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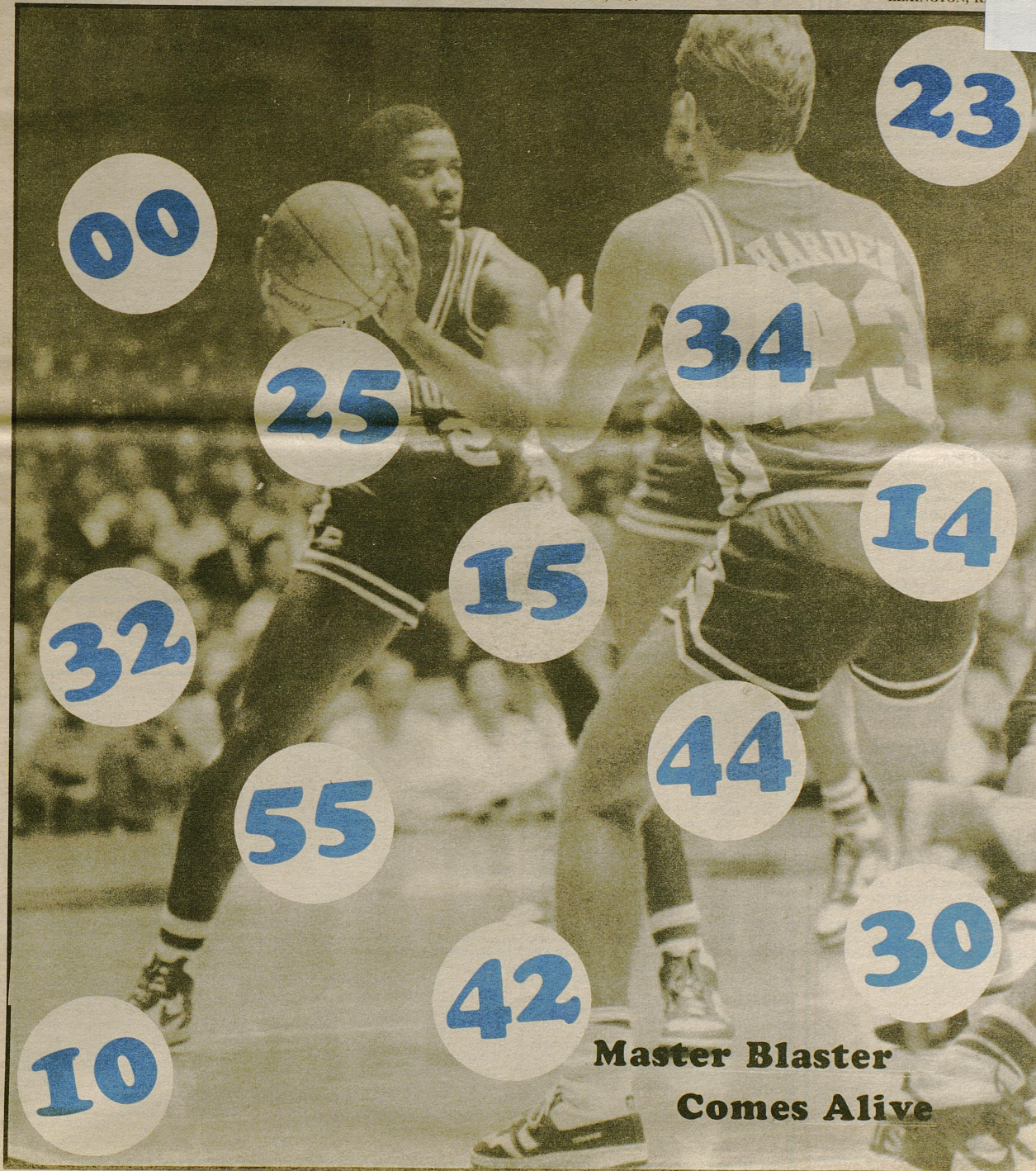
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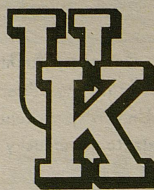
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY WILDCATS																				
G	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Reb	Avg	PF	D	Asst	To	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
WALKER, KENNY	23	23	784	34.1	160	292	54.8	118	162	72.8	177	7.7	56	1	25	31	26	32	438	19.0
BENNETT, WINSTON	23	23	721	31.3	110	211	52.1	76	96	79.2	159	6.9	76	3	34	44	10	26	296	12.9
DAVENDER, ED	23	23	729	31.7	116	252	46.0	61	80	76.3	65	2.8	58	1	75	52	-	44	293	12.7
BLACKMON, JAMES	23	23	603	26.2	84	181	46.4	28	47	59.6	87	3.8	55	1	48	27	1	30	196	8.5
HARDEN, ROGER	23	23	680	29.6	62	123	50.4	21	23	91.3	48	2.1	43	-	157	53	-	24	145	6.3
MADISON, RICHARD	23	-	391	17.0	51	91	56.0	29	43	67.4	67	2.9	31	-	19	29	3	8	131	5.7
LOCK, ROBERT	16	-	112	7.0	18	32	56.3	13	29	44.8	28	1.8	20	-	2	16	6	3	49	3.1
JENKINS, CEDRIC	23	-	261	11.3	22	53	41.5	18	25	72.0	49	2.1	31	-	5	8	2	5	62	2.7
ZIEGLER, TODD	12	-	59	4.9	12	22	54.5	6	10	60.0	16	1.3	11	-	4	5	1	2	30	2.5
BYRD, LEROY	15	-	93	6.2	9	15	60.0	10	13	76.9	10	.7	9	-	13	8	-	12	28	1.9
ANDREWS, PAUL	15	-	106	7.1	10	28	35.7	6	6	100.0	12	.8	9	-	8	4	-	5	26	1.7
THOMAS, IRVING	13	-	62	4.8	3	10	30.0	5	8	62.5	12	.9	11	-	3	14	1	1	11	.8
Team	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILDCATS	23	-	4600	200.	657	1310	50.2	391	542	72.1	766	33.3	410	6	393	291	50	192	1705	74.1
Opponents	23	-	4600	200.	555	1198	46.3	260	369	70.5	657	28.6	480	18	292	389	59	118	1370	59.6

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SCHEDULE

Date	Record	UOFK	Opp	Opponent	Margin	Top Scorer	Top Rebounder	Attendance
Nov. 22	1-0	77	58	NORTHWESTERN STATE	19	18 BENNETT WINSTON	7 BENNETT WINSTON	23,127 (H)
Nov. 26	2-0	89	57	CHAMINADE	32	22 WALKER, KENNY	5 WALKER, KENNY	1,508 (A)
Nov. 27	3-0	98	65	HAWAII	33	33 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	6,342 (A)
Dec. 03	4-0	84	54	CINCINNATI	30	26 WALKER, KENNY	7 BLACKMON, JAMES	23,330 (H)
Dec. 07	5-0	63	58	INDIANA	5	22 DAVENDER, ED	5 BLACKMON, JAMES	24,203 (H)
Dec. 14	5-1	66	83	KANSAS	-17	12 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	15,122 (A)
Dec. 20	6-1	86	52	EAST CAROLINA	34	19 WALKER, KENNY	9 BENNETT WINSTON	22,416 (H)
Dec. 21	7-1	88	56	PEPPERDINE	32	21 WALKER, KENNY	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,840 (H)
Dec. 28	8-1	69	64	LOUISVILLE	5	23 BENNETT WINSTON	14 WALKER, KENNY	24,180 (H)
Dec. 30	9-1	93	55	VIRGINIA MILITARY IN	38	18 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	19,450 (A)
Jan. 04	10-1	80	71	VANDERBILT	9	25 WALKER, KENNY	14 BENNETT WINSTON	15,626 (A)
Jan. 06	10-2	56	60	AUBURN	-4	22 WALKER, KENNY	6 WALKER, KENNY	11,873 (A)
Jan. 08	11-2	75	58	MISSISSIPPI	17	31 WALKER, KENNY	6 BENNETT WINSTON	22,645 (H)
Jan. 11	12-2	76	52	ALABAMA	24	24 WALKER, KENNY	9 WALKER, KENNY	23,345 (H)
Jan. 15	13-2	64	52	MISSISSIPPI STATE	12	15 WALKER, KENNY	8 BENNETT WINSTON	5,226 (A)
Jan. 18	14-2	72	55	FLORIDA	17	25 WALKER, KENNY	11 BENNETT WINSTON	11,914 (A)
Jan. 23	15-2	74	69	GEORGIA	5	15 DAVENDER, ED	10 WALKER, KENNY	22,810 (H)
Jan. 25	16-2	74	57	TENNESSEE	17	26 BENNETT WINSTON	7 MADISON RICHARD	23,069 (H)
Jan. 29	17-2	54	52	LSU	2	17 BENNETT WINSTON	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,477 (A)
Jan. 31	18-2	81	71	AUBURN	10	24 WALKER, KENNY	10 BENNETT WINSTON	23,320 (H)
Feb. 02	18-3	51	54	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	-3	16 DAVENDER, ED	8 WALKER, KENNY	12,400 (A)
Feb. 05	19-3	73	65	VANDERBILT	8	22 BLACKMON, JAMES	12 WALKER, KENNY	23,070 (H)
Feb. 08	20-3	62	58	OLE MISS	4	15 WALKER, KENNY	13 WALKER, KENNY	7,451 (A)

REMAINING GAMES

Feb. 13	ALABAMA	(A)
Feb. 15	MISSISSIPPI STATE	(H)
Feb. 19	FLORIDA	(H)
Feb. 22	GEORGIA	(A)
Feb. 27	TENNESSEE	(A)
Mar. 01	LOUISIANA STATE	(H)



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Alabama Awaits UK, SEC Lead

There may be three full weeks of action left in the Southeastern Conference race, but as far as the Alabama Crimson Tide are concerned, it will be "now or never" come Thursday night in Tuscaloosa when the Tide entertain Kentucky before a nationally televised audience on the USA cable network.

What set the stage for this showdown was the Tide's stunning 80-71 victory over LSU in Baton Rouge on Sunday. Kentucky leads the SEC with a 11-1 mark while Bama is a shade behind at 10-2. For all practical purposes, all others are battling for third place.

As we mentioned last week, Bama has been the most underrated team in the conference all season long just as Wimp Sanderson's coaching talent has been ignored.

Many had counted the Tide out weeks ago, but Alabama now stands front and center to challenge Kentucky for the top spot. The Tide's opportunity to overtake UK didn't come easy. In fact, Alabama has not lost since its embarrassing 76-52 loss to Kentucky in Lexington back on January 11.

Since then Bama has reeled off eight consecutive victories including three on the road. But the most impressive of all came Sunday against an LSU team which had been on a tear in recent days.

LSU, which appeared completely out of the race a week earlier, demonstrated the never-give-up attitude of its coach Dale Brown by coming within a pair of points of upsetting Georgetown. Two days later, LSU shocked Auburn on the road and followed that up the next night with a victory over Mississippi State on the road.

So with three days rest and preparation for Alabama, one would have to figure that Dale Brown would have had his Tigers foaming at the mouth for the Sunday showdown. A win over Bama would have preserved LSU's record at 7-5 and still a shot—however long—at the title.

The Tigers were made a four-point favorite by those people who make their living by predicting the outcome of college games. But Bama still won. That, alone, should tell you something about this Alabama team, not to mention Buck Johnson, Terry Coner, Jim Farmer, Mike Gottfried and Derrick McKey among others.

A win over Alabama is not an absolute must for Kentucky, but it comes about as close as you can get to a "must" game. UK would still be tied for the lead, but would likely face the probability of having to settle for a title co-championship.

After Thursday's showdown, each club will have five games remaining. Alabama will still travel to Auburn, Tennessee and Florida while hosting Vanderbilt and Ole Miss.

On the other hand Kentucky still must go to Tennessee and Georgia and then take on Mississippi State, Florida and LSU at home.

The schedule, on the conditions of home and away schedules, appears to favor UK but when you take a closer look the edge goes the other way. Only State looks like a safe bet, about as safe as a bet which says State will upset someone big before the season is over.

Everyone knows of UK's problems in Knoxville and Georgia is yet to lose a home game this season. In fact Georgia hasn't lost a home game in more than a year.

While Kentucky is at the top of league standings, Alabama will be a slight favorite or so when the game is tipped-off Thursday. What Kentucky has to do is work the same magic which Bama exercised Sunday against LSU, that

is pulling an upset of major proportions before a hostile crowd on the road.

Kentucky's 62-58 win over Ole Miss wasn't a masterpiece by anyone's grade, but it was a win nevertheless. Or as one wise man once said, "it's better to be lucky than good."

The Cats weren't all that lucky, but they were far from being good. And they weren't all that bad. They performed well enough to post a victory in a foreign arena where Tennessee had failed three nights earlier.

With the victory, Kentucky's road record in the SEC stands at 5-1. Combine that with UK's perfect 6-0 home mark and you can understand why the Cats lead the SEC.

The fact that UK heads up the league with a 11-1 mark is certainly understandable. What's mysterious is the fact that UK leads by only one game with six games to go.

Remember when most everyone predicted back in November that a team with five losses would win the league title outright? My, how times change.

Right now 14-4 doesn't even look good. It could take a 15-3 record to win the conference outright.

Alabama definitely is at the top of its game. With Buck Johnson back (who missed action after a thigh bruise), the Crimson Tide is taking no prisoners. And Kentucky isn't about to throw in the towel.

This game could be an interesting first for Kentucky under Eddie Sutton. It may be the first true "big" league battle for the coach in his rookie year at UK.

Following Kentucky's 54-51 loss to North Carolina State in Raleigh, a long-time acquaintance of Sutton's asked me how Sutton reacted to the loss. After being told that Sutton took the loss in stride by mostly praising his team for a hard-nosed effort, Sutton's friend chuckled and added, "that's the way Eddie is, he doesn't like those non-conference games in the middle of the conference race. In fact, he hates them. All Eddie is ever interested in is winning conference games."

Ah!

A conference game.

Most basketball observers believe truly great coaches like to keep an even keel for their teams, using the ole "win one for the gipper" routine very rarely.

It will be interesting to watch the Cats' practice sessions early this week and see how Sutton prepares Kentucky for this crucial game. It could be the most important one of the season.

Some of the good and bad in the SEC this season:

Good—The effort put forth by Coach Lee Hunt and his Ole Miss Rebels. Hunt is getting more out of his talent than anyone in the league, as much or more than that fellow - what's-his-name - Welch?—he followed to Ole Miss.

Bad—Florida's unruly and vulgar fans who apparently take more pride in their profanity than their fine basketball team which would play much better without their immature behavior.

Good—Tony White. Simply the best guard in the SEC and one of the top five guards in the country. If he were playing for a basketball school, you'd hear more about him than Indiana's Steve Alford or Georgia Tech's Mark Price.

Bad—Ole Miss' fans who don't shout obscenities because they don't even show up for the games, unless Billy Brewer is entertaining football recruits.

Good—Florida coach Norm Sloan's smiling face after a particularly bad officiating call. Anything other than a smile could bring on World War III at O'Connell Center.

Bad—Don DeVoe's decision to stay at Tennessee rather than pursue the opening at his alma mater, Ohio State. Kentucky is 0-7 against DeVoe in Knoxville and the future doesn't look good.

Good—Georgia's Joe Ward. A young man bold and honest enough to recognize the good from the bad and admit he's human enough to be tempted by the wrong. Not a bad description for a Baptist preacher, which he is.

Bad—Andrew Moten's dash from the bench to get in a couple sucker punches during the Florida-Georgia brawl in Athens.

Good—Andrew Moten's intelligence to get himself back to the bench as any "Dennis The Menace" would, without being caught by the authorities.

Bad—Kentucky's inability to always provide the Rupp Arena playing floor to the opposing team the day prior to a game which is common courtesy around the country, except at municipal arenas like Rupp where too many events are crowded into the winter schedule.

Good—The sideline action of coaches like Wimp Sanderson, Sonny Smith, Hugh Durham, and Norm Sloan. Even during dull blow-outs and free throw shooting contests, these fellas still give us a top-notch floor show. Don Rickles could be in trouble if he ever meets Sonny Smith and Rodney Dangerfield better not run into Wimp Sanderson or he might finally get some respect.

Bad—Having to sit next to a former basketball referee in a press box and listen to him justify horrendous calls against a visiting team, and a few against the home team, too.

Good—The great food catered for the media at Alabama's Memorial Coliseum.

Bad—Being on a diet and having to smell the aroma the Bama food without being able to indulge.

Good—Watching Spud Webb win the NBA Slam-Dunk Contest last Saturday over the great Dominique Wilkins.

Bad—Not being able to see LeRoy Byrd go one-on-one against Spud Webb.

Good—Officials who know how to add a little humor to the game of basketball.

Bad—Sportscasters (USA) who don't know the difference in a halo, a signal to reset the shot-clock and the sign for kicking the ball out-of-bounds.

Good—The absence of a carnation in Eddie Sutton's coat lapel which was a regular ritual at Arkansas although some believed it would have fit in perfectly with the funeral-like atmosphere of past UK years. Perhaps Sutton left his flower in Arkansas where Nolan Richardson needs all the love and sympathy he can get because his team is deathly ill.

By the time you read this, many of the prep football seniors will be inked to national letters of intent and Jerry Claiborne's fifth recruiting class will be taking shape.

At presstime, Kentucky's entire coaching staff was on the road, beating the bushes and making those critical last-minute contacts.

While the overall talent is down in Kentucky this season, Claiborne still hopes to control the state like he has the previous four years.

Of most concern right now is Claiborne holding his verbal commitments and signing those who have announced they would attend UK.

A vital announcement last week was Donnie Gardner's decision to attend UK. He's the brother of Wildcat Carwell Gardner. Donnie is one of the state's top three seniors along with Al Baker of Trigg County and Coburn Clark of Owensboro. All three have made public commitments to UK.

However, the battle for Clark won't be over until he's been signed. He first said he would go to UK, but reports out of Owensboro indicated he was going to announce he was going to Louisville during a press conference a couple weeks ago. The press conference was eventually called off, but no one is betting on who Clark will sign with.

The recruiting of Clark apparently is beginning to heat up a cold war between UK and Louisville.

Clark's situation is rather interesting in light of Louisville's accusations against Georgia a couple years ago which involved the Cedric Henderson case.

Then, UL officials, including athletics director Bill Olsen, suggested that other schools should back off recruiting a youngster after he made a public commitment to a certain school (like Henderson did to UL). Henderson, you recall, later signed with Georgia.

Clark announced for UK several weeks ago, but Louisville kept on recruiting, a fact that UL coach Howard Schnellenberger readily admitted.

