission — to make it once again to the Land of the Final Four.

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With LSU's demise, look for the Tide to roll

What a difference a year can make in the Southeastern Conference. Last year, league fans and coaches were ready to proclaim Dale Brown's Bayou Bengals the team of the decade.

But that wasn't meant to be. LSU choked under the pressure and finished a disappointing second to Georgia.

If that weren't enough, All-World guard Chris Jackson signed with the NBA two years early.

Also, 7-foot center Stanley Roberts and shooting guard Maurice Williamson were declared academically ineligible for the 1990-91 season. So talk of championships has died down considerably in Baton Rouge.

With that in mind, teams like Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Mississippi State will be scrambling to reach the top of the league this season.

As usual, the SEC will be as unpredictable as ever. Here's a quick run-down on how all 10 league teams should finish.

1. **Alabama** — Don't pay too much attention to coach Wimp San-

Chris HARVEY

der's antics, as the Tide is loaded.

Look for Alabama to take up the slack for its underachieving football counterparts this year, as three SEC Championship starters return to the court. Bookends Melvin Cheatum and Robert Horry return to terrorize SEC teams on the backboards once again.

If Sanderson can find a running mate for senior point guard Gary Waites, look out for the Tide in the national tournament.
2. **LSU** — Despite key losses in its arsenal, don't feel so sorry for coach Dale Brown (also known as Preacher Man), either. He returns future NBA top pick Shaquille O'Neal, along with veteran forward Vernel Singleton and Wayne Sims.
Brown's teams have dealt well

Harvey's SEC Top 10

1. Alabama
2. LSU
3. Kentucky
4. Georgia
5. Mississippi State
6. Florida
7. Auburn
8. Tennessee
9. Ole Miss
10. Vanderbilt

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with adversity in the past, and this year should be no exception.

If the Tigers can find two guards to offer half of what Jackson gave to the team, they could be well on

their way to bigger and better things.

3. **Kentucky** — The rebuilding job is almost complete for coach Rick Pitino and his staff. Thanks to big men Ginnel Martinez and Jamal Mashburn, the Cats should look forward to an exciting season. If UK can learn to succeed on the road, a winning season isn't out of the question.

4. **Georgia** — Last season, coach Hugh Durham's Bulldogs got all the breaks and won their first SEC title ever.

This year, look for Georgia to assume its former position, as All-SEC center Alec Kessler has taken his IQ and his jump shot to the NBA.
But the Bulldogs are returning four starters from last year's squad, highlighted by acrobatic guard Litteral Green, who may lead the league in scoring.

5. **Mississippi State** — Look for coach Richard Williams' team to be the dark-horse candidate in the league this season, as all five of last year's starters return and the squad, led by guard Tony Watts and in-

side workhorse Cameron Burns, Mississippi could finish within the top three in the SEC. The big key for them is to shed the loser's image that has haunted them for so long.

6. **Florida** — Similar to Pitino's initiation into UK, new coach Lon Kruger arrived in Gainesville engulfed in probation.

Unlike Pitino, Kruger will have more to work with this season in forwards Dwayne Davis and Livingston Chatman. Both punish opponents inside and have enjoyed an SEC championship.

The key to the Gators' hopes this year is scatterbug guard Renaldo Garcia, whose play is a bit erratic at times.

7. **Auburn** — Coach Tommy Joe Eagles' squad is one more year away from being a serious SEC contender.

Look for Auburn to pull off some upsets, like last year's matchup against LSU in the SEC Tournament. The Tigers will be led by guards Ronnie Batle and Reggie Gallon.

8. **Tennessee** — Last season, first-year coach Wade Houston led

the Vols to a surprising fourth-place finish. Don't look for anything that impressive this season. This year's Vols lack height, so their primary attack will be from the outside — in Houston's son Allan and in fellow guard Greg Bell.

9. **Ole Miss** — The Gerald Glass era is over, and it will show in the Rebels' play this season. Although coach Ed Murphy's squad will consist of four returning starters from last year's sixth-place team, Glass was the key to their success last season.

But look for forward "Smokin' Joe Harvell and guard Tim Jumper to produce some fireworks.

10. **Vanderbilt** — Coach Eddie Fogler will be singing the blues this year in Nashville. Only one of last year's starters — 6-2 sharpshooter Scott Draud — will return for play. Fogler must rely on overambitiousness from his young squad if he wants to avoid the cellar.

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Runnin' Rebels will rule — unless probation kills them

There hasn't been such a clear-cut choice for the preseason No. 1 spot since Patrick Ewing's senior season at Georgetown.

UNLV has four of its five starters from last season's 35-5 NCAA Championship team, which steamrolled Duke 103-73 in the most lopsided final game in history. Only NCAA probation will prohibit the Running Rebels from repeating as national champions.

The real question this year — who is No. 2?

Here's a capsule rundown on each of my Top 10 teams:

1. **UNLV**. Returning for coach Jerry Tarkanian is possibly the best forward duo in history, seniors Larry Johnson (20.6 points per game, 11.4 rebounds per game last year) and Stacey Augmon (14.2 ppg, 6.9 rpg).

If that's not impressive enough, Tarkanian has the best backcourt combination this year in senior Greg Anthony (11.2 ppg, 7.4 assists per game) and junior Anderson Hunt (15.9 ppg, 4 pp).

Prediction: The Rebels, who should win more than 33 games this year, will walk through the Big West Conference and place four players on the all-conference first team.

Could UNLV be the only team to be voted No. 1 in the nation at the end of the year and not participate in the NCAA tournament?

2. **Arizona**. With the addition of UK transfer Chris Mills, the Wildcats line up the best all-around talent, with the exception of UNLV. Coach Lute Olsen is blessed with three giants in the middle — 6-11 juniors Brian Williams and Sean Rocks and 7-0 sophomore Ed Stokes.

The backcourt is composed of 6-2 senior point guard Matt Muehlebach and 6-2 junior Matt Oehle, who has NBA three-point range.

Prediction: Arizona will win the PAC 10 Conference with only one loss — at UCLA. With UNLV out of the national championship picture, the Wildcats are the preseason favorites to win the NCAA Tournament.

3. **Michigan State**. Coach Jud Heathcote possibly has the best player in the country on his hands in Steve Smith (20.2 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 4.8 apg). The 6-7 senior can play point and shooting guard as well as small forward.

The front line boasts 6-7 junior forwards Matt Steigenga and Parish Hickman and 6-10 sophomore center Mike Peplowski. Joining Smith in the backcourt will be experienced junior guard Mark Montgomery or freshman Andy Penick.

Prediction: Michigan State will win the Big Ten, but only after a dogfight with Indiana and Ohio State.

4. **Arkansas**. Led by the talented junior duo of 6-2 point guard Lee Mayberry (14.5 ppg, 5.2 apg) and 6-8 swingman Todd Day (19.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg), the Razorbacks could very well make it to the Final Four again.
Oliver Miller, a 6-9 center, was a double-figure scorer last season and gets the nod this year.

Dwayne HUFF

Prediction: Arkansas may have trouble with Houston and Texas, but will capture its third-straight Southwest Conference title.

5. **Ohio State**. Surprised? Don't be. Coach Randy Ayers has all 12 of his players back from last season and has two of the best players in the Big Ten — if not the nation — in 6-8 senior center Perry Carter (15.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg) and 6-6 sophomore forward Jimmy Jackson (16.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 3.7 apg).

Prediction: The Buckeyes will tie for second place in the Big Ten with Indiana.

6. **Pittsburgh**. Why not? The Panthers have a load of talent and one scoring mark. The keys to winning are 6-6 senior forward Brian Shorter (20.6 ppg, 9.4 rpg) and 6-1 redshirt junior Sean Miller (9.7 ppg, 6 rpg in 1988-89).

Miller missed last year because of a broken foot and if he's totally healed, he'll be dishing the ball to the big guns, namely Shorter, shooting guard Jason Matthews (19.1 ppg), 6-9 senior center Bobby Martin (14.4 ppg, 8.4 rpg) and 6-4 senior swingman Darelle Porter (9.8 ppg, 7.9 apg).

Prediction: Pitt won't win the Big East regular season but will win the conference tournament and make noise in the NCAA tournament.

7. **North Carolina**. Coach Dean Smith had yet another incredible recruiting class. Two of those players should make an immediate impact — 7-0 center Eric Montross and 6-9 forward Cliff Rozier. Smith has his tallest team ever with eight players over 6-7.

Smith will start his only seniors, Rick Fox (6-7) at small forward, Pete Chilcutt (6-9) at power forward and 6-1 point guard King Rice, as well as his only junior, off guard Hubert Davis. The battle for the pivot spot should see 6-8 sophomore George Lynch, at least to start the year.

Prediction: The Tar Heels will edge Virginia out of the top spot in the ACC regular season and burn Duke three times this year.

8. **Alabama**. Robert Horry, 6-9,

Huff's NCAA Top 10

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did virtually everything last year for the Crimson Tide, finishing second in scoring (13.1 ppg), rebounding (6.2 rpg) and three-pointers (50), while leading the team in steals (54) and blocked shots (51). He's back, along with leading scorer Melvin Cheatum (15.7 ppg), and 6-2 senior point guard Gary Waites.

Prediction: Alabama will fight and scratch its way to the top of the balanced SEC with three losses — at Kentucky, at Georgia and Mississippi State. Sorry LSU.

9. **Southern Mississippi**. Coach M.K. Turk returns with everyone from last year's squad, which made its first NCAA tournament appearance, including one very big player — Metro Conference player of the year Clarence Weatherspoon.

Prediction: The Golden Eagles should breeze through the Metro Conference without a loss.

10. **Virginia**. Virginia has a first-year coach in former Cavalier Jeff Jones, and the Cavaliers don't have an intimidating big man. But look for Virginia to be around in March, thanks to the threesome of Bryant Stith (20.8 ppg, 6.9 rpg), John Croty (16 ppg, 6.7 apg) and Anthony Oliver (10.1 ppg).

Prediction: Virginia will have a great season but will lose the important road games at Duke and North Carolina. However, the Cavs will still finish second in the ACC to the Tar Heels.

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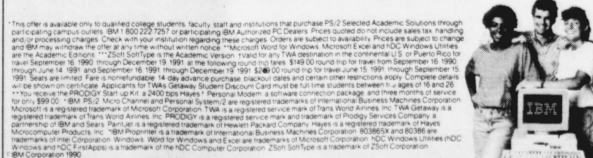
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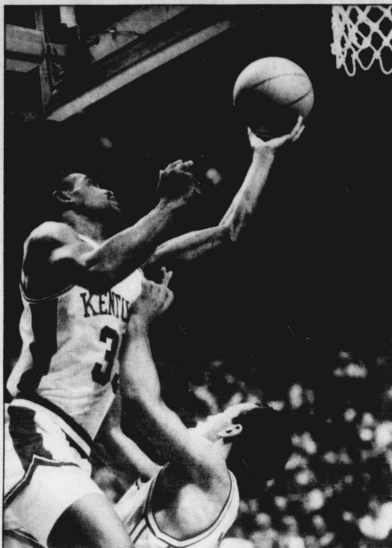


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UK's 'Mr. Sacrifice' proves that loyalty pays



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UK senior Reggie Hanson dipped under the basket for two points last season. With the arrival of 6-9 Gimel Martinez, Hanson was expected to play at forward this season — a position for which he is best suited. But, as Martinez grows, Hanson will continue at center.

By **BOBBY KING**
Assistant Sports Editor

In UK's 1989-90 dream season, there was possibly only one player whom the brash, young Wildcats couldn't do without — Reggie Hanson.

That seemed evident several times last season when Hanson, plagued by early foul trouble, left the game only to see his team fall apart as he watched from the bench. Although he stood at only 6-8, Hanson provided UK's lone inside scoring punch.

It's ironic that in a league where 6-8 centers are usually stepped on, walked over and otherwise mistreated, Hanson earned the respect of those taller bullies by keeping the undersized and outmanned Wildcats in many games where they did not belong.

The awards and recognition Hanson earned at the end of last season — the team's most valuable player and second team all-Southeastern Conference — were the result of only one thing: hard work.

That also was evident in the other awards he received, which included most rebounds and most deflections — symbols of giving the extra effort as opposed to relying simply on raw talent.

The curious thing about Hanson's work ethic, which serves as an example to his teammates, is his motivation.

Hanson, a senior, will never again play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

Probation and its ugly reminders still remain, even in coach Rick Pitino's basketball renaissance at UK.

From the chain of events that occurred during Hanson's stay at UK, one would believe that the 1990-91 season would be a bittersweet time

Reggie Hanson

Height: 6-8

Weight: 195

Year: Senior

Position: Forward

Hometown:

Somerset, Ky.



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rest of the team.

precipitates Hanson's decision.

"Reggie is Mr. Sacrifice," Pitino said.

"It's rare today when you find a person so loyal to your school. He gave up two years of an NCAA bid and one year of being on television, and he wants to play in the NBA," he added.

"To give all that up just shows you the loyalty and affection he has for Kentucky."

for him.

During Hanson's freshman season, UK once again was vying for a national championship, as "Rexmania" swept the commonwealth. Basketball, as usual, was king.

That bid for a national championship eventually fell short. But the young Wildcats still came away with a Southeastern Conference championship, and hopes were high for the upcoming season.

Then the scandal hit.

Allegations flew from every direction, and an ensuing NCAA investigation clouded the future. Talk about championships faded, and all the fear of the dreaded death penalty — termination of the basketball program — followed.

After the penalties were handed down, Hanson faced a decision. He could follow the lead of other players like LeRon Ellis and skip town, continuing his quest for a national championship elsewhere.

Or he could stay at UK and be an integral part in the rebuilding of a beaten program, which wouldn't be eligible for NCAA tournament play until the season after his graduation.

Luckily for UK, he chose to stay, and Pitino is someone who truly ap-

preciates Hanson's role as an empty one.

As the Wildcats embark on season No. 2 of probation, it wouldn't be surprising if Hanson felt somewhat empty, knowing that with all the promise UK's program shows, no postseason reward awaits him.

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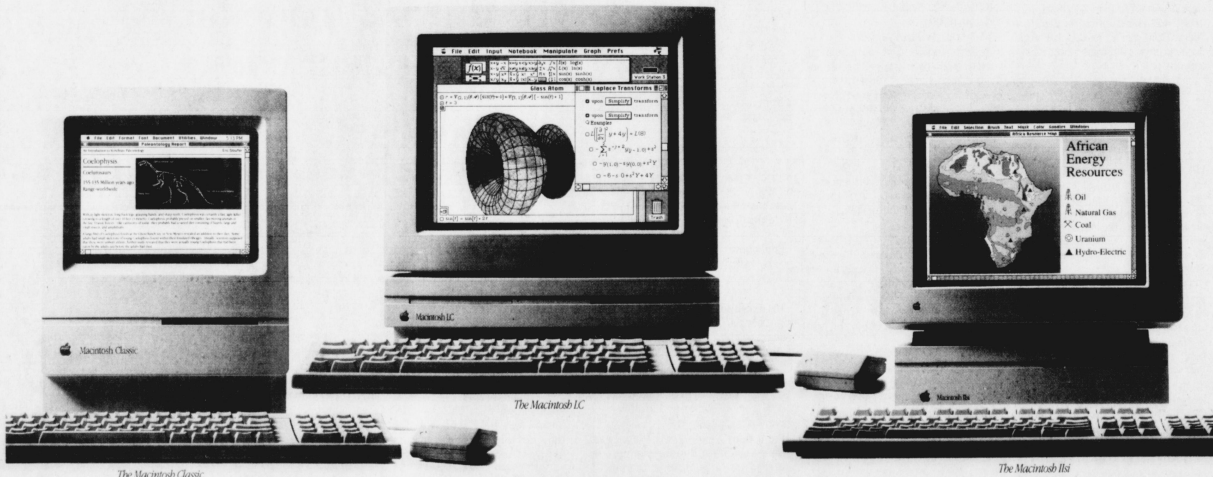
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Toomer looking to prove 'experts' wrong

By **BRIAN CARTER**
Contributing Writer

Despite negative reviews by so-called "recruiting experts," UK basketball coach Rick Pitino says Carlos Toomer will fit in nicely with the Wildcats.

"Carlos Toomer is an outstanding student, he's a great kid and he's everything we want in a point guard," Pitino said.

Toomer, a 6-4, 190-pound freshman from Corinth, Miss., averaged nearly 14 points, seven rebounds and eight assists per game during his senior season at Corinth High School. He was named first team All-State and was the team's defensive stopper. His high school team earned a 37-3 record last year and captured the team's second Mississippi 3-A State Championship.

In high school, Toomer was not looked upon to score points — he had more of a defensive and leadership role.

"We had so much talent on my high school team that I didn't need to score a lot of points for us to win," he said. "It was more important for me to stick to my role and let the rest take care of itself."

A close friend and fellow member of Toomer's state championship team was one-time UK recruit Stephen Davis.

"We're good friends — we talk all the time," Toomer said. Davis turned down a scholarship with UK and instead elected to attend Ole

Carlos Toomer

Height: 6-4

Weight: 197

Year: Freshman

Position: Guard

Hometown:

Corinth, Miss.



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found that adjusting to campus life isn't easy.

"At first it was hard," he said. "I'm just trying to have fun playing basketball and use this year as a learning year."

Pitino's "run-and-gun" style of basketball is quite similar to that to which

Toomer was accustomed in high school. His familiarity with the basic fundamentals of fast-break basketball will help Toomer's chances of enhancing UK's basketball program.

"We pressed just as much in high school and shot the three (pointer) almost as much as we do here at UK," he said. "That part of adjusting hasn't been a problem."

Thus far this season, Toomer has been playing point guard on a team abundant in point-guard players. Battling players like Sean Woods, Travis Ford and Richie Farmer in daily practice can only improve Toomer's chances of proving his skeptics wrong.

Pitino said he is pleased with Toomer's progress and that he is right where the coaching staff had hoped he would be at this stage.

"Carlos has played very well,"



MICHAEL CLEVELER/Kentucky Star

Carlos Toomer regains control of the ball at a UK practice as Johnathon Davis readjusts his defense. Toomer, from Corinth, Miss., is expected to follow Sean Woods and Richie Farmer at point guard.

Pitino said. "He's in a tough position playing behind Woods, Ford and Farmer, but he is progressing very nicely."

Toomer is admirably modest in his assessment of the progress he has made at UK.

"I'm trying not to worry about

anything this year," he said. "I'm just trying to play as hard as I can. If I'm not where I want to be by the end of this year, I know I have three more years to improve."

Outside of basketball, Toomer said he thinks a great deal about his girlfriend and his parents back in

Corinth, Miss.

Toomer's contributions as a Wildcat won't be final for quite some time, but when Toomer is through, perhaps he'll have his own reasons for questioning someone's ability — in this case, the ability of "recruiting experts."

Davis: bookworm with a basketball in hand

By **TIM WIESENHAHN**
Staff Writer

Johnathon Davis' approach to UK basketball games, strangely enough, remains foreign to an overwhelming number of college basketball players.

First, he studies, then the Cats' forward concentrates on the job at hand.

Davis, who reportedly maintains a high grade point average, has adopted a personal creed epitomizing the sometimes mythical role of the student-athlete.

"Learn all you can while in school," he said. "Because athletics may only take you so far."

Although the marketing senior from Pensacola, Fla., athletically is a junior, Davis is scheduled to graduate this spring and plans to forfeit his basketball eligibility to attend law school next year.

It's not surprising, then, that when he's away from the hardwood, he enjoys reading, writing or talking with friends.

Davis averaged an anemic 1.4 points and 1.8 rebounds per game last season as a reserve. But UK coach Rick Pitino said it was Davis'

Johnathon Davis

Height: 6-8

Weight: 200

Year: Senior

Position: Forward

Hometown:

Pensacola, Fla.



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the spotlight would improve his game. But when he returned for his sophomore season, Davis and the entire UK program

were ravaged by an NCAA investigation and an ensuing probation. Davis could have followed his former teammates Chris Mills, LeRon El-

lis and Sean Sutton to greener pastures. Davis, however, elected to stay put in his school, this is my team, and I couldn't see myself anywhere else," he said.

This season, Davis said he hopes to be a leader and an inspiration to the team.

"I see myself as somebody coming into the games and giving the team some spark, getting offensive rebounds and just generally being fired up on defense — getting the defense in line," he said.

Besides looking to light a fire un-

der the Cats' defense this season, Davis said he is ready to post the kind of offensive numbers that earned him honorable mention prep All-American honors as a senior at Pensacola Pine Forest High School.

"I think that offensively, I haven't come as far along as I'd wished I had," he said. "My first two years here, I didn't get the individual instruction that I get now on offense, and it took a while for me to finally come around."

"I'd say defensively, I'm starting to come into my own, I'm starting to get to where I can make the block without that much effort. I can get there and guard my man without too much effort. That part of my game is starting to come along a little bit."

Davis said defense — that word stitched across the tails of the Cats' practice shorts — is the key to elevating UK's game.

"If everybody plays hard and we continue to improve defensively, which is our weakness right now, we can win some games. But defensively, we're not mentally focusing," he said.

But for Davis, the real test this season will come on the road, where

the team he loved too much to leave won only one game last year.

"When we get on the road, we start playing real tentatively in the beginning. We play well toward the end, but by then it will be too late to

come back, and we'll lose by five or six," Davis said. "If we can do well as a team defensively (on the road) from the jump, I think we have a chance of winning some ball games."

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Brassow sparks hardwood with 'Devilish' presence

By BOB NORMAN
Sports Editor

Some call him "Devil."
Some say he plays like the devil himself.

But Jeff Brassow got that nickname from his looks — the arched eyebrows, the dark complexion, the straight face with a confident smirk lingering on his mouth.

When Brassow left Houston, Texas, the heart and soul of the Lone Star State, to come to UK to play basketball, he knew he was going to miss the motion and atmosphere of the city.

He knew he would miss the people — the action.

"It was fun, living in Houston. With four million people, there is always something to do, always people to meet," the 6-foot-5 sophomore guard said, repeating, "Always people to meet."

But Brassow had other things to do, other people to meet. He left Houston, the prolific city of political and economic drama, to play basketball on a stage unlike any other in the nation — in the theater of Rupp Arena.

Perhaps he was tired of meeting and talking to people and decided that he would rather perform for them. His performances, after all, are very interesting.

Brassow plays frenetically. Devilishly. His play is marked by perpetual motion. His court presence has a wildness about it. With his penchant

Jeff Brassow

Height: 6-5
Weight: 193
Year: Sophomore
Position: Guard
Hometown:
Houston, Texas



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— including seven three-pointers in the second half.

"I love it," he said of coach Rick Pitino's system. "I would rather play in this system than in any other. I fit right in."

Brassow had to labor for his love. He was the only high school player in the nation to sign with probation-ravaged UK in the tumultuous year of 1988. He stuck with UK, and he will be the lone four-year scholarship senior to burst through the hoop in 1993.

But that scenario is in the future, where nothing is certain. So Brassow is focused on the present, and hard work has been his life in the preseason. The future, however, occupies some of his thoughts in the form of ambition. His goal for this season is to win the Mr. Deflection Award — a fitting ambition for the 20-year-old.

The Mr. Deflection Award is based on the number of times a UK player tips the ball, dives on the ball, picks up a loose ball, steals the ball or blocks a shot.

"I like that award," Brassow said of Mr. Deflection, shared by Reggie Hanson and John Pelphrey last season.

Brassow's impetuous style on the court will give him a good shot at becoming Mr. Deflection. But the control he lacks has hindered progress in other factors of his game — like ball control and overall court savvy.

Brassow said he's realized that trying to do too many things at once sometimes prevents anything from actually getting done.

"I've been playing better at practices. Earlier in the year I was trying to do too much, and now I'm setting down and trying to play my own game," he said.

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Sophomore guard Jeff Brassow terrorizes a defender during last season's game against Mississippi State University. (Below) Brassow attempts a high-flying dunk during a UK preseason practice.

drive, he's also trying to chill out on the court.

"I really need to work on settling down, on relaxing. I've been playing hard, though, and when you play hard, good things are going to happen."

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Out of the Woods? UK guard growing up

By **BOB NORMAN**
Sports Editor

Sean Woods had never endured the kinds of problems that most people had. He had never questioned his talents. He had few doubts and exuded confidence on and off the court.

Hard work was never necessary. He was a genius on the basketball court.

School was useless. Point guards applied physical laws naturally, so why learn them? He knew the laws of motion in a way that no physicist could ever comprehend.

While playing ball for Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, he produced human logarithms that most mathematicians would be hard-pressed to grasp.

He won awards; accolades fell on him as he coasted on his talent. All-City. All-State. All-American. Blessed by those superlatives describing his skills, Woods was courted by some of the hottest basketball programs in the nation.