One of the interesting plays applied by UL was sending a limo to Owensboro to pick up Clark and bring him to Louisville for his official visit during the weekend when the hoop Cards played Syracuse.

That certainly has to rank up there with the all-time greats in recruiting plays. UL can take a bow for this one. I have to wonder though how some people would have treated UK if the Wildcats decided to undertake such a luxurious scheme.

The bad news for Claiborne came late last week when *Parade Magazine* All-American Dave Szott announced he would sign a national letter-of-intent this week with Penn State.

There had been dozens of rumors about Szott and his future. His choices kept jumping from Penn State and Kentucky to Kentucky, Rutgers and Penn State to Duke, Rutgers, Penn State and Kentucky to just Kentucky and Duke about ten days ago.

And then, suddenly it was just Penn State. It was a tough one for UK to lose because the Cats were so close, but close counts only in horseshoes.

We'll have a complete update on the signees in next week's issue of TCP.

HITS AND MISSES . . . One of the many rumors making the rounds around the Kentucky sports scene has Governor Martha Layne Collins becoming the new president of the University of Kentucky, replacing Dr. Otis

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Kentucky Turns Back Ole Miss Rebels In Oxford

Mississippi was led in scoring by Ritchwood with a game-high 16 points followed Roderic Barnes with 14.

Ole Miss stayed within seven at the end of the half by matching its opponent point for point in the final 3:16. Ritchwood's rainbow from the baseline cut the lead to five (33-28), but the senior forward fouled Winston Bennett with only four ticks remaining until halftime. Bennett sank both attempts as UK regained its seven-point margin.

UK had one more run left in its bag of tricks (6-0). For starters, Ed Davender connected from 21 feet. Madison saved his cliff-hanger baseline jumper for a needed situation. From

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE Date Feb. 8, 1986 Site TAD SMITH COLISEUM

VISITORS (Last Name, First)

No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
25	Winston Bennett	1	3	5	2	1	8	4	8	38	2	3	0	2
34	Kenny Walker	1	6	15	3	6	13	4	15	37	1	1	1	2
10	James Blackmon	9	1	4	0	0	3	2	2	25	1	0	0	1
15	Ed Davender	5	9	12	2	3	2	3	12	33	4	2	0	1
52	Roger Harden	0	5	11	2	2	0	4	12	33	6	2	0	1
62	Richard Madison	5	6	3	5	2	2	13	20	3	1	2	1	1
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15	1	0	1	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half 15 of 29-51.7% 2nd Half 10 of 25-40.0% Game 25 of 54-46.3% FT %: 1st Half 5 of 6-83.3% 2nd Half 7 of 13-53.8% Game 12 of 19-63.2% DEADBALL REBOUNDS 1														

HOME

No.	MISSISSIPPI	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
21	Curtis Ritchwood	1	5	8	6	12	9	4	16	37	0	4	0	1
42	Eric Smith	1	5	13	3	4	10	3	13	38	1	3	0	1
34	Derek Horne	0	1	2	1	1	4	2	3	38	1	3	0	1
12	Roderick Barnes	0	7	15	0	0	5	4	14	40	3	4	0	1
31	Joe Ayers	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	17	3	0	0	1
11	Joe Coleman	4	7	0	0	0	0	8	15	2	1	0	0	0
20	Keith Kessinger	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	8	1	0	0	0	0
35	Ronnie Lewis	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS														
FG %: 1st Half 12 of 23-52.2% 2nd Half 11 of 27-40.7% Game 23 of 50-46.0% FT %: 1st Half 4 of 4-100.0% 2nd Half 6 of 15-40.0% Game 12 of 19-63.2% DEADBALL REBOUNDS 2														

OFFICIALS:

Dunny, Vasca and Ramsey

Technical Fouls: None

Attendance: 7,451

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
KENTUCKY	35	27	XX	XX	62
MISSISSIPPI	28	30	XX	XX	58

15 feet on the left baseline he confidently guided the ball toward the cylinder. It bounced and spun like it was coming out. Somehow, though, it trickled in.

"I had a feeling that it was going down," Madison said with a grin when asked if he thought it was in all the way. "I had no doubt."

After Ole Miss failed to convert on the other end it was showtime for the more than 1,500 Wildcat supporters on hand.

Walker spotted a breaking Madison with only one defender to beat. No. 42 took the pass, leaped just past the free throw line, and shook the rim with a fierce dunk. The goal, giving UK a 56-48 lead at the 5:28 mark, brought the Kentucky supporters off their feet. The bucket was also a signal for Hunt and his boys to talk things over.

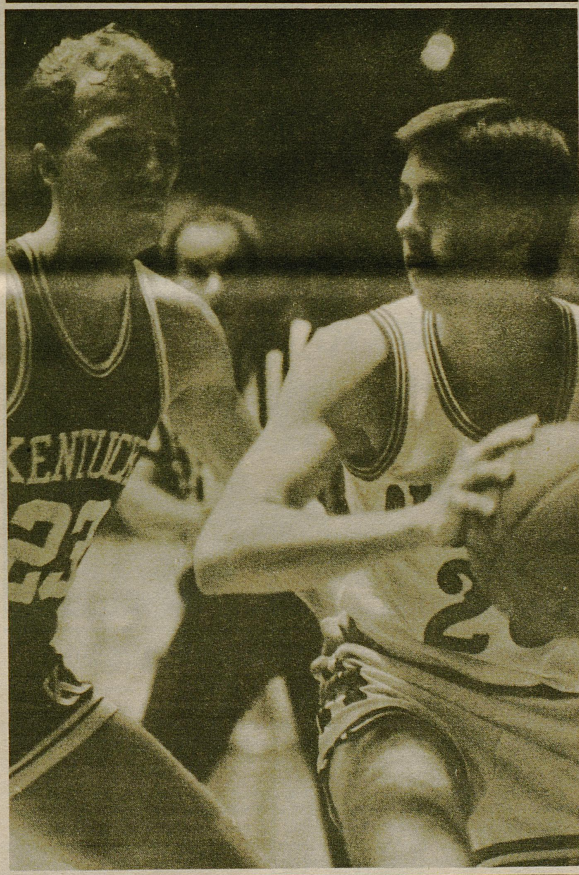
UM had many opportunities in the final five-plus minutes but could get no closer than four. Both Walker and Bennett each had four fouls with 4:20 remaining, but the Rebels failed to take advantage.

The biggest blunder, however, was when Ritchwood missed the front end of two, one-and-one situations. UK tried its best, as well, to please the hosts. With Kentucky ahead 58-52, Bennett missed the front end of the bonus. And with the Wildcats holding on to a 58-54 score, Davender misfired on the front end with only 31 seconds left.

Smith, however missed and UK iced the game with Harden's two free throws.

Wildcat-Rebel Tidbits

With the 62-58 victory, Kentucky now owns a **68-5** win-loss record against the Rebels. The last time Ole Miss defeated the Wildcats was in 1983 with a 67-65 win at Tad Smith Coliseum. . . UK upped its record in the coliseum to 18-3 against UM. . . Eleven buses from western Kentucky made the trip South to see their 'Cats play. Included in that group were seven buses (47 seats) from **Paduach**. . . At Kentucky's shooting practice that morning more than 100 Wildcat fans showed up to watch. Sutton responded to the crowd by letting the team sign autographs afterwards. . . Junior College transfer **Eric Smith** lists two sites (Champaign and Urbana, Ill.) as his hometown. His reason? — Smith's front yard is in Champaign while his house is in Urbana. With 13 points Smith has now hit for double figures in 20 of 21 games this season. . . Falling to 10-11, **Ole Miss** is currently only one of two SEC teams with overall records below .500. **Mississippi State** owns a disappointing 4-17 record.



Harden Hounding Keith Kessinger

Roger Harden's six assists give him a season total of 157, just 31 short of the UK record. . . It's interesting to note that the University of Kentucky's enrollment is listed at **23,000** while the University of Mississippi's is **10,452**. . . The Sunday after his team defeated Ole Miss, Eddie Sutton was probably one of the proudest coaches in the nation. Not only had his Wildcats obtained their 20th victory, but two former guards he coached at Arkansas — **Sidney Moncrief** (playing for the East) and **Alvin Robertson** (West) — were to be in the starting lineups in the NBA's 36th annual All-Star game at Dallas. Moncrief heads the show for the **Milwaukee Bucks** while Robertson stars for the **San Antonio Spurs**. Both players are noted for their outstanding defensive and hustling abilities. Moncrief finished the game with 16 points while Robertson added four. The East defeated the West 139-132.

Following 62-58 Setback

Hunt Calls UK Defense One Of The Best He's Seen

Following are Lee Hunt's postgame comments after the Wildcats held off the Ole Miss Rebels, 62-58:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Hunt: You can see why Kentucky leads the Southeastern Conference. They are a very good basketball team. They are very patient, and they made our defense work very hard until they got the shot they wanted; many times they hit it. It boils down, in our situation, to a problem that we've had for two years — free throw shooting.

as any team could possibly play it. I've been in the game a long, long time and I've observed a lot of great teams and a lot of pressure defenses, but I really do believe that the Kentucky defense is one of the finest man-to-man defenses teams I've seen in a long, long time. They put tremendous pressure on you. You (also) have to work extremely hard without the ball to get open. They recover so well in their defense. They're just an outstanding club on the defensive end. It's very difficult to get the ball inside. . . they really cover you up down inside.



In a game like tonight, where you're playing a top ballclub like Kentucky, it's so important to give yourself a chance to win the game that you have to convert your free throws. You just have to. We shot 63 percent from the line; and we had a number of free throws in the second half that could have really made a difference in the game. We had one player (Curtis Ritchwood), if he had been hitting them could have put us in a great position maybe to move on and win the ballgame. I was proud of our players, I think they played extremely hard and they gave a great effort. We did about as good a job as you can do on Kenny Walker — he had 15 points for the night. Just to hold him to 15 shots, you know that your defense has worked hard. I was pleased that we outrebounded Kentucky — 36-31. That's another indicator that your team put a in great effort — in the rebounding area. We hit a critical point in the second half where we did not score. We had a golden opportunity and did not hit any shots. Kentucky deserves a lot of credit; they are an outstanding man-to-man defensive team. They play the man-to-man defense about as well

Kentucky fronts everything inside and gets good weak-side help. When you try to clear out and create something they're always rotating their defenses.

Question: At one point you outscored UK 8-0. Minutes later Kentucky proceeded to score 13 unanswered points. What happened?

Hunt: I very well remember that. We really were playing well. Kentucky, during one of the timeouts, really extended their defense after that. They were playing what you call 'medium pressure defense' — extending their defense. We had a difficult time running any type of offense during that critical period in the first half. We called a timeout to make an offensive adjustment to get 'better' shots. During that period they forced us out of anything that had been working. So, we had to change. Though we did get back a little bit just before the half, we did have that stretch where we didn't score. Again, credit goes to the Kentucky defense because they really extended and turned their defense on at that point.



Barnes Connected On 7 Of 15 Field Goals

ACC Has A Monopoly On Destination Dallas

SEC Down To Two-Team Race

Starting the final leg of the 1986 college basketball regular season, let's take timeout to see how the campaign is shaping up for *Destination Dallas*.

Could ACC Have Three No. 1 Seeds In '86 Tourney?

Being good enough to be among the nation's top 10 college basketball elites is something special in itself. Obviously, it takes a special nucleus mixed with the right chemistry. It appears that in 1986 stability is the all important formula which is sprinkled throughout the different hoop polls.

Unlike previous seasons where teams were 'leap-frogging' each other in the polls, this season, so far, has been predictable.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

The ACC has been one reason for this turn of events. North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Duke have unleashed an impressive 60-6 record (through Feb 5). Depending on the poll you prefer, these three ballclubs have been mainstays in the Top 10 ever since the tip-off of the 1985-86 season. Their future in the NCAA Tourney looks bright.

One thing that possibly could happen is that the Tar Heels, Yellow Jackets and Blue Demons may end up in different regions as No. 1 seeds in the '86 tournament. When the NCAA tournament selection committee picks the nation's top four teams, three of the four clubs may be representing the ACC. If you get right down to it, that's pretty hard to imagine.

Last season Georgetown (East) and St. John's (West) earned No. 1 berths on the way to the Final Four in Lexington. Though, three teams from the same conference could possibly get No. 1 spots. Count 'em: ONE, TWO, THREE.

Talk about your basic monopoly in the NCAA 64-field party. That's like one person owning Boardwalk and Park Place with three hotels on each. And when the dice fall some teams invited to the NCAA tourney may pay severely.

Let's see, as of now we'll put North Carolina in the East Regional. Duke in the South, place Metro power Memphis State (20-1) in the Midwest and ship Bobby Cremins' club out West. However, it's doubtful that all three ACC clubs would be No. 1 seeds because at least two of the teams will wind up with losses after the completion of the ACC Tournament. And another reason it won't happen is that some other clubs will have a say in the matter.

For instance, three representatives from the Big East (Syracuse, 17-2; St. John's, 20-3 and Georgetown, 17-3), two representatives from the Big Eight (Kansas, 20-3 and Oklahoma, 20-1), Big Ten power Michigan (19-2) and UNLV (21-2) out of the Pacific Conference are proven, legitimate contenders for the No. 1 seeds.

Number 11 through 20 have been consistent for most of season as well. Squads like Kentucky (18-3), Virginia Tech (18-4), Notre Dame (14-3) Bradley (22-1), Texas-El Paso (18-3) and Alabama (15-4) have run into few problems while on the road to posting outstanding slates.

"Most of the teams were picked to be good basketball teams," Eddie Sutton said when asked last week if he was surprised by any of the teams in the Top 20. "I think Alabama has been a big surprise. We thought Alabama would be good all the way. Up to this point they probably have been the biggest surprise in our league."

Sutton Happy For Another Team In Bluegrass State

The most pleasant surprise, however, to Kentucky's head coach is a team residing in Bowling Green, the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

At presstime Clem Haskin's crew was ranked 19th with a 17-3 mark and the surprise leader in the Sun Belt Conference.

"I'm very happy for Clem Haskins," said Sutton, "because they have a great basketball tradition. They certainly have been a surprise, I would think. I don't believe they were picked to win the league and it looks like they are in great position to maybe win the conference."

Stability, on the other hand, has been lacking in some camps. Whether because of injuries, academic difficulties, or other intriguing factors, some teams just haven't been able to play with consistency. Clubs like Louisville, Minnesota, LSU, Arkansas, Illinois and UCLA have had their share of problems in one aspect or another.

Five of the six schools previously mentioned were expected to be around or among the Top 25 this season. Though, for some reason or another, things have not gone well in Louisville, Baton Rouge, Fayetteville, Champaign and Los Angeles. (Though the Cardinals are ranked in the Top 20, their play has lacked consistency all season long).

For LSU and Minnesota this season has been made a difficult one, by some unforeseen and sad predicaments.

Who could have predicted two Tiger players to miss a couple of games because of chicken pox, Tito Horford's departure, and Nikita Wilson forced off the squad due to academic problems? Who would have predicted the ugly incident which allegedly happened at Minnesota involving three UM players? The three players were charged with sexual assault. The incident led to the resignation of Gopher mentor Jim Dutcher. Now, Minnesota's lineup, under the guidance of a new leader (intrim coach Jimmy Williams) consists of only six players who were on the team at the beginning of the season and three recruits off the Gophers' Independence Bowl team.

Things like that would tend to turn any team's dream into a nightmare.

Scoping The Southeastern Conference Race

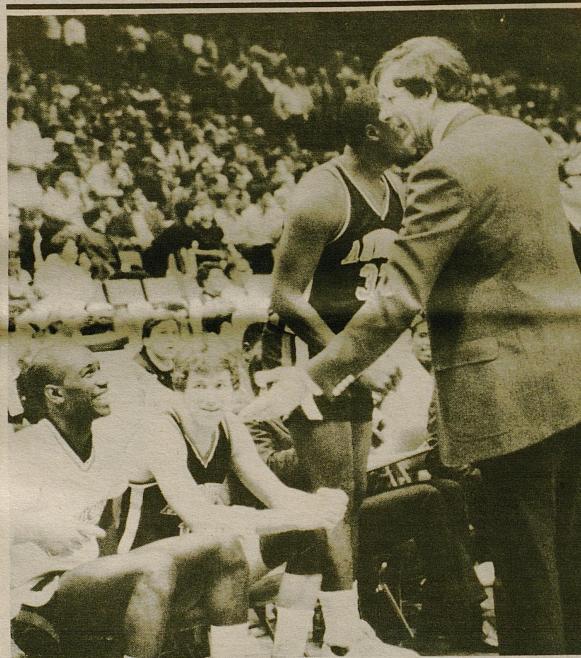
Closer to home, the SEC schedule is more than halfway complete. After last Wednesday night's contests it looks like Kentucky and Alabama will battle for the '86 regular season championship. With Alabama trailing by one game entering Saturday night (Feb. 8), the Crimson Tide will be eyeing their rematch with the Wildcats Thursday night in Tuscaloosa.

"I think it's a two-team race — Kentucky and Alabama," C.M. Newton said after his Vanderbilt ballclub was defeated by Kentucky last week at Rupp Arena. "The game in Tuscaloosa will be a key, but there are going to be some others (key games). This is a league where anybody can beat you. It can just happen."

If past records count for anything, look for the two conference leaders to be involved in a much closer game than the one played in January. On their way to a 76-52 victory the Wildcats outscored Wimp Sanderson's team 47-30 in the second stanza. But at Alabama, with a healthy Buck Johnson back in the lineup after a four-games sabbatical, things should be different.

The record shows:

*After 11 conference games UA is 9-2, 16-4 overall, and riding a 19-game winning streak at home.



Basketball And Things According To Sonny

*Being that Alabama (in Tuscaloosa) was only one of two teams to defeat the '78 NCAA champs is reason enough why Kentucky may have trouble. Alabama is always ready to play when the 'Cats come to town. In the last 10 games UK has played UA at Memorial Coliseum, only three times have the Wildcats left Tuscaloosa with a victory. Prior to Thursday's one-two matchup, Kentucky has been the victim of three straight defeats on the road to the Crimson Tide.

The conference crown, meanwhile, won't be decided in one 40-minute span. Both Kentucky and Alabama have tough games remaining. If both teams start getting overconfident, they'd better look over their shoulders. You see, overconfidence leads to complacency, and not too far behind are Auburn and Florida with six SEC victories in 10 outings.

Remember, as Newton, along with almost every other sports coach known to man, says, "Anybody can beat you."