He chose UK — the one program that, at that time (1987), looked to be the most promising in the nation.

"I always did things to just get by," he said.

Then ghosts from his past returned to haunt him. His grades cost him his first year of eligibility — a Proposition 48 casualty. He sat in the stands his freshman season.

"Pick-up games just don't help

that much," he said.

And then came the dismantling of UK's powerhouse. NCAA rules were broken. Probation set in. The loss of Rex Chapman, Chris Mills, Eric Manuel and Sean Sutton — all guards — left Woods as a probable starter.

As a man-child — a sophomore/freshman — Woods was thrust into the vortex of UK basketball's ever-open eye. He would, indeed, start at point guard.

"I didn't know what to expect," Woods said.

"I didn't think it would be that rough of a transition. But, as you found out, it was."

Not that he really had a disappointing season. He led the Southeastern Conference in assists, averaging 5.9 per game. He averaged a respectable 9.1 points for the season. But there was something missing — or something jumbling things up.

Perhaps he tried to do too much. He forced the ball at times; his immature cockiness wasn't always good for execution. He forced shots — he forced a lot of things.

In short, he tried to show everyone that Sean Woods had arrived in a big way. And that often led to small gains.

The turning point came when UK coach Rick Pitino, who keeps a firm grasp on the psychological state and the physical being of his players, and who molds his players careful-

ly, benched Woods in favor of Richie Farmer.

"It got me," Woods said last season after the Ole Miss game. "(Pitino) He's waking me up."

He remembers well the effect it had on him.

"(It (the bench time) screwed my head on right," he said. "I wasn't concentrating, and I really wasn't working very hard.

"It made me think in the perspective of life can go on in Kentucky basketball without Sean Woods at point guard."

Since then, Woods has been engaged in a struggle to break his old lazy habits.

The college game — along with Pitino's discipline and advice — has produced many self-realizations in the 20-year-old.

He often reflects on his past.

"My life was not that disciplined," he said. "It wasn't that I was wild or anything. But coach (Pitino) knew I had more in me than what I putting out. He likes over-achievers."

Pitino also reflects on what he perceived to be a lackluster effort on Woods' part.

"He frustrated me by not working hard, by underachieving, by not reaching his potential," the coach said.

So Woods began to raise his energy output a level or two.

His second half of the season was much better than the first. After the

missed start, he leapt from the bench to lead a swarming press to a victory against Ole Miss.

The next game, he led all scorers (with 20 points) in UK's upset win over league-leading Georgia.

And his improvement didn't stop when the last game buzzer sounded. He says he worked hard during the summer, especially on his questionable jump shot (300 repetitions a day).

"I came in (to practice this season) in great shape with my mind open to things," he said. "I'm going to be patient. You won't see anything forced this season, or anything of that nature."

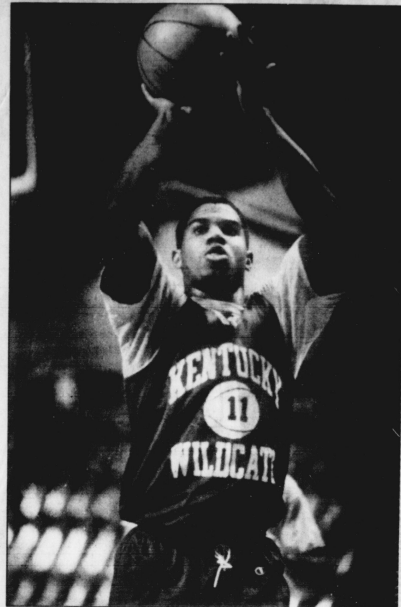
Pitino has noticed the change.

"He's gone from a guard that frustrated me a great deal to someone who is both maturing physically and mentally," Pitino said of his confirmed starter. "He's becoming a real good leader. He's becoming a guard who in the next two years could be one of the top guards in the SEC."

Woods said the shot repetitions have added another unexpected dimension to his game.

"There are times when people think that Sean is going to drive all the time," Woods said. "But there are going to be times when I come down and pull up."

"It gives the defense more things to think about when facing Sean Woods. And I've got a year under my belt."



MICHAEL CLEVELYER/Kannel Staff

UK starting point guard Sean Woods pops a jumper. Woods, who has had trouble with his shot, says it may soon be a viable weapon.

Ford can do it all, only not this year

By **TIM WIESENHAHN**
Staff Writer

What's that old saying? It ain't bragging if you can do it.

Apparently UK coach Rick Pitino believes sophomore guard Travis Ford can do it.

"Travis has an arrogance about himself — almost like a matador," Pitino said. "He struts his stuff. He's got a lot of ability."

Ford first demonstrated his abilities at North Hopkins High School, averaging 31.7 points and eight assists a game as a senior. He was named All-State on three occasions — as well as a Parade All-American — and became the second player in school history to have his jersey retired, joining UK All-American Frank Ramsey.

The 5-10 point guard emerged last season at the University of Missouri as a key reserve. Ford started seven games for Tigers' coach Norm Stewart and often was inserted in pressure situations.

"I really enjoyed my year," Ford said. "I couldn't have asked for a better year. I loved it — the fans were great."

However, he said an NCAA investigation of Missouri's basketball program and the threat of possible sanctions prompted the Madisonville native to leave the Tigers.

"It was tough leaving," Ford said. "But I thought the best situation for me was to go ahead and play somewhere else. I'm glad I'm here, and I have no regrets about what I did. I look forward to wearing the blue and getting on with it."

Ford said transferring to UK has gone off without a hitch.

"It really isn't that big of a change," he said. "I probably knew a lot more people coming here than I did at Missouri — so it's been a little easier adjustment."

It was Pitino's run 'em and leave 'em offense that sparked his interest in UK, Ford said.

"The first game I saw was the LSU game here (in Lexington)," he said. "I knew the outcome but still had chills running down my spine. You could tell the players were playing loosely."

"I didn't really understand how you could win that way. But once I saw the game, I realized they were running a structured offense. Still, they got off quite a few shots — any shooter would enjoy that."

Ford, who made the Big Eight Conference All-Freshman team, hit 60 of 67 free throws for a school record .896 percentage. He averaged 6.4 points and 3.5 assists per game. And his 105 assists and 36 steals were the most ever accrued by a Missouri freshman.

"Coach Pitino gives you a lot more freedom as a player," Ford said. "He focuses on the positive. Coach (Norm) Stewart does not run



MICHAEL CLEVELYER/Kannel Staff

Sophomore guard Travis Ford handles some fierce pressure from teammates Deron Feldhaus and Jeff Brassow as Reggie Hanson looks for the pass. Ford, a transfer, will have to wait to show off.

an as up-tempo-type offense — you don't have quite as much freedom."

In further reference to Pitino, he said: "He's an enthusiastic coach. He's very positive, and I think he knows a lot about basketball. Coach Pitino is letting them play basketball. I think a lot of times, coaches now are trying to add a little bit of stuff that holds some players back instead of getting the most out of their ability. Coach Pitino lets players get the most out of their ability."

Last summer, Ford was the second-leading scorer at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Minneapolis, averaging 23 points per game for the South team. Ford canned the winning hoop in the final seconds to win the gold medal for the South.

But Ford won't have the opportunity to stage any last-second heroics this season. Missouri was placed on a two-year probation by the NCAA earlier this month for a series of violations from 1985-1989. He will have to watch his teammates from the sidelines this season.

In addition, UK does not have a scholarship to offer Ford this season because the NCAA has limited the Cats to four new scholarships as part of its current sanctions.

Despite the limitations, Ford said he is comfortable with his role.

"I just want to go in this season and learn coach Pitino's system and help Sean, Richie or Carlos — all the guards," Ford said. "I just want to work with them and help make them better players and work real hard in practice."

And Ford, most noted for his outstanding back-court play — ball handling, passing skills and outside shooting — said although he can't remember ever having sat out a basketball season, he is willing to make the most of his situation.

"It's going to be rough emotionally," he said. "It's really going to hit me when the first games start. I'm really going to want to be out there. I think the players are going to help me out. Physically, I don't think it's going to bring me down any. I think sitting out a year is going to help me more than it's going to hurt me."

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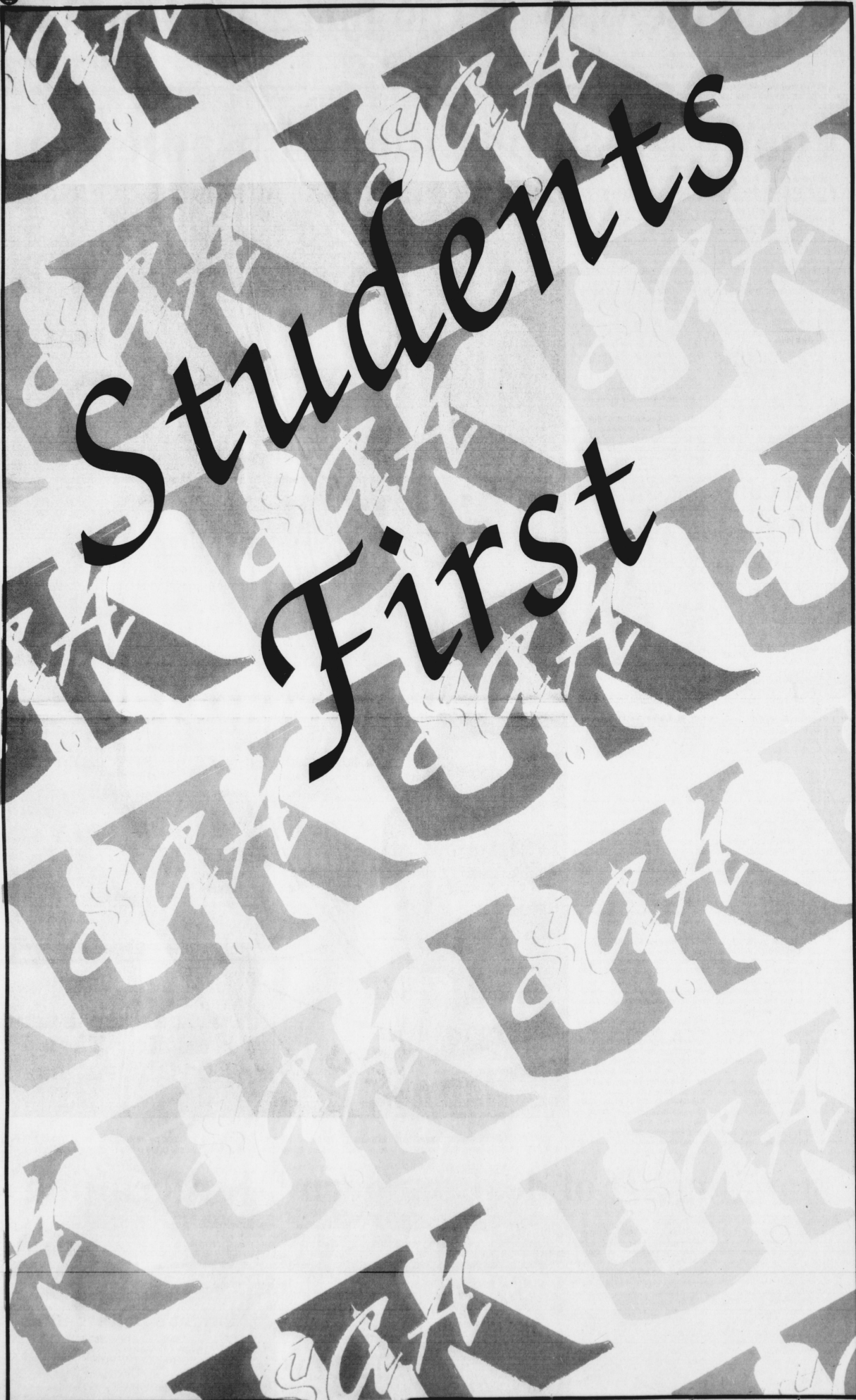
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Young Mash burning with potential

Mashburn leads UK's young, diverse 1990 recruiting class

By JEFF DRUMMOND
Staff Writer

Looking for a low-post player?
Need a small forward?
How about a point guard or a shooter?

In most cases, a basketball coach would have to recruit five different players to fill these needs, but not UK coach Rick Pitino.

When Pitino signed Jamal Mashburn out of the Bronx in New York City last year, he got all of those players wrapped into one body — a 6-9, 244-pound body.

Listed as one of the top 10 incoming freshmen in college basketball, Mashburn received a "Mr. Everything" label at Cardinal Hayes High School, breaking the Catholic school's scoring record with 1,603 points in three varsity seasons.

He averaged 26.3 points, 10.5 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game his senior year and was named New York state's "Mr. Basketball," receiving votes for all five positions.

Many have compared Mashburn's overall ability to that of former North Carolina and current Charlotte Hornets player J.R. Reid.

"That would be a great honor," Mashburn said in reference to comparisons to Reid and Charles Barkley, among others.

"But I've still got to prove myself. I haven't even played a game yet at Kentucky, so we'll see later on."

Many people would feel pressured by such comparisons and by the tight focus on basketball — but not Mashburn.

"It doesn't bother me," the 17-year-old said. "I play basketball. I've learned to expect them (the comparisons). But it's a little different down here. In New York, you don't have this kind of focus on basketball. It's the main thing out here, and everybody's expectations are so high."

It's the potential and the various roles Mashburn can fill that put him at No. 1, along with 7-foot-er Eric Montross, on UK's list of recruits.

"I think every player fits into a different style," Pitino said. "Mashburn can play in a number of styles. He can handle the ball in the open floor, he can post up and use his 240 pounds to rebound, he shoots well and he's a great passer."

"Before we signed him, our biggest man (Reggie Hanson) was only 6-foot-8, so Jamal will be welcome. He's not just an athlete, but a basketball player. He understands the game. He's adept at every phase of the game and works very hard."

With an overall lack of height on this year's squad, Pitino envisions Mashburn primarily as a low-post player. But Mashburn is willing to play anywhere he is needed.

"I like the inside-outside, small forward/power forward (positions)," Mashburn said. "But it really doesn't matter. I'll play wherever

coach Pitino wants me to. I just want to help the team."

Versatility, a word that will become synonymous with Mashburn during the span of his career, is a quality he prides himself on, calling it his "big strength."

Tom Konchaliski, a high school basketball talent scout, says, "Mashburn's got the body of a blacksmith and the touch of a surgeon."

Apparently, there is nothing that Mashburn cannot do.

The lone knock on his game is an occasional lack of intensity, something Pitino specializes in improving.

"It's his personality," Cardinal Hayes coach Tom Murray said. "He's laid-back. For him, it's fun to play basketball. He's very unselfish. He understands that if he did it all, the other players would never improve."

"The sky is the limit for Jamal," Pitino said. "But Jamal is as close to the bottom as he is to the top. He

Jamal Mashburn

Height: 6-9

Weight: 244

Year: Freshman

Position: Forward

Hometown:

Bronx, N.Y.



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could be a lottery pick (in the NBA) someday, or he might not get drafted. It all depends on his intensity level. It's not something that can be easily picked up, but he has certainly learned quite a bit since he's been here."

Pitino has found another special quality in Mashburn — unselfishness.

"He's got a good dose of humility," Pitino said. "He doesn't like all-star games. He doesn't like the credit. He loves passing. Believe it or not, he would rather make a great pass than score, which is extremely rare."

It's no coincidence then that Mashburn's hero is Magic Johnson of the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers — also 6-9 and one of the most versatile players in basketball history.

Pitino said (Reggie) Hanson will serve as a "security blanket" of sorts for Mashburn — helping the freshman through his first season.

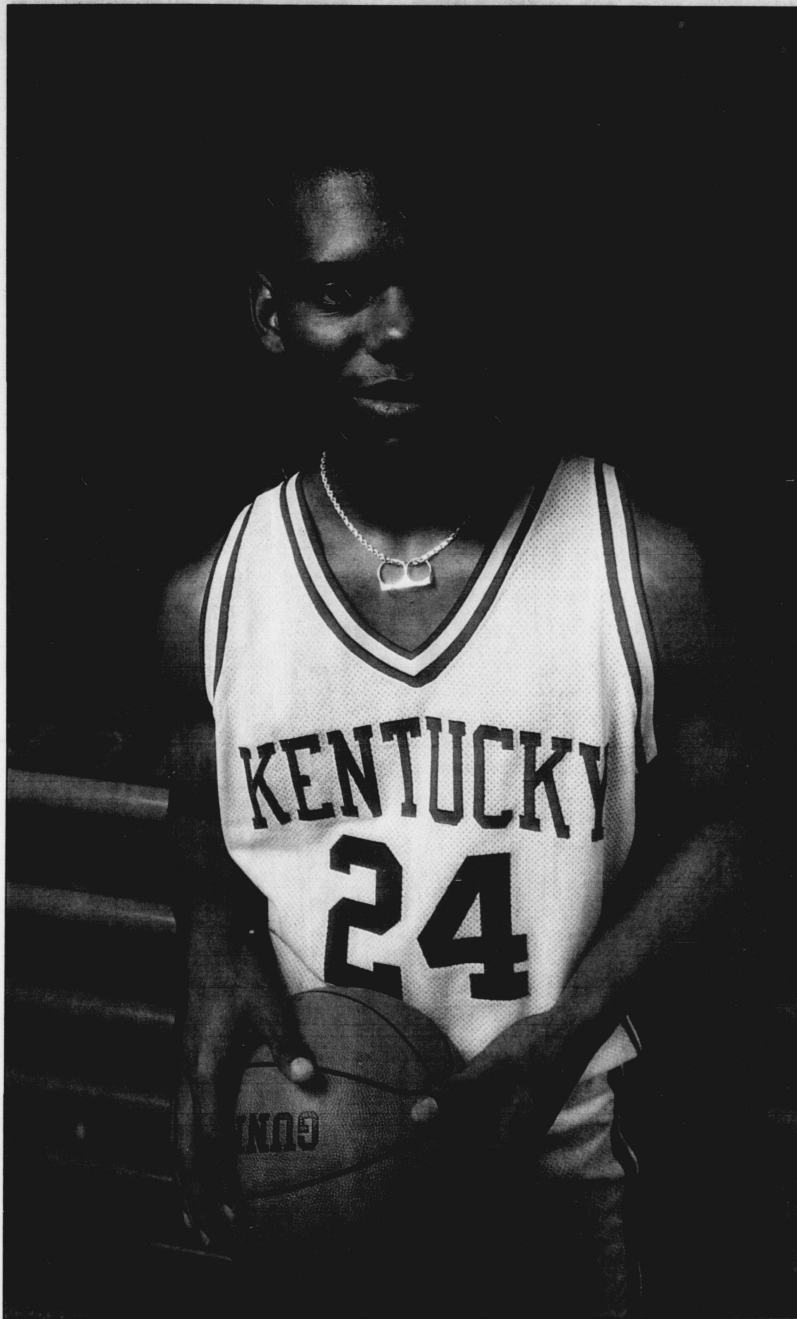
"We have to get these guys (the freshmen) playing time," Pitino said. "We've got to get them time and let them play through their mistakes, which is tough for a coach to do."

"But we have guys like Reggie Hanson to help him along, and I think we have a schedule that will make boys into men."

When Mashburn dons the No. 24 UK jersey for his first collegiate game, it won't take that long to make the transition.

But how long — two games, half of a game or four minutes? Who knows?

Only one thing is certain — the sky is the limit.



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Jamal Mashburn is the premiere recruit for this season's UK squad. He's tall, 6-9; he's big, 244; and by all accounts, he is loaded with potential. A 17-year-old freshman, Mashburn is surely hard-pressed to live up to such praise. "I've still got to prove myself," he said.

Changing art of deal: modern UK recruiting

By JONATHAN MILLER
Staff Writer

A traditional college basketball powerhouse is only as good as its last recruiting year.

In terms of recruiting, UK continues to withstand the test of time. Year after year, the Wildcats attract the country's best young talent. But when it comes to winning NCAA Championships, the wait is growing uncomfortably long for UK fans.

With UK players and coaches talking about rebuilding their probation-plagued team for a possible trip to next year's NCAA tournament,

those dreams only can become reality by "selecting" the best high school athletes in the country, said UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton.

"It's the lifeblood of any sport," said Newton, who was head coach for Southeastern Conference teams Vanderbilt and Alabama.

"Recruiting (at UK) is selecting." Recruiting, however, has changed significantly since the Wildcats' last NCAA Championship in 1978.

The NCAA has amended legislation restricting the amount of time assistant coaches can spend talking to high school players.

"You used to be able to be out re-

cruiting all the time," said Orlando "Tubby" Smith, associate coach at UK, in reference to his seven years of recruiting while he was assistant at Virginia Commonwealth from 1979-86.

For Smith, along with UK assistant coach/recruiting coordinator Herb Sendek, the 1990 recruiting has strict, mandatory guidelines.

A look at a recruiter's tedious schedule follows:

From June 1-July 4, there is a quiet period when no contact can be made with recruits. Then, there is an evaluation period from July 5-31, when high school coaches can be contacted.

From Sept. 11-Oct. 10, personal contact can be made with recruits. After another quiet period from Oct. 11-Nov. 12, a three-day national signing period begins. Then, from Dec. 12-Jan. 19, there is another quiet period.

After Jan. 19, Smith and Sendek will have 10 days to make personal contact with recruits.

From the UK recruiting wars this fall, the four precious scholarships available for the 1991-92 season have already been gobbled up.

Andre Riddick, a 6-9 center from New York City, N.Y., and Aminu Timberlake, 6-9 from Chicago De La Salle High School, have signed,

giving UK two additional big men next season.

Dale Brown, a 6-foot-3 shooting guard who will transfer to UK from Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, and Chris Harrison, a 6-3 guard from Toilesboro High School in Kentucky, will join the team as well.

"As long as everybody's doing it (following the NCAA rules), it's fair," Smith said.

Two teams that neighbor UK have built the closest thing to dynasties the past decade while abiding by the new rules — the University of Louisville and Indiana University, who combined for four

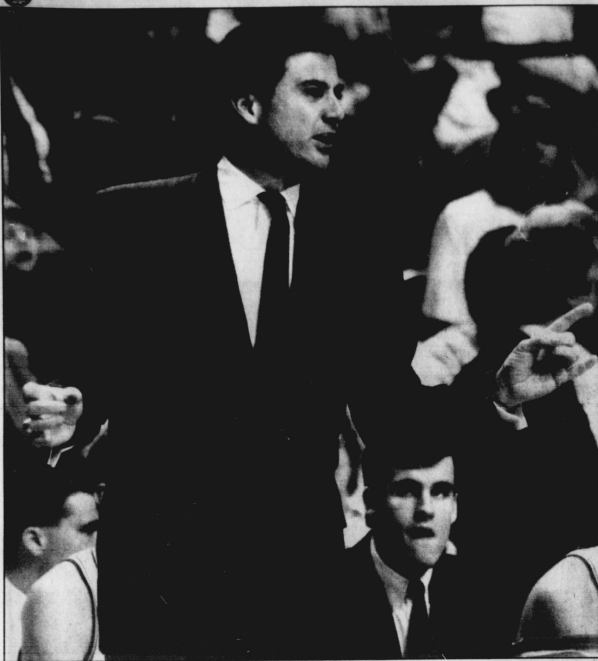
NCAA Championships during the 1980s.

People may be wondering then what UK, in the NCAA doghouse for another year and absent from the Final Four since 1984, has to offer high school prospects.

Three UK freshmen on scholarship said coach Rick Pitino was the overriding selling point for the Wildcat program.

Pitino, who preceded the UK top post by coaching the NBA's New York Knicks for two seasons, introduced a fast-paced style of basketball to the Bluegrass. He surprised everyone last year by compiling a

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For Pitino, Kentucky is the end of the road

By **BOBBY KING**
Assistant Sports Editor

Rick Pitino is well known as a college basketball coach. But there is more to the 38-year-old native New Yorker than the man you see ranting and raving on the sidelines on winter nights in Kentucky.

He is also a businessman, a family man and someone with a true sense of where he's going and where he's been.

Pitino recently leapt into the Lexington business world via two separate ventures.

The first, a chain of car washes that will blanket the state, caters to the philanthropist in Pitino. His share of the profits is donated to charity.

But his latest undertaking is an Italian restaurant known as "Bravo Pitino," to be located in Victorian Square. Its appeal is twofold for the owner.

The first interest is pure, uninhibited fun. The second — and far more important — is relatively simple for Pitino, who stays away from the managerial aspects of the deal.



MICHAEL CLEVELAND/Kernell Staff

"All they do is use my name — except I eat," he said.

The restaurant is significant — not only to Pitino the businessman, but also to Pitino the coach. After making UK his fourth head coaching job in just more than 12 years, he had to answer the doubts about whether UK was just another stop along the dusty trail.