The Last Words: Sonny Smith on the SEC — "I think the league is a little bit down right now because of injuries. Injuries have weakened the league. The league is not quite as strong as it was, but it's really balanced. Injuries have taken some players away from teams that could get upsets to get this league balanced 'up' again. Right now there are some arenas that Kentucky could go into and there's no way they're going to lose. That hasn't been the case in previous years. You'd make a trip to Mississippi and that was like going to Vietnam — you're going to get assassinated somewhere along the line."

Smith about playing on the road for long lengths of time — "You could take the Boston Celtics and play 'em on the road all the time and still have trouble. I don't care how old they are they need to see momma and their girl every once in a while. You aren't going to play on the road and build confidence, I don't care how old you are. I've even lost some (confidence) and I'm older than dirt."

Transferring—It Can Be A Smart Move

Second Time Around Brings Happiness To Some

Not long ago the transfer athlete was viewed with considerable suspicion. Why, went the reasoning, take one someone else's problem. But, my, how times have changed.

With the exception of a few giants like **Louisville** and **North Carolina** a great many highly ranked programs have transfer players who have found happiness the second time around. Let's start with the **Big Ten**. **Brad Sellers** at Ohio State (from Wisconsin), **Gerry Wright** at Iowa (from Southern Cal) and **Doug Lee** at Purdue (from Texas A&M). At Kansas, **Greg Drieling** has developed into an outstanding pivot player since leaving Wichita State four years ago. **Ron Rowan** is a starting guard for St. John's after beginning his career at Notre Dame.

And the list goes on.

Jim Les (from Cleveland State) and **Mike Williams** (from Cincinnati) are cornerstones as Bradley creeps toward a top ten rating. **Anthony Jones** (via Georgetown) is the key triggerman for Nevada-Las Vegas. Pepperdine has burst into national prominence



Larry Donald

Cats' Pause Columnist

this year thanks to senior swingman **Dwayne Poole** (from Nevada-Las Vegas). **John Brownlee** (from North Carolina) has made a major contribution to the revitalization of Texas basketball. The top player at Detroit is **Greg Wendt**, ex of Duke. **Carl Golston** the peppery point guard at Loyola Chicago started his career at Wisconsin. As Drake nears a tournament spot its top scorer is **David Miller**, a transfer from Wisconsin.

Joe Ward, the top scorer for Georgia, started out at Clemson. Cal Irvine's top point getter is **Johnny Rodgers**, a Stanford transfer. And next year you'll be hearing similar stories about **Michael Brown** at Clemson (from Syracuse), **Mike Gioni** at North Carolina State (from Indiana) and **Delray Brooks** at Providence (from Indiana).

The point is this: With the intense pressure placed on 17 or 18-year old kids to make a choice of colleges there are bound to be mistakes. And, second, there are some schools clearly guilty of over-recruiting. So, the transfer player isn't necessarily a problem child, but perhaps one who made a bad judgement (as Al McGuire once said, "Give me ten minutes and I can turn any kid's head.") or simply was over-evaluated.

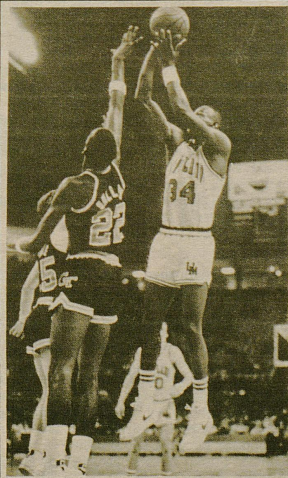
Rule Changes Should Be Considered

My thought is we need to take a serious look at the rules imposed on the transfer student. The one-year wait was intended to discourage wholesale player movement, but I'm wondering if it hasn't out-lived its usefulness. The commitment is one sided here. I believe if a player wants to transfer out he should be required to sit out just one semester before becoming eligible.

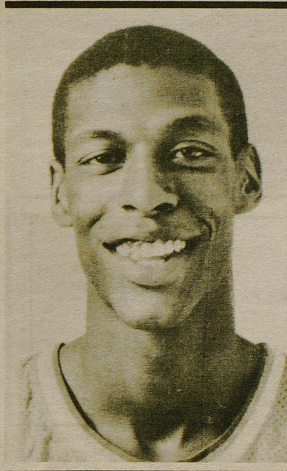
In the case of Brown at Clemson or Brooks at Providence, both would be eligible next fall. And to those who suggest it would open the door to a barrage of transfers, I answer with the examples above. So many youngsters are getting a chance to play which makes them happy and their new coaches happy. If the old coaches are unhappy then who, really, do they have to blame but themselves?.....



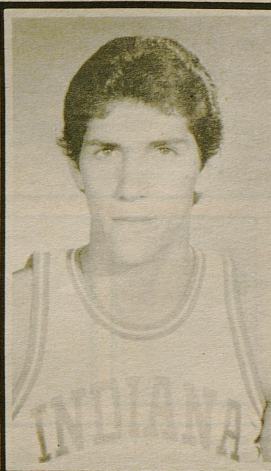
Dean Smith



Len Bias



Dwayne Poole



Mike Gioni

I don't want to take away any credit from the **University of Virginia** for the upset win over previously unbeaten **North Carolina**, but let's take a look backward. For the previous two weekends the Tar Heels played tough back-to-back games and I'm wondering if that didn't finally catch up to **Dean Smith's** club? Why the **Master** would subject his team to such a schedule is beyond me. Lord knows UNC doesn't need the money or the exposure that badly.....Does it?.....

Fallout continues from the Minnesota mess. It's well the Gopher administration decided to continue the season because to do otherwise would have been a terrible blow to the program. And the sad part is that no matter how good a job interim coach **Jimmy Williams** does in the days ahead it's not likely he'll get a chance to carry on. This is a quality coach who has paid his dues and deserves a chance. I doubt he'll get it here.....

Serious Problems Within Presidents' Council

All seems quiet now with the **NCAA Presidents' Council**, but there are serious problems within the group. "What we are finding as a major problem," said one member, "is that so many presidents really are powerless to deal with their board of regents. See, we have bosses too so no matter what we may do it all has to be approved by them.".....There'll be a changeover on that Commission and many of us will be watching carefully to see the replacements. Remember in **Walter Byers' NCAA**, there's a correlation between who gets appointed and their relationship with **Shawnee Mission** headquarters.....

When **Virginia Tech** knocked off **Memphis State** as the Tigers were poised to assume the number one ranking it was history repeating itself. A couple of years back **Dana Kirk's** club came to Blacksburg with the number one rating and left with a lesser figure. I say it again, Tech's **Charlie Moir** is a very fine and much underrated coach.....The flow of coaching resignations continue.

Joe Williams is gone at Florida State and **Jack Hartman** says it's all over for him at Kansas State. Williams certainly had an interesting career starting from his white sport coat days at Jacksonville. He took the **Artis Gilmore**-led Dolphins to an NCAA championship game against UCLA and was considered the "boy wonder" of coaches. Later he went to **Furman** with modest success before replacing **Hugh Durham** at Florida State. Despite the new facility in Tallahassee, Williams never got the program going. Interestingly he turned down a "lifetime" contract two years ago to return to Furman.....

Hartman Never Enjoyed Quality Recruiting Tools

Hartman, always regarded as a great bench coach, never had the quality recruiting tools at **Kansas State** to attract great talent. But his record was an outstanding one and the resignation comes just one year after he underwent open heart surgery.....In light of all these vacancies it will be interesting to see how many schools take a chance on some bright, young assistant coach and how many attempt to coax established coaches away from their current jobs.....

It took 52 games and 25 years, but **Cal Berekley** finally beat UCLA. New coach **Lou Campanelli** (who'll doubtless be a prime target at some of the previously mentioned coaching schools) has the Bears chasing a Pac-10 title. Among the changes he's made at Cal is renaming the home arena. Known for years as **Harmon Gymnasium** it is now called **Harmon Arena** per Campanelli's instructions. "Gym you associate with high school," he said. "If you are a major college program you play in arenas, pavilions or coliseums. I wanted that type identity for our program.".....

Unless a number of underclassmen declare hardship this year, NBA scouts tell me it could be the worst NBA draft in years. Among the seniors only Maryland's **Len Bias** is considered a sure "impact" player.....Here, at no extra charge, is the key to **Scott Skiles'** success as an offensive player. Although he is thick legged and lumbers rather than runs, his first step with the dribble is as explosive as any college player. His appearance and style merely set up that quick step. Ask Michigan's **Gary Grant**.

WKU Is Pleasant Surprise, Sutton Says

UL Came Out A Winner After All In Raleigh

Surprises 'n things. Western Kentucky University's men's basketball team finally "joined" the women's team in America's top 20 last week. The Lady Toppers climbed to No. 5 in the AP Poll while Coach Clem Haskins' Hilltoppers debuted at No. 19. UK coach Eddie Sutton was asked what he thought the biggest surprise of the college season was (so far) and responded, "I haven't seen them, but I'd have to say the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. I'm very happy for coach Clem Haskins, because they weren't picked to win their league. But Western's been a pleasant surprise."

Comment: Just a thought mind you, but Sutton (and UK) could be seeing the Hilltoppers next month. The NCAA Southeast Regional is in Atlanta at the Omni. Anyone recall what happened the last time Kentucky and Western got together for a game of hoop in Georgia?



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Cats' Pause Columnist

All aces for UK in Raleigh

UK's basketball team came up with aces all round Feb. 2 when the Wildcats visited Raleigh, N.C. for a national TV date. And never mind the 54-51 score. Didn't mean a thing.

First, the team got a few valuable lessons that should help Coach Eddie Sutton's team immensely when the NCAA Tournament rolls around next month.

Second—and you can bet the family dog that it is priority one in Cliff Hagan's office today, UK enjoyed a nice profit from the trip. Although the financial considerations are not as wonderful as some of us thought (blush), UK's take wasn't bad.

Kentucky's share of the game from NBC-Television was \$125,000. That amount is cut into 12 shares, one each to the other nine Southeastern Conference member schools, one to the SEC league office and UK kept two shares.

Total? About \$22,400.

However, if CBS-Television bankrolls on the same scale, then UK would receive a share of LSU's earnings from its TV game with Georgetown as well.

However one views it, UK wins — realizing more than \$30,000 for a Sunday afternoon of hoop to go with TV exposure which is a wonderful recruiting tool that defies measurement.

■ From a (team) tactical standpoint, UK's out-of-conference respite afforded Sutton an excellent chance to see how his club stacks up against a talented Atlantic Coast Conference team, a chance to see where UK needs work.

The Wildcats' defense is sound, but that old bugaboo from last season popped up again, poor perimeter shooting. Roger Harden and Ed Davender were six of 20, Winston Bennett five of 18. Result? Kenny Walker—man with the 19+ average—got 11 shots inside and made three.

■ The game showed UK's most glaring weakness once more — its bench. Only two reserves played — Richard Madison and Cedric Jenkins — and neither was effective.

■ From an individual standpoint, UK's performance on this national TV date seriously impaired Walker's chances of being named college player of the year. Walker is not a player to dominate a game when his mates shoot poorly. They did and he didn't.

MEDIA HYPE. Complete with halftime feature on coach Sutton, NBC and analyst Al McGuire did a nice job "promoting" Kentucky.

■ First, not a single question was asked about the NCAA's investigation of UK's basketball program.

■ Second, McGuire went gaga over Walker at every opportunity. And Dick Enberg threw in an "Oh My" or two as well.

But mostly Kentucky's latest national TV date did these things:

1. Affirmed that UK—under new management—remains one of the nation's foremost college basketball programs.

2. Impressed potential high school recruiting prospects that team play—both offense and defense—is paramount at Kentucky.

3. Impressed potential recruits—particularly big men—that there are opportunities to play at UK.

4. Affirmed that this team is talented enough, well coached enough, that it needs no excuses (fatigue, poor officiating etc.) to explain away a loss to a good non-league foe on the road on a given Sunday in the middle of the season.

In fact, two days after the NC State game Sutton said "We've looked at the game film twice now and graded it. We played a whale of a game. Our defense was as good as it's been in any game this year. The only thing we did wrong was we couldn't shoot it in the ocean."

He added that "you're playing great defense when you hold a team to 54 points and rebound them by six. But it's hard to win anywhere when you shoot 33.4 percent."

Cheers 'n jeers

CHEERS to NBC's McGuire for hyping Kenny Walker's talents although UK's prize did not get a full opportunity to display them.

JEERS to UK Network radio broadcasters Cawood Ledford and Ralph Hacker for making excuses for UK's loss. Curious that nobody mentions fatigue etc. before a game.

The Wildcats played hard and well against a larger and deeper team on its own



Clem Haskins

court and, except for poor shooting, they might have won anyway.

UK needed no excuses. When UK officials approved the game, they knew full well the Wildcats had LSU and Auburn in front of N.C. State. Fatigue and spotty officiating were apparently considered fair tradeoffs for a Sunday TV game on the road.

In return UK cashed a check, the team got national exposure, and Sutton got a look at how his club performs in a hostile arena and where it needs work.

CHEERS To Sutton's remarks to McGuire during NBC's (benign) halftime feature.

1. On his view of the Kentucky job, Sutton said: "As long as I'm satisfied that I'm doing my best as coach I can take the criticism."

2. On 'chewing out' his players: "I tell 'em, when I get on you it's nothing personal. I'm just trying to get you to be the best player you can be."

Comment: Isn't Sutton media-wise? Potential recruits and their Moms and dads love those kind of all-American remarks.

Dale Brown/TV scores one

CBS-Television came up with a dandy idea when LSU basketball coach Dale Brown agreed to wear a microphone and allow viewers into his huddle during the last few frantic moments of the Tigers' 74-72 loss to Georgetown Feb. 2.

One must credit Brown for his daring-do because we were allowed to listen in on not only strategy, but confusion and indecision among the coaches. However, the Tigers got their assignments on time and one of them was emphatic — Jose Vargas was *not* to take the game's final shot.

Of course, Vargas did and missed, LSU's Don Redden fouled Michael Jackson and the rest is history.

But Vargas' shot reminded me of something a former high school coach said once after his club lost a close one. "A coach can tell the kids what to do and how to do it, but if they don't execute, there's nothing you can do about it."

And the coach takes the rap too. I can hear a fan's second guess now: "Why on earth did Brown let Vargas take that last shot?"

Footnote: Georgetown Coach John Thompson showed some class after his team's victory, crediting LSU for playing a fine game. And ironically—when compared to "tired" Kentucky at North Carolina State, Thompson said that two days is enough rest for a team (during the season). Any longer than that and a club can become stale.

Missing...

Whatever happened to footballers Ben Zaranka ('50) and Dick Shatto ('53)?

Whatever happened to basketballers Don Whitehead ('44) and Joe Hagan ('38)?

Sweet 16, sweet indeed

The Kentucky boys State Tournament at Rupp Arena Mar. 19-22 is more popular than ever before.

"We use the demand for lower arena tickets as an indicator of how popular the tournament is each year," Billy Wise, associate commissioner for the Kentucky High School Athletics Association said Monday. "And in years past we've sold all of our tickets by Christmas. But this year they were all sold in November. The demand far exceeds anything we've ever had before."

Upper arena tickets are still available, but they're selling fast as well. According to KHSAA information director Julian Tackett, "We're sold out of one center section of the upper arena and half of the other one is sold too."

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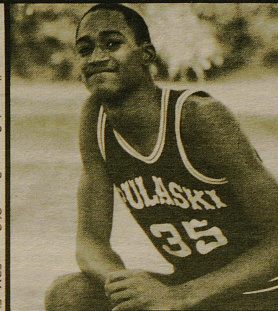
Tracking Future University Of Kentucky Wildcats



Rex Chapman

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Madisonville	73-68	10-16	62.5	5-5	100.0	7	4	4	2	0	25
Henderson	98-83	7-19	36.8	14-15	93.3	7	5	1	3	1	28
Daviess County	62-49	9-19	47.4	7-7	100.0	5	3	1	2	0	25
Owensboro	64-62	11-22	50.0	8-10	80.0	7	5	1	1	2	30
O'boro Catholic	77-47	6-11	54.5	5-8	62.5	2	7	4	1	4	17
Lou. Southern	68-54	12-27	44.4	4-5	80.0	7	4	3	4	5	28
Lou. PRP	63-70	12-25	48.0	6-7	85.7	7	1	3	1	0	30
Clark County	54-49	6-10	60.0	0-0	---	4	6	3	1	0	12
Carson (Cal)	61-57	9-21	42.9	1-1	100.0	7	5	1	6	0	19
Bowling Green	70-49	10-15	66.7	5-5	100.0	1	5	1	4	2	25
O'boro Catholic	73-38	8-15	53.3	3-4	75.0	11	3	4	1	1	19
Owensboro	65-75	8-21	38.1	3-8	37.5	11	6	3	3	0	19
Breckinridge	55-54	9-20	45.0	9-10	90.0	7	7	4	2	0	27
Central City	66-52	8-20	40.0	4-6	66.7	8	5	2	2	2	20
McLean County	78-58	8-15	53.3	1-2	50.0	7	6	3	1	2	17
Lou. Ballard	79-76	17-23	73.9	11-16	68.8	10	7	5	3	3	45
Lou. PRP	48-49	8-25	32.0	6-6	100.0	10	2	0	3	1	22
Owensboro	55-67	9-23	39.1	5-6	83.3	3	3	1	4	0	23
West Hopkins	69-66	Did Not Play (Flu)									
Bowling Green	59-42	9-21	40.9	8-9	88.8	8	3	0	3	4	26
Bullitt East	64-60	9-18	50.0	5-5	100.0	12	5	2	3	3	23
Ohio County	75-51	12-19	63.2	3-3	100.0	7	7	1	3	3	27
Daviess County	82-54	9-15	60.0	10-11	90.9	14	9	1	2	3	28
Totals		207-420	49.2	123-149	82.5	162	105	48	56	36	535

(Legend: Score = Score Of Game, FGM = Field Goals Made, FTM = Free Throws Made, PCT = Percentage, REB = Rebounds, A = Attempts, PF = Fouls, TO = Turnovers, S = Steals, A = Assists, BS = Blocked Shots, P = Personal Fouls)



Reggie Hanson

Opponent	Score	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	TPS	OR	DR	TR	TO	S	A	BS	PF
Monticello	66-58	10-14	71.0	2-2	100.0	22	4	5	9	11	5	1	8	4
Danville	66-43	10-19	53.0	9-10	90.0	29	5	7	12	3	4	1	2	2
Corbin	71-48	8-11	73.0	5-5	100.0	21	2	8	10	2	1	0	3	0
Bryan Station	58-55	9-17	53.0	11-12	92.0	29	3	4	7	3	4	2	4	4
Lou. Seneca	60-62	3-8	38.0	1-1	100.0	7	6	3	9	1	3	1	3	5
Lou. Fairdale	70-58	12-18	67.0	13-15	87.0	37	3	6	9	6	5	1	2	4
Lou. Southern	68-51	11-18	61.0	11-12	92.0	33	4	10	14	3	4	1	0	2
Kirby (Tenn)	50-52	13-18	72.0	6-6	100.0	32	5	5	10	5	4	1	0	4
Monticello	80-61	14-18	78.0	6-7	86.0	34	3	9	12	3	6	1	4	4
Wolfe County	80-49	6-13	46.0	3-3	100.0	15	4	12	16	2	4	2	6	3
Somerset	80-48	8-13	62.0	5-7	71.0	21	2	12	14	5	4	1	3	3
Wayne County	60-35	6-12	50.0	5-6	83.0	17	6	6	12	1	6	0	2	3
Jackson Co.	46-33	9-12	75.0	6-6	100.0	24	3	9	12	1	3	0	11	3
Harrodsburg	69-50	11-21	52.0	7-9	78.0	29	7	4	11	3	3	1	8	3
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Clay County	50-48	5-10	50.0	6-6	100.0	16	3	3	6	1	2	0	2	4
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C. M. Newton's Postgame Comments

Despite Loss Coach Sees 'Dores Improving

Following are C.M. Newton's postgame comments after his Commodores lost to Kentucky 73-65 last Wednesday evening in Lexington:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Newton: In a game like this the thing you try to do, particularly coming in here, is to position yourself to give yourself a chance of winning the basketball game, and we did that. We were able to play at a tempo that we needed to play at. I'm really proud of our basketball team; we've struggled of late. We've had a ton of injuries. . . and I had told some people yesterday that we had gone backwards from the team we were when we first played Kentucky. I think we may have made a step back in the right direction. We had to play a series of games with four starters out. I didn't realize there was such a thing as a postponement of a basketball game, or we would have questioned the postponement of some of those games. We had to play LSU with four starters out. I feel good about our team taking a step back (in the positive direction). We put ourselves in position to win the basketball game. (In defeat) It's not so much what we did or didn't do, it's what Kentucky did. (Roger) Harden makes the big, big bucket with time running down on the shot. They hit their free throws down the stretch and put us in a gambling situation, and they handled that well. In essence, it was a two-to-four-point (margin) basketball game.