But Pitino thinks the restaurant, and the commitment behind it, will set aside those doubts. For example, he asked an old friend to leave his Rhode Island home and come to Lexington for the sole purpose of managing the establishment.

"The first thing my friend asked me was, 'Rick, you spent five years at (Boston University), two years with the (New York) Knicks, two years at Providence (College), and two more years with the Knicks — I can't move my family, close my business after 30 years for you to move on.'" Fulfilling contractual commitments, he admits, hasn't been one of his strong points in the past.

"That's like item C in why I wanted to open this restaurant. It answers the No. 1 thing I have to get over in this town."

Pitino not only has to quell the fears of Wildcat faithfuls, but he also has something to prove to anxious recruits who know his track record. Now, for the first time in his career, he feels he can look them in the eye and tell them he's not going to leave.

"I've never done that before," he said. "When I was at Providence, a recruit would ask me if I'd see him graduate. I would tell him, 'No one knows what's in store for a coach. I hope to be there, but no one knows where you'll be.' Now I'm telling new recruits that I will see you graduate, and I will do that up until ... my contract runs out."

But the question in many people's minds is why Pitino left a school like Providence — one for which he and his family had a great affection. "I should have never left Providence," he said. "My ego got in the way."

"I wanted to be the New York Knicks coach after growing up 10 streets from Madison Square Garden, even though I had happiness and I had all the things I needed as a basketball coach."

It's hard to blame a man for letting the little boy inside of him, the little boy who lived and died with the Knicks during their glory days, become overwhelmed when his dream was handed to him.

But like many dreams, the reality lying behind it wasn't as exciting as the illusion. The game he saw as a child was something quite different from the business attitude, characteristic of the professional game.

Egos aside, Pitino sees Kentucky as the top rung of the basketball coaching ladder, and he plans to stay put. But a lack of upward mobility is only part of his new-found stability.

Enter Pitino, the family man.

Much was made of the rumor that Pitino's wife, Joanne, was reluctant about the job change. Some said she didn't like the idea of coming to Kentucky. He, however, said that was all a misunderstanding. "It's just that she said, 'Enough is enough. We left Rhode Island and it was a great job. We came to New York. Let's not move anymore. The children are suffering.'"

"It wasn't the move to a specific place," he said. "It was the move in general. They say that the three most traumatic things in life are death, divorce, and moving — we have done too much moving."

Pitino, who has six years remaining on his contract, said he has assured his three oldest sons — Michael, 12, Christopher, 10, and Richard, 8 — that they can leave their bags unpacked this time. His youngest son Ryan, born this summer, had little say in the matter.

"I've convinced them," he said. "They are like recruits in that whatever I tell them, they believe."

Surprisingly, Pitino said the move

from New York to Kentucky wasn't as drastic a culture shock as people would think.

While he was the Knicks' head man, Pitino and the family lived in Bedford, N.Y., — a rural area outside of the city he compared to Paris, Ky., because it, too, is horse country.

Because of that experience, Pitino said he is acquainted with life in the slow lane as well.

"I had four and a half acres of land, and I couldn't even see my next door neighbor who lived a quarter mile away."

"It was a different type of living. The schools were not overcrowded. There was no public transportation in that area. People have certain misconceptions about certain parts of New York."

Although life in Kentucky isn't always stressful, being the Wildcat basketball coach is, UK's head man not only has to coach his team successfully, but he also is constantly in the media spotlight.

Work, however, means different things to different people. And Pitino, who worked for his father in New York's Garment District throughout high school and college, said there are far worse jobs than his.

"My dad owned a trucking business and was a superintendent of an industrial building. I worked unloading cartons and putting cartons on (the trucks). I worked on a freight elevator with heavy cargo. People say you must get tired of this or being in this fishbowl and I say, 'Well, it's a lot better than working on my dad's truck.'"

As much as the youthful Pitino enjoys his work, the long hours and constant pressure already have had him pondering his future and, believe it or not, retirement.

"I've gone after it a lot harder than most people have gone at it in terms of coaching. I may be 38 years of age on the outside, but on the inside this is my 17th year of coaching. I started young."

Young indeed. Pitino assumed his first college head coaching job at Boston University at age 26. Now, some 12 years later at UK, he has found the place where he wants to end his career.

"I would really like to coach until I'm 47 or 48 years of age. I think it's a young person's game today, and I think while you are in the 40s, you can handle it."

"But when you start getting close to 50 ... not that you are old, but with the recruiting pressures, and the stress level of dealing with everybody, and the intensity level that you have to have, I think that going beyond 50 would be difficult."

After his coaching days are over, Pitino says he may like to try his hand at broadcasting, but at least for the next six years he is happy right where he is.

But you can be certain that not all of his thoughts are on such weighty matters.

Like anyone else, he sometimes has to let his hair down — or slick it back — and enjoy some time with friends. And in his friends he looks for colorful personalities like himself.

"My best friends in life have been (author) Damon Runyon characters — just people that don't have notoriety for anything. They just make you laugh and just have fun. They are just regular guys who just want to go out and have fun, play golf and have a beer and a hot dog together."

And that says a lot about Pitino, who, in a state where basketball often resembles a mild form of religion, is pegged as the keeper of the flame. But Pitino — ego and all — says his needs are simple.

"My No. 1 goal in life is to work hard and have fun."

Pitino has done both. As a coach, he continues to work hard. And as a businessman, he is having fun. But finally, it seems, he has found a place where he can finally make his family feel at home.

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ABOVE: Pitino, in his best business attire, makes a point during a game last season.

ABOVE RIGHT: With eyes fixed upon his players in a preseason practice, Pitino offers some constructive criticism. For the first time in his career, Pitino says he can look a recruit in the eyes and assure him that he will see him graduate.

Right: Pitino casts a critical eye on the action in a game last season.

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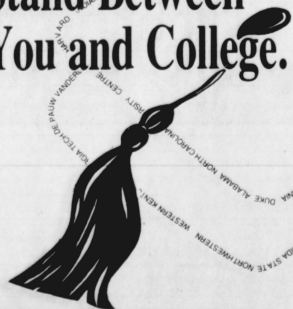
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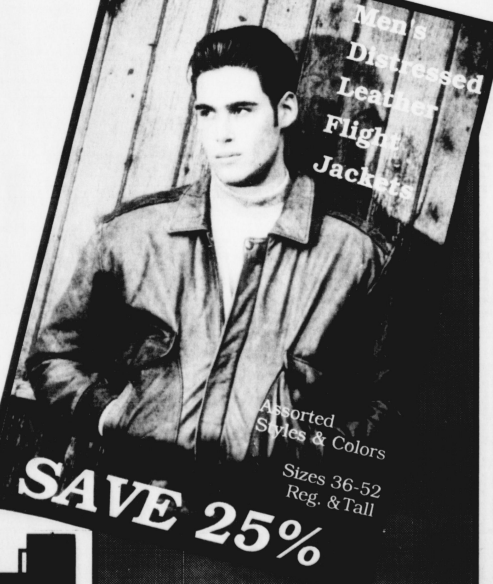


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As 'Pel' moves ahead, legacies trail behind

By BOB NORMAN
Sports Editor

Suddenly he appeared as an electrifying force in a small Eastern Kentucky town. A force whose electricity emanated through several channels while on the basketball court.

His power created loud rumblings in a coal town's high school gymnasium.

A wizard, whose wand was a orange, leather ball, had charmed Paintsville.

John Pelphrey had suddenly arrived on the Kentucky basketball scene, and his electricity zoomed through the old gym crowds like electricity through Edison's first bulb.

With each smooth drive to the basket, each perfectly rotating pass, each show of his impeccable, career-giving coordination of mind, movement and motivation, the virgin crowd — an audience inexperienced in the ways of live basketball — were left with mouths agape.

This was before he was thrust into UK basketball as a sophomore last season. Before he had the chance to charm the eager Rupp Arena fans.

He left a legacy in Paintsville. His abilities lit an attraction to basketball in the town, what Pelphrey calls a new tradition.

"Paintsville never enjoyed any success in basketball before John. We had never had any player like John," Pelphrey's high school coach Bill Mike Runyan said recently. "He brought people into the gym. They wanted to see a Mr. Basketball in action."

"Any fans who had any sense at all didn't want to miss the chance."

Pelphrey, indeed, did create a new, possibly lasting, trend in Paintsville. Since his high school playing days (from 1984-1988), the town has instituted what Runyan calls a "buddy system" — an intramural basketball program for children from elementary school through middle school.

"We created a following," Pelphrey said of himself and current UK football player Joey Couch, his old running mate at Paintsville. "We created a lot of excitement. We started a little tradition there and it is still going."

No wonder. The three-time all-stater and Kentucky Mr. Basketball — along with fellow all-stater Couch — led the Tigers to three Regional championships and one semifinal berth in the Sweet 16 his senior year.

A state championship is one thing he didn't achieve. "We were always good enough to win one," Pelphrey said. The team never made it to the top. And that brings up another point: despite all his smarts and ability, Pelphrey has some shortcomings. He's not a dominating force. His is the ability that creates plays for the dominators. His potential is limited. His size, a slender 6-5, will keep him from becoming a big-time swing man.

He lacks the speed and basketballing abilities of the best guards. His feet could be springier. He could use more inches on his vertical leap. He may never see a day of pro ball, but in this, the college game, he is a little Bird. "I was just with a scout from the Portland Trail Blazers. He said that he is certainly not playing at this level, but he is a mini Larry Bird in what he does for a team," UK coach Rick Pitino said of the junior. "He can pass, shoot, run. He does all of the good things — the smart things — you can do on a basketball court in helping the team."

"That is what he basically is to our team — a mini Larry Bird."

Pelphrey's diverse skills ensure him immense playing time — and in all probability a starting position this season. He is one of those strange breeds of basketball players, the guard/forward. His role last season was on the latter end of the term-combination.

At small forward, Pelphrey averaged 13 points (fourth on last year's team), 5.3 rebounds (third), had 21 blocks (second), 61 steals (tied with Reggie Hanson for first) and 76 assists (second).

John Pelphrey

Height: 6-7

Weight: 197

Year: Junior

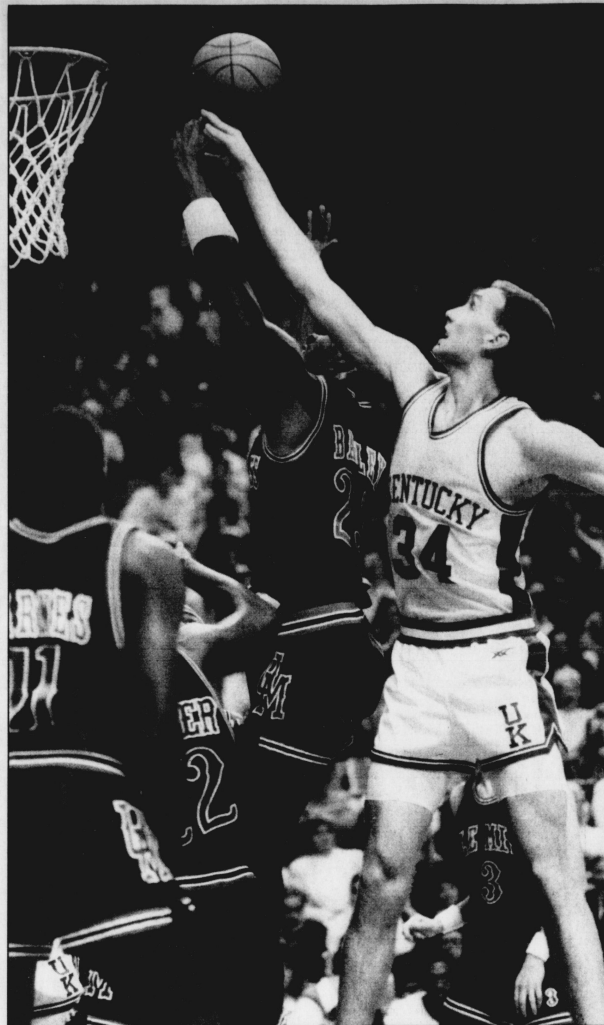
Position: Forward/Guard

Hometown:

Paintsville, Ky.



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This season, Pelphrey sees time at both small forward and two guard. Pitino, in his quest for the best starting five, has shuffled the lineup several times during the preseason. Pelphrey, with his diverse skills, should be an interchangeable piece in Pitino's scheme. "I think (Pelphrey is) the best passer and he's a consistent shooter. He knows how to play the best," Pitino said of the competition at the two guard spot. "Maybe he doesn't have the press of the two guard, but I think he's got the smarts to overcome errors."