Question: How was your team able to shut down Kenny Walker to only three field goals?

Newton: We played zone and played our post player up higher. He (Walker) and (Winston) Bennett both like to flash in the middle. Most people attack zones in gaps. Kentucky attacks the zone across the court — off the baseline to the middle part of the lane up to the foul lane and then out front. That's where they attack you from by stepping in or else throwing the lob over



Coach Newton With Gloria Singletary

it. We brought our post man up and almost played man-to-man when he or Bennett flashed in there. You have to give something up in

good team. That's why they are winning because they're not depending on one player.

Question: Who did you feel on your club played well?

Newton: We got good play out of all of our players. I thought Darrell Dulaney played well. Jeff (Gary) was injured in our Duke game December 4th and missed seven weeks. With a guy like that — a fifth-year senior, at this stage you can't just practice him back into condition. We're trying to play him back. I thought Jeff played reasonably well, particularly as the game went on. Barry Goheen plays not like your typical freshman. When you look at that basketball game there were long periods of time where we had at least two freshmen on the court. I don't know how many Kentucky had out there (pause) not very many. Brett Burrow played well. (Frank) Kornet played well. He missed that first shot, which affected his confidence. But he played awfully hard.

Question: Before Bobby Westbrook tied the ballgame at 53-all with a free throw you called a timeout. What did you instruct to your club?

Newton: We felt that the next possession was very, very important. At that stretch we had been really *bustin'* to catch up, and if we had caught up I wanted to get us that minute's rest and to be sure we understood. We wanted to talk about what we wanted to do the next series. We felt like we had broken Kentucky's pressure down some and we were able to take the ball down more where we wanted it. We felt like that next possession was a very big possession. . . (pause) it was as Kentucky scored.

Question: Frank Kornet, on that particular possession, was whistled for a foul on Kenny Walker. He, on the other hand, thought Walker threw an elbow. What are your thoughts on the play?

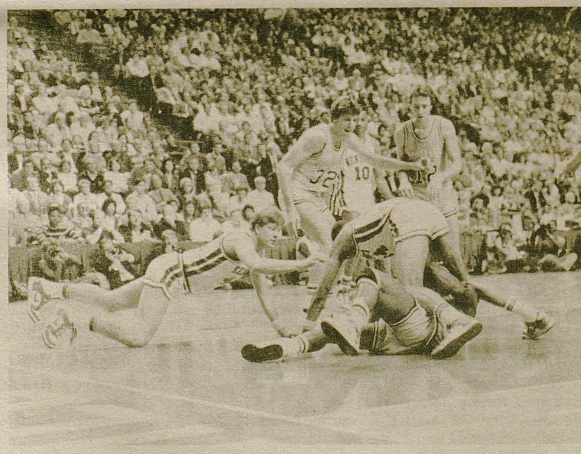
Newton: I think that Frank might have been justified.

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Profile Helps Fans Get To Know Tito

Never Dunked In A Game As A Prepster

Well, everybody knows about the well-traveled Tito Horford in his famous never-ending search for a perfect school. As you have heard recently, the 20-year-old Horford supposedly is enjoying the sunny skies of Miami where he is waiting for his chance to display his talented hoop moves for the Hurricanes.

But very few people know about Tito's personality. His likes and dislikes, that sort of thing. In *The Tiger Rag's* colorful LSU basketball yearbook, you will find some interesting personality tidbits on each Tiger player. Although Horford left LSU before the season began, his personality profile was nevertheless, listed.



Jamie Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

On the personality questionnaire, Horford wrote in script, and while not completing many questions on the survey, did allow this peek into his personal life:

His favorite food: Chicken and rice, lasagna, tomatoes and cheesecake.

His favorite movie: 48 Hours.

His favorite male movie star: Eddie Murphy.

His favorite female movie star: Diana Ross.

His favorite sports hero: Akeem Olajuwon.

Hobbies or interests outside of sports: Swim.

My greatest thrill in sports was: "I scored 48 points in one game."

The major transition between high school and college was: "I was more happy in high school."

The funniest thing that ever happened to me (in sports): "I did not dunk in one game in high school."

The class I've taken that I liked the most: Sociology.

The class I've taken that I liked the least: English.

The person in my life I admire the most: My girlfriend.

It might be interesting to note that *The Tiger Rag* had to get permission from LSU mentor Dale Brown for Horford to complete the survey for the yearbook as Horford was off-limits to the news media.

Cleaning Up College Sports

After months of investigation, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* recently presented a comprehensive special report called "Cleaning Up College Sports," including surveys on various issues. The report was published in the newspaper's Sunday edition last month.

One of the most striking results was that 61 percent of the survey respondents (presidents, athletic directors and head coaches) think at least half of the Division I schools violate the NCAA's major or minor recruiting rules. Twelve percent of the respondents said all schools cheat, while 49 percent said between 50 to 99 percent of the schools break rules.

Following are comments from some of the SEC coaches in response to the question: What percentage of major sports-playing schools do you think violate NCAA recruiting rules? Basketball coach **Sonny Smith** of Auburn said, "All, because no one can follow the book. It is too complicated."

Florida's **Norm Sloan**, the roundball boss, commented, "One hundred percent."

Georgia's **Vince Dooley**, the head football coach/athletic director, said, "Most every school probably violates some recruiting rules. I would say 80 percent do so inadvertently."

What was Kentucky's **Eddie Sutton's** response? He said, "Thirty percent."

Meanwhile, another survey interestingly points out that many feel the NCAA protects "sacred cows" in its investigative and enforcement roles. Forty-five percent of the respondents say the NCAA plays favorites while 55 percent says no.

Tark Believes NCAA Has Its "Sacred Cows"

Basketball coach **Jerry Tarkanian** of Nevada-Las Vegas is among the group who believes the NCAA is protecting the "sacred cows." He said, "Yes, most definitely. They are totally selective. Certain programs have complete immunity."

It should be pointed out that Tarkanian is the one whom the NCAA bigwigs have tried to get rid of for many years. They have been badmouthing each other. So, his comments weren't really surprising.

Georgia's Dooley feels otherwise, saying, "No. (But) I think certain schools have established credibility with the NCAA. There are certain individuals or schools they may investigate more than others because of suspicion or lack of credibility."

Georgia coach **Hugh Durham** has a preacher who is a star member of his roundball squad. He is 6-6 senior forward **Joe Ward**, who became a minister last summer.

When Ward was growing up in Georgia, he had plenty of support in his spiritual life. His parents were Baptists and they frequently took him to church on Sundays.

"My philosophy in life is that God gave me talents to play basketball, and I want to use that talent to play for Him and use my position on the team as a way to proclaim the gospel,"

Ward recently told writer **Gary Jones** in *SEC Report*. "My life has always centered around my Christian faith."

Ward, who is married, says he tries to set a good example to his teammates through leadership.



Tark The Shark

"I can be a help to the other guys on the floor and off the floor," said Ward, the team's leading scorer at this writing with an average of around 16 points a game. "I see what's going on and I can lend a hand because I've been there before. I know what they are going through. If they come to me with something, most of the time it's something I've had to face in my life."

"They Can Come To Me If They Have A Problem"

"Don't get me wrong. I don't go around beating anybody in the head with a Bible. But a lot of the players know they can come to me if they have a problem. I've had them come to me with questions about Christianity, and I've been prepared to answer them."

"Overall, the players I've played with at the University of Georgia have been quality guys. It is a shame we've got this image of the drugs and so forth when really these are good people."

On 1985 *SEC Freshman-of-the-Year* and ex-Bulldog **Cedric Henderson**, who is now playing professionally in Italy, Ward said, "Cedric lived in his own little world. I roomed with him for a while and saw him just as much, if not more, than the other players, but I never could get him to talk to me about anything. If we had him on the team today, we'd be a Top 10 team."

Last month, Ward was one of the eight players reprimanded by SEC commissioner **Boyd McWhorter** for participating in a bench-clearing fight which took place during the Florida-Georgia game on Jan. 15. The well-publicized brawl lasted less than 30 seconds, but more than 15 minutes were required to restore order and resume play.

On the fight, Ward said, "I'm not perfect. Later in life, I might use this in a sermon." McWhorter warned that each of the individuals involved was on official notice for the rest of the season, and that any further flagrant fouling or gross unsportsmanlike conduct could result in temporary or even permanent suspension from participation in SEC sports.

The other seven who were reprimanded were **Jon Currington** (Florida), **Vernon Maxwell** (Florida), **Kenny McClary** (Florida), **Andrew Moten** (Florida), **Garry Dunn** (Georgia), **Patrick Hamilton** (Georgia) and **Horace McMillian** (Georgia).

Dis 'n' Data

When Vanderbilt's **Watson Brown** and Tulane's **Mack Brown** meet in Nashville this coming season, it will be the first time two brothers have met as head football coaches on the major college level since **Vince Dooley** (of Georgia) and **Bill Dooley** (then at North Carolina) faced each other in the 1971 *Gator Bowl*. The NCAA believes the last brothers to meet each other in the regular season were **Pete** and **Bump Elliot** when they were at *Illinois* and *Michigan* in the 1960's....

Over a month ago, ex-UK player **Troy McKinley** and his bride, **Donna**, were married in Erlanger, Ky. (near Cincinnati). They are living in Lexington....Two Lexingtonians - **Tom Hammond** and ex-UK star **Jack Givens** were to be the NBC broadcasters for Jan. 25's **LSU-Auburn** matchup which was postponed due to the outbreak of *chicken pox* on the LSU squad. The game was to be seen in most of the South....

LSU's **Dale Brown** recently turned down a request to appear on NBC's *Today Show* last month, apparently after NCAA bigwigs including executive director **Walter Byers** or president **John Davis**, declined to appear on the show....LSU football standout **Garry James** did not return to school for the spring semester due to academic reasons. He was a senior tailback last fall....

On freshman eligibility, Auburn's **Sonny Smith** said, "I think college athletics would be better off if freshmen weren't eligible. Young players need time to adjust to the academic and social atmosphere on a college campus. It would be healthier for the student-athlete. Coaches at programs struggling for identity rely on freshmen. When a coach's contract is on the line, the freshmen will be placed under extreme pressure. And that's not good."

Ready For Alabama

Players Feel Master-Blaster Was The Difference

KENNY WALKER

(About trying to score against the tough zone defenses)

Walker: There's nothing you can do but keep shooting the ball. A lot of times I'm getting bumped just a little bit to throw my shots off. I'm going to keep putting them up because my team needs that. I got 15 shots tonight and made only six. . . I've just got to concentrate a little bit harder and they'll go down.

(About UK's man-to-man defense)

Walker: We've got great guards, and if they continue to play hard and contain the people out-



side then it will make the job easier for the people inside (defense). I think it really starts with our guards; our guards play excellent defense. Winston (Bennett) and myself, we're inside battling most of the time against people who are bigger and stronger than we are. But we've got good quickness and I think that's the key thing in our defense — quickness.

(About Richard Madison's contributions against Ole Miss)

Walker: Richard, I thought, was the difference in the game. He came in and gave us a good, solid 20 minutes. He made some great plays. We need Richard to play that way all the time. We need guys like him and Cedric, who I thought had a good game, to come off the bench and play that way each and every night.

CEDRIC JENKINS

(About what Coach Sutton said to him before entering the first half)

Jenkins: He said get in there, hit the boards, and work hard.

(About Richard Madison)

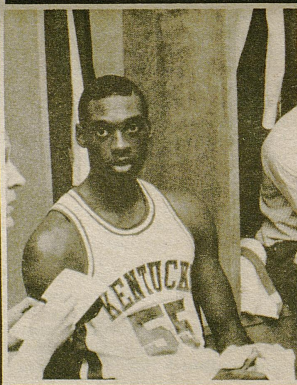
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Wildcats if he keeps improving. He has a nice touch from the outside and really goes to the boards well.

(About his game against Ole Miss)

Jenkins: Well, I was pretty satisfied defensive-



ly, but I don't think I rebounded well at all.

(About preparing for Alabama)

Jenkins: That's really going to be a rough game. We now have to go home and get mentally prepared.

ROGER HARDEN

(About Madison's performance)

Harden: I think he was the difference between winning and losing tonight. He's still young, being a sophomore, but he's swinging a little bit for us as both a guard and forward. That's a tough adjustment. But, I thought he was the difference tonight. He really went to the boards well for us tonight, shot the ball well, and played a smart game. He's going to have to continue to play like that in order for us to have a championship season.

(About UK's man-to-man defense)

Harden: Our defense was very effective. We just made some mistakes offensively, but you



have to give Mississippi some credit. They played well.

(About playing at Alabama Thursday night)

Harden: That's going to be a big game. We feel like we're still in the driver's seat going down there. I feel confident that we will come away from Tuscaloosa with another victory, I really do.

(About the five-minute delay during the first half)

Harden: It was an opportunity for us to get a good breather. We had the momentum going at that time but I didn't think that really shut it off.

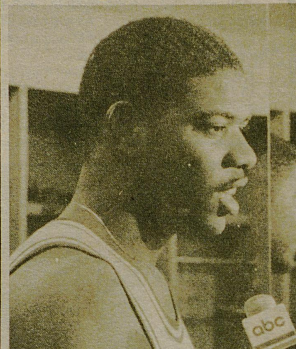
RICHARD MADISON

(About talking with his uncle — Herbert Madison — prior to the game)

Madison: He just said to forget about whatever happened in the past and go out there and play the way you're capable of playing. That's all he said. I had it in my mind that I was going to come out and play harder because I'm not used to playing like that.

(About playing in front of his family and friends)

Madison: It feels good to see my kinfolks and seeing a lot of friends from Memphis that came to support me. I just wanted to perform well for the team, and for myself to get back in the groove of things.



(About playing well against Mississippi and Mississippi State)

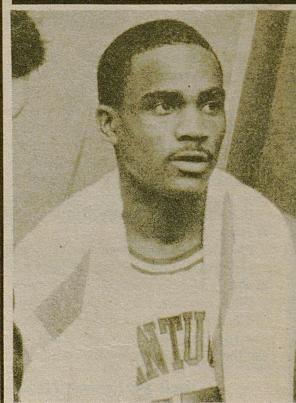
Madison: This is close to Memphis and there are a lot of people around here that know me from high school. I like to play good down here because I have a lot of enemies from my high school days (Madison smiles).

ED DAVENDER

(About Coach Lee Hunt's comment on UK's defense being one of the best he's ever seen)

Davender: Well, I guess you have to credit (the success of the defense) to Coach (Eddie) Sutton. We don't play a zone unless it's the last couple of seconds in a game. You have to give Coach Sutton a lot of credit.

(About the five-minute delay in the first half because of the ice thrown on the court)



Davender: It sort of slowed the game down a little bit. We were really on a roll at the time when it happened. I guess that all comes with the game of college basketball; you've got to expect things like that on the road.