"... I just have an idea about it. If they are all even, I think I'll start Pelphrey because John likes the light, so to speak." Because of his physical limitations, Pelphrey was not expected to play a leading role for UK this early in his career. It took probation, along with Pitino's open, wild style of play, to give Pelphrey that chance. Pelphrey is one of the few UK troopers who has stuck it out during the entire scandalous period in UK basketball. And he's glad he did. "I never thought about playing anywhere else. This is a dream of mine," Pelphrey said. "And bringing in probably the best coach in the nation going at the time, coach Pitino, into the basketball program was great."

"Pitino was lacking in talent and it gave me a chance to play."

Pitino not only gave him a chance to play, but the coach also gave the versatile Pelphrey freedom on the court. "He's given me a college basketball career," Pelphrey said. "... He's allowed me to do the kind of things I did in high school — dribble and pass and shoot for range a little bit. He's put in a whole different type of game, whereas it was a lot more structured before he got here. He allows us to do things in the system everyone wants to play in."

As in high school, Pelphrey said he still loves to generate excitement in the crowds, only now it is magnified in the raucous, passionate setting of Rupp Arena. "It was unreal. There are times when they start clapping, trying to keep you up, and it makes all the difference in the world."

UK junior John Pelphrey reaches over a defender at the basket. Pelphrey, a Paintsville native, has established himself as a force on the UK basketball team.

Farmer wants more spotlight

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

Although Richie Farmer has not yet lived up to his potential, he definitely has enjoyed moments in the spotlight during his two seasons at UK.

Many Wildcat fans may remember that Farmer — who will aid Sean Woods at point guard again

this season — iced free throws down the stretch that enabled UK to defeat LSU and Tennessee.

During his sophomore season, the former Mr. Basketball hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to oust Ole Miss.

For the last two seasons, Farmer has led the team in free-throw percentage. Farmer, however, has spent some time in the dark.

He almost quit the team after a disagreement with UK strength coach Ray "Rock" Oliver this year. After some reassuring words

Richie Farmer

Height: 6-0

Weight: 173

Year: Junior

Position: Guard

Hometown:

Manchester, Ky.



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from UK coach Rick Pitino, however, the Clay County High School all-time leading scorer returned to preseason practices. And he's seems once again to be striving for the

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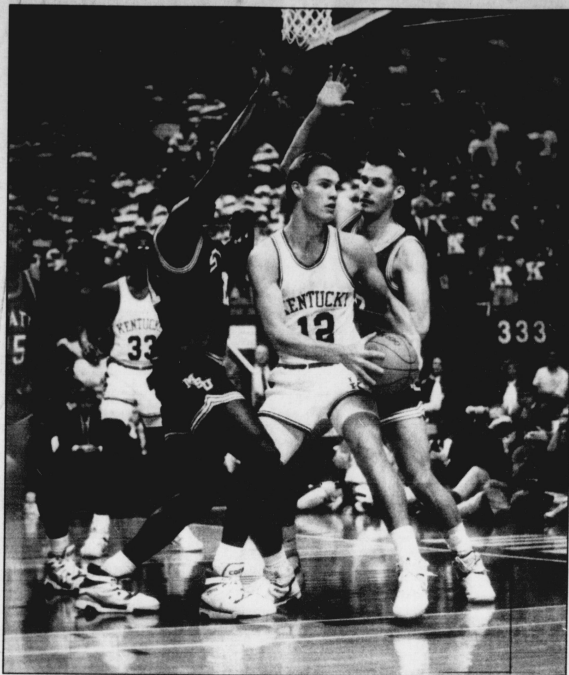
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UK junior forward Deron Feldhaus looks for an outlet pass against Mississippi State last year. (Below) Feldhaus, who Pitino has called 'egoless,' gets a workout in practice with Herb Sendek.

'Humble' Feldhaus to fill need for Cats

By CHRIS HARVEY
Senior Staff Writer

You won't find him on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* or the *Sporting News*. He's not a hotshot basketball star destined for the NBA.

But UK's Deron Feldhaus has had the kind of career to prepare him to play his game — not to expect the lights of stardom.

"I'm pretty much just a role-player who is trying to improve each time I take the court," said Feldhaus, who finished third in scoring last year with 14.4 points per game. "I just try not to make a lot of mental mistakes."

In addition to being a reliable worker on the boards and a reliable scoring threat for the Cats, Feldhaus, a 6-7 junior forward, is the consummate team player.

UK coach Rick Pitino said Feldhaus is an ideal player to coach. "Deron Feldhaus is what I'd like every player to be. Humble. Hard-working. Diligent about everything — his studies as well as basketball. Gendemanly," Pitino said. "If you had to take a basketball player and just mold him

out of clay, you'd come up with Deron Feldhaus. He's got all the attributes you want in an athlete, a basketball player and a student."

Feldhaus' blood runs so blue that, if necessary, he's offered to give up his scholarship next year so Pitino can sign another recruit.

"It's something me and coach have talked about," said the Maysville native. "It is a big key in helping us win a national championship. I'll do anything to help us do that."

Winning championships and being an integral part of UK hoopla are key reasons Feldhaus decided to cast his lot with UK and then-coach Eddie Sutton in 1987.

"It was my dream to play at Kentucky since I was a little

Deron Feldhaus

Height: 6-7

Weight: 211

Year: Junior

Position: Forward

Hometown:

Maysville, Ky.



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kid," he said. "The probation was very unfortunate, but everything has been what I expected it to be."

UK basketball is in Feldhaus' genes. His father, Allen, played for UK under coach Adolph Rupp from 1960-62 and was his high school coach at Mason County.

As a redshirt freshman, Feldhaus averaged 3.7 points and 3.3 rebounds a contest. He was redshirted for the 1987-88 season.

Feldhaus said he and other teammates are looking forward to giving it their all this year in preparation for next season, when the Cats will be eligible for NCAA competition.

"My expectations are a lot higher this year," said Feldhaus, last season's recipient of UK's Most Improved Player and Mr. Hustle. "We all have a year under our belt, plus we have more experience and depth. We'll all be a lot fresher this season."

Affectionately known as "House" by his teammates, Feldhaus improved his game tremendously during the summer.

But he has a long way to go to become the player he thinks he can be.

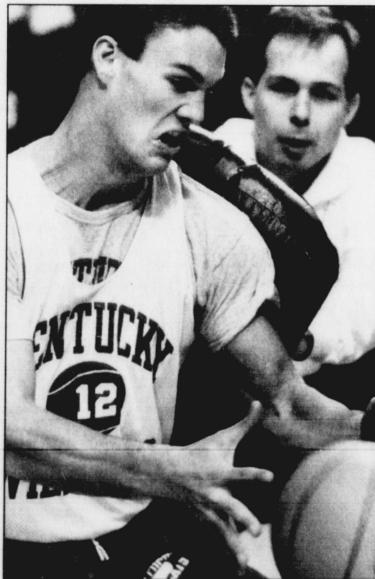
"I'm a lot stronger and I've really improved my vertical jump," he said. "My play on defense and in our pressing scheme has to improve. It's hard to keep up on both ends of the court sometimes. I need to improve on my quickness and rebounding."

Another thing that has helped Feldhaus prepare for the 1990-91 season is UK's competitive class of recruits.

"The competition has really helped everybody out," he said. "We (the returning players) have to go out everyday and play hard. The competition will bring out the player in all of us."

Feldhaus says he wants the team to win at least 18 games and fare well in the SEC this season.

"With the players we have returning and the experience we have, there's no reason we can't accomplish our goals this season."



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Braddy, Bearup lead UK's cast of walk-ons

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

During year one of UK's probation last season, walk-ons served a vital stop-gap role in coach Rick Pitino's plan to bring the Wildcats back to national prominence.

"Certainly walk-ons have helped us build the program back, but I don't think you'll see them as a mainstay in our program," said UK's second-year head coach. Unlike more gifted scholarship players, the walk-ons on the 1990-91 team have had to rely on a tireless work ethic to earn their chance to shine.

But make no mistake, Nehemiah "Junior" Braddy and Todd Bearup are two weapons in the Wildcat artillery who will play vital roles

again this season.

Braddy, a sophomore guard from Jacksonville, Fla., averaged 5.1 minutes a game last season. He believes hard work will enable him to see more playing time this season, and he plans to use that time well — by dismantling opposing offenses with the three-pointer.

"I'd like people to know that I try hard ... I've worked hard enough to be a pro," he said.

This season, Braddy will be playing the two-guard spot, one of the most demanding positions on the court. "The two-guard spot must run the court well, try to get as many easy layups as possible, play good defense on the press and of course shoot the three," Braddy said.

Although he isn't yet a high-

profile player, Braddy has established his place in NCAA history. It was Braddy's three-pointer against Furman University that tied the NCAA record for the most three-point shots made in a game.

"It's not that hard of a shot. That's why we take advantage of it. Three points is better than two," Braddy said.

When Braddy isn't bombing threes, he's shelling opposing pitchers on the baseball diamond. After he hangs up his basketball shoes in March, he will compete for an outfield spot on the UK baseball team.

Although he didn't start playing basketball until his sophomore year in high school, Braddy earned All-City, All-County, and All-District

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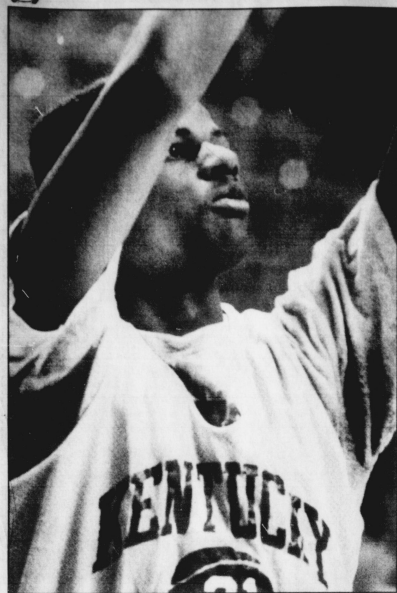
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UK sophomore Henry Thomas squares up for a jumper during pre-season practices. He will see time at small forward this season.

Thomas searches for identity

By JEFF DRUMMOND
Staff Writer

The beginning of a new UK basketball season is one of the most eagerly awaited times for anyone associated with the Wildcats.

But for one player in particular, redshirt freshman Henry Thomas, the start of a new season could not have come any sooner.

Sidelined with an injured left knee before the 1989-90 season, Thomas has anxiously awaited his first game in a Kentucky uniform for the last two years. In fact, Henry Thomas is the "unknown soldier" on a roster full of well-known veterans and big-name newcomers.

The 6-foot-4 Thomas, a native of Clarksville, Tenn., is searching for an identity on this year's team after recovering from surgery.

"I'm ready to play and I'm just anxious for the season to start," Thomas said. "I haven't had any problem with it (the knee) at all. I've been playing all right in summer pickup games, and I keep progressing each day."

The UK coaching staff hopes Thomas' progress can keep improving to the point where Thomas gets back to his pre-injury, high school form. As a senior at Clarksville High, he averaged 24 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three

blocked shots per game. He also was named all-state in Tennessee and was awarded with a Converse All-America Honorable Mention.

But coach Rick Pitino also realizes he can't expect too much, too

bigger question, where Thomas will play, now faces the player and the coach.

When Thomas was recruited, he was seen primarily as an off guard or a small forward, with little difference between the two.

"I like to play defense, block shots, and get out and run the floor," Thomas said of his favorite aspects of the game. "Offensively, I hope my jumper can come back to where it was before the injury."

"Coach (Pitino) says I'll probably be a small forward. I still have to get stronger. I've never played small forward, but I'm just going to take my role as it comes and try to do my best."

Pitino has said he does not like left-handed guards (Thomas is a southpaw) because they only go to the left side of the court. Thomas has worked on his ballhandling, but it appears he's destined to play small forward.

Weight is another concern. Thomas' 160-pound frame earned him the

nickname "Blade" in high school, and he needs to bulk up a bit for the college game.

"Henry Thomas must get stronger to play the small forward position," Pitino said. "I'd like to see him play that position because he's got great offensive rebounding skills."

Off the court, Thomas' journey to UK is just as interesting. Recruited by former UK coach Eddie Sutton and his staff, Thomas was left in limbo when Sutton resigned during the NCAA investigation of the Wildcats.

But fate had it that C.M. Newton was hired as the UK athletics director.

Newton recruited Thomas before resigning as the coach at Vanderbilt and kept in touch with him when he got to Kentucky. Newton later offered Thomas a scholarship, fulfilling a lifelong dream of playing basketball for UK.

"Kentucky's the first team I ever liked," Thomas said. "My mom liked (former UK guard) Kyle Macy. I sat down and watched them with her one time, and I decided I liked them, too."

Growing up in Tennessee and rooting for Kentucky may seem strange for some, but Thomas could see the day when his shot lifts the Cats to a victory over the arch-rival Volunteers.

Henry Thomas

Height: 6-5

Weight: 170

Year: Freshman

Position: Guard

Hometown:

Clarksville, Tenn.



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The art of the deal: coaches on recruiting

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14-14 record with only eight scholarship players, none taller than 6-7.

UK signed Jamal Mashburn, a 6-9 forward from Bronx, N.Y., arguably the best high school player at all positions — in the country.

"Mash is familiar with Pitino since he coached the Knicks," Sendek said. "Pitino brings to UK a unique style of play and can develop skills He also has a reputation as being a player's friend on and off the court."

Gimel Martinez, a 6-8 center from Miami, Fla., was attracted to the UK tradition and knew he could contribute as a freshman.

"He has a great amount of respect

for Pitino," Sendek said.

Carlos Toomer, a 6-4 guard from Corinth, Miss., also signed because of UK's rich tradition.

Except for Memphis State, no other top program was interested in Toomer, but Pitino saw something in Toomer that most schools did not.

In time, fans may discover what Pitino saw in him. But in order to keep on top of recruiting, Sendek said that he must do it every day, "like breathing."

Modern basketball recruiting has become so specialized that Smith and Sendek refer to basketball junkies who rate high school talent: Bob Gibbons, a national ranking service; the Pump Brothers; HSBI, who ranks the New York area and Jay

Parker are just a few that UK uses.

"Once we identify players that we like, we talk to the player's coach and get background on him as a student, a player, whether he's a good person," Sendek said.

After they do homework on the player, Smith and Sendek find out the interest the player in UK.

Then Pitino calls the player and sees him play. Smith, Sendek and Pitino then visit the recruit's home. Home visits are allowed for a month in the fall.

"We let the recruits know of all the UK positives," Smith said. "There is certainly a lot of negatives (from other schools) about our program being told to the recruits."

"There's so much competition for recruits, but we choose to talk about what UK has, not negatives on other schools."

Pitino said, "I wish I could tell young kids as simple as that happens that you should just knock off that school because they have too many skeletons in their closet."

The coaching staff says there are several positive aspects about UK that they try to convey to recruits.

"There's a myriad of things from facilities to a strong academic university, to style of play and the opportunity to play," Pitino said.

But television exposure — every UK game will be televised this season — may be the most critical of positives in a recruit's eyes.

"Today's athletes are much more exposed," Sendek said. "There are

two and three games on ESPN and WTBS every week that high school players watch and they want to play for those teams."

"We certainly talk about exposure."

All this talk about basketball and television exposure downplays the scholastic side of a student-athlete. If a recruit is weak in the classroom, the UK coaches use discretion.

"We try to recruit players who can successfully compete and graduate," Sendek said. "If he's a good person and has a strong work effort, then those are the kind you take chances with."

To be eligible as a freshman, a prospect needs to score an 18 or higher on the American College Test (a 700 or higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test) and have a 2.0 grade-point average in a core curriculum.

All of UK's freshman have met NCAA minimum standards for freshman eligibility, commonly known as Proposition 48. Riddick is the only UK recruit to not meet NCAA requirements.

The UK coaches are confident that he will pass either the ACT or SAT and be eligible next season.

The University has no available scholarships left for next season. But Pitino is interested in signing another big man, which means sacrificing a scholarship from a current holder.

"Everyone can use a big man," Sendek said.

Farmer serves as backup

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light.

"Richie has gotten a lot better, he's lost a lot of weight ... I'm very pleased with Richie's performance this year," Pitino said.

Farmer played in all 28 games last season and gave impressive performances against the University of Kansas, North Carolina, Ole Miss, LSU and Tennessee.

He averaged 7.0 points and 2.6 assists per game. In his career-high game against North Carolina, Farmer scored 21 points and had 6 assists.

Some opposing teams may plan to exploit Farmer because they believe he can't handle the pressure of Southeastern Conference basketball. Speed is lacking.

His jumper isn't what it was publicized to be.

But what they may not realize is that he is a scrappy, tough ball player who doesn't know the meaning of pressure.

Although Farmer's strength may be his free-throw shooting, he is weak in other areas, like offensive and defensive leadership

skills, which are essential to surviving the challenges of college basketball.

"He's very reserved as a point guard. If he could ever develop his personality on the court, that would create leadership," Pitino said.

Perfecting his three-point shot and becoming a tenacious threat on defense are other ways Farmer could become a weapon on this UK team. To reach that zenith, Farmer must tap that extra zest he employed when he led Clay County to the state championship in 1987.

When Farmer isn't handling a basketball, he enjoys the non-pressured environment of the outdoors. If Farmer doesn't reach his goals on the basketball court, he has plenty of other goals to shoot — and angle — for.

"My craziest ambition is to catch a world-record bass," Farmer said.

This season, however, he will be fishing for three-pointers. And if he casts the line well, perhaps once again the light will be cast on the subdued guard from Manchester.

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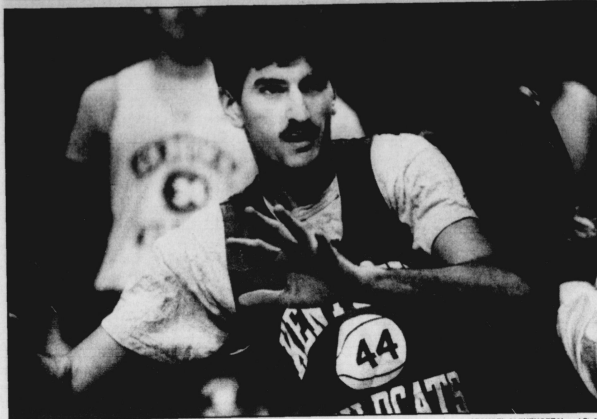
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Freshman Gimel Martinez works out in practice. Martinez, a Miami, Fla., native, initially was expected to start at center for the Cats, but due to a lack of width about the shoulders, he will have to wait.

Martinez looking to fill void

By TIM WIESENHAHN
Staff Writer

Before he laced up his first pair of Converse high-tops and hustled across the hardwood floor in Rupp Arena as the announcer bellowed his name, and before he sailed skyward en route to an earthshaking jam or even before 23,000 round-ball junkies could shower him with applause, Gimel Martinez was thrust into the limelight.

It happened sometime between signing day and Midnight Madness, when Cat fans throughout the Commonwealth caught word that a skinny 17-year-old boy was coming to UK, filling a hole in the Cat lineup that has been virtually vacant since the days of the twin towers — former UK All-Americans Sam Bowie and Melvin Turpin.

The reason may have something to do with the number stitched across the jersey that drapes his lanky 6-9 frame.

It was the same number once worn by Dan Issel, UK's all-time leading scorer. More recently, it was the same number worn by the much maligned Rob Lock. The No. 44.

Somehow within that spectrum of basketball talent lies his ability to emerge as UK's next dominating center. And the unassuming freshman from Miami, Fla., seems anxious to accept the challenge.

"One of things I really like about Kentucky is the atmosphere for basketball here," Martinez said. "Everybody is so crazy about basketball — I really like that a lot."

Martinez said the enthusiasm that often erupts during the Cats' home games eventually persuaded him to play collegiate basketball in Lexington.

"I came to the Tennessee game in Rupp Arena, and that was one of the main reasons I came to Kentucky," Martinez said. "I really enjoyed that game. It was very exciting."

Martinez, a Cuban-American, who said he misses speaking Spanish, is the Cats' only true center this season, Pitino said he has the job.

"Really that's it," Pitino said of the Cats' center candidates. "The

rest can back him up. It's tough for a freshman to break into the starting lineup, but he has that opportunity here."

Pitino's promises, however, were issued during the Cats' pre-season. Since then, Martinez has struggled.

Problems erupted during the Cats' preseason scrimmages from a relatively small source — his shoulders.

"He (Martinez) needs more size to play at this level," Pitino said. "He needs to broaden up. I don't know who is going to start. We are looking at all possibilities."

Pitino chose to start the experienced Hanson. Martinez is left in a cloud of doubt.

During his senior year, however, there was no maybe about it. Martinez led his high school teammates, averaging 24.2 points, 12.1 rebounds, four blocked shots and three assists per game, helping his team finish with a 33-3 record and its second consecutive Florida 4A State title.

"Gimel played in a high school system very similar to ours for Shakey Rodriguez at Miami Senior (High School)," Pitino said. "Three out of the last four years, he won the state championship. He's 6-9, and he runs the floor really well. He has a nice turnaround jump shot. He is fundamentally very sound. He will be an outstanding college player."

Martinez said he isn't worried about the "playing-in-the-fishbowl" atmosphere, characteristic of big-blue basketball.

"The attention is sometimes good and sometimes bad," Martinez said. "You just got to deal with it and

Gimel Martinez

Height: 6-8
Weight: 206
Year: Freshman
Position: Center
Hometown:
Miami, Fla.



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not let it get to you. I just try to ignore that, play hard and try my best."

And whether he starts or comes off the bench, Martinez said he is just eager to play.

"I feel like I'm in the best shape of my life. I feel I have a real good chance of going out there and playing hard and hopefully starting."

Martinez said he is ready to mix it up with the some of the SEC's finest front-court players.

"I'll be looking forward a little bit to playing against Shaquille O'Neal," Martinez said. "They say he's a real big boy. I might not be able to hold my own against him — but I think I could."

Many UK fans first caught a glimpse of Martinez in action last spring on ESPN in the Dapper Dan Classic, an all-star prep tournament held annually in Pittsburgh. Martinez became involved in a heated exchange of words during a game against the Soviet National Team.

"I got kind of crazy because I saw blood and stuff," Martinez said. "So I spit on one of the Russians."

But Martinez argues that he really doesn't deserve the bad-boy label many fans have given him.

"On the court I just try to play hard and I don't let anyone intimidate me," Martinez said. "I just go all out."

Walk-ons to see playing time

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Braddy, a communications major, plans to pursue a career in broadcasting when his playing days are over. But he still has a lot of playing days ahead of him. Instruction comes not only from the UK coaching staff, but also from his father, Nehemiah Sr.

"My mother and father have helped me a lot," Braddy said. "My father was an All-American in football and baseball. He had a lot of opportunities also, and he's given me some good advice."

Sophomore Todd Bearup arrived during the middle of last season — fresh off the boat from Seoul, Korea.

Bearup was missionary with the Mormon Church, spreading the gospel in Korea. The mission, he said, was exhausting but fruitful.

Bearup, however, has a new mission this year — to contribute to the UK basketball program. As with the trip to Seoul, the upcoming season

will take a great amount of energy.

Like Braddy, Bearup seems to fit into things at the two-guard spot, but he is versatile.

"He's a good shooter," Braddy said of Bearup. "Although he can't play until second semester, he will contribute a lot."

Bearup, who is the younger brother of former Cat Bret Bearup, played well and with consistency throughout the Blue-White scrimmages and should see some action once December roles around.

After leading Laurel County High School to a state championship in 1986, Bearup headed west for a scholarship at Utah State University. He played in 19 of 31 games at Utah State, averaging just 1.9 points

and 2.1 rebounds per game.

Also walking on is Jody Thompson, a streak shooter and solid defensive threat. Thompson, who nearly left the team because of adjustment problems, also is expected to play a role at the two-guard position. Thompson, who played for Feds Creek High School in Pikeville, averaged 30 points and 12 rebounds his senior year.

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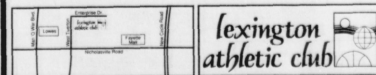
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LADY KATS

Young team must overcome age, size

By AL HILL
Staff Writer

The Lady Kats basketball team will have to overcome age and size to compete successfully in the nation's toughest league — the Southeastern Conference.

After winning the National Women's Invitational Tournament last year, the Kats venture into the 1990-91 season with a very young but capable team.

Lady Kat coach Sharon Fanning and her staff will have to replace Vanessa Foster—Sutton and Lisa Ellis and the 24 points a game they averaged.

Although Fanning has her work cut out for her, she is more than capable of motivating this young team. With an assertive voice and a strong, dedicated staff — Jerry McLaughlin, Karen Booker, Ilene



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Hauser and Lisa Bressman — she won't tolerate anything less than excellence on the court.