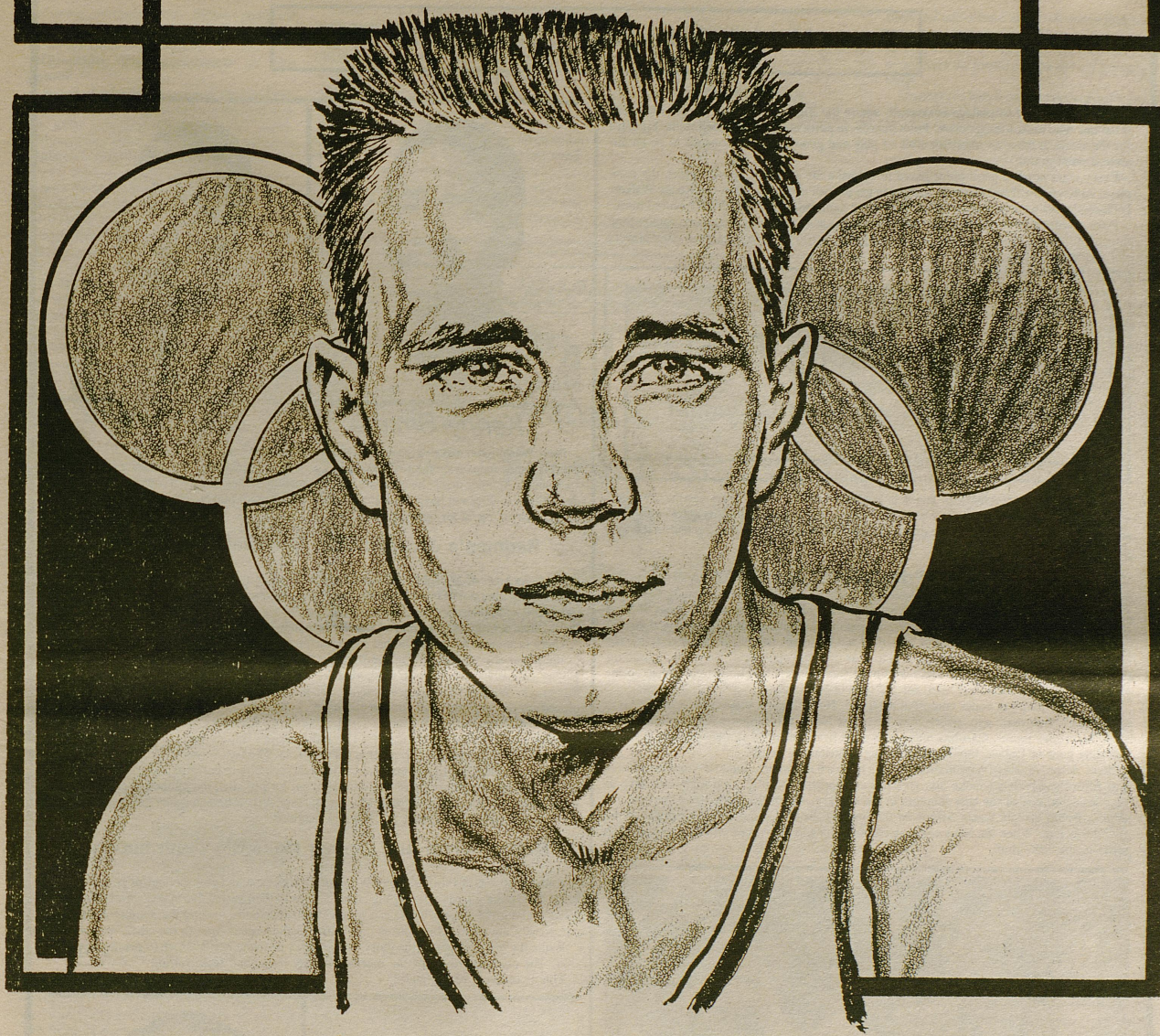
(About improving your shooting during mid-season)

Davender: You just have to concentrate on playing well. Eventually, things will fall into place for you.

(About Alabama)

Davender: It was a big game in Rupp Arena — we kind of blew them out. I guess when we go into Tuscaloosa they will want to repay the favor, but we're not going to let that happen. We're coming in to protect our conference title. They may treat it as that (revenge) but we're going to treat it as another SEC game. It's probably the biggest one of the year.

Bill Evans



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In Big Man's World Little Guy Has His Role

Teams Need A Good Point Guard For Smoothness

Yes, in the world of college basketball, where the Big Man is essential, the little man is the one who makes things click. Point guards, in particular, feed the ball to the big guys for the score. It takes an unselfish style of play and good team performance to be an all-around point guard.

Every team needs a good point guard to enhance the smoothness with which the team plays. At Kentucky, I was basically looking to get the ball to Turpin, Bowie or Kenny Walker. If those players were not of the caliber they have demonstrated, I might have scored more.

Point guards all across the country, on various teams and in various conferences demonstrate through different styles of play just how valuable they are to the effectiveness of other players and the team overall.



Dicky Beal

Cats' Pause Columnist

Georgia Tech's All-American guard is a great example. Mark Price has the attributes of being one of the best point guards in the country. A combination of his quickness, great court sense, and penetration in the game, has helped rank Georgia Tech second in the Top 20 poll.

For The Right "Price" Tech Could Win It All

Even more effective for Price and the team has been his improvement on defense. If Tech is to win the national championship, Price must continue to lead the team in scoring and assists.

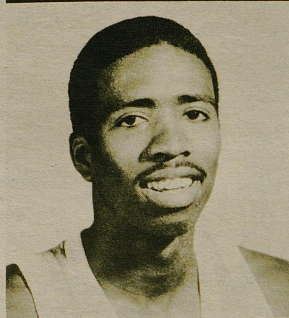
Kenny Smith of North Carolina is one of, if not the quickest guards in the country. He has amazing leaping ability to enable him to soar over the opposition. He is the "coach on the floor" for the Tar Heels. He plays within the team concept by running the ball up court, looking for the big men first, then for his own opportunity.

Smith is exciting yet under control at all times. He suffered a broken wrist in the game against LSU two years ago, which may have cost North Carolina the NCAA Championship. Before his injury, Carolina was playing the best basketball in the country. If North Carolina goes to Dallas, Smith will be a big contributing factor.

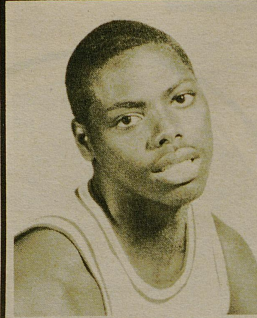
Steve Alford is one of the toughest players to guard anywhere. Indiana's motion offense and Alford's experience make him virtually unstoppable. At 6'1". Alford would have to be considered one of the best shooters in the country. When the game is on the line, Indiana's Bobby Knight wants Alford on the line, because he's shooting 90 percent at the free throw line. When the NBA comes-a-calling, you can bet Alford will be one of the top picks in the 1987 draft.



Roger Harden



Kenny Smith



Terry Coner

Pearl Washington makes Syracuse exciting to watch. As Pearl goes, so do the Orangemen. Pearl is a showman on the floor. Often, he has such athletic creativity, the spectator is rendered speechless. At other times, he commits unbelievable turnovers. His massiveness is somewhat deceptive. He does not have the appearance of a basketball player, however, his quickness of step leaves many an opponent behind.

Redmen's Jackson Most Underrated In Big East

Mack Jackson of St. John's is one of the most underrated guards in the East. He is a good shooter, but doesn't look to score. His leadership abilities are second to none. Jackson's durability and adherence have helped bring St. John's through three overtime games thus far in their season, having played the entire game, plus the overtime.

There is another Jackson who has heads turning. Michael Jackson of Georgetown is one of the better shooting guards in the Big East Conference. He is a phenomenal part of the Hoyas' defensive plan. Jackson is a good passer and is usually the ballhandler on the Hoyas' fast break. With Pat Ewing now playing for the NBA's New York Knicks, Jackson has picked up the scoring slack for the Hoyas.

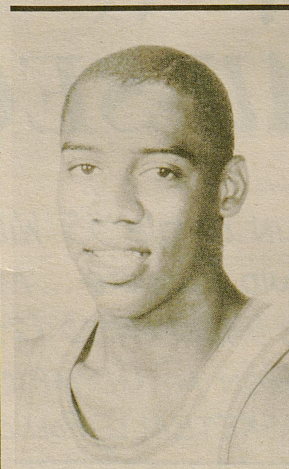
The SEC has great point guards. The University of Kentucky has the best combination of point guards in the conference. Ed Davender, Roger Harden and Leroy Byrd gives UK three quality point guards. Davender is unbelievable. The best way to describe him is "man of courage". He plays to win and that causes everyone else to perform accordingly. Harden offers more assists in his guard position. If open, he will stick the jumper or penetrate for an easy two points. Leroy Byrd is Mr. Excitement. When he enters the game, you never know what's going to happen.....It's like magic.

Moten, White And Conner Make Big Contributions

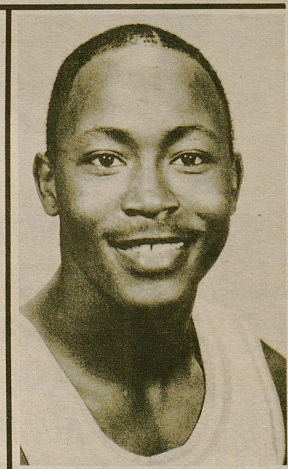
Andrew Moten of Florida, Tony White of Tennessee and Terry Conner of Alabama are other SEC point guards offering big contributions to their respective teams. Moten is super quick and a great leaper, White is a scorer who is currently leading the conference in that category. Conner can score, but is one of the leading assist men in the SEC.

While the big guys get all the glory, they realize just who helped them to get the recognition. The point guard keeps the machine of any basketball team rolling.

This is the year of the guard!



Andrew Moten



Tony White

Following The Win Over Ole Miss

Sutton Says Pow-Wows With Madison Helped

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after Kentucky defeated Mississippi 62-58 last Saturday in Oxford:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Sutton: Anybody that supports the University of Mississippi ought to be very pleased with the great coaching job Lee Hunt's doing. Although they haven't won that many games in conference play, they've played us as tough as anyone we've played. They could have very easily won the ballgame tonight. We happened to hit some baskets at crucial times that didn't allow them to get back in it. Every game now is a struggle for us. But, I think it's that way in most conferences this time of the year. When you start the second time around there aren't too many folks blowing people out. It will probably be that way in the last six games that we play. I thought Richard Madison did a great job off the bench for us tonight. He had been in a slump. He came in and really made some big plays, and

Sutton: I don't think it had any affect on the game itself, other than maybe because of the long lapse that we really had momentum going into that point. I don't know how long it took to clean the floor, but they had to do that. It could have hurt our momentum a little bit, but one will never know.

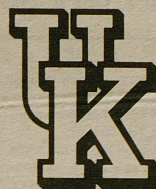
Question: Trailing 22-16, your team proceeded to score 13 unanswered points. What were the keys in that run?

Sutton: Defensively, we just played a lot better. Early in the ballgame our defense was a little soft. In the latter part of the first half our defense was much better. We then hit some good

shots and our offense moved the ball a little bit better than we had. We had them 12-8 and then all of a sudden it was 22-16. They ran out on us and then we turned around and did the same thing.

Question: Were you surprised with the amount of Kentucky fans in attendance at Tad Smith Coliseum?

Sutton: People had told me that because they can't get into our games (Rupp Arena), a lot of 'em come from western Kentucky. We had a sizeable number cheering for us and that certainly helped. But I thought the University of Mississippi fans were enthusiastic, also.



Eddie Sutton

in the second half did a good job, defensively, on (Curtis) Ritchwood. He had done a good job on (Eric) Smith in the first half; and we turned him loose in the second half. But, they (Ritchwood and Smith) are fine basketball players. (Roderick) Barnes also had a good game for them. Their defense was very tough — we had a hard time of getting the ball inside as much as we would have liked to. The zone (2-3) wasn't any different from what we've been seeing almost every night out.

Question: Since Madison's been in a slump of late, what seemed to spark the sophomore Wildcat?

Sutton: I had visited with Richard on about what I felt he needed to do, and one of our other staff members did. His uncle (Herbert Madison), who lives in Memphis, had a pow-wow with him this afternoon. I thought he just played a lot harder and smarter than what he had in our last four games. Tennessee was the last game in which he played well. In the last four games I just didn't think he really had his head in the game like he did tonight.

Question: Did you figure the Rebels would press as much as they did?

Sutton: We figured they would press, and I thought their press was very effective at times.

Question: How much did the five-minute break in the first half affect the game?

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Reliving Some Of Those Ole Road Trips

Bed Check Never Stopped A Bored Player

There are two bad things that can happen when you take a basketball team on the road. One is to lose the game. That happens more often than not.

The other is to lose a degree of control over your players. That happens more often than you think.

Most teams fly or bus to the opponent's town the afternoon before the game, work out about 5 p.m., eat dinner, and then either head to a movie as a group, or sit around their motel rooms watching TV. The next day they go to the gym at 11 a.m., shoot baskets to loosen up, go back to the motel, lie around and watch more TV, eat their pre-game meal four hours before tipoff, head for the gym, play the game and go home the same night.

Sounds dull and it is dull!

Sometimes, the boys liven it up a little the night before. Oh yes, there are bed checks, but no bed check ever stopped a bored basketball player who decides there's more to life

In actuality they had entered the back of the hotel, come through the kitchen, sneaked up to their rooms, gotten their bags and then sneaked back down to be among the early arrivals at the team bus.

Weltlich didn't say a word. Mr. Cool! He appreciated the fact that they were there early, he told them. Good senior leadership.

Thanks, guys!



Stan Torgerson

Cats' Pause Columnist

than watching TV in a motel room.

Ole Miss was playing LSU at Baton Rouge a few years ago. We stayed at the Hilton, a hotel with its bar adjacent to the lobby. There are no walls. You walk in the lobby and look right into the bar.

Bob Weltlich was coaching at the time and he, the assistant coaches, myself and a writer, went out to dinner. We came back about 11:30 p.m., glanced at the bar, and there sat our big center working on his second or third beer. It's hard to miss a 6'10", 240-pound kid.

"Well, Coach It Was Like This . . ."

"Well, Coach, it was like this. After bed check I just couldn't get to sleep and I figured a couple of beers would relax me".

It relaxed him, alright. It relaxed him right to the bench the next night where he watched a game in which he was not allowed to play.

At Kentucky a couple of years later, we were on a swing playing the Wildcats Wednesday night and then jumping to Florida for a game with the Gators on Saturday.

Weltlich decided the team should stay in Lexington after the game and get a 7:30 a.m. flight to Florida the next morning.

One of the Rebel players was from Kentucky and he had friends going to school at UK. Translate "friends" to girls.

After the game he and the team's two best players, one of whom was his roommate, took bed check then sneaked out.

At 6:00 in the morning the hotel operator began making wakeup calls. The Ole Miss player from Kentucky and his roommate didn't answer the call.



Bob Weltlich

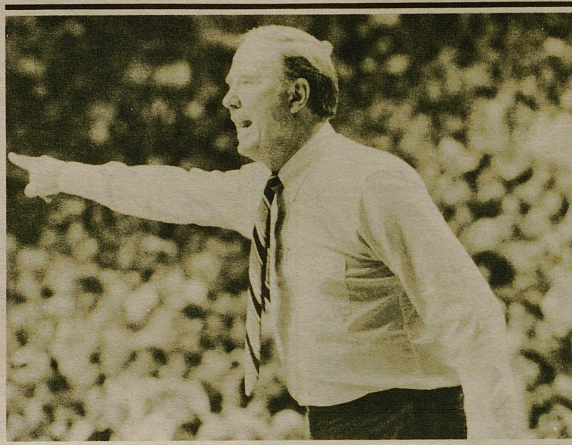
The operator kept trying and finally notified the hotel's assistant manager. He took his pass key and went to the room.

Neither bed had been slept in. Weltlich was notified and he checked the other rooms. The third member of the group had not slept in his bed, either.

They Looked Like Death Warmed Over

When we came down at 6:45 a.m., there standing by the bus were our players. They looked like death warmed over.

Oh yes, they assured Weltlich, they had gotten up early and had gone out for a walk. Now they were ready to leave.



Coach Bob Boyd

We drove to the airport, got on the plane and headed for Florida. Finally, Weltlich couldn't stand it any more.

He called his three wandering party boys to him and proceeded to administer one of the great butt-chewings of all time.

The air turned blue. The paint peeled off the walls. The trainer didn't have band aids big enough to cover the bite marks Weltlich put on three very pained rumps.

We lost the game at Florida to a team which wasn't as good as we were. The three sat on the Rebel bench in their civilian clothes.

Florida won only 5 conference games that year and that was one of them. The Rebels beat the Gators by 14 in their second meeting and then went on to win the SEC Tournament.

Weltlich's Philosophy Has Changed Now

Today Weltlich has changed his mind about punishing kids. Bob now says that when you suspend a player from a game for that type of violation, you are punishing the entire team, and that's not right. Today, he says he would wait until the boys got home and then introduce them to more coliseum steps than they had ever believed could be run without their legs dropping off.

"On the Road Again". Sing it, Willie. It can be a very interesting song.

Not For Broadcast

When Coach **Bob Boyd** of Mississippi State announced he would hang it up after this year and return to **California** so that he and his wife would be close to their aged parents as well as to their children, most people took his statement as face value. However, now there is growing feeling that Boyd's move was dictated by discouragement over the situation at State. For the last several years Boyd has lost almost every major basketball prospect to outside-of-the state schools, leading to the inevitable conclusion that at State it probably will be very difficult to ever be a big winner. The same is true at **Ole Miss**. Recruiting is the name of the game. Mississippi State started the year with just four Mississippi players on the roster. Ole Miss had only two, the lowest number of home state players in the SEC. **Alabama** had 10 from its own state, **Auburn**, 4; **Florida**, 13; **Georgia**, 10; **Kentucky**, 4; **LSU**, 6; **Tennessee**, 7; and **Vanderbilt**, 4. The difference between Kentucky, Auburn and Vanderbilt's 4 and Mississippi State's 4, is that the Cats, the Tigers and the Commodores have also been able to get top out-of-state players while State usually has had to settle for a lesser talent. Talk about home court advantage. Out of the first 30 SEC games played this season, the **home team** won 23 times. **Georgia**, for example, was 4-0 at home and 0-4 on the road. And while **Kentucky** year in and year out has great basketball teams, their record at **Rupp Arena** is mind blowing. Through December in this, their 10th season at Rupp, the **Wildcats** had recorded 130 wins and only 14 losses at home, and astounding winning percentage of 90.3. Only **DePaul** and **UCLA** have done better. Through December 21, DePaul had won 81 and lost but 6 at the Rosemount. That's 93.1 percent. **UCLA**, playing at Pauley Pavilion recorded 301 victories against 24 defeats, 92.6 percent. **Tennessee** is the only other SEC team to appear in the top 15 for home court advantage. The Vols, in 20 years, have 301 wins against 61 defeats at **Stokely Athletics Center** for an 83.1 victory percentage. Does anyone question the conclusion that the SEC is down this year? No big men. **The last word**: "Coaching is a terminal disease. You just don't know when you're going to get it." **Barry Switzer**, head football coach of **Oklahoma's** national championship football team.

UK 73, Vandy 65

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Dulaney and Steve Reece's offensive production in the first 20 minutes helped keep his club close. Reece's wide-open baseline jumper cut the lead to 20-18 at the 8:19 mark in the first half. Following Wildcat misses — Walker underneath, a Jenkins tip and a Bennett layup after a steal — Glen Clem tied the score (20-20) with a 14-foot jumper on the run.

Kentucky then proceeded to outscore Dulaney (no typo) 14-7 for a seven-point halftime lead. Dulaney hit for nine first-half points, while Reece added eight.

Despite Burrow and Kornet bringing the 'Dores to within two (37-35), UK stretched the lead to 9 (46-37) when Blackmon spotted Bennett open underneath.

Burrow opened the second half with six straight points, while Kornet added an assist and a fierce dunk off an offensive board with 16:43 remaining in the game.

Walker's only field goal of the second period upped the advantage to seven, 51-44, but Vanderbilt eventually tied the contest with a 9-2 spurt.

Commodore-Wildcat Tidbits

The victory over the Commodores gives Kentucky a 96-29 series advantage. . . Vanderbilt had the same number of field goals as the hosts (24) and outshot its opponent 53.3 percent to 46.2 percent. . . Currently, with a one-game advantage over Alabama, **Kentucky** has three remaining home contests (**Mississippi State, Florida and LSU**) while having four games on the road (**Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee**). Only in **Oxford** last season was UK able to produce a victory as the Tide, Bulldogs and Vols won in their friendly confines against the Blue and White. . . On the bench this season for the Commodores is graduate assistant and former Vandy great **Phil Cox**. . . Vanderbilt recruit and

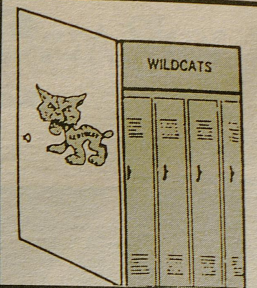


Tight Defense



Clem And Jenkins

Ft. Thomas Highlands star, **Scott Draud** was in attendance to watch his future club perform. . . For **Winston Bennett** the Vanderbilt game marked only the second time he had fouled out. Drawing his fifth personal for the first time was **Kenny Walker**. . . Walker shot 16 free throws on the night as he connected on 12. Of his goggles, Walker said he would continue to wear them. . . With 16 points on the night, senior **Brett Burrow** now has 1,019 career points. . . It's interesting to note that of the five Commodore starters, four are seniors. The other starter, **Steve Reece**, is a junior. . . Vanderbilt's version of Kentucky 'West' — **Brett Burrow, Barry Goheen, and Frank Kornet** — produced 25 of Vandy's 65 points. Another Kentucky native on the squad, redshirt freshman **Chip Rupp**, is the grandson of the late **Adolph Rupp**. Though a redshirt, Chip was on the bench in uniform. . . Speaking of the bench, UK's was outscored 12-3. **Richard Madison**, who had been a spark of late, played only two minutes. Seems like Madison's has lost his game for the time being. **Cedric Jenkins** grabbed five rebounds in 15 minutes of work. . . **Roger Harden** dished out six assists on the evening to add to his season total, which now stands at 151. **Dirk Minniefield** holds the UK record with 188.

Inside
The
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James Blackmon

(About coming off a bout with the flu)

Blackmon: The flu slowed me down a little bit but at this level you have just got to go out and play with pain and give a 100 percent every night.

(About his Kentucky teammates)

Blackmon: We've got a team where anybody can go out and score. We've got a big man like



Kenny Walker or a Winston Bennett down low, so we've got players that can do that (score) every night.

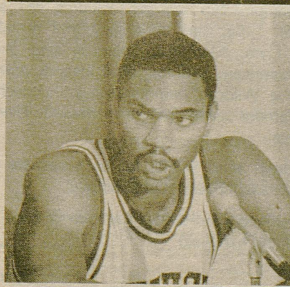
(About hitting two clutch long range jumpers late in the contest)

Blackmon: When you shoot the ball you have to have confidence to go up and shoot it and don't worry about it. I felt like I could make that shot.

Winston Bennett

(About Vanderbilt's inside game)

Bennett: Well, Vandy has some real good talent — they've got about 10 or 11 guys that they can run in and out. So you've really got to be alert when they are making changes with their players. They've got some real big, strong inside people. What they were doing was bringing that off-side man up to the top and clearing



out the back side so (Brett) Burrow would be isolated down low. They were just lobbing the ball over us. On occasions, we weren't doing a good job of helping inside. They hurt us on the lob pass.

(About Kenny Walker)

Bennett: Kenny is always a hard worker; he's a blue-collar worker, so to speak. He's had some occasions where the players have been knocking his goggles off. I think it could have been a tendency where the goggles may have been bothering him to the point where he felt like he could work a little bit better without them.

Kenny Walker

(About UK's offense)

Walker: We're in the process of putting in the old offense under Coach (Joe) Hall, and it takes awhile for it to come back. I didn't know if I should step out to the point of the key or what. A lot of times I wanted to flash into the middle



and they (the coaches) said they wanted me to go to the "six" hole. That's the midpoint between the baseline and the corner. I just didn't know where to go, or when to pick my spots. We're trying to give teams some new looks.

Brett Burrow

(About defending Kentucky)

Burrow: We saw N.C. State play 'em. So we put a man in front of and behind (Kenny) Walker, and we dropped a guard. We had the three guys inside in a zone, with one guard on the wing guarding their wing and the other guard dropping in front of Walker.

(About opponents figuring out UK's offense)

Burrow: I think teams are learning how to play them. Their guards are still reluctant at



times to shoot. You know, Kentucky traditionally has been an inside-oriented team, and I think the guards are still conditioned to get it inside.

(About getting the needed depth)

Burrow: They're going to have to look to somebody else to score. Last year, we played six guys and by the time the SEC started, we just got worn down. And I think that's going to happen to them.

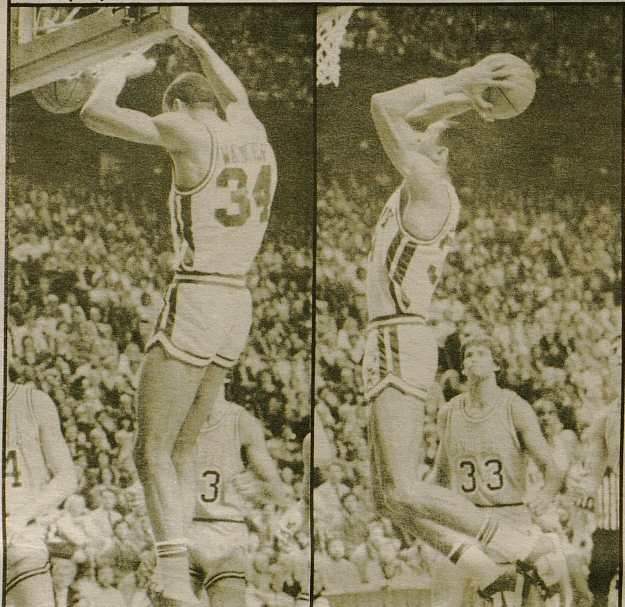
The Sky Report

Kenny Walker's Climb Past Kentucky's Elite

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Rank	Name	Points	Games	Years
1.	Don Isael	2,138	83	3
2.	Jack Glvons	2,038	123	4
3.	Kevin Greavy	1,801	84	3
4.	Kenny Walker	1,797	119	+3
5.	Cotton Nash	1,770	78	3
6.	Alex Groza	1,744	120	4
7.	Louie Dampier	1,575	80	3
8.	Mike Casey	1,536	82	3
9.	Ralph Beard	1,517	139	4
10.	Meivin Turpin	1,509	123	4
11.	Cliff Hegen	1,475	77	3
12.	Pat Riley	1,464	80	3
13.	Johnny Cox	1,461	77	3
14.	Kyle Macy	1,411	88	3
15.	Rick Robey	1,395	105	4
16.	Mike Phillips	1,367	120	4
17.	Mike Pratt	1,359	81	3
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Massie Hopes To Give Broncos His Best Shot

Has Come A Long Way Since Prep Days

Rick Massie says his Christian faith has pulled him through some tough times and, if he has his way, he'll go through some more.

That's because the former University of Kentucky wide receiver recently signed a 2-year free-agent contract with the Denver Broncos of the National Football League. And, in order to make the team, he's going to have to give it everything he's got.

Massie, 26, will report to the Broncos' rookie camp in April. Currently, he's working as an instructor in the weight room at the Lexington Athletic Club. He says the facilities there should help him prepare for his next challenge in life.

"I'm working out every day," said Massie. "I'm lifting weights. I'm on a running program. I've got to get ready for mini-camp."

But Massie doesn't seem to be too apprehensive about his new challenge. He's got a peace about him that's hard to describe. It's like no matter what happens, he can handle it.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"That's because I know that Christ is the No. 1 person in my life right now," says Massie. "He's always helped me through the rough times when I've needed him."

*Like in the spring of 1980, when his younger brother, Ron, then only 15 years old, was electrocuted in a whirlpool at his high school.

*Or the time when he took a chance and walked onto the UK football team despite being ignored by the college scouts when he graduated from Bourbon County High School in Paris in 1979.

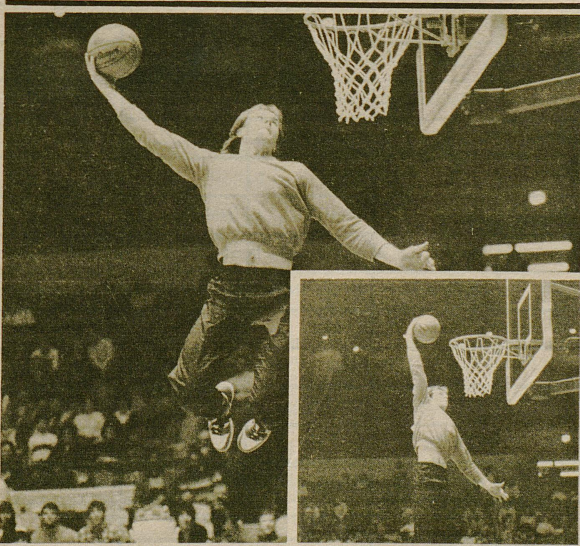
*Or the more recent occasion when he walked away from the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League, a province above Montana, because he felt that was too far away from his wife, Cathy, and family. Massie had no guarantee when he left that he'd ever get another chance to play professional football again.

"I know I'll see him (Ron) again later on," said Massie, who has been a Christian since Nov. 11, 1969. "God has a plan for all of us. Ron's better off than me right now. A lot of my Christian faith has helped me through, like deciding to sign a new contract or going out for football at Kentucky."

A Late Bloomer Coming Out Of High School

Massie, now 6-1 and 195 pounds, was a late bloomer coming out of high school athletics into big-time college football. When he played prep sports, Massie was only 5-10 and 140 pounds. But now, what a change. Massie has a lot of muscle packed onto his body, which draws a lot of stares from the ladies at the LAC.

"I was so small in high school. I can understand why nobody would have wanted me," Massie says. "The only reason I got to play regularly on the football team was because my dad (Jack) was the coach."



Massie Soars In Recent Slam Dunk Contest



Accepting Award From Police Chief McFadden

Not really. According to his prep resume, Massie wasn't that terrible. In football, he was all Mid-State Conference, as well as all-state honorable mention. He played the receiver and defensive back positions for the Colonels in his two years of varsity action.

In track, he received five track letters and once performed the triple jump in 42 feet, three and one-half inches, as well as jumping 22 feet in the long jump. He even played one season of basketball, helping Coach Russ Day's squad to the district championship.

"I wasn't much of a basketball player," Massie admitted. "I couldn't even dunk the basketball until my senior season."

But Massie can now. Only recently he won the slam dunk contest during halftime of a Lady Kats basketball game. And he's won a few others in the area, too.

Massie now has a vertical leap of 38 inches, which is pretty impressive considering his rather rough start.

"I'd have to give credit to (UK strength coach) Pat Etchberry for that," Massie explained. "Etch is a great coach. I owe a lot to him for my success in football."

Could Bench Press Only 200 As Freshman

When Massie was a freshman, he couldn't bench press more than 200 pounds. He registered a 300 in the squat and a 185 in the clear jerk lift. But by the time he graduated, Massie could bench 300, squat 560 and clear jerk 320. He didn't lift weights until he got to college.

"I may not be as big or as talented as a lot of other guys," Massie explained. "The biggest thing I've got going for me is that I do have determination and dedication."

Those two highly respected traits paid off for him when Massie decided to walk on at Kentucky. Originally, he was going to try out for the team at Morehead State University but changed his mind after a visit to UK's campus that summer.

"I'd always dreamed of playing at Kentucky," said Massie. "I went to a game when I was a youngster with my uncle, John Tolson. It was Homecoming against Vanderbilt. Muhammad Ali was there. I went home and dreamed of someday running out onto that field that very night."

The visit to campus really convinced him.

"One day, though, Dennis Spivey (of Spivey's Sporting Goods) took me over to one of their practices," Massie continued. "I saw blue everywhere. And I thought, if I'm going to walk on somewhere, why not walk on where I want to be? I called this coach back at Morehead and he said I was taking a pretty good shot in the dark. But I didn't let what he said hold me back."

By his sophomore season, Massie had earned a scholarship.

More Confident With Each Passing Day

"I grew more confident with each passing day," Massie stated. "I just felt stronger and stronger."

Besides Massie, many other athletes also tried out for the football team that fall. Of the 40 to 50 players who tried out, only two players, other Massie, earned scholarships and completed their senior seasons. The two who remained were Jerry Kline and David Garrett.

Under then head coach Fran Curci, Massie led the team in pass receptions in 1981 with 29 catches for 448 yards and one touchdown. Under the more ball-control oriented Jerry Claiborne, Massie was the second leading receiver the next season with 14 catches for 162 yards and one touchdown.

In 1983, his senior season, Massie had 17 catches for 341 yards and three touchdowns. He averaged 20 yards per catch.

"I'd like to give credit for that to my receiver coach under Curci, Larry Kirksey," Massie said. "He taught me a lot. He's now the running backs' coach at the University of Florida."

That led to Massie's signing with Calgary, where he caught 23 passes for over 300 yards and two touchdowns in 1984 despite playing in only nine games.

"The competition in the NFL will be tougher," Massie said. "But I've already beaten tougher odds. I read where only one out of every 52,000 high school athletes become any type of a professional athlete. Those are pretty incredible odds, but I've already beaten them because I've already played for Calgary."

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Cats' Pause Board Of Experts

(And Armchair Quarterbacks)



Last Week Total	Results From Feb. 1st Issue	Readers' Choice						Hoop Demon
		Oscar Combs	Nick Nicholas	Todd Hallum	Gary Cromwell	Don Coffey	21-5	
MISSISSIPPI STATE AT KENTUCKY		KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 10	KENTUCKY 20	KENTUCKY 8	KENTUCKY 14	KENTUCKY 12	
ALABAMA AT AUBURN		AUBURN 3	AUBURN 1	AUBURN 6	AUBURN 6	AUBURN 3	AUBURN 4	
GEORGIA AT FLORIDA		FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 3	FLORIDA 2	FLORIDA 1	FLORIDA 4	GEORGIA 2	
LSU AT MISSISSIPPI		LSU 1	LSU 9	LSU 9	LSU 3	LSU 6	LSU 4	
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SOUTH CAROLINA AT VIRGINIA TECH		TECH 8	TECH 10	TECH 5	TECH 5	TECH 7	TECH 4	
MARYLAND AT CLEMSON		CLEMSON 3	MARYLAND 2	MARYLAND 2	MARYLAND 3	MARYLAND 4	CLEMSON 1	
DUKE AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE		DUKE 11	DUKE 3	DUKE 1	STATE 1	STATE 1	STATE 2	
VIRGINIA AT GEORGIA TECH		TECH 11	TECH 9	TECH 9	TECH 5	TECH 3	TECH 4	
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ALABAMA AT TENNESSEE		TENN. 3	TENN. 1	ALABAMA 2	TENN. 3	TENN. 6	ALABAMA 2	
MISSISSIPPI AT MISSISSIPPI ST.		STATE 1	STATE 4	STATE 3	STATE 3	STATE 4	STATE 1	
LSU AT VANDERBILT		LSU 6	LSU 8	LSU 6	LSU 5	LSU 3	LSU 14	

Reed Should Note That Crum Is Slipping

Columnist Picking Up On Denny's 350

Last fall, this column devoted some time to talking about how Billy Reed, a sports columnist for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, went out of his way in years past to be nasty towards ex-Kentucky basketball coach Joe B. Hall, and how Reed seemed to go out of his way towards being extra sweet and nice to good ole Denny Crum, the basketball figurehead at the University of Louisville.

Ole Billy's at it again, folks.

Right after U of L fell on its face last month in losing at home to Cincinnati, scant hours after pulling off an upset of top-ten rated, but faltering, Syracuse; Reed, in his wisdom and lack of good sense, came up with a real gem of a morale booster for Crum.

He noted in a 48-point headed story on January 23 that the next U of L victory would be Crum's 350th at the school.

Nice try. Since U of L's next game after that was on the road in Lawrence, Kan., against nationally-ranked Kansas, it looked like just the kind of "positive plan" designed to help the morale around the Belknap campus.



Jim Griesch

Cats' Pause Columnist

Not to worry, UK fans. In the Kansas game, U of L's vast pool of talent belched out to an 11-point lead in the first half, only to choke down the stretch, losing by two.

Kansas stayed within howitzer range without its big, slow, center, Greg Dreiling. He played less than a minute in the first half, after picking up two fouls, but came back to terrorize all those sleek, gifted, wonderous athletes Crum can run in and out, at a moment's whim.

Since Billy Thompson once again disappeared in the clutch, U of L went bye bye.

No Respect After 13 Straight 20-Win Seasons

But, back to Billy and the boys.

Reed dutifully rattled off the company line, noting how Crum had won (them) 349 games, lost only 112, for a winning percentage of .757, and how he'd had 13 consecutive 20-win years. Will and good, folks.

But, he also said some other things. He noted that Crum has never been national coach of the year. (Maybe the guys who vote for that don't read Billy's columns, or don't listen to Billy Packer on CBS.)

He also noted that Crum could possibly win number 350 in the 17th game of his 15th year, and compared the win mark to other coaches.

To make Crum look better, Reed pointed out that Crum would get his 350th before such notables as Indiana's Bobby Knight (17th season, 26th game); North Carolina's own diety, Dean Smith (17th year, 12th game); and present UK coach Eddie Sutton (17th season, eighth game).

Billy even noted that Adolph Rupp, the Kentucky legend, who is the winningest college coach of all time, with 875 wins, over 42 seasons, did not get his 350th win until his 35th game of his 17th season.

Does Crum really fly with the eagles, or does he merely tread water in a farm pond?

To listen to Billy, you'd think ole Denny could only fly with the eagles, but he could whip up such a wind that he'd form typhoon and drown all the others.

Not so.

Crum is slipping. Perhaps badly.

Is Denny Crum's Magic Disappearing?

Mr. Dynasty Builder, himself, is staring at his fourth 10-loss (or more) season in the last five years.