"We need to find that intensity," Fanning said. "What I'm thinking about is winning the SEC and winning the NCAA. I'm looking at an intensity level it takes to win those two tournaments. Anything short of that is unacceptable in terms of intensity."

The Lady Kats will look to their only senior, point guard Tracey Davis, who hit 47.5 percent of her shots last year and was voted to the All-SEC second team.

As the season progresses, Davis may move to the two-guard spot because of two very youthful point guards — junior Jamie Hobgood and freshman Karen Killen.

"You end up making a decision who you're going to bring along behind Tracey.... Jamie has shown some pretty good leadership, and Karen, as she matures, is going to make a pretty good little point guard," Fanning said.

The Lady Kats also will look to junior Kristi Cushenberry, who averaged 11.5 points a game last sea-

son. She is considered to be one of the purest shooters in the SEC.

Sophomore Jocelyn Mills may be one of the smaller centers in the SEC, but with her fearless post-up attitude, she may emerge as a conference powerhouse.

The team will rely upon juniors Stacy McIntyre and Rebekah Reasor to relieve some rebounding pressure from Mills.

Pushing forwards McIntyre and Reasor will be sophomores Mia Daniel, a forward, and Pattresa Leonard, a forward/center.

"She (Daniel) always hustles. She's scrappy ... always plays hard," Booker said.

Freshmen centers Jennifer Gray and Trundra Love and guard Tedra Eberhart should see more playing time this season.

"Jennifer is one of our top offensive players," Fanning said. "She needs to work on her positioning."

Last season's Lady Kats arrived late in the top 25 after finishing 23-8. This season, the young Lady Kats may become the prominent women of the Top 25.



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UK Lady Kat coach Sharon Fanning, known for her assertiveness, tries to straighten out some of her players. This season, she is seeking intensity and excellence on the court.

Lady Kats Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown
10	Stacy McIntyre	F	5-8	Jr.	Georgetown, Ky.
12	Kristi Cushenberry	G	5-9	Jr.	Hendersonville, Tenn.
14	Jamie Hobgood	G	5-9	Jr.	Madisonville, Ky.
21	Tracey Davis	G	5-8	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
23	Pattresa Leonard	C/F	6-2	So.	Baltimore, Md.
24	Tiundra Love	C/F	6-2	So.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
30	Mia Daniel	F	5-11	So.	Collinwood, Tenn.
31	Tedra Eberhart	G/F	5-11	Fr.	Dekalb, Ga.
32	Rebekah Reasor	F	6-0	Jr.	Chilhowie, Va.
33	Kayla Campbell	G	5-9	Fr.	Coral Springs, Fla.
34	Karen Killen	G	5-7	Fr.	Florence, Ala.
42	Jocelyn Mills	C	6-0	So.	Kingsport, Tenn.
43	Christe Jordan	F	6-2	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
52	Jennifer Gray	C	6-3	Fr.	Carson City, Nev.
55	Cathy Proctor	C/F	6-0	So.	Jefferson, Iowa

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Hobgood, without hobble, looks to regain lost status

By BOB NORMAN
Sports Editor

The chance. Primed for the opportunity. Years of work, combined with lifelong drive and ambition, are going to make this moment. And after the moment is made — if it is made — things will happen.

A career will begin. Then it happens. The unforeseen horror. The act, the accident, that destroys what could have been.

"I was going down for a fast break. I quick-stopped. The force behind it tore my anterior cruciate ligament," current Lady Kat Jamie Hobgood said of an injury she sustained in the first minute of the first game of her last season in high school basketball.

That was the year, 1988, that she had become a blue-chipper. The year she was going to separate herself from the riff-raff of secondary women's basketball talent.

After an impressive junior year at Madisonville North Hopkins High School in Kentucky, Hobgood was

Jamie Hobgood

Height: 5-9

Year: Junior

Position: Guard

Hometown:

Madisonville, Ky.



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the best players," Hobgood said. "You are playing against players that are as good as you, if not better."

"There are people from all the colleges and universities looking at you. That makes a big difference on how you play. That is where

you get your exposure." The injury, however, ended that kind of exposure. For a while, the only exposure Hobgood got was to physical therapy and muscle-spoiling whirlpools.

They say it takes a year to recover from what is commonly termed ACL reconstruction. Such an injury is one of the most common among athletes of all sports.

The anterior cruciate ligament holds the ball of the knee to the shin bone. The ligament enables mobility, and the bones and cartilage will lack the support they need if it is not corrected with surgery. Soon the cartilage will grind away and the bones will rub together, causing severe arthritis.

Hobgood's surgery was successful. Her overall recovery, however, involved more than just ligaments, cartilage and bones.

"It was a gradual comeback. I was just so frustrated. I knew what to do. I knew where the ball was going to be. But I didn't have the quickness or the speed I used to have to get there."

"It was really frustrating." The frustration has affected her overall game. The psychological pain of losing some of her ability has influenced her as much as the physical loss itself.

Her freshman year was virtually non-existent, as she averaged a sporadic six minutes per game. With a 1.8 point-average and a total of only 12 assists on the season, she was recovering with frustration.

Her next year was a time of flash-

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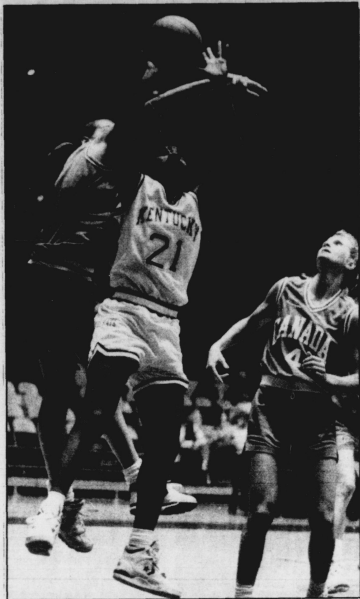
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UK senior guard Tracye Davis maneuvers around a Canadian National team player in a recent exhibition game.

Davis, Cushenberry to lead Kats in '91

By **ROBIN HALL**
Contributing Writer

In the Lady Kats' preseason media guide, Tracye Davis sports a pair of glasses. It's a symbol that, in more ways than one, the Lexington native is seeing things differently these days.

Davis, the team's lone senior and a second-team All Southeastern Conference performer last season, is looking to be the Lady Kats' leader.



CUSHENBERRY

"I'm just going to continue to work hard and show a positive attitude and hope that they will follow in my footsteps," Davis said.

Davis has the credentials to lead — if in no other way — by example. She was fourth on the team in scoring, averaging 10 points a game, and ranked second in assists, with 108 for the season.

Those numbers are remarkable, considering what Davis has overcome. Before she began her junior season, Davis underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. Such a surgery could signal the end — or at least a long uphill struggle — for most basketball players. But for Davis, that was not the case.

"I didn't lose confidence in myself at all," she said. "I did get down on myself. I continued to work hard and tried to continue doing the things that I was doing before I got hurt."

College life is a big change for any student, and it requires a certain degree of transition. But if you are a student-athlete trying to juggle your team, academic and social schedule, your life can be altered drastically.

"I changed a little bit," Davis said. "You tend to change as far as your study habits. You change as a person, too. Your body is not used to doing the things that it used to do. You can't stay up late and still expect to do well in class. You have to set goals for yourself."

Davis' philosophy about setting goals for yourself is paying off. She's hoping to graduate next December.

"My major is recreation," Da-

vis said. "I would like to get into working with kids, but I'll take whatever pays well."

Davis seems to know what direction she wants her life to take, and she also thinks she knows what the team needs to do to ensure that it is heading in the right direction.

"I think we need to be positive. That will help us as far as reaching our goals."

Fellow teammate Kristi Cushenberry probably would agree with Davis. The junior guard also will be counted on for her leadership and playing abilities, and she's looking forward to the challenge.

"Last year I was a leader on the team, and I was only a sophomore, so it's not really that hard," Cushenberry said. "You do have to keep the team up because they get tired."

Cushenberry has racked up some accolades. During her freshman year, she led the team in scoring. She averaged 13 points per game, was named to the SEC All-Freshman team and was runner-up for SEC Freshman of the Year.

Last season, with a 12-point scoring average, she finished second on the team, shooting 73 percent from the free-throw line and 43 percent from the three-point line.

"I think Kristi Cushenberry is the best shooter in the conference," coach Sharon Fanning said.

It's hard to find anyone who would disagree. However, there is much more to Cushenberry than just her deadly aim.

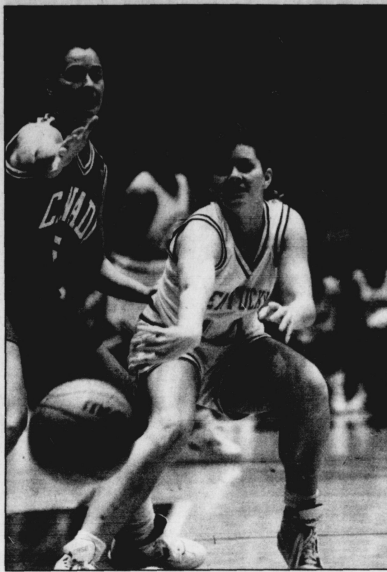
Cushenberry is a marketing major, and she already knows what she would like to do after graduation.

"I would like to work in sports information," she said. "I would enjoy working on getting people to come to the games."

She carries her optimism into her personal life as well.

"As far as life is concerned, I believe that it is something that you just have to enjoy. You have to take one day at a time. I'm an easygoing person."

That same philosophy can be applied to basketball. The Lady Kats will have to take the season one game at a time, and Davis and Cushenberry will help lead the way.



ANDY COLLIGNON/Kentucky Staff

Junior Jamie Hobgood hooks a pass. Although she has been frustrated with injuries, she returns with a vengeance this season.

Hobgood

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es of original talent, alternating with hurtful moments of illness. Yet her seasonal average actually dropped to a .9 scoring average.

Despite the dip in scoring, she said she began to feel more competitive.

"My sophomore year was a little better," Hobgood said. "I knew I was getting the feel back of the game, where before I had lost it."

She became ill with the flu during a crucial stretch of her sophomore season, and the illness hampered her overall comeback.

It is this year that she wants to break out and show everyone what she can do. The timing is right. Hobgood said she played last season in preparation for this one.

"I think (UK coach Sharon) Fanning realized that. Towards the end of the year, I was playing one position (two guard). (Fanning) was putting me in, trying to get me going and really looking towards this year," she said.

And in this, her junior season, Hobgood wants to pull her natural talent and the frustration of the past few years together to produce a successful season.

"(The injury) made me want to work harder. Coming into this I was labeled a preseason this and a preseason that, and I never got a chance to complete it. Coming into college, it makes me want to prove — not really to prove to other people — but to myself that I really can do it," Hobgood said.

She is used to proving herself. As a female basketball player playing what traditionally has been — before the last decade — a male sport, Hobgood has honed her skills on the sandlot. Playing with men.

"When you play with guys, you have to block out — you have to make them respect you. "I go out to parks and when I get out there they (the men playing) usually won't pick you up because you are a girl. And most parks I've been to I've earned respect."

It's a new respect she seeks this year — that of the Southeastern Conference.

"I just have to free myself," she said.

1990-91 Lady Kats Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 16	CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM	7:30
Nov. 23	LKIT (Kent State)	6 & 8:00
Nov. 24	LKIT	3 & 5:00
Nov. 26	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	7:30
Nov. 28	OHIO STATE	7:30
Dec. 2	at Indiana	2:00
Dec. 4	MIAMI (OHIO)	7:30
Dec. 7	BRADLEY	7:30
Dec. 15	DAYTON	7:30
Dec. 17	EASTERN ILLINOIS	7:30
Dec. 19	at Marquette	5:00
Dec. 29	Reno Tournament (UNLV)	8 & 10:00
Dec. 30	Reno Tournament	8 & 10:00
Jan. 2	at Pepperdine	8:00
Jan. 6	at LSU	3:00
Jan. 12	at Tennessee	5:15
Jan. 17	at Louisville	7:00
Jan. 20	VANDERBILT	3:00
Jan. 27	ALABAMA	1:00
Jan. 30	AUBURN	7:30
Feb. 1	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	7:30
Feb. 3	GEORGIA	1:00
Feb. 6	at Morehead	7:30
Feb. 9	at Mississippi State	4:45
Feb. 13	at Cincinnati	7:00
Feb. 16	at Mississippi	2:30
Feb. 21	at Eastern Kentucky	7:30
Feb. 23	FLORIDA	7:30
March 1-3	SEC Tournament	

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