That's right. Crum is wearing thin quickly. In 1980-81, his team was 2-7 the season after his 1979-80 team went 33-3 and won U of L's only NCAA championship. In fact, that 1980-81 team finished strong, at 21-9, but at 2-7, a nation magazine noted in a big headline "The Champs are Chumps."

Billy went whole hog to defend the Cards of Crum.

But, that season seemed to set the trend for the '80's. The next season, U of L went 23-10, faltering at inopportune moments.

His 1982-83 team was a very good one. They posted a 32-4 mark, were ranked second in the nation, and went to the NCAA Final Four in Albuquerque, New Mexico, only to fall completely on its face, blowing a 10-point lead over Houston in the final 10 minutes of play, to lose 94-81. That represents one of the worst, quickest collapses in the Final Four history.

Since then, U of L has gone 24-11, 19-18, and now 14-6, and maybe headed for another 10-loss season.

Such mediocrity does not a dynasty make.

In fact, only in the 1982-83 season has a Crum-coached team surpassed his all-time winning percentages since his 1980 title season are: .700, .889, .686, and .514.

Crum's philosophy includes playing a lot of games each season.

U of L seems to go to some sort of in-season tournament, somewhere, that doesn't count against the NCAA limit of 27 (it would be 28, but the Metro Conference requires a season-ending tournament, limiting each team to 27 games in the continental United States).

Check it out, see for yourself.

Crum Loves Lots Of Games To Get 20 Wins

Since stepping in as U of L's head coach, Crum's teams have played 30 games or more in 11 of 14 possible seasons. Some of those years, U of L has done so *ONLY* because of post-season tournament competition.

But, in the last several years, the game totals have risen as U of L has sought out as many games as possible in Hawaii, Alaska, now the pre-season NIT.

The more games you play, the more you have an opportunity to win.

But, U of L has won only one *Great Alaska Shootout*, never the *Rainbow Tournament* in Honolulu, and has been upset in back-to-back years by mighty *Chaminade*, which is an NAIA school which has made a name for itself by those two wins, plus upsets of *Virginia* and *Oklahoma*.

As for beating Rupp to the magic number win 350, he should have.

Crum has coached U of L in 466 games since taking over. In Rupp's first 15 years at UK, he only coached in 318 games overall, and won 255 of them. His 255-63 mark figures out to an 83.3 winning percentage.

Crum not only has won more games than Rupp did in his first 15 years, he coached in more than 150 more games.

What's the big deal?

For one thing, you cannot compare the great (Rupp) with the great pretender (Crum).

In fact, while Crum seems headed into a career eclipse, Rupp did not reach his zenith for another decade or so.

Rupp's first 15 years coincided with the end of the second World War. After the war, Rupp's teams climbed into levels upon which legends are made.

Cannot Compare Crum and Rupp

You simply cannot compare Crum to Rupp. Actually, it is unfair to both.

But to compare further, however, we've examined Rupp's five years from the 1940-41 season to the 1944-45 cruise. He won 119, lost 52. That's a record of 78.3.

In Crum's last five years (not counting this one, but including his Final Four team of 1982-83, and not the title team of 1979-80), Crum's Birdies won 119 of 171, for a 119-52 mark. The winning percentage is only 69.6 percent, far below Crum's 75.7 mark all-time.

Rupp's percentage is lower, too, but his 17-8 mark in 1940-41 was his worst until the 1960-61 season, when UK went 19-9, a .679 percentage.

In fact, Rupp had only five seasons *EVER* in which his teams won less than 70 percent of the games.

Even as a sick man towards the end of his career, his teams posted winning percentages of 81.5, 82.1, 92.9, 78.6, and 75.0 percent.

That's not too bad for a man many publically said or wrote was to ill to continue coaching.

Incidentally, those last five years were spent in modern times, after basketball had begun to be a big deal all over the land, and at a time after blacks began flocking into SEC schools.

Even at the end of his time, he could compete successfully.

Of course, detractors will argue that his assistants, such as *Harry Lancaster*, *Dicky Parsons*, and *Joe Hall*, really won many of those games.

That's a story that may live forever, with the truth known only to those who were on the teams, or around Rupp.

Comparing The SEC And The Metro

Any detractor could also say that the SEC was a weak league.

Maybe.

But, has anyone looked at the Metro lately? Only Memphis State has been constantly ranked highly over the past several years. Virginia Tech has tried, but hasn't quite made it.

Most of the rest of the league is a joke.

And, this is during the modern times, when everyone goes around talking to the media about how tough their league really is.

Crum's backers can point to his half dozen trips to the Final Four. College basketball didn't even have a Final Four at the end of the season during Rupp's first decade at UK. How many NCAA's could he have gone to?

Now days, almost any team can make the NCAA tourney field, which automatically presents an opportunity to go to the Final Four.

In 1950, Rupp's team was 25-5, and two-time defending national champion. But, you had to be invited then, much as now. Only then, very few teams were invited. North Carolina State got the invitation, Rupp stayed home and fumed.

A 25-5 record now would guarantee an NCAA trip, with a seed no worse than third in whatever regional a team is placed.

NIT Invitation With A So-So 16-16 Record

Last year, Louisville went to the NIT with a 16-16 mark.

That was the worst record of any team in any post-season tournament which did not automatically qualify for post-season play through a conference tourney which guaranteed an NCAA berth to its winner.

U of L was allowed to play at home (big gates) despite its record. That's the only reason U of L did not finish at .500.

Of course, there is still time this season for U of L to come together as a unit, play inspired ball, and travel far in post-season play.

Here's a hunch. They won't.

Reasons?

One. Crum is not doing that good a job of coaching. He has three senior starters, two of whom were all-world in high school, and who have continued to draw rave notices in the media even when the reason is not readily apparent.

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Sutton's Postgame Comments

UK Mentor Pleased With Team's Poise In The Stretch

Following are Coach Eddie Sutton's postgame comments after his Wildcats defeated Vanderbilt 73-65 last Wednesday night at Rupp Arena:

Question: Your comments on the game?

Sutton: I thought we were flat and very careless. That's not to take anything away from Vanderbilt because they played a very fine basketball game and had a good game plan. They really took away our pressure defense for the most part. They kept emptying the back end out to where they could lob the ball to (Brett) Burrow, and that hurt us because we didn't do a good job of defending that. Overall, I would have to think that C. M. (Newton) would be very pleased with the effort that his ballclub gave. When I say carelessness — we missed too many easy layups. It's one thing to miss shots but you don't miss baskets right underneath; we missed a lot of those. We also missed some free throw opportunities when perhaps we should have had a lead in the first half in double figures. They made a great run at us in the second half, and we added to our own miseries. It's good to win the basketball game. In order to win a conference championship, you're not always going to be on top of your game every night, and if you win while you're not on top of your game

you look (at the statistics) they only got 15 shots between them. That's not very many when you try to go inside as much as we do. We saw the same thing last Sunday at North Carolina State. The only thing there was that we didn't hit the shots. Tonight, James stepped up and hit some big shots for us.

Question: Do you think that Kenny's a little frustrated?

Sutton: I think his teammates would agree — that he is getting banged around a lot. I think he does get frustrated at times. It's very difficult for him to even cross the lane without getting bumped a few times.

Question: Your comments on the difficulty of trying to get the ball into Walker's hands?

Sutton: Anytime a ballclub double and triple-teams a player it's hard to get him shots. That's why his teammates have got to step forward and hit those shots.

Question: Midway through the second half with the score tied at 53-all, Frank Kornet, who thought he was elbowed, was called for fouling Walker. What did you think?

Sutton: I question that one right in front of our bench when Kenny (and a Vandy player) col-



Eddie Sutton

then that goes a long ways in getting to the 'crowning room.' I'm just happy that we did win. I was pleased that our ballclub did display a lot of character and a lot of poise late in the ballgame. Vanderbilt really had the momentum going their way, yet James (Blackmon) stepped up and really hit a big shot; Kenny (Walker) got some big rebounds; Cedric (Jenkins) got a big rebound on a missed (UK) shot; and Roger (Harden) hit a big shot at the top of the key. So, we did hold our poise well and we were able to win. The crowd helped us down the stretch and came alive. They played the part of the sixth-person.

Question: What about Vanderbilt's 2-3 zone?

Sutton: What we saw tonight is nothing different from what we've seen most of the season. They certainly try to take away the inside game, and I thought Vanderbilt did a nice job of keeping the ball out of Kenny's hands. We did get it to Winston (Bennett) a few times. But when

lided and both went to the floor, and they called the foul on Kenny. There were some strange calls both ways.

Question: How alarming is it to you that your ballclub did not play well in its 22nd game of the season?

Sutton: It's not alarming to me. North Carolina has had some of those same type of games and they've been able to win. Even in the game the other night with Georgia Tech, they're down 13 with about nine minutes to go. ...Marquette should have beat North Carolina. The only reason I use North Carolina is that they're the No. 1 team in the country. Jacksonville had 'em beat earlier and let them off the hook. So, you're just not on top of your game every night. There's no way you're going to go out there and play a perfect game. Against North Carolina State I thought we played a whale of a basketball game. We played a lot better Sunday than we did tonight.

T C P Crossword Puzzle

By Dan Krueckeberg

SEC BASKETBALL '86 (No. 2)

ACROSS

- 1 A road _____
- 5 Sutton's _____ year at UK could be a big one
- 9 Abbr. for class of 'Bama's Johnson
- 11 Jenkins or Thomas
- 12 Initials of Gator Lawrence, but not Pat
- 13 Namesakes of LSU's Vargas
- 15 _____ loo: Alaska site
- 16 The extra-terrestrial
- 18 Nuptial words
- 19 Initials of a star SEC guard
- 20 Body parts
- 21 Postage
- 24 Nothing
- 26 Abbr. for "livingroom"
- 27 Auburn's Jeff
- 28 Every team hopes for a _____ start in SEC action
- 30 Very common verb
- 31 A 6-7 Wildcat junior
- 33 DeVoe has coached the Vols for 8 _____
- 35 Best in SEC?
- 37 _____ the line for two
- 38 Initials of Georgia's Howard
- 40 Some weekend games are played during the _____
- 41 Bob Boyd's _____ Dillon
- 43 "The defense would _____ into the middle"
- 44 "Protect the _____ at all times!"
- 47 "They're _____ the clock"
- 49 _____ 'squad might find it tough to repeat 2nd place finish of last season
- 52 Goes with "he"
- 54 Phone co.
- 56 Abbr. for "warrant officer"
- 57 First name of 66 Across
- 60 Abbr. for "United Nations"
- 61 "Who will be _____ this year's SEC champs?"
- 63 First name of 78 Across
- 65 Affirmative vote
- 66 Alabama's 6-4 sophomore
- 70 Prefix for "opposite in kind"
- 72 Initials of Madison of Kentucky
- 74 Body of water
- 75 Abbr. for "over-the-counter"
- 77 Symbol for "tin"
- 78 _____ guard play is tops for the Tigers
- 79 Namesakes of Tranbarger of Ole Miss

DOWN

- 1 Morris, Strickland, et al
- 2 Initials of Wildcat sophomore Robert
- 3 The _____ of March
- 4 FC _____
- 5 Tide's Gottfried always ranks high in _____
- 6 Initials of 6-7 Vol senior Rob
- 7 Slide
- 8 Auburn lost _____ starters from last season
- 9 With shot clock, only _____ stalls are possible
- 10 Initials of Ole Miss newcomer Sims
- 11 6-8, 240 lb. sophomore of the SEC
- 13 Brings 12.5 ppg from last season
- 14 Christmas man
- 17 Baseball star Rod
- 21 First name of an SEC coach
- 22 Junior guard White
- 23 Made of metal
- 25 Vandy hopes to improve on their _____ place SEC finish of last season
- 27 Threat
- 29 Tennis term
- 31 Sleep station
- 32 Initials of Purdue standout Lewis
- 34 "Moten _____ the fastbreak superbly"
- 36 Cat _____ wears #34
- 39 Georgia guard Donald
- 42 It is
- 44 Gator Cornelius
- 45 Initials of former Cat star Croza
- 46 "They had a _____ lead at halftime"
- 48 A Vol guard
- 50 Was in debt
- 51 Initials of Arterburn of Tennessee
- 53 _____ team hopes to improve off its 5-13 SEC mark of last season
- 54 The _____
- 55 Foot part
- 58 Biggest question for contenders
- 59 Honor
- 62 6-6 senior Joe of Georgia
- 64 "_____ upset is brewing"
- 67 Eastern state abbr.
- 68 Scientist's workplace
- 69 Not me
- 71 Initials of jr. 'Bama guard Jim
- 73 SEC state abbr.
- 76 Initials of SEC standout Conner



Last Week

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Gover Ready To Step In And Take Over

Safety Feels Comfortable With Wildcats Secondary

Raynard Gover's athletic ability is unquestionable. He high-jumped over seven feet while in high school and can slam dunk a basketball. College recruiters marveled over his vast talents, but since his arrival into the UK football program, Gover has discovered that to fully develop his graceful skill, playing time is a much-needed ingredient.

This was evident in his first year as a safety in the UK secondary last season. "It takes a little game experience before you can jump in and play," said Gover. "Last season was more or less a learning experience for me."

Although he didn't start at safety, Gover did gain some valuable experience behind senior Gary Sexton. And considering it was his first collegiate season following a freshman red-shirt year, Gover was content with his play.



Todd Hallum
Cats' Pause Columnist

"For the most part I was pleased with my performance," said the UK sophomore-to-be. "Sometimes I had mental letdowns but mostly I was pleased."

With two starters gone because of graduation - Gary Sexton and Maurice Douglass - Gover still thinks the secondary can develop into a cohesive unit. After all, players such as David Johnson, Tony Mayes, and Gover return as well as some promising redshirt freshman candidates. Though he and Johnson will only be sophomores, Gover expects Mayes, who will be the lone senior, to surface as the frontrunner of the pack.

"Tony has the experience and will probably be the leader," said the Dayton, Ohio native. "But I think we will be okay because we have a lot of determination."

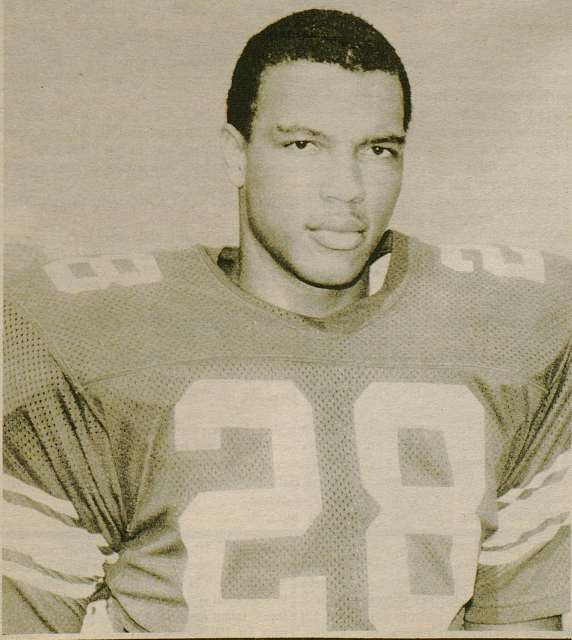
While playing safety last season, Gover said he became accustomed with all of the multiple coverages that UK installs in its wide-tackle-six defense.

"I feel pretty comfortable with most of the coverage," Gover said. "I have made mistakes but I have come back and corrected them."

Gover Prefers Zones Over Man-To-Man

Gover prefers zone coverages when the situation arises but admits he needs some polish with his man-to-man responsibilities.

My main strength is playing zone coverage because I get to roam a little more," said Gover. "However, I need to work my man-to-man coverage."



Raynard Gover

Since his freshman year his teammates have nicknamed him "Sting Ray". It all started when wide receiver Jeff Picoro (now graduated) started calling him that during drills which were supposed to be run at a half speed between the offense and defense. "Sometimes you just get so fired up in a drill that you can't stop yourself," Gover said.

In addition, the basketball rim has felt the "sting" of Gover's slam dunks. During a recent halftime of UK Lady Kats' game with LSU, Gover finished third in a slam dunk contest. Although he didn't win the first-place trophy, Gover felt he could have won.

"I missed my first dunk and that meant I didn't get any points," said Gover of the competition which was won by former UK receiver Rick Massie. "It (dunking) is something that comes natural."

Coming out of Jefferson High School in Dayton, Ohio, Gover was at the top of practically every college recruiter's list in the state of Ohio as a wide receiver and a defensive back. He was a three time All-Area selection and was named to a high school All-American team. When he was forced to choose a college, Gover had trouble picking between UK and Notre Dame.

Decided On UK After Committing To Notre Dame

I had verbally committed to Notre Dame," said Gover. "They were there to sign me when Kentucky did. But I didn't know how long coach Faust (former Irish coach Gerry Faust) and I just felt Kentucky would be the right school."

Gover was also impressed with the honest approach UK took with him during the recruiting process.



Gover Sees Mayes As Secondary's Leader

"I chose Kentucky because they were the most honest school of all of them," said Gover who was recruited by UK offensive line coach Jake Hallum.

Gover's parents also were happy he chose to continue his education in Lexington.

"My parents didn't push me because if I wasn't going to be happy here they didn't want that hanging on their shoulders," Gover said.

"It was a tough decision but I'm glad I chose Kentucky."

As a Business Administration major, Gover is looking forward to entering a career in banking. Since his sophomore year in high school, he has made annual summer trips to New York City, serving as an intern for Chase Manhattan Bank.

"Every summer I have an internship with Chase Manhattan and I'm looking forward to working with them once I get my degree," said Gover.

Presently, Gover is most concerned with improving himself physically during winter workouts. That's because he expects to start in the UK secondary next season. With no other players returning at his position, Gover wants to become a standout in the secondary.

"I'm expecting to kind of step in and take over," said Gover of his role for the '86 campaign. "It takes experience to play my position (safety) and I don't see anyone who is more experienced than I am. I hope I can come in and feel comfortable at safety. As the season progresses I feel like I will get better."

Gover also wants UK to overcome last season's disappointing 5-6 record. He believes the Wildcats will be on a mission for a bowl game which eluded them last season.

"I think the team feels like we let the fans, ourselves, and the coaches down," said Gover. "The attitude is that we have to keep proving ourselves to show that we are winners."

UK Football Notebook

....Although UK has already received several verbal commitments from high school players around the state, expect the UK coaching staff to sign the fewest amount Kentucky products since they arrived at UK in 1982.Former Wildcat linebacker coach **John Devlin** has accepted a position as assistant head coach at **Temple** under mentor **Bruce Aralins**. Devlin had been a member of the NFL's **Houston Oilers** staff under **Hugh Campbell**, but Campbell was fired by team management with two weeks remaining in the regular season.Former UK offensive lineman **Dan Neal** has accepted an assistant's position with the **Philadelphia Eagles** under newly named head coach **Buddy Ryan**. Ryan, the master of the **Chicago Bears**' famed "46" defense, assigned Neal as the specialty team's coach. Neal lettered at UK in 1971 and '72.

Bob Watkins

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The Sweet 16 championship game Saturday evening, Mar. 22 will be televised on a network of stations still being put together with Lexington's WKYT as flagship. Stations signed on for the telecast are WAVE in Louisville, WYMT in Hazard, WFIE in Evansville, Ind., WBKO in Bowling Green and WGRB in Campbellsville.

Girls Sweet 16

The girls Sweet 16 is Mar. 26-29 at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. "Our advance ticket sales are up for it too," Tackett said. "Of course, demand here depends on which teams get into the tournament because some schools have better following than others."

According to Wise, one school that some officials wouldn't mind seeing make it back to the Sweet 16 is Meade County. "They brought a tremendous crowd last year," he said.

Seat belt/coach's box

Indications are the rule that keeps prep basketball coaches on the bench this season is on the way out. Kentucky will make a formal request at the basketball national federation meeting in Kansas City next month to be made an experimental state next year for using a "coach's box."

"There are more coaches in favor of the box than there are against it and I personally feel it will be a good situation," Wise said. "But I think the (seat belt) rule has helped. I really do. A lot of people have told me that it's helped because the coaches aren't getting so much attention now. The kids are getting it all."

"Of course we know the coaches like to get attention, no doubt about that," he added. "But I think with some limitations the box will be good. I think the coaches have learned a lesson."

Jim Valvano

The clown prince of college basketball?

✓ A writer once said of Coach V "It's tough to say anything critical about the guy because he's either got a smile on his face or he's on the sidelines pleading his case as if somebody just stole his baby."

✓ Never one to miss having a bit of fun when the TV lights go up, North Carolina State Coach Jim Valvano showed up for Sunday's television date against Kentucky sporting a new hairdo.

It seems Coach V's wife Pam pruned her man's locks away from the rat tail look to a style that emphasizes a high fluff front.

Hmmm. Okay. But Valvano's assistant coach Tom Abatemarco, who is 36, linked the boss's hair style change to Valvano's age.

"He's approaching 40, you understand," Abatemarco told a reporter. "Things like this are going to happen more often. Pam fixed it for him, you know. She does a nice job of trying to make appear younger."

Valvano will be 40 on Mar. 10.

Comment: Hair styles...gee, maybe that's the secret for us 40-ish types.

Parting shots

■ At the conclusion of Al McGuire's halftime interview with Eddie Sutton during the North Carolina game, Dick Enberg asked his sidekick a fair question, "So, when will the honeymoon be over (for Sutton) at Kentucky?"

McGuire: "When the perm is gone, ha, ha, ha."

Comment: Baloney.

■ Yankee pitcher Phil Niekro on baseball players' escalating salaries: "If you look at the average salary for a male in this country and add a couple of zeroes, that's what we're making. It's good money for a guy working six or seven months a year. I mean, who needs all the money we're making?"

And so it goes.■

Oscar L. Combs

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Martha Layne Collins

Singletary when he retires sometime within the next couple or so years. One thing to keep in mind is the fact that most of those on the UK Board of Trustees (the group which would hire a new president after Singletary's retirement) during the next four years will have been appointed to the board by, none other than Governor Collins. . . . Reports out of Independence, Kansas indicate that Kentucky appears to be in excellent shape with the recruitment of 6-9 juco star **Harvey Grant** who is having a great year in the juco ranks. Our sources tell us that Grant is a virtual lock for Kentucky. . . . On the same subject, Kentucky feels a very real need for a true point guard in the near future and is going all out to get back in the race with **Kevin Pritchard** of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pritchard had been one of UK's main targets ever since **Eddie Sutton** arrived last April. But when **Rex Chapman** signed with UK in November, Pritchard reportedly scratched UK off his list. As the

Mel Holbrook

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Can Always Return To Lexington

Even if Massie doesn't make the Broncos' final 45-player roster, he can always return to the Bluegrass. In fact, he's pretty content with his current employment at the LAC, where he's worked for about the past seven months.

"I've really enjoyed it," Massie said. "This is a beautiful facility to be a part of. The people are a lot of fun to work with."

Massie cherishes his work with the youth program at a methodist church in Lexington. And he and his wife, who is from Danville, like the Lexington area.

Massie also enjoys being around Lexington because of Jerry Claiborne, a man whom he has a tremendous amount of respect for.

"Coach Claiborne is a super neat guy," Massie said. "He's a great Christian. He's a big believer in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a campus organization for christian athletes. The major difference between Coach Claiborne and Coach Curci is that Coach Claiborne is more disciplined, off the field. That's what we needed when Coach Claiborne came in."

Massie's fondest memory is playing in the Hall of Fame Bowl, Kentucky's first bowl appearance since 1976. Because of an injury suffered in the Tennessee game, he played only sparingly. But it was gratifying nonetheless.

"I was in a lot of pain," Massie said. "I wanted to play 100 percent but when I knew I couldn't, I told the coaches to take me out. I didn't want to hurt the team. I only wanted to do what was best for the team."

That commitment of sacrifice, best describes Rick Massie. But even Rick wouldn't accept the credit. Give the praise to his Lord. Massie wouldn't want it any other way.

Jim Griesch

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Two. Despite having the best freshman center in the nation, teams with other good centers, have beaten U of L. Crum is still waiting for the end of the year, in hopes that Purvis Ellison suddenly plays better than he has. And, Ellison has played very well.

Three. Crum has the finest freshmen recruiting class in the country, but has not gotten consistent play from anyone but Ellison. Potentially, the frosh should be awesome.

(Remember, when UK's frosh did not win 30 games right off, they were criticized handily. Turnabout is fair play, right?)

Four. Tourney placement. U of L doesn't figure, at this point, to get a choice seat at the banquet table. They'll probably be put into a bracket where they'll have to play some good teams who can match up, physically, with U of L's size. And, that team will be a smarter, better-coached team.

UL's Title Came Over Teams With 10 Or More Losses

Item: When U of L won the national title in 1980, they wound up in a *Final Four* where each of the other teams all lost at least 10 games. It was the weakest Final Four field in history. Had Louisville not won, they should have been considered the laughing stock of the college basketball world.

Item: In the 1982 tournament, Louisville was granted the number one seed in the *Midwest Regional* in Nashville, Tenn., despite losing in its own conference tournament. They found out in the dressing room immediately after blowing the title that they would play either **Mid-dle Tennessee** or **Kentucky** in U of L's first game.

U of L got a golden gift. They had been clamouring to play UK for years. Despite failing to deserve a number one seed, they got one anyway. And, the emotional lift they got from having a shot at UK carried them far into the tourney, all the way to the Final Four.

Item: The 1980 Final Four was played in Indianapolis, Ind., hometown or state capitol for a number of Big Bird players.

Geographic proximity has come into play several times in NCAA tourney history. This was U of L's turn for a gift.

Item: It will be interesting to see where CBS-TV puts U of L this year.

Item: In the 1980 title year, and during the Final Four trips in 1982 and 1983, Crum got lots of credit. Actually, in 1980, **Darrell Griffith** won the tourney for U of L. Griffith deserves the credit, not Crum.

McCray Brothers The Real Leaders For Cards

In 1982 and 1983, the real leaders for U of L were **Rodney** and **Carlton McCray**. Insiders around Louisville say it was the leadership of these two brothers who kept U of L together, more than anything Crum's done. Give the McCrays the credit, not Crum.

Proof?

Since the McCrays went pro, U of L has struggled, looking for leadership from somebody.

Not Billy Thompson. He's a guts no-show (even Louisville fans admit this in *ScoreCard*, the sports publication on UL) in the big games. Not Pervis Ellison. He's too young. Not Herbert Crook. He's not a leader. Not Jeff Hall. He's a role player. Not Milt Wagner. He doesn't understand the meaning of the word dynasty.

And, not Denny Crum. He's simply not the man.

season has progressed, the UK staff apparently feels a vital void is going to be created with the departure of senior playmaker **Roger Harden**. Although **James Blackmon** will be returning for his senior year and **Ed Davender** will have two seasons left, apparently both seem better suited for the second guard role although either can go out front. There are some who insist Chapman is strictly a second guard, thus leaving a big hole with very little depth at the point guard. At one point Pritchard was expected to sign in November, but decided to wait until April so he could watch other colleges' talent develop. That decision could be a plus for UK because the Cats' top playmaker will be graduating this spring and some "PT" (playing time) could be in the offing for a newcomer.

Back Thru The Wildcat Years

Six Years Ago

*The Kentucky Wildcats traveled to Las Vegas and turned the tables on the Running Rebels with a 74-69 win, the Cats' seventh in a row and 24th on the season. Sam Bowie, recruited heavily by Las Vegas, hit on a variety of dunks and outside shots to lead the Cats with 23 points. Kyle Macy added 14 points and Fred Cowan, II as the Cats hit 14 of 19 second half shots from the field, after leading by 42-40 at the half. Sidney Green led Vagas with 17.

*Kentucky jumped out to a 20-2 lead and then went on to ease by Vanderbilt 91-73 in a game played in Nashville. Kentucky freshman Sam Bowie was awesome in perhaps his best performance of the year. Bowie finished with 20 points and nine rebounds and was intimidating from the outset, blocking six shots in the first half alone. Kyle Macy led UK in scoring with 22 points, hitting nine of 13 shots. Fred Cowan added 20 points and Dirk Minniefield, II. Mike Rhodes scored 18 for Vandy.

*In a game in which Coach Joe Hall could find few faults, the Wildcats blasted Florida 95-70 after jumping out to an early 43-25 halftime lead. Nine Wildcats played over 10 minutes and seven over 20 as several players played well coming off the bench. While Sam Bowie led all scorers with 19 points, Derrick Hord came off the bench to put in 18. Fred Cowan, Kyle Macy and Jay Shidler also scored in double figures.

Ten Years Ago

*The Thundering Herd of Marshall University were ambushed by a bunch of angry Wildcats as the UK wrestlers fought their way to an easy 37-5 victory to close out their home schedule. It was probably the strongest team showing of the season by the Cats as they captured eight of 10 weight classes.

*Carl Marilla, a six-foot, 190-pound all-state linebacker from Louisville, has become the 25th player to sign a football national letter-of-intent

with Kentucky.

*Former UK football players Steve Meilinger, Bob Gain and Lou Michaels were three of the players honored by the Birmingham Touchdown Club as members of the All-SEC team for the past quarter century.

*In one of the most entertaining games of the year, Kentucky hit 65 percent from the floor and defeated Auburn 93-82 in Memorial Coliseum. Jack Givens led UK with 27 points, hitting 12 of 18 shots, and Mike Phillips with 24 points, hitting 12 of 17 shots. James Lee bullied his way to 17 points and seven rebounds. Mike Mitchell led Auburn with 28 points.

*The UK jayvee team lost to John Cooper led UK with 24 points and 14 rebounds.

Fifteen Years Ago

*Tom Payne, Kent Hollenbeck and Mike Casey starred as UK defeated Georgia 107-95. Payne led the Cats in scoring with a season high of 34 points. Hollenbeck contributed 28 points

while Casey had 21. Payne also pulled down 15 rebounds.

*Ronnie Lyons and Ray Edelman led the Kittens over Georgia to a 83-74 win. Lyons scored 35 points while Edelman hit for 26.

*UK is ranked 12th in AP. UCLA and Marquette are 1-2.

*Tom Ranieri, a 6-0, 210-pound linebacker from the Bronx, N.Y. signed a football letter with Kentucky.

*Kentucky dominated the boards and hit 54.3 percent to run their SEC record to 12-2 by handing LSU its worst defeat of the season by a score of 110-73. Tom Payne scored 39 points, the high for any team member this year and equalled his own season high of 19 rebounds, which he had done three previous times. Bill Newton led LSU with 24 points.

*Rick Drewitz scored 26 points and Ronnie Lyons 24 as the UK Kittens won their tenth game with a 82-65 win over LSU.

Thirty Years Ago

*Paced by a 25-point outburst by sophomore guard Vern Hatton, UK downed Mississippi State 86-65 before 7,000 fans in Lexington. UK never trailed in winning for the 16th time in 19 games. Hatton hit eight of nine shots from the field. Bob Burrow scored 15 points and Jerry Bird 10 as 11 Cats scored. Jim Ashmore scored 24 points for State.

*Ed Rutledge, a football coach at Danville High (Ky.) the past three years, was appointed UK coach in charge of freshmen backs.

*A goal by Dick Heise with 17 seconds left gave DePaul an 81-79 win over Kentucky at Chicago. It broke a 16-game losing streak for the Blue Demons against UK.

Wildcat Quiz

1. True or False? Mississippi State head coach Bob Boyd has never coached his team to a victory against the Wildcats in Rupp Arena.

2. True or False? Mississippi State has never won a game against Kentucky during the history of Rupp Arena.

3. What place did Mississippi State finish in the SEC last season?

- a) second
- b) fourth
- c) fifth
- d) eighth

4. When was the last time UK swept the regular season home and home series with the Bulldogs?

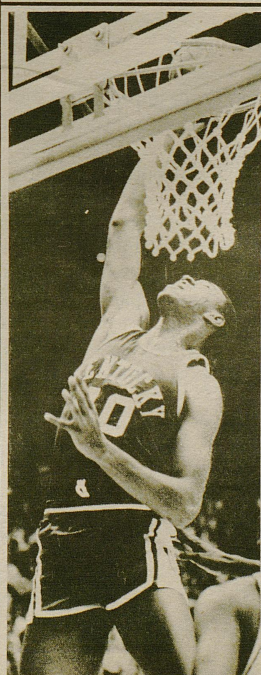
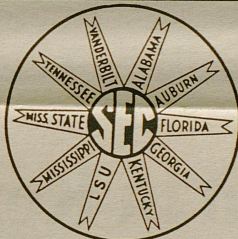
- a) 1984
- b) 1983
- c) 1982
- d) 1979

5. Which former Wildcat holds the UK record for the most games played in a career?

- a) Bill Spivey
- b) Dan Issel
- c) Ralph Beard
- d) Jack Givens

6. Which former Wildcat set the school record for the highest field goal percentage in a career?

- a) Mike Phillips
- b) Chris Gettelfinger
- c) Fred Cowan
- d) Charles Hurt



Fred Cowan

7. Against which of the following did UK shoot its highest field goal percentage in one game. Here's a hint the game was played during the decade of the 80's.

- a) Tennessee
- b) Notre Dame
- c) Seton Hall
- d) LSU

8. What is Kentucky's longest losing streak for one season?

- a) 9
- b) 7
- c) 5
- d) 4

9. Which number did former UK player Pat Riley (now Los Angeles Lakers head coach) wear for the Wildcats?

- a) 22
- b) 30
- c) 42
- d) 45

10. In what round was former UK All-American Dan Issel selected in the NBA draft?

- a) first
- b) fourth
- c) sixth
- d) eighth



Answers

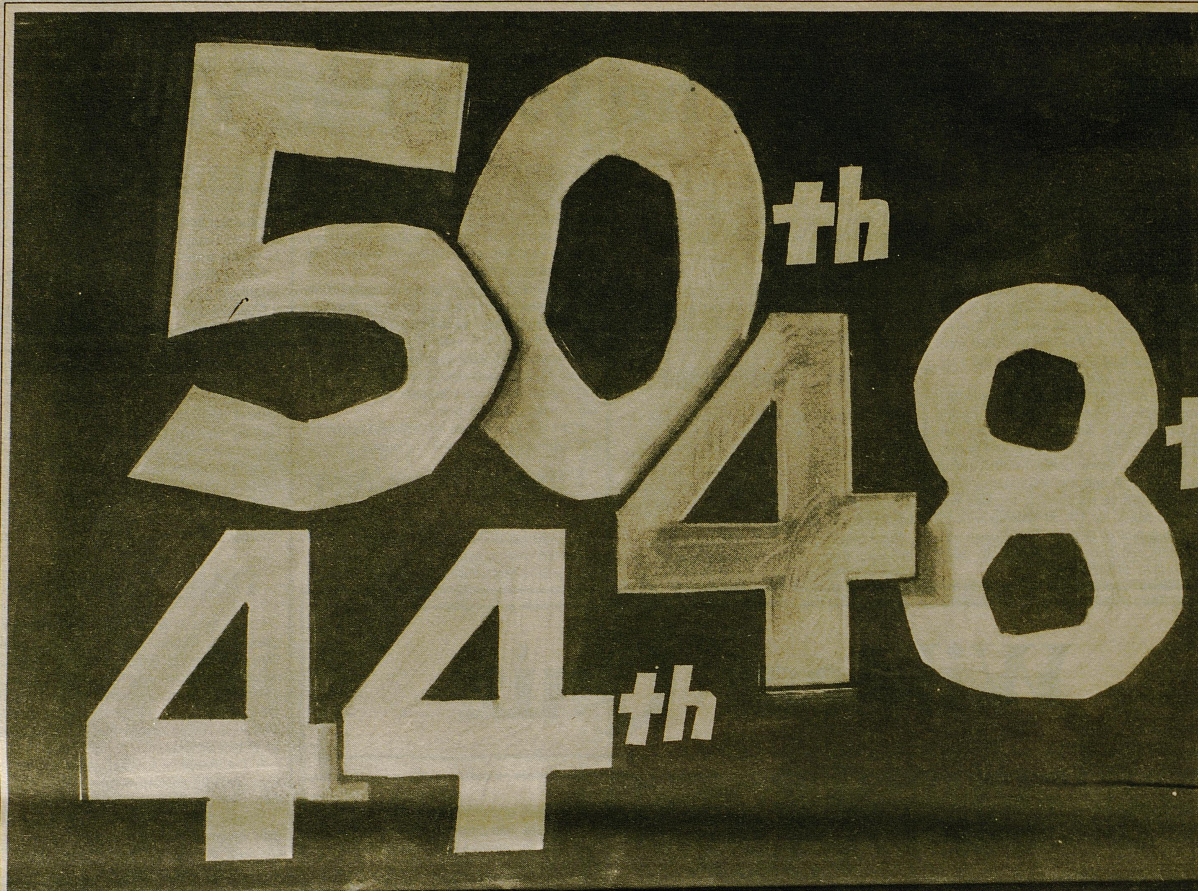
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- 7. Notre Dame (1981)
- 6. Charles Hurt
- 5. Ralph Beard
- 4. 1983
- 3. Fifth (tied)
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- 1. True

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